



## **MERCED COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**

### **Minutes**

The first One Voice workshop for 2006-07 was held Thursday, September 28, 2006 from 12:00-1:00 p.m. at the Hilmar Cheese Factory, 9001 Landers Ave, Hilmar.

### **In Attendance**

Lee Anderson, MCOE	Mike McAdam, KUBB/KHTN Radio
George Azevedo, PMZ Realty	Scott McBride, City of Atwater
Dennis Baker, EJ Gallo	Stan Mollart, McSwain Union Elementary
Don Bergman, Courtesy Auto Center	Tony Peters, Hay Growers Association
Jesse Brown, MCAG	Larry Pitts, Unilever Best Foods
Stacie Dabbs, Office of Congressman Cardoza	Robert Rodarte, Citigroup
Cameron Doyel, Brookfield Land	Bill Spriggs, City of Merced
Lori Flanders, MCAG	Candice Steelman, MCAG
Anna Fuentes, MCAG	John Thompson, Edward Jones Company
Scott Galbraith, MCEDCO	Susan Walsh, Citizen-at-Large
Rich Green, MCAG	Roger Wong, City of Gustine
Keith Groniga, Los Banos Chamber of Commerce	Richard Jantz, CAC-MCAG
Mark Hendrickson, PG&E	Bryan Wells, Courtesy Auto Center
George Kapor, Hilmar MAC	Joe Oliveira, City of Gustine
Patty Kapor, Hilmar MAC	Emily Hurtgen, Farm Bureau
Marjie Kirn, MCAG	Deidre Kelsey, Merced County
Jim Marshall, City of Merced	

1. Following introductions, Chair Spriggs announced public comment period. None
2. Executive Director of MCAG Jesse Brown, reviewed One Voice successes from previous years, including, Campus Parkway, Hilmar/Turlock Interchange, Small Business Training, Grasslands Drainage Project, and the Upper San Joaquin River Storage.  
  
He also explained the importance of having projects that benefit individual communities as well as the County.
3. MCAG Public Information Officer Candice Steelman, explained how the project lists provided as a handout were developed from meetings with City Managers and County CEO. She directed the audience to review current projects listed and suggest any further projects they may feel are necessary to include.
4. Jesse Brown then requested the audience share their suggestions. The following items were suggested during the meeting:

Richard Jantz – requested that Bradbury Interchange be added to the list

Deidre Kelsey – requested that a project be added to enhance wastewater treatment center at Castle, Atwater.

Susan Walsh – recommended that not only Elementary and High Schools benefit from projects, but also UC Merced and Merced Community College.

Keith Groniga and Don Bergman – exemption from SB 975 (includes prevailing wage)

Jim Marshall – Highway 59 (from 16<sup>th</sup> Street to Olive)

Mike McAdam – Funding for new jail facility in Los Banos

Dennis Baker – additional funding for environmental land protection

Joe Oliveira – joint venture with Stanislaus County (Newman) for water treatment plan. (Drinking water)

Patty Kapor – funding for local law enforcement

Richard Jantz – technical training and infrastructure

John Thompson – funding for homeland security to provide protection for our water supplies (reservoirs)

Jesse Arthur – Dam for Merced River

Lee Anderson – Child Care / Preschool funding

Susan Walsh – funding for UC Merced Medical School to help improve Merced County healthcare

Mark Hendrickson – homeland security for agriculture

Jim Marshall – protection of Municipal service rights

Roger Wong – financial support for industrial clusters

Joe Oliveira – Safety funding for Hwy 33 improvements from Gustine to Hwy 152

George Azevedo – reroute trucking from 165

George Kapor – funding for Sheriff in Hilmar

Scott McBride – funding for City of Atwater wastewater treatment plant

Jesse Arthur – 59 to 152 widening

Richard Jantz – fund for alternate-fuel vehicles

Susan Walsh – federal support agriculture import / export

Deidre Kelsey – matching funding for wet lands and ag lands

Jesse Arthur – finish Merced loop of roads around the city

5. Once the audience completed their suggestions, Jesse Brown then asked each person to vote on their top four projects within all categories (Economic Development, Water, Transportation, Education, Law Enforcement, Healthcare, and Other) by placing a numbered dot provided next to the project.
6. Candice Steelman concluded the meetings by asking everyone to try and be flexible with meeting dates and times, as we are trying to include our lobbyists in the next two meetings. She also gave an approximate time frame of late March for the D.C. Trip.

**Next meeting will be held Friday, October 27, 2006 at 9:00am  
City of Los Banos.**