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**GENERAL ASSEMBLY - BUSINESS SESSION  
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
APRIL 5, 2012**

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**THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. A VIDEO RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE ON THE SCAG WEBSITE: [www.scag.ca.gov/scagtv](http://www.scag.ca.gov/scagtv)**

The General Assembly—Business Session—held its April 5, 2012 meeting at the Westin Bonaventure Hotel, 404 South Figueroa Street, San Francisco/Sacramento Ballrooms, Los Angeles, CA 90071. There was a quorum.

Representatives from the following Cities, Counties and County Transportation Commissions were in attendance:

**Imperial County:** Brawley, Calexico, El Centro, Imperial; and Imperial County.

**Los Angeles County:** Alhambra, Artesia, Azusa, Bell Gardens, Bellflower, Burbank, Cerritos, Claremont, Commerce, Compton, Cudahy, Diamond Bar, Duarte, El Monte, Glendale, Glendora, Industry, Inglewood, La Cañada/Flintridge, La Habra Heights, Lomita, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Monterey Park, Pomona, Rolling Hills Estates, Rosemead, Santa Clarita, Santa Fe Springs, Santa Monica, Signal Hill, Torrance, Walnut, West Covina and Los Angeles County.

**Orange County:** Anaheim, Brea, Cypress, Dana Point, Fullerton, Huntington Beach, Irvine, La Habra, Laguna Niguel, Laguna Woods, Malibu, Mission Viejo, Redondo Beach, Santa Ana, and Westminster and Orange County.

**Riverside County:** Banning, Beaumont, Calimesa, Canyon Lake, Cathedral City, Corona, Desert Hot Springs, Eastvale, Hemet, Indio, Lake Elsinore, Menifee, Norco, Temecula, Wildomar, Riverside County and Riverside County Transportation Commission.

**San Bernardino County:** Apple Valley, Barstow, Big Bear Lake, Chino Hills, Colton, Grand Terrace, Highland, Ontario, Rialto, San Bernardino, Upland, San Bernardino County and SANBAG.

**Ventura County:** Fillmore, Moorpark, Ojai, Oxnard, San Buenaventura, Simi Valley, Ventura County and Ventura County Transportation Commission.

**Staff Present**

Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director  
Joann Africa, Chief Counsel  
Wayne Moore, Chief Financial Officer  
Debbie Dillon, Deputy Executive Director of Administration  
Sharon A. Neely, Deputy Executive Director of Strategy, Policy & Public Affairs  
Huasha Liu, Director of Land Use & Environmental Planning  
Rich Macias, Director of Transportation Planning  
Sylvia Patsouras, Interim Director of Regional Services and Public Affairs  
Deby Salcido, Officer to the Regional Council  
Tess Rey-Chaput, Office of Regional Council Support

**CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Pam O'Connor, Santa Monica, District 41, called the meeting to order at 9:13 a.m. and announced the Presentation of Colors by the U.S. Army Color Guard, Los Angeles Central Career Center. Incoming 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Greg Pettis, Cathedral City, District 2, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

President O'Connor welcomed the Delegates and Alternates of the General Assembly – Business Session and introduced Regional Councilmember and Los Angeles County Board of Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich.

Sup. Antonovich made remarks and stated appreciation for the collaborative efforts made on transportation, air quality, freight movement, traffic congestion and other issues dealing with regional solutions. He commended Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director, for providing leadership and collaborating with city officials. Sup. Antonovich commented regarding the successful effort and a shared vision with the California High-Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) which resulted to a \$1 billion commitment from CHSRA to develop a blended high-speed rail system connecting with the Metrolink system.

President O'Connor asked the Delegates and Alternates to state their name and the local jurisdiction they represent: Steven Diels, Redondo Beach; Ron Roberts, Temecula; Timothy Saenz, Barstow; Steve Sojka, Simi Valley; James Johnson, Long Beach; Steve Neal, Long Beach; Barbra Williamson, Simi Valley; Bob Huber, Simi Valley; Judy Mitchell, Rolling Hills Estates; Gary Ovitt, San Bernardino County; Carol Herrera, Diamond Bar; Ed Graham, Chino Hills; Tim Spohn, Industry; Larry Schroeder, Claremont; John Lyon, Artesia; Keith Hanks, Azusa; Jim Gazeley, Lomita; Susan Rhilinger, Torrance; Denise Robles, Commerce; Lisa Bartlett, Dana Point; Trish Kelley, Mission Viejo; Bob Ring, Laguna Woods; Jess Talamantes, Burbank; Judy Dunlap, Inglewood; Sukhee Kang, Irvine; Kathy Long, Ventura County; Carlon Strobel, Ojai; Matthew Harper, Huntington Beach; Brian Sipes, Fillmore; Jeff Stone, Riverside County; Carl Morehouse, San Buenaventura; Ron Garcia, Brea; Bert Hack, Laguna Woods; Ron Loveridge, Riverside; Michele Martinez, Santa Ana; Jeff DeGrandpre, Eastvale; Linda Krupa, Hemet; Karen Spiegel, Corona; Brian Tisdale, Lake Elsinore; Darcy Kuenzi, Menifee; Ben Benoit, Wildomar; Ginger Coleman, Town of Apple Valley; Bryan, MacDonald, Oxnard; David Pollock, Moorpark; Bill Jahn, Big Bear Lake; Keith Millhouse, VCTC; Paula Lantz, Pomona;

Jordan Ehrenkranz, Canyon Lake; Mary Craton, RCTC; Jeff Hewitt, Calimesa; David Castaldo, Beaumont; Don Robinson, Banning; Jim Hyatt, Calimesa; Russell Betts, Desert Hot Springs; Sharon Quirk-Silva, Fullerton; Stan Carroll, La Habra Heights; Barbara Messina, Alhambra; Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro; Lupe Ramos-Watson, Indio; Ray Musser, Upland; Vincent Yzaguirre, Colton; Mary Su, Walnut; Fred Sykes, West Covina; Lillie Dobson, Compton; Deborah Robertson, Rialto; Alan Wapner, Ontario; Pat Morris, San Bernardino; Bill Hodge, Calexico; Jack Terrazas, Imperial County; Don Campbell, Brawley; Margaret E. Finlay, Duarte; Margaret Clark, Rosemead; Leroy Mills, Cypress; Larry Forester, Signal Hill; Kevin Bash, Norco; Brett Murdock, Brea; Gail Eastman, Anaheim; Kris Murray, Anaheim; Marsha McLean, Santa Clarita; Bruce Barrows, Cerritos; Frank Gurulé, Cudahy; Joseph Serrano, Santa Fe Springs; Sonny Santa Ines, Bellflower; Don Voss, La Cañada-Flintridge; Victoria Martinez, El Monte; Lee Ann Garcia, Grand Terrace; Dennis Zine, Los Angeles; Pam O'Connor, Santa Monica; Larry McCallon, Highland; Randall Lewis, Lewis Operating Group; Greg Pettis, Cathedral City; Glen Becerra, Simi Valley; Michael D. Antonovich, Los Angeles County; Laura Rosenthal, Malibu; Andy Quach, Westminster; Teresa Real-Sebastian, Monterey Park; Phil Leubben, Cypress; and Gene Murabito, Glendora.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

President O'Connor opened the Public Comment Period and announced that ninety (90) seconds will be allotted per speaker.

Ezequiel Gutierrez, Attorney-at-Law, announced the recent passing of California Coastal Commission Chief, Peter Douglas, who was the principal author of Proposition 20 and helped write the 1976 Coastal Act.

President O'Connor closed the Public Comment Period.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

President O'Connor noted that voting packets with color-coded voting cards have been provided to the Delegates/Alternates and that a green voting card is for a "Yes" vote; a red card is for a "No" vote; and a white card is for "Abstention." She asked the Delegates and Alternates to sign the voting cards and leave those on the table for staff to collect.

#### 1. Minutes of the May 5, 2011 General Assembly – Business Session Meeting

A motion was made (Hon. Keith Millhouse, City of Moorpark) to approve the Minutes of the May 5, 2011 General Assembly – Business Meeting. Motion was seconded (Hon. Glen T. Becerra, City of Simi Valley) and approved with a UNANIMOUS vote.

#### 2. Fiscal Year (FY) 2012-2013 General Fund Budget and Membership Assessment Schedule

A motion was made (Supervisor Jeff Stone, Riverside County) to adopt the Fiscal Year (FY) 2012-2013 General Fund Budget and Membership Assessment Schedule and authorize the Chief Financial Officer to make adjustments required to implement the budget. Motion was seconded (Hon. Carl Morehouse, San Buenaventura) and approved with a UNANIMOUS vote.

### 3. Consideration of Proposed Amendments to the SCAG Bylaws

President O'Connor reported that the proposed amendment relates to amending the composition of the Executive/Administration Committee (EAC) to include the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC) and one (1) additional Presidential appointment to the EAC—a total of three (3) members—to increase representation. This item was approved by the Regional Council at its April 4, 2012 meeting. In order to meet noticing requirements and in accord with the Bylaws, the Regional Council will need to provide thirty (30) days notice to the General Assembly members to allow sufficient time to review the proposed amendment to the Bylaws. Therefore, President O'Connor announced that a Special General Assembly meeting is scheduled for June 7, 2012, from 12:15 p.m. – 12:45 p.m. at the SCAG Los Angeles office, in conjunction with the regular meeting of the Regional Council, for the proposed amendment to be considered.

A motion was made (Hon. Bill Jahn, City of Big Bear Lake) to approve the proposed amendments to the SCAG Bylaws as recommended by the Regional Council. Motion was seconded (Hon. Keith Millhouse, City of Moorpark) and approved with a UNANIMOUS vote.

### 4. 2012-13 SCAG Officers

A motion was made (Hon. Pam O'Connor, City of Santa Monica) to approve the following 2012-2013 SCAG Officers: Hon. Glen Becerra, Simi Valley, District 46 as President; and Hon. Glen Pettis, Cathedral City, District 2 as First Vice President; and Hon. Carl Morehouse, San Buenaventura, District 47, as Second Vice President. Motion was seconded (Hon. Ginger Coleman, Town of Apple Valley) and approved with a UNANIMOUS vote.

## **PRESIDENT'S YEAR IN REVIEW**

Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director, presented a video entitled, "2011 – 2012 A Year of Accomplishment, Our Roadmap for the Future." At the end of the presentation, Mr. Ikhata thanked Immediate Past President Pam O'Connor for her leadership and welcomed Incoming President Glen Becerra and wished him luck for the implementation of a \$524B Plan. Mr. Ikhata thanked those who participated in the making of the video and also thanked, Angela Rushen, Media and Public Affairs Manager, who is the voice behind the video.

Immediate Past President Pam O'Connor announced and recognized the past Chairs and Vice Chairs of SCAG's Policy Committees and presented each of them with a Plaque of Recognition: CEHD Chair Bill Jahn; CEHD Vice Chair Paula Lantz; EEC Chair Margaret Clark; EEC Vice Chair Cheryl Viegas-Walker; and TC Vice Chair Keith Millhouse.

Immediate Past President Pam O'Connor also announced and recognized each of the past Regional Council members for their service and dedication, namely: Councilmembers Marsha McLean; Brad Mitzelfelt; and Luis Ayala.

Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director, presented an award to Immediate Past President Pam O'Connor in recognition of her leadership the past year. Immediate Past President O'Connor made remarks and welcomed Incoming President Glen Becerra.

President Becerra made remarks; thanked Immediate Past President O'Connor for her leadership; commented regarding the elected officials' collaborative efforts; and thanked the General Assembly sponsors, and stakeholders for supporting this annual event. President Becerra commented regarding the stark differences in 1998 to the present day in regard to current community issues; its growth, housing, retail and commercial development. President Becerra stated that the focus is on creating a better quality of life, efficiencies, consolidation and balancing shrinking budgets. He also proposed a 'non-state solution' to get the regional economy back on track and named its three (3) elements: 1) a call for a truce on the Governor and state legislators; 2) a call for collaboration by implementing reforms and advocacy strategy, the need for local participation, identify economic clusters, and the need for an economic impact analysis; and to hold him accountable during his tenure as President as he will look to the leadership of the stakeholders, business and environmental leaders; and 3) a need to re-build the confidence of the residents through accountability, transparency and oversight. Lastly, President Becerra stated that he is looking forward to working with each and every one in the implementation of the 2012-2035 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the General Assembly adjourned at 10:14 a.m.

  
Tess Rey-Chaput, Office of Regional Council Support