



MINUTES OF THE MEETING
EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (EAC)
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2023

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES IS A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (EAC). AN AUDIO RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE AT: <http://scag.ig2.com/Citizens/>.

The Executive/Administration Committee (EAC) of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) held its regular meeting both in person and virtually (telephonically and electronically). A quorum was present.

Members Present

Hon. Art Brown, President	<i>Buena Park</i>	District 21
Sup. Curt Hagman, 1st Vice President		San Bernardino County
Hon. Cindy Allen, 2nd Vice President	<i>Long Beach</i>	Los Angeles County
Hon. Jan Harnik, Imm. Past President	<i>RCTC</i>	Riverside
Hon. Frank Yokoyama, Chair, CEHD	<i>Cerritos</i>	District 23
Hon. David J. Shapiro, Vice Chair, CEHD	<i>Calabasas</i>	District 44
Hon. Deborah Robertson, Chair, EEC	<i>Rialto</i>	District 8
Hon. Luis Plancarte, Vice Chair, EEC		Imperial County
Hon. Mike Judge, Vice Chair, TC	<i>VCTC</i>	Ventura County
Hon. Patricia Lock Dawson, Chair, LCMC	Riverside	District 68
Hon. Jose Luis Solache, Vice Chair, LCMC	Lynwood	District 26
Hon. Clint Lorimore, President’s Appt.	Eastvale	District 4
Hon. Marshall Goodman, President’s Appt.	<i>La Palma</i>	District 18
Hon. Larry McCallon, President’s Appt.	<i>Highland</i>	District 7
Hon. Tim McOsker, President’s Appt	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 62
Hon. Lucy Dunn		Business Representative

Members Not Present

Hon. Tim Sandoval, Chair, TC	<i>Pomona</i>	District 38
Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.	<i>Pechanga Dev. Corp.</i>	TGRP Representative

Staff Present

Kome Ajise, Executive Director

Darin Chidsey, Chief Operating Officer
Debbie Dillon, Chief Strategy Officer
Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer
Sarah Jepson, Chief Planning Officer
Javiera Cartagena, Chief Government and Public Affairs Officer
Carmen Flores, Chief Human Resources Officer
Julie Shroyer, Chief Information Officer
Ruben Duran, Board Counsel
Richard Lam, Deputy Legal Counsel
Maggie Aguilar, Clerk of the Board
Cecilia Pulido, Deputy Clerk of the Board

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable Art Brown called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. President Brown asked Regional Council Member Luis Plancarte, Imperial County, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

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

Ruben Duran, Board Counsel, acknowledged there no written public comments received before or after the deadline.

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

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

There was no prioritization of agenda items.

ACTION ITEM

1. 2023-2024 Executive/Administration Committee Strategic Work Plan

There were no public comments on this item.

Sarah Jepson, Chief Planning Director, reported staff was requesting the EAC to recommend the Regional Council approve the 2023-2024 EAC work plan which was discussed in detail during the EAC Retreat. She explained that during the retreat they reviewed the 2022-2023 accomplishments and progress the agency had made on their four priority areas which included regional policy development, leadership and resource deployment, legislative actions and technology and innovation leadership. She noted that they also reviewed and discussed new objectives to continue progress in these priority areas. She indicated that among the new objectives outlined for this year, President Brown identified uniting and elevating the region's voice on transit recovery goods movement and clean transportation technology as key policy areas. She also explained that another area of interest and discussion at the retreat was around opportunities for SCAG to continue to promote advancements in technology, and they had since added an objective to the work plan related to artificial intelligence (AI) and providing direction to staff to explore opportunities to leverage AI's benefits in support of SCAG's operations and planning work. She noted that they would continue to refine the policy committee outlooks and would use them to guide the agenda development at each of the committees to ensure that they bring forward information and policy discussions that advance the priority areas that are identified in the work plan. She highlighted that the policy committee outlooks are living documents that would be subject to change.

The comprehensive staff report was included in the agenda packet and posted on the SCAG website. The meeting audio is also available on the SCAG website.

A MOTION was made (Solache) that the Executive/Administration Committee review and finalize the 2023-2024 EAC Strategic Work Plan and recommend approval by the Regional Council at the October 5, 2023 meeting. Motion was SECONDED (Shapiro) and passed by the following votes:

AYES: Allen, Brown, Goodman, Hagman, Harnik, Judge, Lock Dawson, Lorimore, McCallon, McOsker, Plancarte, Robertson, Shapiro, Solache and Yokoyama (15)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

2. REAP 2: RUSH Industry Forum Summary and PATH Guidelines Update

There were no public comments on this item.

Ma'Ayn Johnson, Department Manager, explained that they had built a very robust housing program with lots of funding toward programs that help develop and accelerate housing production across the region. She explained that this was a \$35 million program for housing

supportive utility infrastructure which also involved strategic partnerships with utility providers and other agencies. She noted that they were asking the EAC to recommend that the Regional Council approve the updates to the REAP 2 PATH guidelines that align with the recommendations that are specific to the launch and implementation of the RUSH program.

Jessica Reyes Juarez, Associate Regional Planner, provided a brief overview of SCAG's REAP 2.0 program framework. She explained that the Programs to Accelerate Transformative Housing (PATH) was one of the three funding areas under SCAG's REAP 2.0 program and that the RUSH pilot program fell within that. She indicated that the guidelines they were updating were specific to the PATH guidelines that oversaw three programs. 1) the Notice of Funds Available (NOFA) For Lasting Affordability; 2) Housing Infill on Public and Private Lands (HIPPL); and Regional Utility Supporting Housing (RUSH). She noted that in the PATH guidelines for RUSH they had stipulated that they would refine the program based on the recommendations from an advisory panel and an industry forum which was held in April. She noted that the RUSH grant program was set to fund both capital and planning projects that implement basic utility infrastructure needed for housing in Southern California such as water, wastewater, stormwater, management, and electricity. She also indicated that it was also meant to support jurisdictions in meeting their housing production goals defined in the 6th cycle RHNA and housing elements. She further explained that SCAG partnered with the Urban Land Institute and with Placeworks to convene an industry forum where they brought an expert in development, finance, housing, utilities, and equity to evaluate opportunities for them to consider as part of the RUSH program. She explained that the advisory panel identified a series of challenges and recommendations to consider under the RUSH program. She indicated that the challenges consisted of entitlement delays, long-range planning for utilities, missed opportunities to "dig-once", lack of utility mapping, no accounting for underserved discriminated populations, lack of workforce, etc. She noted that the common theme stemming from these recommendations was how SCAG can take on a regional leadership role in advancing regional utility coordination, including integrating mapping within SCAG databases. She indicated that other recommendations suggest that SCAG consider including funding projects that address mapping utility infrastructure constraints and capacity, and capital funding for capacity issues at priority housing sites. She also indicated that it was recommended that SCAG consider equity to be a central focus for distributing RUSH program funds. She also noted that the advisory panel recommended funding three capital pilot projects in urban, suburban, and rural areas. She also provided a brief overview of the PATH guidelines update with respect to eligibility, project types, funding and implementing agencies. She explained that approval of this item would allow SCAG to go ahead and release the call for applications this fall.

SCAG staff responded to comments and questions expressed by the Councilmembers, including comments which focused on the closing period for application applicants, how much weight is put towards equity and what percentage of the SCAG population has jurisdictions or agencies that are directly involved in housing, the number of local jurisdictions or cities within their region that have

the element of housing authority or housing unit, if the private developer sitting on public land will receive preference to produce housing, if there are any geographic equity considerations, and if there is any opportunity for a grant workshop.

Darin Chidsey, Chief Operating Officer, explained that the program had been previously approved by the Community, Economic and Human Development (CEHD) Committee, however, due to the Joint Policy Committee occurring, the EAC was being asked to move this forward to Regional Council on behalf of CEHD given the time sensitivity around this project.

The comprehensive staff report was included in the agenda packet and posted on the SCAG website. The meeting audio is also available on the SCAG website.

A MOTION was made (Solache) to recommend that the Executive/Administration Committee (EAC) approve updates to the REAP 2.0 Partnerships to Accelerate Transformative Housing (PATH) Program Guidelines, which align with the recommendations specific to the RUSH Pilot Program as described in the staff report. Motion was SECONDED (Harnik) and passed by the following votes:

AYES: Allen, Brown, Goodman, Hagman, Harnik, Judge, Lock Dawson, Lorimore, McCallon, McOsker, Plancarte, Robertson, Shapiro, Solache and Yokoyama (15)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

3. Resolution No. 23-658-1 Regarding the SCAG 2023 Title VI Program

There were no public comments on this item.

Richard Lam, Deputy Legal Counsel, reported that every 3 years, it is required by law to adopt a new title VI program. He explained that SCAG's current title VI program was adopted in October 2020 and would expire in November 2023. He noted that SCAG would submit the resolution that approves the Title VI program to the Federal Transit Administration upon approval by the Regional Council.

The comprehensive staff report was included in the agenda packet and posted on the SCAG website. The meeting audio is also available on the SCAG website.

A MOTION was made (McCallon) to Recommend that the Regional Council adopt Resolution No. 23-658-1 approving the SCAG 2023 Title VI Program. Motion was SECONDED (Hagman) and passed by the following votes:



AYES: Allen, Brown, Goodman, Hagman, Harnik, Judge, Lock Dawson, Lorimore, McCallon, McOsker, Plancarte, Robertson, Shapiro, Solache and Yokoyama (15)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no public comments on the Consent Calendar.

Approval Items

4. Minutes of the Meeting - June 29, 2023 through June 30, 2023
5. Minutes of the Meeting – July 5, 2023
6. Contract Amendment Exceeding \$150,000: Contract No. 18-011A-C01, Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Online
7. Contracts \$500,000 or Greater: Contract No. 24-018-C01, Microsoft Enterprise License Agreement (ELA)
8. Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation (SALC) Program Application
9. AB 833 (Rendon): Freeway Caps
10. AB 1637 (Irwin): Local Government: Internet Websites and Email Addresses
11. SCAG Memberships and Sponsorships

Receive and File

12. CFO Monthly Report

A MOTION was made (Hagman) to approve the Consent Calendar Item 4 through 11; and Receive and File Item 12. Motion was SECONDED (Yokoyama) and passed by the following votes:

AYES: Allen, Brown, Goodman, Hagman, Harnik, Judge, Lock Dawson, Lorimore, McCallon,

McOsker, Plancarte, Robertson, Shapiro, Solache and Yokoyama (15)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

CFO REPORT

Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer, reported that the CFO report included the CFO charts that tracks SCAG's progress through the fiscal year end, June 30, 2023. She stated that accounting was still in the process of completing the year end close and audit. She noted that the audit and annual financial statements were anticipated to be completed towards the end of the second quarter. Lastly, she stated Sarah Jepson, Chief Planning Director, would provide updates of the work completed over the past quarter.

Ms. Jepson indicated that the update had been included to show the progress being made on some of the key projects completed through the fourth quarter ending on June 30. She stated that several of the projects are products of REAP and that SCAG received 47 million dollars as part of the REAP 1.0 program. She explained that there were 100 individual projects that were part of the program which will increase housing, supply, accelerate housing production and help SCAG jurisdictions meet their 6th cycle RHNA allocations. She noted that half of the funds received from REAP 1.0 were allocated to the sub-regional partnership program and that more projects would wrap up this fall and winter, which would be showcased at CEHD meetings. She stated a major highlight was the formation of EIFD by the city of Covina.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Brown reported that SCAG's 34th annual Demographic Workshop would take place on September 20 and that the event would be held at the SCAG's main office, with an online option for virtual viewing. He noted that the program would feature expert discussions on how generational dynamics are influencing changes to Southern California's demographic landscape and implications for housing, transportation and sustainability. He also reported that SCAG participated on a panel about cross sector and cross jurisdictional collaboration at the biennial California Adaptation Forum last month in Pomona. The event brought together decision-makers, technical experts and practitioners to learn about opportunities and tools to build climate resilience in the near and long-term. Regional Councilmember and Pomona Mayor Tim Sandoval presented his city's community-focused approach to transformative climate solutions. He also reported that in July, SCAG met with the Arroyo Verdugo Communities Joint Powers Authority to discuss streamlining grant executions, the VMT regional model threshold and interagency communication. He also reported that SCAG met with California State Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas and former SCAG Regional Councilmember

Assemblymember Juan Carillo. He noted that SCAG shared legislative and budgetary priorities, including support for ongoing investments in active transportation and infill infrastructure grant programs, as well as the Regional Early Action Planning 2.0 program. He further reported that SCAG joined the Los Angeles County Business Federation to advocate for regional priorities and that SCAG met with eight legislative offices, including with Assemblymembers Carrillo and Blanca Rubio. Lastly, he reported the next regular meeting of the EAC is scheduled for Wednesday, October 4th, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Kome Ajise reported that SCAG would hold a joint policy committee meeting to preview the draft Connect SoCal 2024 Plan which would showcase key policies and strategies that will be included in the draft Plan to address existing and emerging challenges facing the region. He noted that SCAG anticipates requesting authorization to release the draft Plan at the November Regional Council meeting, as well as release the corresponding Program Environmental Impact Report within 30 days of the draft Plan release. SCAG has had early engagement from a coalition of business stakeholders and have considered their input in draft Plan development and anticipate continued feedback and discussion during the public comment period. He noted that following the public review and comment period, including a concurrent review and comment period for the program environmental impact report, SCAG anticipates seeking approval for the adoption of a final Connect SoCal in April 2024. He also reported that SCAG Deputy Director of Planning Annie Nam was on a panel discussing regional transportation solutions focusing on planning and funding for the Assembly Select Committee on Regional Transportation Solutions held at the Antelope Valley Transit Authority last late month. He explained that the presentation highlighted the importance of state action furthering the establishment of a user fee-based system to better reflect the true cost of transportation for a more equitable distribution of costs and benefits. He also reported that the second meeting of the SoCal Greenprint Technical Advisory Committee took place on August 28 and included discussion of potential draft data standards for identifying, evaluating, and selecting data. He explained this work supports the TAC's purpose of ensuring the future SoCal Greenprint tool is aligned with policy objectives identified in the approved Regional Advanced Mitigation Planning policy framework. He indicated that the final TAC meeting is scheduled for September 25th, with a discussion of revisions to the draft data standards, tool functionality and beta testing. He further explained that SCAG staff would continue to integrate TAC input into recommendations for further development of the Greenprint tool, which will be brought to the Energy and Environment Committee and Regional Council for consideration. Lastly, he reported SCAG Leadership met virtually with leadership from the Department of Energy's Clean Cities Coalition Redesignation Committee. He indicated that the SCAG Executive team shared the importance of the Clean Cities Program, as well as the California regulatory drivers and the need for more funding in this area. He noted that SCAG staff presented about SCAG's coalition structure, recent accomplishments, and activities and future workplan, highlighting work such as the



Passenger Electric Vehicle Atlas, the Zero Emission Truck Infrastructure Study and the Last Mile Freight Program.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no future agenda items.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hon. Deborah Robertson, Rialto, District 8, thanked SCAG for support of the Aviation Symposium.

Frank Yokoyama reported there was a Special CEHD meeting in August and thanked staff.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Brown adjourned the Meeting of the Executive Administration Committee at 3:58 p.m.

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Executive / Administration Committee Attendance Report

2022-23																Total M Attend To Da
MEMBERS	CITY	Representing	31-May	29-Jun	30-Jun	JULY	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	
Hon. Art Brown, President, Chair	Buena Park	District 21	1	1	1	1	1									5
Hon. Curt Hagman, 1st Vice Chair		San Bernardino County	1	1	1	1	1									5
Hon. Cindy Allen, 2nd Vice Chair	Long Beach	District 30	1	1	1	1	1									5
Hon. Jan Harnik, Chair, Imm. Past President		RCTC	1	1	1	1	1									5
Hon. Frank Yokoyama, Chair, CEHD	Cerritos	District 23	1	1	1	1	1									5
Hon. David J. Shapiro, Vice Chair, CEHD	Cerritos	District 44	1	1	1	1	1									5
Hon. Deborah Roberston, Chair, EEC	Rialto	District 8	1	1	1	0	1									4
Hon. Luis Plancarte, Vice Chair, EEC		Imperial County	1	0	0	1	1									3
Hon. Tim Sandoval, Chair, TC	Pomona	District 38	1	1	0	1	0									3
Hon. Mike Judge, Vice Chair, TC		VCTC	1	1	1	1	1									5
Hon. Patricia Lock Dawson, Chair, LCMC	Riverside	District 68	1	1	1	1	1									5
Hon. Jose Luis Solache, Vice Chair, LCMC	Lynwood	District 26	1	1	0	0	1									3
Hon. Marshall Goodman, President's Appt.	La Palma	District 18	1	1	1	1	1									5
Hon. Clint Lorimore, President's Appt.	Eastvale	District 4	1	1	1	1	1									5
Hon. Larry McCallon, President's Appt.		Air District Representative	1	0	0	1	1									3
Hon. Tim McOsker, President's Appt.	Los Angeles	District 62	0	0	0	0	1									1
Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.	Pechanga Dev. Corporation	Tribal Government Regional Planning Board	0	1	1	1	0									3
Ms. Lucy Dunn, Ex-Officio Member	Lucy Dunn Strategic Issues Ma	Business Representative	1	1	1	1	1									5
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Attachment: EAC Attendance Sheet 2023-24 (Minutes of the Meeting - September 6, 2023)