

**OVERSIGHT BOARD – SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE
FORMER REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE
COUNTY OF VENTURA**

**OFFICIAL SUMMARY
MINUTES
November 14, 2013
2:00 PM**

County Government Center
Hall of Administration
County Executive Office
CEO Atrium Room - 4th Floor
800 S. Victoria Avenue
Ventura, California 93009

OPENING

1. Call to Order.
2. Roll Call.

Quorum established.

Members Present: Bill Bartels, Matt Carroll, Paula Driscoll, Heather Kurpiewski, and Christy Madden

Members Absent: Tom Kasper, David Keebler

Staff Present: Mary Ann Guariento, Donna McKendry, Beverly Monnier, and Roberto Orellana

Staff Absent: Rosanna Bati, Jaclyn Smith

3. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.
4. Public Comments regarding matters not on today's agenda.

C. King, President of Piru Neighborhood Council (PNC), George Real, and Father Barney attended the meeting to address Items 11 and 12.

5. **Receive and File Without Objection or Amendment the Minutes for September 12, 2013 Regular Meeting.**

Motion to receive and file without objection or amendment the Minutes for September 12, 2013 Regular Meeting.

Without objection or modification, the Minutes were received and filed.

6. **Review the Successor Agency to the Former Redevelopment Agency of the County of Ventura (SA) Monthly Administrative Financial Status Report and Take Action as Needed Thereon.**

Mary Ann Guariento, CEO Fiscal Department provided responses to several questions from Oversight Board Member Paula Driscoll.

7. **Review the Transfer of the Town Square Project and Storm Drain Project to the County of Ventura (County) and Take Action as Needed Thereon.**

No report on this item.

8. **Review the Department of Finance (DOF) Response to the SA's Inquiry Regarding Accelerated Bond Payments and its Impact on the Potential Transfer of the Town Square and the Storm Drain Projects to the County and Take Action as Needed Thereon.**

No report on this item.

9. **Review the DOF Response to the Long Range Property Management Plan and Take Action as Needed Thereon.**

No report on this item.

10. **Receive and File the DOF Determination Letter Dated October 28, 2013, Regarding Resolution No. 13-11 Accepting the Recognized Obligation Payment Schedules (ROPS 13-14B) for January 1, 2014 through June 30, 2014.**

Motion: To receive and file the DOF Determination Letter Dated October 28, 2013, Regarding Resolution No. 13-11 Accepting the Recognized Obligation Payment Schedules (ROPS 13-14B) for January 1, 2014 through June 30, 2014.

Moved by Bill Bartels, seconded by Christy Madden

Vote: 5-0

Yes: Bill Bartels Matt Carroll, Paula Driscoll, Heather Kurpiewski, and Christy Madden

11. Adoption of Resolution No. 13-12 Authorizing the Successor Agency to the Former Redevelopment Agency of the County of Ventura (SA) to Donate the Stained Glass Window Obtained From the Lechler Museum Auction to the Piru San Salvador Catholic Church and Direct SA Staff to Document and Facilitate the Transfer of the Window to Said Church.

Successor Agency Secretary Donna McKendry summarized the facts and prior discussions related to this matter as follows:

At the August 8, 2013 Oversight Board meeting (OB), the OB directed Successor Agency (SA) Staff to send a letter to the Piru Neighborhood Council (PNC) requesting reimbursement for the \$2,983 spent by the former Redevelopment Agency of the County of Ventura (former RDA) on the Lechler Museum items.

At the September 12, 2013 Oversight Board meeting, the OB received and filed the letter and resolution #13-07. At that meeting, PNC President C King spoke and stated the PNC did not have sufficient funds to reimburse the SA.

On July 1, 2013, the DOF directed SA staff to ask the OB to adopt a resolution to donate the items to a local nonprofit museum given their minimal value to the taxing entities. During September and October, SA staff had numerous communications with the PNC, as well as the County of Ventura's Sheriff's Department (where the former RDA's Lechler Museum items had been stored) and the Fillmore Museum (as a potential recipient of the items). SA Staff analyzed the cost of the items and determined, based on all available documents, that the PNC owned all of the items in question except for a 94.23% interest in one stained glass window that was owned by the former RDA. During a meeting to discuss what to do with the museum items, Ms. C. King did not dispute the list but did state it would be very important to the residents of Piru to retain possession of the stained glass window.

In October, Father Barney Gatlin from the Piru San Salvador Catholic Church contacted the SA staff requesting the stained-glass window be donated to the church instead of the Fillmore museum. PNC president C. King submitted a letter to the OB supporting the donation of the window to the San Salvador Church, a local non-profit, so that it could be on display within the town of Piru and not stored in the Fillmore Museum.

Staff then recommended adoption of Resolution No. 13-12 authorizing the SA to transfer all interest in the Lecher Museum stained-glass window to the Piru San Salvador Catholic Church and directing staff to document and facilitate the transfer

of the window.

Discussion: Father Barney informed the OB about some concerns he has regarding the identity of the stained-glass window. Ms. McKendry advised that Sherriff Tom Hagel has a photo of the window that was inventoried as RDA property.

Motion: To Adopt Resolution No. 13-12 authorizing the SA to transfer all interest in the Lecher Museum stained-glass window to the Piru San Salvador Catholic Church and request the SA staff to document and facilitate the transfer of the window.

Moved by Christy Madden, seconded by Paula Driscoll

Vote: 5-0

Yes: Bill Bartels Matt Carroll, Paula Driscoll, Heather Kurpiewski, and Christy Madden

12. Adoption of Resolution No. 13-13 Authorizing the SA to Implement the Oversight Board (OB) Recommendation Regarding the Water Fountain at the Piru Town Square Depot and Direct SA Staff to work with the County General Services Agency (GSA) to complete the work within the estimated cost.

At the September 12 OB meeting SA staff was directed to request a risk analysis of the water fountain at the Piru Town Square Depot and to report back with recommendations. SA staff met with General Services Agency (GSA) staff at the site. While GSA staff did not determine that the current state of the fountain presents a high risk to the public, GSA staff did conclude that ongoing maintenance and repairs are needed. GSA outlined three, possible options (see below). During the analysis period, the PNC President C King also requested that the OB consider the PNC's recommendation. SA Staff's summary of these recommendations follow:

- 1) GSA: remove the fountain and plant 24 foot Box tree with irrigation – low risk estimated cost is \$2,604.00;
- 2) GSA: remove the fountain and replace with concrete – low risk, cost \$6,272.00;
- 3) GSA: take no action – low risk, cost of ongoing maintenance and repairs; or
- 4) PNC: remove the fountain and construct a 3-jet system splash pad – moderate level risk; cost range from \$50,000 to \$150,000 as outlined in the OB Board Letter.

Staff recommended that the OB select an option and adopt Resolution No. 13-13 authorizing and directing the SA staff to implement that selection and to work with GSA staff to complete the work within the estimated costs.

Discussion:

Ms. C King asked if a water sculpture could be constructed. Ms. McKendry stated GSA's explanation that any water feature that has human contact would require the same regulations as a swimming pool (e.g. chlorination). GSA also determined that

any water feature would need to be moved from the current location which would significantly add to the cost of such an option. Ms. McKendry and the OB discussed the liability issues involved with water features.

OB Member Ms. Driscoll stated that she would not be in favor of increasing costs with a water feature. OB Member Ms. Madden asked what the preference of the Piru community is. Piru resident George Real responded that the existing fountain is a nuisance and needs to be replaced or removed. The OB board concluded the most viable option would be to remove the fountain and replace concrete over the affected area, or possibly replace the fountain with a tree.

Motion: To Adopt Resolution No. 13-13 Authorizing and Directing SA Staff to Implement Option #1, Regarding the Water Fountain at the Piru Town Square Depot, and Further Directing SA Staff to work with the County GSA to remove the water fountain and replace it with an irrigated tree, and to complete the work within the estimated cost and timeline of the applicable ROPS period.

Moved by Bill Bartels, seconded by Matt Carroll

Vote: 5-0

Yes: Bill Bartels Matt Carroll, Paula Driscoll, Heather Kurpiewski, and Christy Madden

13. Announcements and Future Agenda Items

A. Announcements

- Pending Legislation

Counsel expects to bring a summary of legislative updates to the OB at its next meeting.

B. Future Agenda Items

- Other Administrative Issues

Next Regular Oversight Board meeting is scheduled for December 12, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.

Adjournment: The Board adjourned at 2:45 PM.