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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2021

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE REGIONAL COUNCIL. A VIDEO RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE ON THE SCAG WEBSITE AT: <http://scag.iqm2.com/Citizens/>

The Regional Council of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) held its meeting telephonically and electronically, given public health directives limiting public gatherings due to the threat of COVID-19 and in compliance with the Governor’s Executive Order N-29-20. A quorum was present.

Members Present

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| Hon. Rex Richardson, President | <i>Long Beach</i> | District 29 |
| Hon. Clint Lorimore, 1st Vice President | <i>Eastvale</i> | District 4 |
| Hon. Jan Harnik, 2nd Vice President | | RCTC |
| Hon. Alan D. Wapner, Imm. Past President | | SBCTA |
| Supervisor Luis Plancarte | | Imperial County |
| Supervisor Kathryn Barger | | Los Angeles County |
| Supervisor Holly Mitchell | | Los Angeles County |
| Supervisor Don Wagner | | Orange County |
| Supervisor Karen Spiegel | | Riverside County |
| Supervisor Curt Hagman | | San Bernardino County |
| Supervisor Carmen Ramirez | | Ventura County |
| Hon. Maria Nava-Froelich | | ICTC |
| Hon. Tim Shaw | | OCTA |
| Hon. Peggy Huang | | TCA |
| Hon. Mike T. Judge | | VCTC |
| Hon. Ben Benoit | | Air District Representative |
| Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr. | <i>Pechanga Dev. Corp.</i> | Tribal Gov’t Reg’l Planning Brd. |
| Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker | <i>El Centro</i> | District 1 |
| Hon. Kathleen Kelly | <i>Palm Desert</i> | District 2 |
| Hon. Rey Santos | <i>Beaumont</i> | District 3 |

OUR MISSION

To foster innovative regional solutions that improve the lives of Southern Californians through inclusive collaboration, visionary planning, regional advocacy, information sharing, and promoting best practices.

OUR VISION

Southern California’s Catalyst for a Brighter Future

OUR CORE VALUES

Be Open | Lead by Example | Make an Impact | Be Courageous



Hon. Zak Schwank	<i>Temecula</i>	District 5
Hon. Frank Navarro	<i>Colton</i>	District 6
Hon. Larry McCallon	<i>Highland</i>	District 7

Members Present - continued

Hon. L. Dennis Michael	<i>Rancho Cucamonga</i>	District 9
Hon. Ray Marquez	<i>Chino Hills</i>	District 10
Hon. Randall Putz	<i>Big Bear Lake</i>	District 11
Hon. Fred Minagar	<i>Laguna Niguel</i>	District 12
Hon. Wendy Bucknum	<i>Mission Viejo</i>	District 13
Hon. Michael Carroll	<i>Irvine</i>	District 14
Hon. Diane Dixon	<i>Newport Beach</i>	District 15
Hon. Phil Bacerra	<i>Santa Ana</i>	District 16
Hon. Leticia	<i>Tustin</i>	District 17
Hon. Kim Nguyen	<i>Garden Grove</i>	District 18
Hon. Trevor O'Neil	<i>Anaheim</i>	District 19
Hon. Joe Kalmick	<i>Seal Beach</i>	District 20
Hon. Art Brown	<i>Buena Park</i>	District 21
Hon. Marty Simonoff	<i>Brea</i>	District 22
Hon. Frank Yokoyama	<i>Cerritos</i>	District 23
Hon. Ray Hamada	<i>Bellflower</i>	District 24
Hon. Sean Ashton	<i>Downey</i>	District 25
Hon. José Luis Solache	<i>Lynwood</i>	District 26
Hon. Mark E. Henderson	<i>Gardena</i>	District 28
Hon. Cindy Allen	<i>Long Beach</i>	District 30
Hon. Steve De Ruse	<i>La Mirada</i>	District 31
Hon. Steven Ly	<i>Rosemead</i>	District 32
Hon. Jorge Marquez	<i>Covina</i>	District 33
Hon. Adele Andrade-Stadler	<i>Alhambra</i>	District 34
Hon. Margaret E. Finlay	<i>Duarte</i>	District 35
Hon. Steve Tye	<i>Diamond Bar</i>	District 37
Hon. Tim Sandoval	<i>Pomona</i>	District 38
Hon. James Gazeley	<i>Lomita</i>	District 39
Hon. Drew Boyles	<i>El Segundo</i>	District 40
Hon. Alex Fisch	<i>Culver City</i>	District 41
Hon. Paula Devine	<i>Glendale</i>	District 42
Hon. Juan Carrillo	<i>Palmdale</i>	District 43
Hon. David Shapiro	<i>Calabasas</i>	District 44
Hon. Laura Hernandez	<i>Port Hueneme</i>	District 45



Hon. David Pollock	<i>Moorpark</i>	District 46
Hon. Lorrie Brown	<i>Ventura</i>	District 47
Hon. Paul Krekorian	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 49/Public Transit Rep.
Hon. Bob Blumenfield	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 50
Hon. Nithya Raman	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 51
Hon. Paul Koretz	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 52
Hon. Nury Martinez	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 53
Hon. Monica Rodriguez	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 54
Hon. Curren D. Price, Jr.	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 56
Hon. Mike Bonin	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 58
Hon. John Lee	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 59
Hon. Joe Buscaino	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 62
Hon. Steve Manos	<i>Lake Elsinore</i>	District 63
Hon. Michael Posey	<i>Huntington Beach</i>	District 64
Hon. Megan Beaman Jacinto	<i>Coachella</i>	District 66
Hon. Hector Pacheco	<i>San Fernando</i>	District 67
Hon. Patricia Lock Dawson	<i>Riverside</i>	District 68
Hon. Marisela Magana	<i>Perris</i>	District 69

Members Present - continued

Hon. Eric Garcetti	<i>Los Angeles</i>	Member-at-Large
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Members Not Present

Hon. Deborah Robertson	<i>Rialto</i>	District 8
Hon. Ali Saleh	<i>Bell</i>	District 27
Hon. Jonathan Curtis	<i>La Cañada Flintridge</i>	District 36
Hon. Gilbert Cedillo	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 48
Hon. Marqueece Harris-Dawson	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 55
Hon. Mark Ridley-Thomas	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 57
Hon. Mitch O'Farrell	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 60
Hon. Kevin de León	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 61
Hon. Rita Ramirez	<i>Victorville</i>	District 65
Mr. Randall Lewis	<i>Business Representative</i>	Ex-Officio Member

Staff Present

Kome Ajise, Executive Director

Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer
Darin Chidsey, Chief Operating Officer
Debbie Dillon, Chief Strategy Officer
Michael Houston, Chief Counsel
Ruben Duran, Board Counsel
Art Yoon, Director of Policy and Public Affairs
Sarah Jepson, Director of Planning
Julie Shroyer, Chief Information Officer
Peter Waggoner, Office of Regional Council Support
Maggie Aguilar, Office of Regional Council Support
Patricia Chen, Special Counsel

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Richardson called the meeting to order at 12:31 p.m. President Richardson asked Regional Councilmember Cindy Allen, Long Beach, District 30, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

President Richardson opened the Public Comment Period and outlined instructions for public comments.

Board Counsel Ruben Duran stated that there were twelve written public comments received by email before the deadline of 5pm of Wednesday, February 3, 2021 which were transmitted to members and posted to SCAG's website. Mr. Duran stated that there was one written public comment received by email after the deadline from Henry Fung, resident of Covina, CA, and that comment will be transmitted to members and posted to SCAG's website after the meeting.

Mr. Duran and SCAG staff confirmed that there was one verbal public comment speaker by raised hand and acknowledged Dr. Holly Osborne.

Dr. Holly Osborne, resident of Redondo Beach, CA, commented on the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Appeals Board hearing and the results of the appeals. She also commented on density and its effect on the pandemic.

Seeing no further public comment speakers, President Richardson closed the Public Comment Period.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no requests to prioritize agenda items.

Ruben Duran, Board Counsel, announced Closed Session Agenda Items No. 1, Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: (One potential case), and Closed Session Agenda Item No. 2, Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(1) - Liu vs CalPERS and SCAG (Case No. 19STCP0456). President Richardson announced that the Regional Council would recess into Closed Session.

CLOSED SESSION

1. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation

Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: (One potential case)

2. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(1) - Liu vs CalPERS and SCAG (Case No. 19STCP0456)

The Open Session reconvened. A quorum was confirmed.

Ruben Duran, Board Counsel, provided a report on the Closed Session. Mr. Duran reported that there was no reportable action for the Closed Session on either item.

ACTION ITEM/S

1. Resolution for SCAG to Bridge the Digital Divide in Underserved Communities

President Richardson introduced Kome Ajise, Executive Director, to provide a presentation. Mr. Ajise provided background on SCAG's efforts since April 2020 to reinvent the SCAG region as a more resilient region, focusing on the digital divide and collaboration with stakeholders in various sectors including healthcare and education. He elaborated that, as part of this process, SCAG has taken the lead on creating a model resolution for public agencies to consider along with policy positions, which strives for simplification of permitting and easing installation of broadband throughout the region. He provided further information on the resolution, noting that it has already been adopted by three counties. He then introduced Roland Ok, SCAG staff, to provide additional details on the item.

Mr. Ok spoke to permitting streamlining, collaborating with local jurisdiction, and the high-level approach of Resolution No. 21-629-2. He outlined sections of the resolution, including pursuing grant opportunities, convening a working group and other areas to incorporate broadband planning

into SCAG's work. He closed by commenting on Resolution No. 21-629-2's support of SCAG's commitment to equity and social justice by assisting in addressing disparities seen in underserved communities. Mr. Ajise then expressed appreciation for the work of the Emerging Technologies Committee (ETC) and Supervisor Hagman on this issue.

President Richardson provided brief remarks and recognized Steve PonTell, the ETC and counties which have already adopted a resolution.

Supervisor Donald Wagner, Orange County, commented on the intention to bring the matter to Orange County for adoption.

President Richardson noted the item's consistency with inclusive regional recovery efforts and development in considering broadband as a standalone planning category.

A MOTION was made (A. Brown) to Adopt Resolution 21-629-2 to establish a Broadband Action Plan to assist in bridging the digital divide. Motion was SECONDED (J. Marquez). The motion passed by the following roll call votes:

FOR: ALLEN, ASHTON, BACERRA, BEAMAN JACINTO, BENOIT, BOYLES, A. BROWN, L. BROWN, BUCKNUM, CARRILLO, CARROLL, CLARK, DE RUSE, DEVINE, DIXON, FINLAY, FISCH, GARCETTI, GAZELEY, HAMADA, HARNIK, HENDERSON, HERNANDEZ, HUANG, KALMICK, KELLY, KREKORIAN, LOCK DAWSON, LORIMORE, LY, MAGANA, MANOS, J. MARQUEZ, R. MARQUEZ, MASIEL, MCCALLON, MICHAEL, MINAGAR, MITCHELL, NAVA-FROELICH, NAVARRO, NGUYEN, PACHECO, PLANCARTE, POLLOCK, POSEY, PRICE, PUTZ, RAMAN, RAMIREZ, RICHARDSON, SANDOVAL, SANTOS, SCHWANK, SHAPIRO, SHAW, SIMONOFF, SOLACHE, SPIEGEL, TYE, VIEGAS-WALKER, WAGNER, WAPNER and YOKOYAMA (64)

AGAINST: NONE (0)

ABSTAIN: NONE (0)

2. 2020/2021 Sustainable Communities Program – Smart Cities & Mobility Innovations Call for Applications

President Richardson introduced Sarah Jepson, Planning Director, to provide a presentation, and he encouraged members to share information on the item with their jurisdictions. Ms. Jepson began her presentation with background on the item, stating that in September 2020, when the Regional Council adopted Connect SoCal, staff also presented an implemented strategy that provided resources to local jurisdictions to support implementation. She stated that the Sustainable

Communities Program is a primary vehicle to provide support. She recounted that the Regional Council had already approved program guidelines and Calls for Applications for the Active Transportation & Safety and Housing & Sustainable Development components of the Sustainable Communities Program. She specified that, today, staff is seeking approval of the program guidelines and to release the Call for Applications for the Smart Cities & Mobility Innovations component. She noted related key connections strategies in Connect SoCal. In closing, she thanked staff for their work in developing the guidelines.

A MOTION was made (Navarro) to Approve the 2020/2021 Smart Cities & Mobility Innovations Guidelines and authorize staff to release the Call for Applications. Motion was SECONDED (Shapiro). The motion passed by the following roll call votes:

FOR: ALLEN, ASHTON, BEAMAN JACINTO, BENOIT, BOYLES, L. BROWN, BUCKNUM, CARRILLO*, CARROLL, CLARK, DE RUSE, DEVINE, DIXON, FINLAY, FISCH, GAZELEY, HAMADA, HARNIK, HENDERSON, HERNANDEZ, HUANG, KALMICK, KELLY, KREKORIAN, LOCK DAWSON, LORIMORE, MAGANA, MANOS, J. MARQUEZ, R. MARQUEZ, MASIEL, MCCALLON, MICHAEL, MINAGAR, NAVA-FROELICH, NAVARRO, NGUYEN, PLANCARTE, POLLOCK, POSEY, PUTZ, RAMAN, RAMIREZ, RICHARDSON, SANDOVAL, SANTOS, SHAPIRO, SIMONOFF, SOLACHE, SPIEGEL, TYE, VIEGAS-WALKER, WAGNER, WAPNER, and YOKOYAMA (55)

AGAINST: NONE (0)

ABSTAIN: NONE (0)

* While the voting results were being reviewed, Regional Councilmember Juan Carrillo, Palmdale, District 43, informed SCAG staff that he was experiencing technical difficulties and intended to vote "For" the motion for Agenda Item No. 2. The vote for Regional Councilmember Carrillo* is annotated above.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval Items

3. Minutes of the Meeting – January 7, 2021
4. Approval of Additional Stipend Payments
5. Contract Amendment that Exceeds 30% of the Contract's Original Value: Contract No. 18-002-SS1, PC Law Group, Amendment No. 7

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6. Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: Contract No. 19-066-C05, Aerial Imagery and Related Products - County of San Bernardino
 7. Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: Contract No. 21-016-C01, Imperial County Regional Active Transportation Plan
 8. Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: Contract No. 21-039-C01, Primary Data Center Services
 9. Regional Safety Targets 2021
 10. AB 15 (Chiu) - Tenant Stabilization Act

Receive and File

11. Regional Early Action Plan (REAP) Program Summary and Update
12. Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-20 External Audit
13. February 2021 State and Federal Legislative Update
14. Purchase Orders \$5,000 - \$199,999; Contracts \$25,000 - \$199,999 and Amendments \$5,000 - \$74,999
15. CFO Monthly Report

A MOTION was made (McCallon) to approve the Consent Calendar, Agenda Item Nos. 3-15. Motion was SECONDED (Marquez). The motion passed by the following roll call votes:

FOR: ALLEN, ASHTON, BEAMAN JACINTO, BENOIT, BOYLES, L. BROWN, BUCKNUM, CARRILLO*, CARROLL, CLARK, DE RUSE, DEVINE, DIXON, FINLAY, FISCH, GAZELEY, HAMADA, HARNIK, HENDERSON, HERNANDEZ, HUANG, KALMICK, KELLY, LORIMORE, MAGANA, MANOS, J. MARQUEZ, R. MARQUEZ, MASIEL, MCCALLON, MICHAEL, MINAGAR, NAVA-FROELICH, NGUYEN, PLANCARTE, POLLOCK, POSEY, PUTZ, RAMAN, RAMIREZ, RICHARDSON, SANDOVAL, SANTOS, SHAPIRO, SIMONOFF, SOLACHE, SPIEGEL, TYE, VIEGAS-WALKER, WAPNER, and YOKOYAMA (51)

AGAINST: NONE (0)

ABSTAIN: DIXON and HERNANDEZ (2) on Agenda Item No. 3 only

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District 43, informed SCAG staff that he was experiencing technical difficulties and intended to vote “For” the motion for the Consent Calendar. The vote for Regional Councilmember Carrillo* is annotated above.

BUSINESS REPORT

No Business Report was provided.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

President Rex Richardson began his report by recognizing new Regional Councilmembers Randall Putz, Big Bear Lake, District 11; Diane Dixon, Newport Beach, District 15; Letitia Clark, Tustin, District 17; Joe Kalmick, Seal Beach, District 20; Cindy Allen, Long Beach, District 30; Adele Andrade-Stadler, Alhambra, District 34; Laura Hernandez, Port Hueneme, District 45; Lorrie Brown, Ventura, District 47; Patricia Lock Dawson, Riverside, District 68; Tim Shaw, OCTA; and Supervisor Carmen Ramirez, Ventura County

He then announced President’s Appointments, including Supervisor Carmen Ramirez to the Executive/Administration Committee; Councilmember Jed Leano as Primary Member and Regional Councilmember Mark Henderson as Alternate member to Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Committee (MSRC); and Councilmember Misty Perez to the Community, Economic and Human Development (CEHD) Committee. He commented on the process for the Nominating Committee and announced how members should express interest in serving on the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee.

He continued by describing the ongoing efforts of the Special Committee on Equity and Social Justice, including the latest meeting on January 27, 2021. He noted recent progress, including reviewing SCAG’s updated working definition of equity, which the Special Committee has helped shape, reviewing the draft Early Action Plan (EAP) and reviewing the Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategy (IERS) Work Plan and Draft Framework. He announced that the next Special Committee Meeting is scheduled for March and that SCAG will hold a Joint Policy Committee meeting in March focused on equity. In closing, he informed members that SCAG will not hold Policy Committees in March, but a special CEHD Committee meeting will be scheduled for late February.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Executive Director Kome Ajise began his report by welcoming new members. He provided an update on the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) appeals process, and he noted that two appeals were partially granted, causing a redistribution. He stated that a final meeting of the RHNA Appeals Board is scheduled for February 16, 2021, and he outlined next steps.

Mr. Ajise continued by explaining additional transit funding available in the SCAG region from recent federal Coronavirus-related legislation, and he explained SCAG's role in apportionment of this funding. He continued by providing an update on a letter sent to the California Air Resources Board (CARB) in response to letter from CARB accompanying acceptance of Connect SoCal determination. Finally, he spoke about the Regional Data Platform (RDP) and expounded upon how it can support local planning activities, including through license offerings. He announced that the SCAG has received recognition from Harvard Kennedy School's Data Smart City Solutions Harvard Kennedy School, and he congratulated staff for their work on the RDP.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEM/S

There were no additional future agenda items requested.

ANNOUNCEMENT/S

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

President Richardson adjourned the Regional Council meeting at 1:58 p.m. in honor of Tom LaBonge, former Regional Councilmember and Los Angeles City Councilmember, and the father of Regional Councilmember Ali Saleh, Bell, District 27, after sharing brief remarks about both individuals.

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