

**SPECIAL  
JOINT MEETING**

**COUNCIL OF SAN BENITO COUNTY GOVERNMENTS,  
LOCAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY, MEASURE A AUTHORITY, AND  
SERVICE AUTHORITY FOR FREEWAYS AND EXPRESSWAYS**

**May 15, 2008 2:30 P.M.**

**FINAL MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Vice-Chair Botelho, Director Marcus, and Director Emerson

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Deputy County Counsel, Shirley Murphy; Executive Director, Lisa Rheinheimer; Transportation Planning Manager, Mary Dinkuhn; Administrative Services Specialist, Kathy Postigo; Transportation Planner, Betty Li; Secretary, Monica Gomez

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Vice-Chair Botelho called the meeting to order at 2:55 P.M.

**A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**B. CERTIFICATE OF POSTING**

*Upon a motion duly made by Director Marcus and seconded by Director Emerson, the Directors unanimously acknowledged the Certificate of Posting.*

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**ADMINISTRATION ISSUES:**

**Fiscal Year 2008/2009 Draft Budgets**

- 1. REVIEW** FY 2008/2009 Council of Governments, Local Transportation Authority, Measure A Authority, and Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways Draft Budgets
- 2. HOLD** Public Hearing on the Draft Budgets

Administrative Services Specialist Kathy Postigo provided an overview of the 2008/2009 Draft Budgets for the Council of Governments, Local Transportation Authority, Measure A Authority, and Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways.

Ms. Postigo noted that this is the second and final public hearing for the fiscal year 2008/2009 Council of Governments' draft budget.

Director Botelho inquired about the budget variances and how they were calculated.

Ms. Postigo explained that the budget variances were calculated based on actual expenditures.

Director Botelho noted the variance increase in Local Transportation Funds and inquired if these funds can be allocated to local streets and roads.

Executive Director Lisa Rheinheimer noted that COG must conclude the Unmet Transit Needs Hearings and the resolution before allocating funds to local streets and roads. The Board will also have to consider what type of reserve the Council of Governments should have for its operation.

Director Marcus inquired about the overall budgeted amount for staff salaries and benefits and the number of COG employees.

Staff reviewed the makeup of COG employees with the Board and noted that the FY 08/09 draft Budget includes adjusting salaries and benefits by the 3% cost of living allowance and anticipated step increases.

The Directors inquired about the Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways budget.

Ms. Postigo stated that the FY 08/09 draft Budget has increased by \$22,479, which is attributed to the purchase of four additional call boxes.

Vice-Chair Botelho opened the Public Hearing at 3:11 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Joe Thompson  
Tres Pinos, CA**

Mr. Thompson asked the Board to listen to the taxpayer's voice and close their ears to the subsidy recipients' demands.

Vice-Chair Botelho closed the Public Hearing at 3:15 p.m.

Ms. Postigo noted that staff will present the final Budget for Board approval on June 19, 2008.

*Upon a motion duly made by Director Marcus and seconded by Director Emerson, the Directors unanimously voted to adjourn the Special Joint meeting.*

**ADJOURN to COG Meeting on Thursday, May 15, 2008.**