



# LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE City of Chico/County of Butte



Minutes of February 6, 2013

3:30 P.M.

Conference Room No. 1, Chico Municipal Center, 421 Main Street

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**Members Present: Goloff, Kirk, Morgan, Wahl**

**Meeting opened at 3:30 p.m.**

1. **Approve Minutes**  
October 3, 2012

Motion by Supervisor Kirk, seconded by Supervisor Wahl. Approved by Supervisors Kirk and Wahl. Abstention by City Council Members who were not on the Committee in October.

2. **Chapman Area Street Lighting/Road Maintenance - Update**

Presentation by Mike Crump, Butte County Public Works Director. The lighting project is complete - 17 new LED lights were installed and 34 existing lights were converted to LED. In addition, some mast arms were extended to expand the lit areas.

Public comment included a request for maps of the lighting project and an operations plan for maintaining the lights, which County Public Works will provide to the requestor; a request for a North-South/East-West route that meets accessibility needs and would include the Dorothy Johnson Center, Chapman School, and the bridges across the creek; a request to fix existing sidewalks; and a comment that there is still not sufficient lighting.

3. **900 Esplanade - Update** Update regarding repairs of facility and potential uses.

Presentation by Grant Hunsicker, Butte County General Services Director, regarding the facility located at 900 Esplanade in Chico. Mr. Hunsicker provided a brief history of the building, discussed challenges with the location, provided an update on recent repairs made by the County, discussed community meetings regarding the facility, and presented a recommendation that will go to the County Board of Supervisors on February 26th to lease a small portion of the facility to the Museum of Northern California Art.

4. **Solid Waste Franchises - Update** Status of City/County planning process.

Mike Crump, County Public Works Director, Brian Nakamura, City Manager, and Linda Herman, City General Services Administration Manager provided an update on solid waste franchise efforts in the City and County.

The County hired a consultant to assist with the process and have worked with the current haulers to identify tentative franchise areas that result in no-net loss for any of the haulers. The consultant also worked with the City during the process. Next steps include developing a list of required franchise services, developing terms and conditions for the areas, and negotiations with haulers. County staff anticipate bringing agreements for Board of Supervisors consideration in the summer of 2013. The County is interested in flow control for City franchises, should the City choose to create franchise areas, and the City stated it could work flow control into agreements if it goes that direction.

There was discussion regarding the future of the County's Recycling and Waste Facility, and the County stated long-term the hope is for converting trash to energy through various technologies.

Public comment included questions about the relationship between tipping fees at the County Facility and cost to the consumer for waste pickup; which technologies pencil out for trash to energy conversion and which don't; how do private recycling companies fit into the franchise area discussion; and what jurisdictions/areas require recycling and shouldn't they all require it.



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5. **Nitrate Compliance Program - Update** Update on construction of Project Area 2N.

Updates were provided by Matt Thompson, City Senior Engineer and Casey Hatcher, County Program Development Manager, on areas 2N, 2S, 3N and 3S. Area 2N is anticipated to be completed in April 2013; construction in 2S is anticipated to begin in summer 2013, with the balance of 2S completed in 2014. Area 3S is scheduled to begin in 2015. It was reported that there is a slow, steady trickle of applications for connections to the City's sewer system.

There will be a post-construction meeting for area 2N on March 7th at Bidwell Junior High School. Newsletter regarding construction in area 2S will be sent out prior to construction commencing and there will be a pre-construction community meeting scheduled.

Public comment included questions regarding the fee structure; whether area 1S was complete; and how the poor quality of roads around Enloe Hospital will be coordinated with the 3S construction. A comment was made that it did not appear that street repairs and the sewer project were coordinated projects.

6. **Regional Tourism – Update** - Status of project.

Casey Hatcher, County Program Development Manager, provided an update on the regional tourism project the County has been facilitating. The project is funded through a CDBG grant, and includes a Steering Committee comprised of representatives from each of the local jurisdictions and a Stakeholder group made up of 5 - 6 stakeholders from each jurisdiction. The groups have developed an asset list, completed a SWOT analysis, and developed countywide tourism goals. The next planning session with the groups is February 7th. It is anticipated that the project will be completed in summer 2013.

7. **Downtown Chico Issues (Homelessness, Drug/Alcohol Abuse, Mental Health Issues) - Discussion**  
Discussion regarding current efforts, services and potential future actions.

The City has implemented the Greater Chico Homeless Task Force. Various members of the Task Force provided information on current efforts of the group and individual members. County representatives discussed services available for the homeless population.

Public comment included:

- more than a homeless policy issue to create a better downtown;
- concerns about homeless being pushed out of downtown and into the area parks;
- statements about the service-resistant homeless population and that different types of policies may be needed to address them;
- and outreach is key.

Questions regarding what other communities are doing and where more information can be obtained, were asked.

7. **Future Discussion Topics**  
Economic Development and Regional Tourism  
Regional Flood Management Plan  
Homeless and Related Issues  
Nitrate Program  
Solid Waste Franchises



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8. **Next Meeting** – May 1, 2013 - 3:30 p.m.
9. **Public Comment**

**Meeting was adjourned at 5:23 p.m.**

**Distribution:**

LGC (5)/Deborah Presson, City Clerk  
Brian Nakamura, City Manager  
Paul Hahn, Butte County Chief Administrative Officer  
Debbie Collins, Management Analyst  
Fritz McKinley, Building and Development Services Director  
Matt Thompson, Senior Engineer  
Shawn Tillman, Senior Planner  
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Jennifer Macarthy, Butte County Economic and Community Development Manager  
Grant Hunsicker, Butte County General Services Director  
Casey Hatcher, Butte County Program Development Manager  
Cathi Grams, Butte County Department of Employment and Social Services Director  
Anne Robin, Butte County Behavioral Health Department Director



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Minutes of May 1, 2013

3:30 P.M.

Old Municipal Building Big Room, 441 Main Street, Chico, CA

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**Members Present:** Goloff (3:35pm), Kirk, Gruendl, Stone, Wahl

1. **Approve Minutes**  
February 6, 2013

A motion was made by Supervisor Kirk and seconded by Supervisor Wahl to approve the minutes. The motion carried 4-1-0 (Committee Member Goloff absent for this vote.).

2. **Discussion Regarding By-Laws and Election of a Chair and Vice-Chair**

Paul Hahn, Butte County Chief Administrative Officer, led the discussion and asked the committee members if they would like to formalize the structure of the Local Government Committee. It was the consensus of the committee to keep the meetings informal in order to continue the open dialogue between the Committee and the public.

3. **Solid Waste Franchises - Update**

Paul Hahn, Butte County Chief Administrative Officer, and Linda Herman, City General Services Administrative Manager, provided an update on solid waste franchise efforts in the County and City.

The County has been meeting with waste haulers and has completed the process of establishing zones of operation. Negotiations are currently being held addressing customer service standards. County staff anticipates bringing agreements to the Board of Supervisors in late summer. The City is not as far along in the franchise process but is using the same consultant as the County to assist in the process. Potential franchise zones have been identified if the City chooses to go that direction. City Manager Brian Nakamura pointed out that this is a complex issue for the City. Consideration needs to be given to both of the Chico waste haulers, potential zones, rates, and whether to utilize exclusive franchises or not. The City is currently only looking at residential service. Commercial may be an option in the future. Whatever direction the City goes it will be consistent with the County's plan.

4. **Nitrate Compliance Program - Update**

Updates were provided by Matt Thompson, City Senior Engineer, and Casey Hatcher, County Program Development Manager. The El Paso area is complete as well as most of Connors. It was necessary to ask the contractor to make some changes in the Pillsbury area causing some delay. Area 2S has been advertised with bid openings at the end of May. The project has been broken down in smaller units for several reasons. One reason is that it lowers the bonding requirements which provides opportunities for local contractors to bid. The balance of 2S is anticipated to start next summer. Also, a decision to change the order of projects and perform 3S before 3N has been made which will result in a cost savings.

Public outreach is continuing with a newsletter sent out in the area of 2S and a community meeting will be held at Hooker Oak School to discuss what to expect and to address the condition of roads. The project funding only allows for returning the roadways to existing conditions.

5. **Economic Development and Regional Tourism – Update**

Casey Hatcher, County Program Development Manager, and Shawn Tillman, City Senior Planner, provided an update on the regional tourism project funded by a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) that the County is facilitating. The Steering Committee and stakeholders have completed a list of assets, a SWOT analysis, established



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tourism goals and drafted a marketing plan. Now the groups are looking at sources of funding. This is a regional approach to tourism intended to be a collaboration between the County and cities to brand the region as a larger destination. Individual cities may market their communities a little differently than the County's regional approach. Other economic development initiatives include: (1) determining the status of broadband services and working together to improve the service; (2) Team Chico is conducting business outreach activities; (3) outreach to potential businesses who may want to relocate within or to Butte County; (4) a directory of internet based or internet dependant businesses is being developed as well as a manufacturing directory; and (5) the PACE program is providing energy retrofits for commercial and industrial facilities.

### 7. **Downtown Chico Issues (Homelessness, Drug/Alcohol Abuse, Mental Health Issues)**

Katie Simmons, President/CEO Chico Chamber of Commerce, provided an update on the Clean and Safe Campaign. The Campaign's initiatives include a generosity campaign which encourages individuals to give to service providers instead of directly to panhandlers. The North Valley Community Foundation (NVCF) is assisting the generosity campaign by establishing a Clean and Safe fund. A street pastors program has been developed based on a program in the UK. A trainer from the UK is arriving today. A good will ambassador program has been established with training this Monday. Ambassadors will be available in the downtown area on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. A public safety funding and policy group has also been established. A stakeholders meeting for agencies and organizations will be held this Thursday and a meeting for the public will be held later in May. A number of other service providers have additional initiatives in place such as the Greater Chico Homeless Taskforce and there is talk of establishing a day shelter.

### 6. **Future Discussion Topics**

It was the consensus of the Committee to receive updates on all of the items that were discussed at this meeting.

### 7. **Next Meeting** – August 7, 2013 - 3:30 p.m.

### 8. **Public Comment** - None

**Meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.**

#### **Distribution:**

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Casey Hatcher, Butte County Program Development Manager



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Minutes of August 7, 2013

3:30 P.M.

Old Municipal Building Big Room (upstairs), 441 Main Street, Chico, CA

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**Members Present:** Goloff, Gruendl (4:00), Kirk, Stone, Wahl

**1. Approve Minutes - May 1, 2013**

A motion was made by Supervisor Kirk and seconded by Supervisor Wahl to approve the minutes. The motion carried 4-0 (Member Gruendl absent for this vote).

**2. Solid Waste Franchises - Update**

Mike Crump, Butte County Public Works Director, provided an update. The County is currently in contract negotiations with the three haulers that provide services in the unincorporated area. County staff anticipate taking franchise agreements to the Board of Supervisors in September/October of this year.

Mark Orme, Assistant City Manager, reported that the City Council approved a contract with R3, to assist the City in looking at its options regarding solid waste franchising. Further updates will be provided at the next Committee meeting in November. Further information will be provided to the City Council in the next few months.

**3. Nitrate Compliance Program - Update**

Updates were provided by Matt Thompson, City Senior Engineer and Casey Hatcher, County Program Development Manager. Area 2 N is now complete and contracts have been awarded for the first two units in Area 2S (the area between Mangrove and the Esplanade). There will be a pre-construction conference next week. There was a community outreach meeting for the 2S area held at Hooker Oak School that went well. There will be a second outreach meeting specifically for businesses along the alley behind Mangrove to discuss impacts during construction. In Area 3S, the City is awarding a contract for topographic surveys.

Casey handed out a brochure titled "Citizens Guide to Sewer Connection", as well as an updated map showing where sewer lines have been installed to date and a map and statistics showing 2nd quarter 2013 connection statistics.

**4. Economic Development and Regional Tourism – Update**

Jennifer Macarthy, County Economic and Community Development Manager, provided an update on the PACE Program that has been implemented by the County, the Cities of Chico and Oroville, and the Town of Paradise. The program provided through FigTree began in March. There have been over \$2 million in project applications already submitted for the FigTree programs. It appears to be a great economic development tool and we are the furthest north communities taking advantage of it in the State. A second program with Ygrene, which is under a Mello-Roos model, will go in front of the Board of Supervisors on August 27th. If approved, the second program should be available to cities by February 2014. Jennifer provided a handout to the members regarding the program.

The regional tourism strategy grant the County received through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, for a coordinated approach to tourism, is moving along. There are partners involved from all local jurisdictions, as well as other local stakeholders. The County anticipates a draft plan by the end of the week. Part of the plan includes looking at other funding mechanisms for regional tourism, such as a tourism Business Improvement District (BID). The first step in exploring any of the options is to pull the stakeholders together to see if there is interest. A comment was made that a BID in Chico and one in Oroville were considered in 2008 and never went anywhere. The purpose of the strategy is to provide a starting point for jurisdictions to work together.



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An update was also provided on the County's Economic Development Strategy, which was approved by the Board of Supervisors in 2011 for a three-year period. The County is now evaluating the original plan and updating it to meet the area's needs over the next three years.

Shawn Tillman, City Senior Planner, provided an update on City economic development efforts. The City is focusing on partnerships. Team Chico has been established and represent a number of local entities, including but not limited to, 3CORE, the Chico Chamber of Commerce, the Downtown Chico Business Association, the Alliance for Workforce Development, the County, CSU-Chico, and Innovate Northstate. The Team will implement a systematic and aggressive economic development program focused on job creation through a focus on business services. The goals include:

- an increase in business outreach,
- forums addressing Chico business needs,
- policy work sessions with elected officials, and
- financing for companies.

Programs include:

- Retail market analysis - will provide to local businesses - anticipate a public release of the information in September and a workshop in the Fall.
- PACE program adoption
- Increase visibility of region with Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development, as well as statewide economic development organizations - focusing on the region between Yuba City and Redding.
- Business contacts - once a month a team goes out and meets with 75+ businesses. The goal is to meet with every Chico business over the next two years.

Committee member Gruendl asked about the possibility of using certain City Economic Development Committee meetings to bring together regional stakeholders. Jennifer Macarthy responded that there is a quarterly venue for that and the City staff already participate. City Economic Development Committee members would be welcome to join the venue.

### 5. **Regional Flood Management Plan - Update from staff.**

Matt Thompson, City Senior Engineer provided an update on the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan (CVFPP), which is spearheaded by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) with a goal of reducing flood risk. There are four main focuses of the plan: 1) provide the current state of flood risk conditions and management in the region, 2) identify flood protection opportunities and problems, 3) identify potential projects and priorities, and 4) develop a financial plan. Partnerships have been formed with a number of stakeholders and focus groups have been established to cover the areas not included in the State's area of responsibility. DWR appears to have sufficient funding for the planning phase. Ultimately, the plan will contain a "wish list" for a bond. More information is available at [musacrmp.com](http://musacrmp.com).

### 6. **Downtown Chico Issues (Homelessness, Drug/Alcohol Abuse, Mental Health Issues) - Discussion**

Lt. Jennifer Gonzales from the Chico Police Department provided a number of updates to the Committee. She is a participant in both the Clean & Safe initiative and the Homeless Task Force. The update included:

- Ambassador Program There are currently 44 citizen volunteers. The next volunteer training will be on August 14th in the Old Municipal Building in Chico.



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- Summit There will be a summit put on by the Continuum of Care on August 15th regarding the 10-year strategy to end homelessness. The summit will be from 4-6 at the ARC Pavilion.
- Street Pastors Bill Such from the Jesus Center is leading this initiative. Required training is currently taking place and the street pastors should be out on the street soon. This is a fully volunteer effort in Chico and once it shows some success it is hoped that the program will expand to other areas of the County.
- Mobile Crisis Unit Butte County Behavioral Health has its mobile crisis unit available on a limited basis. Law enforcement and the local hospitals feel it is really helping and it provided immediate needs assessments when people are in crisis. The unit has been funded with a combination of County mental health funding and funding from various hospitals. The County's goal is to get the unit running 23-24 hours per day, but funding is the biggest hurdle. Committee member Gruendl stated there are regional discussions on brick and mortar projects with hospitals and there may be some funding. Paul Hahn, County Chief Administrative Officer, stated that the County's jail remodel/expansion project might have a Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF) component to it for the south County area and reiterated that County Behavioral Health services only deal with people in crisis and not the day-to-day mental health issues people may be facing.
- Crisis Intervention Training The County is providing crisis intervention training to law enforcement throughout the County (officers, dispatchers, and community services officers). It is a week-long training that takes place once per year.
- Statistics The City is still receiving a lot of call related to transient issues and camping issues. Unable to provide statistics, though, since the Crime Analyst position was eliminated.
- Sit/Lie Ordinance The City Council may be considering a "sit/lie" ordinance on August 20th at their regularly scheduled meeting.
- Alcohol Abuse Nothing to discuss at this meeting. Anticipate an update at the November meeting. County Behavioral Health will be facilitating meetings in Chico to discuss alcohol licensing issues.
- Patrol The City is working to keep patrol staff on the street. New patrol cars are black and white and all other law enforcement vehicles are white on white. The issue of the time it takes officers to travel to Oroville for court dates was discussed and City staff asked the County if there are any discussions with the Courts regarding video conferencing for hearings versus in-person attendance. Paul Hahn will follow-up with the Sheriff and Undersheriff.
- Returning Students The City is getting ready for the return of college students.

### 7. Future Discussion Topics

It was the consensus of the Committee to receive updates on all topics discussed on this agenda.

In addition, the County may have an update on video conferencing for court cases.

### 8. Next Meeting – November 6, 2013 - 3:30 p.m.

### 9. Public Comment None

### 10. Adjournment 4:35 p.m.



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Present: Gruendl, Kirk, Stone, Wahl  
Absent: Goloff

1. Approved minutes of August 7, 2013, with corrections to be made to the meeting date at top of pages 2 – 4 from October 7, 2009 to August 7, 2013. (Stone/Wahl 4-0-1)
2. Cooperative Effort to Clean Up Trash/Homeless Encampments in the City and County

Supervisor Maureen Kirk led the discussion. Undersheriff Kory Honea discussed how the Sheriff's Work Alternative Program (SWAP) has been assigned for about the last six months to assist with such cleanups. SWAP is also assisting the City with the efforts at Caper Acres and assisted with the Comanche Creek area on Make a Difference Day. Cleanups of specific areas can be arranged by contacting the SWAP office. Cleanups are limited to public property as landowner permission is necessary to work on private property. CAO Paul Hahn said SWAP crews can work on public land in both County and City jurisdictions but private property is treated as a nuisance issue and should be reported to Code Enforcement. The County can also assist with reducing or waiving the cost to dispose of the trash at the County landfill. County Public Works Director Crump advised that the County has an illegal dumping hotline (866)369-3867.

Butte Environmental Council (BEC) representative Robyn DiFalco discussed the results of their annual cleanup and stated the volume of trash had escalated indicating a need for increased collaboration. The need for more partnerships with the Department of Water Resources, CA State Parks, and others was also discussed. A request was made that the County and City consider having drop-off trash bins at their municipal centers/yards so volunteers have a place to take the collected trash. The need for common terminology for reporting sites, online reporting for citizens, community outreach, and the inclusion of a provision in future waste hauler franchise agreements to ensure that trash bins are provided for cleanup events was also discussed. CAO Hahn advised that the County is currently looking at online reporting capabilities and apps. It was suggested that both County and City homepages could be revised to direct the public on whom to contact to report trash and encampment issues. Each County Supervisor has a limited amount of funding available to assist with the waiving of landfill fees for trash disposal and the transportation of items collected.

CAO Hahn advised that caution must be used when disposing of personal property collected during clean up events. Property owners have a right to due process and things of value must be kept for a certain length of time to allow the owner time to claim their property. BEC suggested that more cooperation with law enforcement is needed related to taking the collected personal property during organized cleanup events in for safe keeping.

The need for additional armed assistance from law enforcement during the encampment noticing process prior cleanups was also discussed. City Code Enforcement Officer Gonzalez advised they are beginning to partner with State Fish and Game and State Parks. CAO Hahn suggested that the same model of collaboration currently used for illegal grows could be implemented for this as well. Undersheriff Honea said reserve deputies and the Correctional Officers assigned to SWAP could also help with the noticing process. Chico PD Captain Ford Porter advised that the Police Department's Target Team used to assist with noticing and cleanup events but was disbanded in April and diminished staffing no longer allows for participation. The issue of what to do with the bicycles/bike parts collected was also discussed and Undersheriff Honea suggested the STARS may be able to help with the collection of bikes, the Sheriff's Office can store them for the required period, and any bikes not claimed can be refurbished by the STARS for their bike give away program.

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### 3. Downtown Chico Issues (Homelessness, Drug/alcohol Abuse, Mental Health Issues)

Chico PD Captain Porter advised that two officers have been reassigned to deal with issues downtown. They began this week and will hopefully continue through the end of the year. The officers will be on bikes and their main focus is to address the ongoing issues downtown and to ensure the people that gather downtown know what is and is not acceptable behavior. Depending on schedules these two officers may be able to assist with cleanup activities.

Chico Mayor Gruendl advised that the sit-lie ordinance was passed by the City Council last night. There will be a second hearing and the ordinance will take affect 30 days later. The Council also held a work study session related to downtown issues which resulted in several items that will be looked at more closely by the City's Internal Affairs Committee such as managed camps and the development of a day center for the homeless. The Mayor has also established an informal task force to address collaboration with City, County, and various other organizations. A member of the audience pointed out that this meeting conflicted with another group meeting on the same subject. Mayor Gruendl advised that meeting is the Continuum of Care which is developing a 10 year strategy and setting priorities to address homeless issues. The efforts of the Continuum of Care will result in eligibility for HUD funding to establish solutions such as managed camps but he pointed out the application process for such funding is very competitive.

### 4. Solid Waste Franchises

County Public Works Director Crump advised the County is negotiating with three haulers (Recology, Waste Management and Northern Recycling) for exclusive agreements based on dividing the County into zones. They are currently working on rates and rate methodology. It is hoped the complete package will go to the Board of Supervisors for consideration next spring. City Manager Brian Nakamura advised that the City's solid waste consultant made a presentation to the City Council last night and Council provided direction on how to proceed. More investigation into zones versus service lines, the inclusion of commercial customers and haulers in the discussion, and flow control issues will all be addressed. CAO Hahn stated that flow is a critical component for the County. Ensuring the haulers utilize the County landfill for trash that is picked up in the County as well as in the City of Chico is a condition of the agreement that is being negotiated with the haulers.

### 5. Regional Flood Management Plan

County Public Works Director Crump advised there is a steering committee meeting in Chico on November 14<sup>th</sup> related to SB1278 and the urban 200 year protection requirements and 200 year map.

### 6. Nitrate Compliance Program

City Associate Engineer Matt Thompson advised the Vecino area is moving along well. The balance of area 2S has been designed and 3S, west of the Esplanade, is being started but the surveying is still a couple of years out.

County Program Development Manager Casey Hatcher provided an update on connections to the sewer system. North Chico has a voluntary connections rate of nearly 40% which the Regional Board is happy with. Community outreach continues as well as ongoing groundwater monitoring for nitrate concentration levels which are looking good. The work plan calls for lowering the number of wells that are being monitored and to focus on areas that make a difference with hopes of someday getting the Prohibition Order lifted. It was pointed out that one of the deterrents to connection are the ongoing issues with LAFCO.

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### 7. Economic Development and Regional Tourism

County Economic and Community Development Manager Jennifer Macarthy advised that she, Chico's Assistant City Manager Mark Orme, a representative from Oroville, and others will be going to the Port of West Sacramento next week to talk about the possibilities of developing a Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ) for the Chico Municipal Airport Industrial Park area. This area was designated as a FTZ in the past but there were no businesses at that time that could take advantage of the incentives. There are now a couple of businesses in the area that could benefit from a FTZ.

The Regional Tourism Strategy was presented to the Board of Supervisors at its October 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting. The first year funding plan and how to move forward will be discussed on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

### 8. Future Discussion Topics

It was the consensus of the Committee to receive updates on all of the items that were discussed at this meeting.

### 9. Next meeting – The next meeting will be held on February 5, 2014 - 3:30 p.m. with the location to be determined. The dates for the remaining 2014 meetings will be finalized at the February meeting.

### 10. Public Comment - None

Meeting was adjourned at 5: 20 p.m.