

**SAN BENITO COUNTY
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS, LOCAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY,
SERVICE AUTHORITY FOR FREEWAYS AND EXPRESSWAYS
Special Joint Meeting**

April 15, 2010 1:30 P.M.

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair Gomez, Director Bilich, Director De La Cruz, Director Emerson, and Alternate Loe

STAFF PRESENT:

Deputy County Counsel, Shirley Murphy; Executive Director, Lisa Rheinheimer; Administrative Services Specialist, Kathy Postigo; Transportation Planning Manager, Mary Dinkuhn; Veronica Lezama; Transportation Planner; Transportation Planner, Betty LiOwen; Transportation Intern, Regina Valentine

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Gomez called the meeting to order at 1:32 P.M.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

B. CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

Upon a motion duly made by Director De La Cruz, and seconded by Director Loe, the Director's unanimously approved the Certificate of Posting.

SPECIAL AGENDA:

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

Fiscal Year 2010/2011 Draft Budgets – Rheinheimer/Postigo

- 1. RECEIVE** FY 2010/11 Council of Governments, Local Transportation Authority, and Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways Draft Budgets **APPROVE** Council of Governments Transaction Report (Financial Claims) Dated February 2010
- 2. HOLD** Public Hearing on FY 2010/11 Draft Budgets

Administrative Services Specialist, Kathy Postigo provided a Power-Point presentation on the Fiscal Year 2010/2011 Draft Budget and answered questions from the Board.

Director De La Cruz asked staff to elaborate on the 8% Administrative Cost reduction.

Ms. Postigo stated that staff is limiting COG's Administration and Operation costs to 8%.

Director De La Cruz asked what would happen if COG stopped receiving administration funds.

Ms. Rheinheimer stated that if it came to that extreme scenario and no revenues were received, the COG would have to operate on an emergency shut down basis. However, Ms. Rheinheimer noted that several fixed revenues are received on an annual basis from different programs.

Director Loe inquired about the drop in estimated Interest Revenue amount.

Ms. Postigo stated that drop is due to a large reduction in the amount of funds that are earning interest.

Chair Gomez inquired if COG has a base reserve amount.

Ms. Rheinheimer stated that the Board set aside a reserve amount of \$700,000 for “rainy days”. Ms. Rheinheimer mentioned that staff has had to dip into the reserve in the past year, with the Boards consent.

Chair Gomez inquired about the adjustment of Personnel in LTA’s budget to allow for anticipated step increases.

Ms. Postigo stated that there are three employees who are eligible for step increases.

Chair Gomez opened the public hearing at 1:56 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

**Joe Thompson
Tres Pinos, CA**

Mr. Thompson stated that the Board could help fellow citizens by thinking outside the box. Mr. Thompson added that the COG Budgets are reflecting a failure.

Chair Gomez closed the public hearing at 1:59 p.m.

Ms. Rheinheimer reminded the Board that staff will hold an additional public hearing on the Draft Budget at its May meeting.

Upon a motion made by Director De La Cruz, and seconded by Director Loe, the Director’s voted to adjourn the COG meeting.

ADJOURN TO REGULAR COG MEETING APRIL 15, 2010.