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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2022

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 (RC) of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) held its regular meeting both in person and virtually (telephonically and electronically), given the declared state of emergency (pursuant to State of Emergency Proclamation dated March 4, 2020) and local public health directives imposing and recommending social distancing measures due to the threat of COVID-19, and pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e)(1)(A). A quorum was present.

Members Present

Hon. Jan Harnik, President

Hon. Art Brown, 1st Vice President

Hon. Clint Lorimore, Imm. Past President

Supervisor Luis Plancarte

Supervisor Don Wagner

Supervisor Karen Spiegel

Supervisor Curt Hagman

Hon. Maria Nava-Froelich

Hon. Brian Goodell

Hon. Alan Wapner

Hon. Peggy Huang

Hon. Mike T. Judge

Hon. Ben Benoit

Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker

Hon. Kathleen Kelly

Hon. Rey Santos

Hon. Frank Navarro

Hon. Larry McCallon

Hon. Deborah Robertson

Buena Park

Eastvale

El Centro

Palm Desert

Beaumont

Colton

Highland

Rialto

RCTC

District 21

District 4

Imperial County

Orange County

Riverside County

San Bernardino County

ICTC

OCTA

SBCTA

TCA

VCTC

Air District Representative

District 1

District 2

District 3

District 6

District 7

District 8



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. Tammy Kim	<i>Irvine</i>	District 14
Hon. Diane Dixon	<i>Newport Beach</i>	District 15
Hon. Phil Bacerra	<i>Santa Ana</i>	District 16
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. Marty Simonoff	<i>Brea</i>	District 22
Hon. Frank Yokoyama	<i>Cerritos</i>	District 23
Hon. Ali Saleh	<i>Bell</i>	District 27
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. Margaret Clark	<i>Rosemead</i>	District 32
Hon. Gary Boyer	<i>Glendora</i>	District 33
Hon. Margaret E. Finlay	<i>Duarte</i>	District 35
Hon. Keith Eich	<i>La Cañada Flintridge</i>	District 36
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. Jess Talamantes	<i>Burbank</i>	District 42
Hon. David J. Shapiro	<i>Calabasas</i>	District 44
Hon. Laura Hernandez	<i>Port Hueneme</i>	District 45
Hon. Lorrie Brown	<i>Ventura</i>	District 47
Hon. Michael Posey	<i>Huntington Beach</i>	District 64
Hon. Elizabeth Becerra	<i>Victorville</i>	District 65
Hon. Marsha McLean	<i>Santa Clarita</i>	District 67
Hon. Patricia Lock Dawson	<i>Riverside</i>	District 68
Hon. Marisela Nava	<i>Perris</i>	District 69
Ms. Lucy Dunn		Business Representative

Members Not Present

Supervisor Kathryn Barger
Supervisor Hilda Solis

Members Not Present

Members Not Present

Los Angeles County
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Hon. Zak Schwank	<i>Temecula</i>	District 5
Hon. Leticia Clark	<i>Tustin</i>	District 17
Hon. Ray Hamada	<i>Bellflower</i>	District 24
Hon. Denise Diaz	<i>South Gate</i>	District 25
Hon. José Luis Solache	<i>Lynwood</i>	District 26
Hon. Rex Richardson	<i>Long Beach</i>	District 29
Hon. Adele Andrade-Stadler	<i>Alhambra</i>	District 34
Hon. Steve Tye	<i>Diamond Bar</i>	District 37
Hon. Juan Carrillo	<i>Palmdale</i>	District 43
Hon. Claudia Bill-de la Peña	<i>Thousand Oaks</i>	District 46
Hon. Gilbert Cedillo	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 48
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. Marqueece Harris-Dawson	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 55
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. Mitch O'Farrell	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 60
Hon. Kevin de León	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 61
Hon. Joe Buscaino	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 62
Hon. Steve Manos	<i>Lake Elsinore</i>	District 63
Hon. Megan Beaman Jacinto	<i>Coachella</i>	District 66
Hon. Eric Garcetti	<i>Los Angeles</i>	Member-at-Large
Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.	<i>Pechanga Dev. Corp.</i>	Tribal Gov't Reg'l Planning Brd.

Staff Present

Darin Chidsey, Chief Operating Officer
Debbie Dillon, Chief Strategy Officer
Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer
Sarah Jepson, Director of Planning
Javiera Cartagena, Director of Government and Public Affairs
James Ramirez, Director of Human Resources (Acting)/Risk Management and Safety Officer
Julie Shroyer, Chief Information Officer
Michael Houston, Chief Counsel, Director of Legal Services
Jeffery Elder, Deputy Legal Counsel

Ruben Duran, Board Counsel
Maggie Aguilar, Clerk of the Board
Cecilia Pulido, Deputy Clerk of the Board

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Harnik called the meeting to order at 12:31 p.m. and asked Regional Councilmember Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro, District 1, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Given the declared state of emergency (pursuant to State of Emergency Proclamation dated March 4, 2020) and local public health directives imposing and recommending social distancing measures due to the threat of COVID-19, and pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e)(1)(A), President Harnik announced the meeting was being held both in person and virtually (telephonically and electronically).

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

President Harnik opened the Public Comment Period and outlined instructions for public comments. She noted this was the time for persons to comment on any matter pertinent to SCAG's jurisdiction that were not listed on the agenda. She reminded the public to submit comments via email to ePublicComment@scag.ca.gov.

Ruben Duran, Board Counsel, reported that one written public comment had been received before the 5:00 p.m. deadline and transmitted to members. He also acknowledged that there were no written public comments received by email after the deadline for items not listed on the agenda.

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

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no requests to prioritize agenda items.

ACTION ITEM

In the interest of time, action on Items 1, 2, and 3 were acted upon together. The roll call vote is reflected below.

1. Findings to Continue Holding Virtual Regional Council and Committee Meetings Under AB 361
2. Special Election of SCAG 2022-2023 Second Vice President Resulting from Officer Vacancy

3. Approval of Amendment No. 1 to Executive Director's Employment Agreement

President Harnik opened the Public Comment Period.

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

A MOTION was made (Finlay) to approve Item 1: that the Regional Council (RC): (1) ratify the prior actions of the Executive/Administration Committee taken at its October 6, 2022 meeting relating to findings made pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e)(3); (2) make the following findings required by Government Code Section 54953(e)(3) on the basis of the staff report, which is incorporated by this reference, that (i) a proclaimed state of emergency remains active in connection with the COVID-19 public health crisis, (ii) the RC has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency and (iii) state and local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing in relation to the COVID-19 public health crisis and, further, (3) authorize all legislative bodies of the Southern California Association of Government (SCAG), including the RC, EAC and all committees, subcommittees and task forces established by the RC or SCAG's Bylaws, to utilize remote teleconference meetings pursuant to and in compliance with Brown Act provisions contained in Government Code Section 54953(e); Item 2: as recommended by the Nominating Committee, elect Supervisor Curt Hagman, San Bernardino County, for the SCAG 2022-23 Officer position of Second Vice President for the balance of the 2022-2023 term; Item 3: approve the attached Amendment No. 1 to the Employment Agreement between SCAG and Kome Ajise. Motion was SECONDED (McCallon). The motion passed by the following roll call votes:

AYES: Allen, Bacerra, Becerra, Benoit, Boyer, A. Brown, L. Brown, Bucknum, M. Clark, De Ruse, Dixon, Eich, Finlay, Fisch, Gazeley, Goodell, Hagman, Harnik, Henderson, Judge, J. Kalmick, Kelly, Kim, Lock Dawson, Lorimore, Marquez, McCallon, McLean, Michael, Minagar, Nava, Nava-Froelich, Navarro, Nguyen, O'Neil, Plancarte, Posey, Putz, Robertson, Saleh, Sandoval, Santos, Shapiro, Simonoff, Spiegel, Talamantes, Viegas-Walker, Wagner and Wapner (49)

NOES: NONE (0)

ABSTAIN: NONE (0)

Board Counsel Duran reported that Government Code requires that anytime the compensation of an Executive Director of public agency is adjusted that the agency make a public announcement. He announced that pursuant to the amendment that had passed [on item 3] by the Regional Council, the Executive Director's salary would be \$382,000 annually.

2nd Vice President Curt Hagman, San Bernardino County, thanked the Executive Committee for giving him the opportunity to serve. He noted it had been an honor to be part of this Regional Council and believed in the organization very much. He stated they had a lot of wonderful work the next four years, especially with the new infrastructure bill being passed by Congress and they needed to get in front of it for their local cities and counties.

4. SCAG Water Action Resolution

Darin Chidsey, Chief Operating Officer, provided brief opening remarks and the reason behind the policy discussion on water.

Ellen Hanak, Vice President and Director of the PPIC Water Policy Center and Senior Fellow at the Public Policy Institute of California, provided a presentation on water and housing in southern California. Her presentation consisted of an overview of the diverse supply portfolio in southern California which include local and imported sources as well as water purchases. She briefly addressed the investment in water storage capacity, regional demand, the benefits from interconnected water grid, water conservation and what this meant for housing.

Charles Wilson, Executive Director and CEO of the Southern California Water Coalition (SCWC), provided a presentation on water infrastructure needs. His presentation included an overview of the SCWC, the current state priorities, Governor Newsom's new Water Supply Plan, the impact on agriculture, urban losses in water supply, solutions to address water supply, and the major initiatives they were looking at like conveyance, stormwater, recycled water, water quality regulations, water and energy efficiency and water affordability.

President Harnik opened the Public Comment Period.

The following members of the public thanked staff for their work on the resolution, expressed support of the resolution and urged the Regional Council to approve the resolution, inclusive of the redlined changes in the resolution.

- Ray Baca, Engineering Contractors Association
- Marci Stange, Director of Water and Environmental Relations, Rebuild SoCal Partnership
- Chris Wilson, BizFed
- Richard Lambros, Southern California Leadership Coalition
- Carlos Rodriguez, Building Industry Association of Southern California

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

Second Vice President Hagman made a motion to approve the resolution. He also expressed that they really needed to focus all their attention on building more water storage and more conveyance for water.

Regional Council Member Wendy Bucknum, Mission Viejo, District 13, seconded the motion.

Regional Council Member Lorrie Brown, Ventura, District 47, stated that the city of Ventura had taken bold steps in the area of diversification of their water resources and created a complex strategic plan that addresses multiple challenges, including the drying up of lakes and rivers, environmental concerns regarding estuaries and multiple owners of their local basins. She asked if part of the resolution can include something like best practices for physical solutions and state legislative solutions that SCAG can get behind in the future for mediating inter water agency authorities. She also suggested having some sort of water diversification portfolio strategy of best practices for cities that either are more rural or don't have state interconnection. She also asked if Met [Metropolitan Water District] will assist in funding state interconnection projects already approved and shovel ready.

President Harnik stated that the resolution was meant to be broad because once they got very specific then they would start excluding things and they had to be very careful with that.

Regional Council Member Mike Posey, Huntington Beach, District 64, echoed comments by Rich Lambros and Supervisor Hagman. He stated that they had to increase supply and production either by collecting the water that comes from the sky or creating it from the ocean. He expressed that he thought that as elected officials it was their duty to communicate that they have the political will to make those things happen while they conserve.

Regional Council Member Bucknum asked Mr. Wilson to address the questions raised by her colleague from Ventura as she thought his comments addressed diversification and funding aspects as well as legislative.

Mr. Wilson stated that the questions asked from Ventura [the representative] represent what he thought were the nuances of the different hydrological regions of the state and what resources they actually have. He indicated that Calleguas Water District who was the public water agency in the Ventura County was virtually dependent upon imported water supplies. He stated they were keenly interested in what happens with the Sacramento Bay Delta and the modernization of the State Water Project. With respect to the questions about financing, he briefly touched upon opportunities and stated that the federal government has had some participation and on an annualized basis they have things for specific shovel ready projects. He indicated that it becomes dependent upon locals to apply for and then be eligible and ready for when those funds are available. He further indicated that what he thought was frustrating in the water space was that

projects were sizable and can take years to design, get permitted and finally get under construction. He further indicated that the resolution puts them in a position where they can drill down as they have more information.

Regional Council Member Peggy Huang, TCA, expressed she was excited about the resolution but at the same time these were the issues that were brought up in 1997. She briefly addresses the Bay Delta conveyance issue on desalinization water storage which was a California project. She indicated that when it was ready there were members of the legislature that said this was too expensive. She asked what the difference was from today than 25 years ago, other than water was worse.

Mr. Wilson acknowledged Regional Council Member Huang's comments and indicated she was correct and alluded to the process moving very slowly.

Regional Council Member David Shapiro, Calabasas, District 44, thanked President Harnik and the Council for bringing this forward at their retreat. He stated he was in support of the revised resolution and thanked Ms. Hanak and Mr. Wilson for their comments and staff for their great work. He stated infrastructure needs to improve and there needed to be a way for local capture and storage so that they are not reliant upon outside sources. He asked Ms. Hanak how they explain to their residents about building affordable, rational, or reasonable housing when they are increasing their conservation. He asked Mr. Wilson if he supports private public partnerships regarding water solutions.

Ms. Hanak stated there was going to be folks who don't want new housing and were going to use water as an excuse. She stated she did not know how to convince them but thought that a general helpful way to think about this was that there were a lot of communities that still had potential for some additional savings, with more efficient uses of water that are not going to affect their lifestyle in any bad ways. She stated people were moving toward more efficient outdoor water use. She indicated that the other argument that she makes to people is about having places for their kids to live.

Mr. Wilson stated that his answer was yes to public private partnerships but that they still take time to get through the regulatory [process] to build. He noted that Poseidon was successful after 17 years in Carlsbad and they were not successful after nearly 20 years in Huntington Beach.

Sarah Jepson, Director of Planning, briefly provided an overview of the proposed changes to the Water Action Resolution. She also highlighted a suggested addition by the Energy and Environment Committee earlier that day.

President Harnik asked if in the interest of time they could also vote on the Consent Calendar with Item 4.

Second Vice President Hagman amended his motion to include the Consent Calendar.

There were no public comments on the Consent Calendar.

Regional Council Member Brown expressed that she would like to be part of the white paper process.

Board Council Duran stated that Second Vice President Hagman had amended his motion and asked if Regional Council Member Bucknum was okay to add the Consent Calendar as the secondary of the motion.

Regional Council Member Bucknum amended her second accordingly.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval Items

5. Minutes of the Meeting – September 1, 2022
 6. Approval of 2023 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) and Connect SoCal Amendment 2
 7. Resolution No. 22-647-4 Approving Connect SoCal CEQA Addendum No. 3 to PEIR (SCH No. 2019011061)
 8. Resolution No. 22-647-5 Amending the 2021 and 2023 Active Transportation Program
 9. Resolution No. 22-647-6 Acceptance of Office of Traffic Safety Grant Funds to Support the Active Transportation Safety and Encouragement Campaign
 10. Contract Amendment Greater Than 30% of the Contract's Original Value and \$75,000 or Greater: Contract No. 18-046-C01, Project Portfolio Management – Implementation
 11. Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: Contract No. 22-054-C01, City of Buena Park Comprehensive Active Transportation Program
 12. Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: Contract No. 23-007-C01, ESRI Enterprise Agreement Software
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13. 2022-2023 Executive Administration Committee Strategic Work Plan

14. SCAG Memberships and Sponsorships

Receive and File

15. October 2022 State and Federal Legislative Update

16. Request to Release Connect SoCal 2024 PEIR Notice of Preparation

17. Purchase Orders \$5,000 - \$199,999; Contracts \$25,000 - \$199,999 and Amendments \$5,000 - \$74,999

18. CFO Monthly Report

A MOTION was made (Hagman) that the Regional Council (RC) adopt a Water Action Resolution of the Southern California Association of Governments (No. 22-647-3), which the resolution affirms a drought and water shortage emergency in the SCAG Region and calls on local and regional partners to join together to reduce water use; improve water conservation, reuse, and efficiency; and enhance water systems health and resilience; and Consent Calendar Items 5 through 14 and Receive and File Items 15 through 18. Motion was SECONDED (Bucknum). The motion passed by the following roll call votes:

AYES: Allen, Becerra, Benoit, Boyer, A. Brown, L. Brown, Bucknum, M. Clark, De Ruse, Dixon, Eich, Finlay, Gazeley, Hagman, Harnik, Henderson, Hernandez, Huang, Judge, J. Kalmick, Kelly, Kim, Lock Dawson, Lorimore, Marquez, McCallon, Minagar, Nava, Nava-Froelich, Nguyen, O'Neil, Plancarte, Posey, Putz, Robertson, Saleh, Sandoval, Santos, Shapiro, Simonoff, Spiegel, Talamantes, Viegas-Walker, Wagner, Wapner and Yokoyama (46)

NOES: NONE (0)

ABSTAIN: NONE (0)

President Harnik asked if there was any Public Comment on the remaining administrative items.

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

BUSINESS REPORT

Ms. Lucy Dunn, Business Representative, reported that the 2023 Orange County Community Indicators report was released and provided a brief breakdown on Orange County population numbers. She also reported that they would be having a GLUE Council meeting and honoring Bill Allen for his decades of leadership at LAEDC. She indicated they would also provide a preview of the dashboard to the business community and have presenters on energy from the Clean Coalition and Western States Petroleum Association (WSPA).

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Harnik reported that SCAG was still reviewing when they would open the offices to public participation. With respect to the EAC Strategic Plan, she indicated that they had seen at this meeting the need for more time. She reported that 50% of the Regional Council had responded to possible changes in the meeting structure. She also asked the members to encourage their staffs to attend the RAMP public sector meeting scheduled for October 12. She thanked everyone who participated in the Demographic workshop. She also announced the presentation on the Clean Air Day proclamation. Lastly, she announced that the next Regional Council meeting was scheduled for November 3, 2022 at 12:30 p.m.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Chief Operating Officer Chidsey reported that the Executive Administration Committee received a presentation on the REAP 2.0 Framework and next steps. He expressed it was an amazing opportunity for our region and really an opportunity for SCAG to connect with our members and our communities to design a program that would best suit the needs of this region. He also reported that they received an award and congratulated staff and First Vice President Art Brown for joining them at the American Planning Association, to receive some great recognition of an important program that they developed working with disadvantaged communities. He also reported that the Economic Summit was scheduled on December 1 at the Sheraton Grand Hotel in person. He indicated that the theme was resourcing the region. Lastly, he asked members to be on the look out for an email from Kome [the Executive Director] on next steps and input regarding the development of the strategic plan.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no future agenda items.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Regional Council Member Posey invited members to Huntington Beach City Hall where he would be chairing the ACCOC Housing Committee meeting on October 13 at 9:00 a.m.

Regional Council Member Deborah Robertson, Rialto, District 8, invited members to the U.S. Conference of Mayors Water Council which would be convening in Ontario on Thursday, October 13 and 14.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Harnik adjourned the Regional Council meeting at 2:25 p.m.

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