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MARICOPA COUNTY TRAVEL REDUCTION PROGRAM REGIONAL TASK FORCE

Teleconference Meeting (all participants joined via phone)

Jerry Geering, Chairman

March 19, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT

Annie Foster Jean Woltjer
Jerry Geering Kim Passante
Terry Solis Tina Wesoloskie

ABSENT

Chelsie Hockersmith
Sheila Johnson

STAFF / VISITORS PRESENT

Kristen Weston-Smith, Morgan Wohlbrandt, Phil Cummings – Maricopa County TRP
Julie Hoffman – Maricopa Association of Governments
Peter Muthig – Deputy County Attorney
Lillian Duarte – Valley Metro
Amanda Luecker – Arizona Department of Environmental Quality
Rebecca Shexnayder – Pinal County

Call to Order

Jerry Geering called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. (quorum present).

Discussion / Action

60 Day Employer Variance in Response to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) – Kristen Weston-Smith said TRP staff is asking to be allowed to grant a 60 day variance for employers operating in an emergency situation. She explained a variance would be for a specific situation and would be a postponement of TRP requirements, not a full waiver. Jerry Geering clarified with Peter Muthig that the Task Force does have the authority to grant such extensions and that a variance would postpone enforcement action. Discussion was held regarding current enforcement action, including regarding XPO Logistics. Kristen stated the variance would run from 3/20/20 to 5/18/20. Discussion was held regarding if TRP staff could grant a variance in an emergency situation and it was agreed that power would stay with the Task Force to authorize. Terry Solis made a motion to grant a 60 day variance for employers and Annie Foster seconded. Jean Woltjer and Kim Passante voted aye and the motion passed.

Upcoming Task Force Meeting Proposed Postponement – Kristen Weston-Smith explained the 3/31 meeting will continue as scheduled and that TRP staff was recommending the cancellation of the April 28th and May 19th Task Force meetings. Jerry Geering asked these meetings can be cancelled legally and Tina Wesoloskie mentioned Open Meeting Law guidance would be followed to cancel. Discussion was held regarding if both meetings in question should be cancelled, just one, or none and it was agreed that regarding the dates of the meetings and the variance, Task Force meetings might have to be held even if the scheduled meetings were cancelled. Peter agreed and added another emergency TF meeting might be necessary. Kim Passante made a motion to reject staff recommendation and continue to hold Task Force meetings as scheduled. Jean Woltjer seconded that motion. Annie Foster and Terry Solis voted aye and the motion passed.

Adjournment

Terry Solis motioned to adjourn the meeting and Jean Woltjer seconded. Annie Foster, Kim Passante, and Terry Solis voted aye and the motion passed (10:28 a.m.). The next meeting (via teleconference only) will be Tuesday, March 31, 2020.

Approved