

**ACTION AGENDA
SPECIAL JOINT MEETING
TULARE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TULARE CITY COUNCIL
VISALIA CITY COUNCIL
KAWEAH DELTA WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
TULARE IRRIGATION DISTRICT**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2007 - 5:00 PM
Visalia Convention Center
303 E. Acequia, Visalia CA**

Call to order

Track 1

Public Comment - Comments from the public are limited to items listed on the agenda. Speakers will be allowed three minutes. Please begin your comments by stating and spelling your name and providing your address.

James Fujita, 4734 Caldwell, spoke in support of the light rail.

Convene Jointly - Tulare County Board of Supervisors, Tulare City Council, Visalia City Council

Present: Board of Supervisors - Phil Cox, Phil Ishida, Connie Conway, Steven Worthley
City of Visalia - Jesus Gamboa, Greg Kirkpatrick, Bob Link, Greg Collins, Don Landers
City of Tulare - Craig Vejvoda, Phil Vandergrift, Richard Ortega, Carlton Jones, David Macedo

1. Light Rail System Alternatives - presentation by Ted Smalley, TCAG, and Justin Fox of Wilbur Smith & Associates. Recommendation that each jurisdiction inform TCAG within 30 days of alternative preferences for further study.

Justin Fox introduced the Tulare County Regional Light Rail Feasibility Study and what light rail between Tulare and Visalia would mean for the County in terms of potential rider ship, construction and implementation costs, subsidies, land use. The study identified three routes - Santa Fe, UP/Mooney, UP/99/198. Next steps were identified. Ted Smalley asked for each represented agency to provide feedback to TCAG within 30 days.

Track 2

2. Potential Trail System from the St. John's River and Santa Fe Street in Visalia to the Tulare Transit Center
 - City of Tulare - existing/proposed trail systems - Darrel Pyle, City Manager and Milt Stowe, Recreation and Parks Director

Milt Stowe, City of Tulare, reviewed The cities existing Tulare Santa Fe Trail which consists of 5 miles of pedestrian trail and 3 miles of equestrian trail with an annual usage of 3000 persons.

Track 3

- City of Visalia – existing/proposed trail systems – Vince Elizondo, Parks and Recreation Director

Vince Elizondo, City of Visalia, reviewed the city's existing waterways and trails which consist 34.45 miles - 19.45 that are owned by the city, and 8.9 miles that are developed.

Track 4

- Linking the two trails and TCAG Facilitation Role – Ted Smalley, TCAG

Ted Smalley, TCAG, reviewed the opportunity for a multi-purpose trail useful for commuting to and from Visalia and Tulare which would take cyclists and pedestrians through residential neighborhoods, to and from Visalia and Tulare's downtown areas.

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Tulare Irrigation District – Mike Thomas, Dave Martin
Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District – Don Mills, Jeff Ritchie, Ron Clark, Chris Tantau

Track 5

3. Presentation on Mooney Grove Master Plan by Eric Coyne, Tulare County
Presentation on Water Recharge Potential by Paul Hendrix, Tulare Irrigation District

Consider forming an advisory committee comprised of one elected official, one alternate and appropriate staff from each jurisdiction (County of Tulare, City of Visalia, City of Tulare, Tulare Irrigation District, Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District). Charge the advisory group to make recommendations for consideration when developing the scope of the Mooney Grove Master Plan and to report back to the relevant jurisdictions within 30 days to determine if there is support for sharing planning costs and potential implementation costs.

Eric Coyne, Tulare County Media Officer, gave a summary of Mooney Grove Park and the need to determine the scope of work for a new comprehensive master plan. Paul Hendrix, Tulare Irrigation District discussed water recharge.

An advisory committee was formed comprised of the following:

City of Tulare – Richard Ortega (Craig Vejvoda, alternate)

City of Visalia – Greg Collins (Jesus Gamboa, alternate)

Board of Supervisors – Allan Ishida (Phil Cox, alternate)

Tulare Irrigation District – Mike Thomas (Dave Martin, alternate)

Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District – Don Mills (Chris Tantau, alternate)

Each agency will also designate appropriate staff to form the committee. The committee will meet Monday October 8, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors Chambers to make recommendations for consideration when developing the scope of the Mooney Grove Master Plan. The committee will report back to their jurisdictions within 30 days to determine if there is support for sharing planning costs and potential implementation costs.