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ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

PLEASE NOTE DATE AND TIME

Thursday, May 5, 2022
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

JW MARRIOTT DESERT SPRINGS RESORT & SPA
SINATRA BALLROOM
74-855 County Club Drive
PALM DESERT, CA 92260
(760) 341-2211

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY – BUSINESS SESSION AGENDA

Southern California Association of Governments
JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort & Spa
Sinatra Ballroom
74-855 Country Club Drive
Palm Desert, CA 92260
Thursday, May 5, 2022
11:00 AM

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE *(The Honorable Clint Lorimore, President)*

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (Matters Not on the Agenda)

This is the time for persons to comment on any matter pertinent to SCAG's jurisdiction that is **not** listed on the agenda. Although the General Assembly may briefly respond to statements or questions, under state law, matters presented under this item cannot be discussed or acted upon at this time. Public comment for items listed on the agenda will be taken separately as further described below.

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REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Consideration of Proposed Amendments to the SCAG Bylaws
(Michael R.W. Houston, Legal Counsel/Director of Legal Services)

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the General Assembly review and act on the proposed Bylaws amendments as recommended by the Regional Council. [The Regional Council recommendations were to not adopt Bylaws amendment Proposals 1-5 and the adoption of Bylaws amendment Proposal 6.]

2. Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2022-23 General Fund Budget and Membership Assessment Schedule
(Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer)

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

As recommended by the Regional Council, that the General Assembly adopt the Fiscal Year 2022-23 (FY 2022-23) General Fund Budget and Membership Assessment Schedule. Authorize the Executive Director and the Chief Financial Officer to make adjustments that may be necessary after adoption of the budget (i.e. changes in membership assessment revenue, allocated fringe benefits and indirect cost allocations, etc.)

3. Ratification of 2022-23 Slate of Elected SCAG Officers
(Michael R.W. Houston, Legal Counsel/Director of Legal Services)

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Ratify the Regional Council's election of the 2022-2023 SCAG officers.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval Item

4. Minutes of the Meeting of the General Assembly – May 6, 2021

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Year in Review - SCAG President 2021-2022 Accomplishments
- Recognition of Outgoing President Clint Lorimore, Eastvale, RC District 4
- Recognition of Incoming President Jan C. Harnik, Riverside County Transportation Commission

ADJOURNMENT



AGENDA ITEM 1 REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort & Spa
74-855 Country Club Drive, Palm Desert, CA 92260
Sinatra Ballroom
May 5, 2022

To: General Assembly (GA)
From: Michael Houston, Director of Legal Services/Chief Counsel
(213) 630-1467, houston@scag.ca.gov
Subject: Consideration of Proposed Amendments to the SCAG Bylaws

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the General Assembly review and act on the proposed Bylaws amendments as recommended by the Regional Council. [The Regional Council and Bylaws & Resolutions Committee recommend that the General Assembly not adopt Bylaws amendment Proposals 1-5 and adopt Bylaws amendment Proposal 6.]

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This item supports the following Strategic Plan Goal 1: Produce innovative solutions that improve the quality of life for Southern Californians.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Each year, in preparation for the annual General Assembly meeting, proposed resolutions and proposed amendments to the SCAG Bylaws offered by Official Representatives are considered by both the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee and the Regional Council, prior to submission to the General Assembly. Staff, acting on behalf of the Executive Director, may also offer proposed amendments to the SCAG Bylaws, which must also be considered by the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee and the Regional Council and, if recommended, are then submitted to the General Assembly for further review and consideration.

This year there were no proposed resolutions offered for consideration by the General Assembly. No staff-initiated proposed amendments are being submitted this year. Six (6) separate proposed amendments to the SCAG Bylaws by an Official Representative have been received as follows:

The first proposed amendment from Regional Council member Trevor O'Neil would amend the Bylaws to require "substantive SCAG programs or policy initiatives" (as described below) go through the Policy Committee process prior to presentment to the Regional Council, with consultation by and input from the Technical Working Group (TWG).

The second proposed amendment from Regional Council member Trevor O'Neil would amend the Bylaws to require a 2/3 vote of the Regional Council to change or amend any Policy Committee recommendations.

The third proposed amendment from Regional Council member Trevor O'Neil would amend the Bylaws to require suggestions or direction on substantive SCAG policy initiatives or programs that vary from those analyzed by the Policy Committees to be (1) referred back to the Policy Committee(s) prior to Regional Council action and (2) thoroughly reviewed and considered by the Policy Committee(s).

The fourth proposed amendment from Regional Council member Trevor O'Neil would recognize the TWG as a formal SCAG body by including it within the Bylaws. This proposal (1) delineates membership in the TWG, (2) requires monthly meetings between the TWG and SCAG and (3) requires the TWG to consider substantive SCAG policy initiatives and programs "prior to the substantive SCAG policy initiatives and programs being brought before a SCAG Policy Committee."

The fifth proposed amendment from Regional Council member O'Neil would amend SCAG officer eligibility requirements by permitting a combined period of 12 months service on either the Regional Council and/or Policy Committees, compared to the current 24 months of service that is required (of which 12 months must be service on the Regional Council).

The sixth proposed amendment from Regional Council member Trevor O'Neil, as amended by the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee, would allow the Transportation Corridor Agencies (TCA) representative, the Tribal Government Regional Planning Board representative, the Air District representative, and the Public Transportation Representative to be eligible to serve as a SCAG officer.

The Bylaws and Resolutions Committee reviewed the six (6) proposals summarized above on March 15, 2022, and March 25, 2022. The Bylaws and Resolutions Committee does not recommend the approval of the first five proposed amendments and recommended approval of the sixth proposal (with amendment as noted above).

The Regional Council also reviewed the six (6) proposals summarized above on April 7, 2022. The Regional Council, like the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee, recommends that the General Assembly not adopt the first five proposed amendments and approve the sixth proposal (as amended).

BACKGROUND:

Every year proposed amendments to the SCAG Bylaws may be proposed by the Official Representatives to SCAG's General Assembly, by the Regional Council and by staff acting on behalf

of the Executive Director. This year, there were six proposals made by an Official Representative as further described below.

1. Proposal by Hon. Trevor O’Neil – Substantive SCAG programs or policy initiatives must go through Policy Committee process, with consultation and input by the TWG.

The Honorable Trevor O’Neil from the City of Anaheim, representing Regional Council District 19, offered a Bylaw amendment that would require “substantive SCAG policy initiatives and programs”¹ to go through the Policy Committee process and require “consultation by and input from” the TWG and subregional directors, prior to being heard and acted on by the Regional Council. Regional Council member O’Neil has indicated that the intent of the proposed amendment is to ensure that the process of seeking Policy Committee input is adhered to and, further, that the TWG is consulted by SCAG prior to policy developments being presented to the Policy Committees and Regional Council. During the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee meeting, Regional Council member O’Neil addressed the committee and noted that with respect to this and the other proposed amendments, the intention was to provide greater input by under-represented areas of the SCAG region, allowing for a balance of voices.

The Bylaws and Resolutions Committee reviewed and extensively discussed this proposal on March 15, 2022. A motion to recommend approval of this proposal failed by a vote of 2 Ayes – 7 Nays. Thus, the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee does not recommend approval of this proposed amendment.

With respect to the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee’s recommendation, committee members indicated that they understood the importance of fostering regional collaboration. The committee’s members further acknowledged the importance of receiving input and recommendations from the Policy Committees because the committees’ membership includes those with expertise in the policy areas covered by the respective committees. The value and importance of the TWG to developing core SCAG policies was also acknowledged. However, committee members expressed strong concerns that the proposed Bylaws amendment would fundamentally change SCAG’s decision-making process by limiting the authority of the Regional Council, which is SCAG’s authoritative decision-making body. It was noted by committee members that SCAG already has a structured decision-making process that includes both the Regional

¹ As defined in the proposed Bylaws amendment, “substantive SCAG policy initiatives or programs” are defined as “those matters pertaining to state and federally-mandated planning documents produced by SCAG, including but not limited to, the RTP/SCS, aka Connect SoCal (including mitigation measures), and RHNA.” Some members of the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee expressed the view that this definition would lead to disputes of what was meant to be included, further hampering the Regional Council’s ability to make decisions.

Council's consideration of Policy Committee recommendations and seeking input from the TWG prior to the Regional Council acting.²

In further discussing this proposal (as well as the other proposals offered by Regional Council member O'Neil), the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee members reflected that SCAG's Bylaws establish the Regional Council as the ultimate governing board of SCAG. Comparatively, the Policy Committees are established as advisory/recommending bodies to the Regional Council. Further, it was noted that the Regional Council is representative of the region's entire membership (and population) because members to the Regional Council are elected/appointed by the association's membership, with districts being subject to periodic adjustment through redistricting. Comparatively, Policy Committees membership is appointed by the President and committee makeup is not required to be as regionally distributed/diverse as the RC membership.³

Some Bylaws and Resolutions Committee members expressed concern that this proposal and the other proposals would make decision making by SCAG's governing board more cumbersome, time consuming and would interject additional layers of "bureaucracy" into decision making. With respect to the input of the TWG, the committee members noted the important work performed by TWG but reflected that this task force should not be formalized or embedded in the Bylaws. In that regard, the committee's staff report indicates that the TWG is one of a number of existing working group and were created to provide input and technical assistance to SCAG in development of policies. The stated purpose of the TWG is to "enhance the quality, data integrity, and transparency of the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) by providing a venue for SCAG staff to discuss and receive feedback on growth related technical approaches, data collection, and technical tools associated with the development, implementation, and monitoring of the RTP/SCS with local and regional planning partners, regulatory and coordinating agencies, and technical experts."⁴ Additionally, the TWG is a part of SCAG's statutorily required Public Participation Plan (which is a component of the RTP/SCS).⁵

Finally, in response to committee member observations, staff reported their view that (1) the Bylaws current provisions relating to Policy Committees already provides for policy matters to be vetted by committees prior to Regional Council action and (2) with respect to the proposal formalizing the TWG's role in the Bylaws, this matter may be more properly addressed outside of the Bylaws. For example, the Regional Council could discuss and provide policy direction to staff

² As reflected in the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee staff report, the Bylaws currently provide that the role of each Policy Committee is to "study and provide policy recommendations to the Regional Council."

³ The Bylaws indicate the President should be mindful of regional distribution in appointing committee members, but this is not an absolute requirement or directive. See Art. V.E(2)(a).

⁴ https://scag.ca.gov/sites/main/files/file-attachments/twg_charter_072621.pdf?1627933053 (SCAG Technical Working Group charter).

⁵ The current draft Public Participation Plan can be found at this link: https://scag.ca.gov/sites/main/files/file-attachments/scag_draft2022ppp.pdf?1637187202.

(through either board resolution or minute action) on the TWG's role outside of the Bylaws process, as part of its normal agenda meetings if so desired.

Thereafter, the Regional Council reviewed the proposal on April 7, 2022, and, after discussion, recommended that the General Assembly not adopt this proposed Bylaws amendment.

This proposed amendment to the Bylaws, is illustrated in light blue highlighting in the marked-up version of the Bylaws included as Attachment 1 to this report. See Article V.A(4)(f) and (g) at pages 11 and 13.

2. Proposal by Hon. Trevor O'Neil – SCAG Policy Committee recommendations can only be changed/amended with a 2/3 vote of the Regional Council.

Regional Council member O'Neil submitted a proposed Bylaw amendment that would require a 2/3 vote of the Regional Council to change or amend any Policy Committee recommendation. As explained to staff in conversations relating to this proposal, the intent of this amendment is to require that changes from Policy Committee recommendations be vetted following Policy Committee recommendation and not made on a "last minute" basis.

The Bylaws and Resolutions Committee reviewed and extensively discussed this proposal on March 15, 2022. A committee member noted that, similar to the first proposal, Regional Council members already consider Policy Committee recommendations and noted that the Regional Council has a wider awareness of the region as a whole. It was noted that even a minor deviation from a Policy Committee recommendation would trigger a supermajority vote, thus "handcuffing" the Regional Council.

Staff notes that if a 2/3 vote is required for the Regional Council to change Policy Committee recommendations, then the General Assembly may also desire to consider: (a) whether broader regional distribution on committees should be required and (b) whether quorum requirements for the Policy Committees (presently 1/3 of a committee) should be adjusted to ensure more regional participation and consensus on recommendations made by committees.

Following discussion, the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee voted 9-0 to not recommend approval of this Bylaws amendment.

Thereafter, the Regional Council reviewed the proposal on April 7, 2022, and, after discussion, recommended that the General Assembly not adopt this proposed Bylaws amendment.

This proposed amendment to the Bylaws is illustrated in light green highlighting in the marked-up version of the Bylaws included as Attachment 1 to this report. See Article V.A(4)(f), (5)(c) and C (4) at pages 11, 12 and 14.

3. Proposal by Hon. Trevor O’Neil – Before final adoption, changes from Policy Committee recommendations on substantive SCAG policy initiatives or programs must return to the Policy Committee(s) and be thoroughly considered by the Policy Committee.

Regional Council member O’Neil submitted a proposed Bylaw amendment that would require suggestions or direction on substantive SCAG policy initiatives or programs that vary from those analyzed by the Policy Committees to be (1) referred back to the Policy Committee(s) prior to action by the Regional Council and (2) thoroughly reviewed and considered by the Policy Committee(s). As explained to staff in conversations relating to this proposal, the intent of the proposed amendment is to require that changes from Policy Committee recommendations be vetted by the Policy Committee(s) and not made on a “last minute” basis. The proposal is partly meant to ensure that staff suggestions or proposals receive Policy Committee review prior to presentment to the Regional Council.

The Bylaws and Resolutions Committee reviewed and discussed this proposal on March 15, 2022. A committee member noted that many Regional Council members serve on Policy Committees and are subject matter experts, bringing this expertise to the Regional Council. A committee member expressed concern that the term “substantive SCAG policy initiatives or programs” was not clear and would lead to confusion on what was required to comply with this proposed amendment. The staff report for the committee noted that returning to Policy Committees with deviations from Policy Committee recommendations is operationally cumbersome. Equally cumbersome is the requirement that substantive SCAG policy initiatives or programs be put to the Policy Committees one month in advance of Regional Council decision. In this regard, it bears noted that general practice is for matters to go to a Policy Committee a month (or more) in advance; however, imposing a mandatory directive in the Bylaws could disrupt efficient agency action and impinge on Regional Council flexibility to address matters that may change between the time a Policy Committee makes a recommendation and the time the Regional Council hears the matter. Many of SCAG’s obligations, including adoption of the RTP/SCS and allocation of RHNA numbers, operate on statutory timeframes that could be complicated by the requirements in this proposal.

Following discussion, the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee voted 7-2 to not recommend approval of this Bylaws amendment.

Thereafter, the Regional Council reviewed the proposal on April 7, 2022, and, after discussion, recommended that the General Assembly not adopt this proposed Bylaws amendment.

This proposed amendment to the Bylaws is illustrated in **yellow highlighting** in the marked-up version of the Bylaws included as Attachment 1 to this report. See Article V.A(4)(f) at page 11.

4. Proposal by Hon. Trevor O’Neil – Recognize the TWG as a formal SCAG body with opportunity to provide input on the development of SCAG policy initiatives.

Regional Council member O’Neil submitted a proposed Bylaw amendment that would recognize the TWG as a formal SCAG body by including it into the Bylaw. As drafted, Regional Council member O’Neil’s proposal would (1) delineate membership in the TWG as being comprised of planning or technical staff of SCAG member jurisdictions and regional COGs, (2) require monthly meetings between the TWG and SCAG and (3) require the TWG and subregional COG staff to consider substantive SCAG policy initiatives and programs prior to these matters being brought before a SCAG Policy Committee. Regional Council member O’Neil spoke to this resolution at the committee meeting, reflecting on the importance of the TWG in SCAG’s decision-making process.

This proposal was discussed extensively as part of the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee discussion of the first proposed Bylaws amendment.

Following discussion, the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee voted 8-1 to not recommend approval of this Bylaws amendment.

Thereafter, the Regional Council reviewed the proposal on April 7, 2022, and, after discussion, recommended that the General Assembly not adopt this proposed Bylaws amendment.

This proposed amendment to the Bylaws is illustrated in **light gray highlighting** in the marked-up version of the Bylaws included as Attachment 1 to this report. See Article V.I at page 20.

5. Proposal by Hon. Trevor O’Neil – Service on a Policy Committee and/or on the Regional Council for at least 12 continuous months of service qualifies candidate to serve as an officer.

Regional Council member O’Neil submitted a proposed Bylaw amendment to allow a candidate to be eligible for a SCAG officer position if the candidate has served at least 12 months as a member of the Policy Committee and/or the Regional Council. Presently, the Bylaws require that a candidate serve at least 24 months on either the Policy Committee and/or Regional Council, of which at least 12 months of service must be as a member of the Regional Council. Both the existing Bylaws provision and the proposed amendment require this service to be continuous. Regional Council member O’Neil noted at the committee meeting that for jurisdictions with term limits, the SCAG officer process makes it impractical for active Regional Council members to be elected as an officer.

The Bylaws and Resolutions Committee extensively discussed and considered this proposal. Several committee members noted that this eligibility provision was amended last year to (i) allow Policy Committee service to count as part of the 24-month tenure requirement and (ii) require at least 12 months service on the Regional Council. Staff notes that the later provision (at least 12 months of Regional Council service) was not part of last year's initial Bylaw's proposal but was added as a recommendation from last year's the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee.

As proposed, this amendment would remove prior Regional Council service as a requirement. As a result, officer eligibility could be achieved exclusively by 12 months of Policy Committee service. It bears noting that a candidate would still have to be a Regional Council member at the time of application based on other eligibility provisions in Article VI.C(1).

During the March 15, 2022, committee discussion, several committee members expressed that 24 months Regional Council service was important for an organization as complex as SCAG. One committee member expressed concern that it was not prudent to permit only 12 months of Policy Committee service for officer eligibility.

Following discussion, the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee voted 7-2 to not recommend approval of this Bylaws amendment.

Thereafter, the Regional Council reviewed the proposal on April 7, 2022, and, after discussion, recommended that the General Assembly not adopt this proposed Bylaws amendment.

This proposed amendment to the Bylaws is illustrated in **yellow highlighting** in the marked-up version of the Bylaws included as Attachment 1 to this report. See Article VI.C(1) at page 21.

6. Proposal by Hon. Trevor O'Neil – Officer Eligibility of the TCA representative.

Regional Council member O'Neil submitted a proposed Bylaw amendment that would allow the TCA representative to serve as an officer. Presently, the TCA representative is not entitled to serve as an officer, even if other eligibility criteria are met.

The Bylaws and Resolutions Committee extensively discussed this proposal. Members of the committee expressed support for the concept of encouraging Regional Council members, whose service demonstrated commitment to and knowledge of SCAG's broad regional and programs, to serve as an officer. It was also noted that the Nominating Committee, along with other eligibility requirements in the Bylaws, provide an ability to ensure that candidates possess the skills needed to serve in SCAG leadership.

It was further noted that other Regional Council members such as the Public Transportation Representative, the representative from the Tribal Government Regional Planning Board and the Air District representative were also expressly prohibited from serving as a SCAG officer. The committee discussed reconsidering these members ability to serve as a SCAG officer in light of the fact that the Nominating Committee would review qualifications of candidates, who would also still have to satisfy the other eligibility requirements to hold the position of SCAG officer. Following this discussion at the March 15, 2022, Bylaws and Resolutions Committee meeting, staff was directed to prepare amendments to the Bylaws, for further committee review and discussion, that expand the eligibility for SCAG officer to these representatives, in addition to the TCA representative.

Staff presented the requested amendments at a special meeting of the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee on March 25, 2022, and the committee further discussed this proposal.

Following discussion, the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee voted 9-0 to recommend approval of this proposed Bylaws amendment, as altered by the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee.

Thereafter, the Regional Council reviewed the proposal on April 7, 2022, and, after discussion, recommended that the General Assembly adopt this proposed Bylaws amendment (as altered by the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee).

Proposed Bylaws amendment, as further amended by the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee, is illustrated in teal highlighting in the marked-up version of the Bylaws excerpted as Attachment 1 to this report. See Article VI at pages 21, 22 and 23.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. SCAG Bylaws (v.050621 for 2022 GA) v.4
2. PowerPoint Presentation - Bylaws Amendment Proposals (GA 05.05.22) v.2

BYLAWS

THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

Preamble

The Southern California Association of Governments (hereinafter referred to as either the “Association” or “SCAG”) is an agency voluntarily established by its Members pursuant to the Joint Exercise of Powers Act for the purpose of providing a forum for discussion, study and development of recommendations on regional challenges and opportunities of mutual interest and concern regarding the orderly physical development of the Southern California Region among units of local government.

ARTICLE I - FUNCTIONS

The functions of the Association are:

- A. Exchange of objective planning information. Making available to Members plans and planning studies, completed or proposed by local governments, Tribal Governments, or those of State or Federal agencies, which would affect local governments.
- B. Identification and study of challenges and opportunities requiring objective planning by jurisdictions in more than one (1) county in the Southern California area and the making of appropriate policy or action recommendations.
- C. Review and/or develop governmental proposals. Review and/or develop proposals creating agencies of regional scope, and the making of appropriate policy or action recommendations concerning the need for such units or agencies.
- D. Consider questions of common interest and concern to Members of the Association in the region and develop policy and action recommendations of an advisory nature only.
- E. Act upon any matter to the extent and in the manner required, permitted or authorized by any joint powers agreements, State or Federal law, or the regulations adopted pursuant to any such law.
- F. Assist local Association Members in the acquisition of real and personal property convenient or necessary for the operation of Members by entering into such financing agreements as are necessary to accomplish the pooling and common marketing of such agreements or certificates of participation in order to reduce the cost to Members of the acquisition of such real or personal property.
- G. Undertake transportation planning programs and activities in accordance with the Association’s responsibilities as a metropolitan planning organization as outlined in 23 U.S.C.A. § 134 et seq., and as may be amended from time to time.

ARTICLE II – DEFINITIONS

- A. **Advisory Member** or **Advisory Member of the Association**, as used in these Bylaws, means a federally recognized Indian Nation within the SCAG Region, as defined below, that is significantly involved in regional problems or whose boundaries include territory in more than one county and that has paid its annual dues assessment.
- B. **Alternate**, as used in these Bylaws, means either the mayor or a member of the legislative body of a member city, or the chair of the Board of Supervisors or a member of the legislative body of a member county who has been appointed by a Member of the Association to serve in an official capacity for all matters at a meeting of the General Assembly but only in the absence of the Official Representative of the member city or county. An Advisory Member of the Association may also appoint an Alternate to serve in the absence of the Official Representative of the Advisory Member.
- C. **Association**, as used in these Bylaws, means the Southern California Association of Governments as established by that certain Southern California Association of Governments Agreement filed with the California Secretary of State on April 20, 1973, (said Agreement is hereinafter referred to as “Joint Powers Agreement”).
- D. **Association budget** or **annual budget** or **budget**, as used in these Bylaws, shall mean the summation and presentation of all general fund revenues obtained by the Association from dues from Members, Advisory Members, and Regional Council members, and other sources of revenue and a summation and presentation of the costs, expenditures, savings and reserve accounts utilizing such revenue but specifically excluding all funds and expenditures associated with specific federal or state funding programs such as the Association’s annual Overall Work Program.
- E. **Days** or **days**, as used in these Bylaws, means calendar days.
- F. **General Assembly**, as used in these Bylaws, means a meeting of the Official Representatives of the Members and the Advisory Members of the Association.
- G. **Member, member** or **Member of the Association**, as used in these Bylaws, means a city, county or County Transportation Commission within the SCAG Region, as defined below, that has satisfied the conditions of membership in Article III below.
- H. **Official Representative**, as used in these Bylaws, means (1) the mayor or a member of the legislative body of a member city, or (2) the chair of the Board of Supervisors or a member of the Board of Supervisors of a member county, or (3) the chair or a member of the governing board of a member County Transportation Commission (CTC) within the SCAG Region who has been appointed by a Member of the Association to serve in an official capacity at a meeting of the General Assembly. Official Representatives may also be referred to as “Delegates” of the Association. An Advisory Member of the Association may also appoint an Official Representative to serve in an official capacity at a meeting of the General Assembly.

DRAFT – GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING 5/5/22

- I. **Regional Council Policy Manual**, as used in these Bylaws, means that Policy Manual first adopted by the Regional Council on July 12, 2007, and all subsequent amendments and updates approved by the Regional Council. In the event of a conflict between any part of the Regional council Policy Manual and any part of these Bylaws, these Bylaws shall prevail.
- J. **Regional Council member**, as used in these Bylaws, means a Member of the Association or an Advisory Member of the Association or another entity specified in these as used in these Bylaws, means a Member of the Association or an Advisory Member of the Association or another entity specified in these Bylaws which is able to appoint a voting representative to serve on the Regional Council or whose city council members may participate in the selection of a District representative to serve on the Regional Council,
- K. **SCAG Region**, as used in these Bylaws, means the counties of Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Ventura.
- L. **Voting-Eligible** or **voting-eligible**, as used in these Bylaws, describes those Members of the Association, Advisory Members of the Association and Regional Council members who retain all voting rights and who have not had their voting rights suspended as described in Article VIII, Paragraph C.

ARTICLE III – ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP AND REPRESENTATION
FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

A. Membership

- (1) All cities and all counties within the area of the SCAG Region are eligible for membership in the Association. In addition, each CTC from the SCAG Region is also eligible for membership in the Association.
- (2) Each member county and each member city shall have one (1) Official Representative and one (1) Alternate in the General Assembly, except that the City of Los Angeles, if and while it is a member city, shall have three (3) Official Representatives and three (3) Alternates. Each member CTC shall have one (1) Official Representative in the General Assembly.
- (3) Membership in the Association shall be contingent upon the execution of the Joint Powers Agreement and the payment by each member county, member city, or member CTC of each annual dues assessment.
- (4) Any federally recognized Indian Nation within the SCAG Region which is significantly involved in regional problems or the boundaries of which include territory in more than one (1) county, shall be eligible for an Advisory Membership in the Association. In addition to selecting Official Representatives and Alternates for the General Assembly, such Advisory Members may collectively select a single representative from the Tribal

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Government Regional Planning Board, who shall be a locally elected Tribal Council member from a federally recognized Indian Nation and who shall serve on the Regional Council and may fully participate in the work of committees of the Association contingent upon the payment of the annual dues assessment.

B. Representation in the General Assembly

- (1) Only the Official Representative present or the Alternate present in the absence of the Official Representative shall represent a Member of the Association or an Advisory Member of the Association in the General Assembly; provided, however, that a member of the Board of Supervisors of a member county may participate in the discussions of the General Assembly.
- (2) Except as described herein, the Official Representative in the General Assembly of each member city of the Association, member-county of the Association and member CTC of the Association shall be its respective Regional Council representative. Further, and except as described herein, the Official Representative in the General Assembly of an Advisory Member of the Association shall be its respective representative to the Regional Council.
- (3) In the event that a member city of the Association does not have one of its city council members as its respective Regional Council representative, or if a member city does not wish to have its Regional Council representative be its Official Representative or Alternate, the member city may appoint as its Official Representative or Alternate a member of its city council who is not a Regional Council representative; provided that if and while the City of Los Angeles is a member city, the mayor of the City of Los Angeles shall be one of its Official Representatives. Further, in the event that an Advisory Member of the Association does not have one of its Tribal Council members as its representative to the Regional Council or if the Advisory Member does not wish to have its representative to the Regional Council be its Official Representative or Alternate, the Advisory Member may appoint a locally elected Tribal Council member as its Official Representative or Alternate.
- (4) In the event that a member county of the Association does not wish to have its respective Regional Council representative be its Official Representative or Alternate, the member county may appoint as its Official Representative or Alternate a member of the Board of Supervisors who is not a Regional Council representative.
- (5) In the event that a member CTC of the Association does not wish to have its respective Regional Council representative be its Official Representative, the member CTC may appoint as its Official Representative a member of the CTC Governing Board who is not a Regional Council representative.
- (6) Names of all Official Representatives and Alternates shall be communicated in writing to the Association by the appointing city, county, CTC, or Tribal Council at least thirty (30)

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days before the annual meeting of the General Assembly. However, the SCAG President or the SCAG Executive Director may waive this deadline, upon the request of an appointing city, county, CTC or Tribal Council, as long as the name or names are communicated in writing to the Association before the opening of the General Assembly.

- (7) An Official Representative or Alternate shall serve until a successor is appointed, except if an Official Representative or Alternate ceases to be a member of the appointing legislative body or Tribal Council or cannot serve as an Official Representative or Alternate because of a federal or state statute or regulation or resigns as an Official Representative or Alternate, then the position shall be vacant until a successor is appointed.
- (8) All Official Representatives and Alternates shall file Statement of Economic Interest forms and comply with all SCAG policies regarding conflict-of-interest, harassment and discrimination.

ARTICLE IV – GENERAL ASSEMBLY

A. Powers and Functions

Subject to Article I, the powers of the General Assembly, shall include the following.

- (1) The General Assembly shall determine all policy matters for the Association, approve they Bylaws and ratify the election of Officers.
- (2) Any Official Representative (or Alternate acting in the absence of the respective Official Representative) may, at any regular meeting of the General Assembly, propose a subject(s) for study by the Association provided that the Official Representative (but not the Alternate) has notified the President of the proposal forty-five (45) days in advance of any regular meeting of the General Assembly. The General Assembly may determine whether a study will be made of the subject(s) proposed, or may refer such subject(s) to the Regional Council.
- (3) Any Official Representative (or Alternate acting in the absence of the respective Official Representative) may, at any regular meeting of the General Assembly, request a review by the General Assembly of any action of the Regional Council which has been taken between meetings of the General Assembly provided that the Official Representative (but not the Alternate) has notified the President of the review request forty-five (45) days in advance of any regular meeting of the General Assembly
- (4) The General Assembly shall review the proposed Association budget and annual dues assessment schedule and shall adopt an annual Association budget and an annual dues assessment schedule.
- (5) Any Official Representative (but not an Alternate) who desires to propose any policy

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matter for action by the General Assembly shall submit the matter to the Association in the form of a proposed resolution by a deadline established by the Association, that is subject to waiver by the SCAG President or Executive Director but which in all cases must be at least forty-five (45) days prior to any regular meeting of the General Assembly. The Bylaws and Resolutions Committee, whose membership and responsibilities are described in Article XI of these Bylaws, shall consider each such proposed resolution, and shall submit its recommendation to the Regional Council. A copy of each such proposed resolution whose approval is recommended by the Regional Council shall be included in the agenda materials for the regular meeting of the General Assembly.

B. Meetings

- (1) A regular meeting of the General Assembly shall be held once a year. Special meetings of the General Assembly may be called by the Regional Council upon the request of the President and with the affirmative votes of a majority of the representatives of voting-eligible Regional Council members who are present and voting at a meeting of the Regional Council with a quorum in attendance. Ten (10) days' written notice of a special meeting shall be given to the Official Representatives and Alternates of each Member and Advisory Member of the Association. An agenda specifying the subject of the special meeting shall accompany the notice.
- (2) The time, date and location for meetings of the General Assembly shall be determined by the Regional Council.
- (3) Notice of the regular meeting of the General Assembly shall be given to the Official Representatives and Alternates of each Member and Advisory Member of the Association at least twenty-one (21) days prior to each regular meeting. An agenda for the regular meeting shall accompany the notice. Notice of any changes to the agenda shall be given at least ten (10) days prior to the regular meeting.
- (4) The General Assembly may adopt rules for its own procedures but any such rules so adopted must be consistent with these Bylaws.

C. Voting

- (1) A quorum of the General Assembly shall consist of one-third of the number of Official Representative positions for voting-eligible Members of the Association or Advisory Members of the Association. Unfilled Official Representative positions from Voting-eligible Members and Advisory Members of the Association will be counted in the determination of a quorum for the General Assembly.
- (2) Each Official Representative of a voting-eligible Member or Advisory Member of the Association shall have one (1) vote. In the absence of the Official Representative, the Alternate shall be entitled to vote. Unless otherwise identified in these Bylaws, an affirmative vote of a majority of the Official Representatives or Alternates of the voting-

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eligible Members and Advisory Members of the Association present at the General Assembly and voting with a quorum in attendance shall be necessary for the approval or adoption of any matter presented for action to the General Assembly.

- (3) Voting may be by voice, displaying voting cards, roll call vote or through the use of an electronic voting system. A roll call vote shall be conducted upon the demand of five (5) Official Representatives or their Alternates present, or at the discretion of the presiding officer.

ARTICLE V – REGIONAL COUNCIL

A. **Regional Council Organization:** There shall be a Regional Council of the Association which shall be organized as set forth below and which shall be responsible for such functions as are hereinafter set forth:

- (1) **Membership:** The membership of the Regional Council shall be comprised of: one (1) representative from each member county Board of Supervisors, except for the County of Los Angeles which shall have two (2) representatives; one (1) representative from the Tribal Government Regional Planning Board, who shall be a locally elected Tribal Council member from a federally recognized Indian Nation within the SCAG Region; one (1) representative from each District (as defined below); the Mayor of the City of Los Angeles serving as an at-large representative for the City; one (1) city council member or member of a county Board of Supervisors, from the governing boards of each of the six (6) CTCs; one (1) local government elected representative from one of the five (5) Air Districts within the SCAG Region to represent all five (5) of the Air Districts; one (1) local government elected representative from the Transportation Corridor Agencies (TCA); one (1) local government elected representative serving as the Public Transportation Representative to represent the transit interests of all of the operators in the SCAG region; and a representative from the private sector appointed by the President to serve on both the Regional Council and the Executive/Administration Committee and who would serve on the Regional Council in an ex-officio, non-voting capacity.

(a) **Districts:** For purposes of representation on the Regional Council, Districts shall be organized and defined as follows:

- (1) A District shall be established by the Regional Council and generally shall be comprised of a group of cities that have a geographic community of interest and have approximately equal population. In some cases involving cities with large populations, a District will include only one city. A District may be comprised of cities within different counties, but Districts established within a subregion under Article V A (1)(a)(5) of these Bylaws shall include only cities within the boundary of such subregion. Procedures for District representative elections and appointments shall be set forth under the Regional Council Policy Manual.

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- (2) In every calendar year ending in 3 or 8, the Regional Council shall review, and, if it deems necessary, modify or establish District boundaries based upon city population data as most recently available from the State Department of Finance.
- (3) Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Bylaws, in the event that District boundaries are changed as a result of a Regional Council review, then any impacted District shall have the option to retain its current District representative until the completion of the District representative's term or until a special election is held, no later than two (2) months after final action by the Regional Council, to elect a District representative who shall serve for a term established by the Regional Council. Such special elections shall be held in accordance with the District representative election procedures described in the Regional Council Policy Manual.
- (4) If a new city within the SCAG Region is incorporated after Districts have been established or reviewed, the newly incorporated city shall be assigned by the Regional Council, in consultation with any applicable subregional organization, to a District with other cities with which it has contiguous borders until such time as District boundaries are again reviewed by the Regional Council.
- (5) In any area where a subregional organization has either (1) been formally established under a joint powers agreement pursuant to California Government Code Sections 6500 et. seq. to serve as the subregional planning agency for the general purpose local governments and is not a single-purpose joint powers authority or a special district entity, or (2) been recognized by action of the Regional Council; and is organized for general planning purposes such as for the purpose of conducting studies and projects designed to improve and coordinate the common governmental responsibilities and services on an area-wide and regional basis, exploring areas of intergovernmental cooperation and coordination of governmental programs and providing recommendations and solutions to problems of common and general concern, such subregional organization shall make recommendations to establish a District (or Districts) within the boundaries of such subregional area. For purposes of establishing Districts, the subregional organization shall use the description of a District as set forth in Article V A,(1)(a)(1) of these Bylaws. The subregional organization shall have authority to make recommendations to the Regional Council to establish or modify Districts in every year ending in 3 or 8 and shall use city populations as most recently determined by the State Department of Finance.

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(6) The Regional Council shall establish no more than seventy (70) Districts.

(b) Regional Council Representation

- (1) Every member city of the Association shall have at least one District representative.
- (2) CTC, TCA and the Tribal Government Regional Planning Board representatives to the Regional Council shall be appointed by their respective governing boards, and the appointments shall be formally communicated in writing to the Association. The Air District representative shall be determined by the five (5) Air Districts within the SCAG Region, with such determination formally communicated in writing to the Association.
- (3) The position of the Public Transportation Representative will rotate among the six CTCs in the SCAG Region, and each CTC in turn will make a two-year appointment subject to the President’s official appointment. The Chief Executive Officers of the CTCs may develop additional procedures for the selection process. A representative from the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority shall serve as the initial Public Transportation Representative on the Regional Council.

(2) Terms of Office:

- (a) Membership on the Regional Council by District representatives shall be for two (2) years except for those District representatives elected through special elections or appointments as described below and in Article V A. above. Terms of District representatives shall commence on the adjournment of the annual meeting of the General Assembly and expire at the conclusion of the second regular meeting of the General Assembly occurring after their terms commence. If a District representative resigns from his or her position as the District representative or officially ceases to be a locally elected official, his or her District representative position shall be declared vacant by the President on the effective date of the resignation or the end of the elected official’s locally elected position. Moreover, the President shall immediately declare vacant the position of a District representative if required by federal or state statutes or regulations, or in response to a no confidence vote by a District undertaken in accordance with the Regional Council Policy Manual or because of a failure to follow the election or appointment policies contained in the Regional Council Policy Manual. A no confidence vote shall only be undertaken in response to a resolution passed by all cities in the District that are voting eligible Members of the Association. All such vacancies shall be filled through special elections or new appointments as set forth in the Regional Council Policy Manual. In the case of District representatives elected pursuant to special elections or newly

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appointed to fill vacancies, the term shall be for such time as will fill out the remainder of the vacated term.

- (b) The terms of District representatives who represent even-numbered Districts shall be two (2) years and shall expire in even-numbered years. Terms of District representatives who represent odd-numbered Districts shall be two (2) years and shall expire in odd-numbered years.
 - (c) Representatives to the Regional Council from the counties that are Members of the Association and from the CTCs, the Tribal Government Regional Planning Board, Air Districts, TCA, and the Public Transportation Representative shall have two (2) year terms, commencing on the date of appointment by the organizations they each represent and expiring two (2) years thereafter. If a representative described in this Article V A. (2)(c) ceases to be a locally elected official, or if so required by federal or state statutes or regulations, or if his or her appointment is rescinded by the appointing legislative body, his or her position on the Regional Council shall immediately be declared vacant by the President. Such a vacancy on the Regional Council shall be filled by action of the respective county, CTC, the Tribal Government Regional Planning Board, TCA, the five Air Districts in the SCAG Region in the case of the Air District representative, and the CTCs in the SCAG Region with respect to the Public Transportation Representative.
- (3) **Meetings:** Unless the Regional Council decides otherwise, it shall generally meet at least once a month. The date, time and location of the Regional Council meetings shall be recommended by the Executive Director and ratified by the Regional Council. Meetings shall be held upon the call of the President or upon the call of a majority of the members of the Regional Council. The Regional Council may adopt any other meeting procedures as part of the Regional Council Policy Manual.
- (4) **Duties**
- (a) Subject to the policy established by the General Assembly, the Regional Council shall conduct the affairs of the Association, approve the Overall Work Plan (OWP) Budget required by state and federal agencies and any other similar budgets required by funding agencies, and approve the Regional Council Policy Manual and any amendments thereto. The Executive Director or his designee shall have the authority to make administrative modifications to the Regional Council Policy Manual to reflect past Regional Council actions without the Regional Council's approval of a formal amendment to the Regional Council Policy Manual.
 - (b) The Regional Council shall review and may amend the proposed annual budget as prepared by the Executive Director. The proposed budget and the assessment schedule, as approved by Regional Council, shall be submitted to the members of the General Assembly at least thirty (30) days before the annual meeting. After the adoption of the annual budget assessment schedule by the General Assembly,

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the Regional Council shall control all Association expenditures in accordance with such budget.

- (1) The Regional Council shall have the power to transfer funds within the total budget amount in order to meet unanticipated needs or changed situations. Such action shall be reported to the General Assembly at its next regular meeting.
 - (2) At each annual meeting of the General Assembly, the Regional Council shall report on all budget and financial transactions since the previous annual meeting.
- (c) The Regional Council shall submit a report of its activities at each regular meeting of the General Assembly.
- (d) The Regional Council shall have the authority to appoint, ratify the annual Work Plan of, approve the Employment Agreement of (including all compensation and benefits) and remove an Executive Director of the Association, and shall also have the authority to fix the salary classification levels for employees of the Association.
- (e) The Regional Council shall have the power to establish committees or subcommittees to study specific problems, programs, and other matters which the Regional Council or General Assembly have approved for study. The SCAG President shall appoint all members and all chairs of committees and subcommittees that are established to study such specific problems or programs. At the discretion of the SCAG President, the chair of a Policy Committee may appoint the membership and chair of a subcommittee of said Policy Committee.
- (f) Substantive SCAG policy initiatives or programs must go through the Regional Council's Policy Committee process, with consultation by and input from the Technical Work Group and Subregional Directors Group. Recommendations from committees for policy decisions shall be made to the Regional Council. The Regional Council shall have the authority to act upon policy recommendations including policy recommendations from the committees, or it may submit such recommendations, together with its comments, to the General Assembly for action. Policy Committee recommendations can only be changed/amended prior to adoption, following a two-thirds vote of the Regional Council. Suggestions or direction on substantive SCAG policy initiatives or programs that vary from options analyzed by Policy Committees cannot be acted upon without reference back to the Policy Committee(s) and full disclosure on an agenda to the Regional Council. Before final adoption, any substantive SCAG policy initiatives or programs shall be considered and discussed in the appropriate Policy Committee(s) at least 1 month prior to adoption by the Regional Council. The reference to "substantive SCAG policy initiatives or programs" in this paragraph shall include those matters pertaining to state and federally-mandated planning documents produced by SCAG, including but not limited to,

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the RTP/SCS, aka Connect SoCal (including mitigation measures), and RHNA.

- (g) The Regional Council shall be responsible for carrying out policy decisions made by the General Assembly.
 - (h) Representatives of Regional Council members serving on the Regional Council may make informational inquiries of the Executive Director or Association executive staff consistent with the official Association duties of such representatives; however, such representatives shall refrain from any actions or contacts within the Association that would interfere with the powers and duties of the Executive Director.
 - (i) All representatives of Regional Council members serving on the Regional Council shall file Statement of Economic Interest forms and comply with the all SCAG policies regarding conflict-of-interest, harassment, discrimination and other matters as described in the Regional Council Policy Manual.
- (5) **Voting:** In the Regional Council voting shall be conducted in the following manner:
- (a) Only representatives of the voting-eligible Regional Council members shall have the right to vote at meetings of the Regional Council. Proxy votes are not allowed and representatives must be present at a Regional Council meeting in order to cast a vote.
 - (b) One-third (1/3) of the total number of representative positions from voting- eligible Regional Council members shall constitute a quorum of the Regional Council. The unfilled representative positions of voting-eligible Regional Council members shall be counted in the determination of a quorum.
 - (c) Unless these Bylaws provide that a supermajority or other vote percentage is required, The the affirmative votes of a majority of the representatives of voting-eligible Regional Council members voting with a quorum in attendance are required for action by the Regional Council, except as set forth in subsection (d) below.
 - (d) In order to appoint or remove the Executive Director, the affirmative vote of not less than a majority of the total number of representative positions, including unfilled representative positions, of the voting-eligible Regional Council members is required.
 - (e) Each representative from a CTC, the Tribal Government Regional Planning Board, the Air Districts and TCA as well as the Public Transportation Representative shall have the right to vote in the same manner as other representatives of voting-eligible Members of the Association serving on the Regional Council.
 - (f) Representatives of voting-eligible Regional Council members serving on the Regional Council are free to abstain from voting on any issue before the Regional

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Council. Any abstention does not count as a vote in favor or against a motion.

- (g) Due to the inability of all Regional Council members to review main motions other than those presented as a “recommended action” in a meeting’s agenda material prior to a Regional Council meeting, the President shall not proceed with a vote on a main motion that differs from the “recommended action” in a meeting’s agenda material until the Clerk or counsel has re-stated such a motion and an opportunity has been provided to all Regional Council members to permit them to deliberate and debate such a motion, provided that if the main motion has not been thoroughly reviewed and considered by a Policy Committee, the requirements of Article V.A(4)(f) above shall apply.
- (6) **Expenses:** Representatives of Regional Council members who serve on the Regional Council shall serve with compensation and shall be reimbursed for the actual necessary expenses incurred by them in the performance of their duties for the Association, to the extent that such compensation and reimbursement are not otherwise provided to them by another public agency, a Tribal Government or the Tribal Government Regional Planning Board. The Regional Council shall determine the amount of such compensation and set forth other procedures for expenses in the Regional Council Policy Manual.
- B. **Permanent Committees:** For the purpose of developing policy recommendations to the Regional Council, the Regional Council shall establish as permanent committees the “Executive/Administration Committee,” the “Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee” and the three (3) policy committees known as the “Transportation Committee,” the “Energy and Environment Committee,” and the “Community, Economic and Human Development Committee” (the latter three committees collectively referred to herein as the “Policy Committees”). In addition, the “Emerging Technologies Committee” is established by the Regional Council to research and identify new and emerging technologies that may play a role in transportation planning.
- C. **Executive/Administration Committee**
- (1) **Membership:** The membership of the Executive/Administration Committee (EAC) shall include the President, First Vice- President, Second Vice-President and Immediate Past-President and the President shall serve as the Chair. The EAC shall also include the respective Chairs and Vice Chairs of the Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee and the three (3) Policy Committees, the representative from the Tribal Government Regional Planning Board serving on the Regional Council, and an additional four (4) representatives of Regional Council members who are appointed by the President. In making the appointments, the President shall ensure that the six (6) counties within the SCAG Region have representatives on the EAC. In addition, the representative from the private sector appointed by the President to serve on the Regional Council in an ex-officio, non-voting capacity shall also serve on the EAC in an ex-officio, non-voting capacity. Appointments by the President to a position on the EAC shall be for approximate one (1) year terms, and such appointments shall expire upon the adjournment of the next regular meeting of the General Assembly.

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- (2) **Meetings:** The EAC shall generally meet at least once a month and in accordance with the Regional Council Policy Manual, except that the EAC may decide not to meet upon the call of the EAC chair after consultation with the Executive Director or his designee.
- (3) **Duties:**
- (a) Subject to any limitations that may be established by the General Assembly and/or the Regional Council, the EAC is authorized to make decisions and take actions that are binding upon the Association if the President or the Executive Director determine that such decisions or actions are necessary prior to the next regular meeting of the Regional Council.
 - (b) Subject to the policies of the Regional Council, the EAC shall be responsible for:
(1) developing policy recommendations to the Regional Council on administration, human resources, budgets, finance, operations, communications, or any other matter specifically referred by the Regional Council; and (2) negotiating and approving an Annual Work Plan with the Executive Director, which shall be subject to ratification by the Regional Council. The Executive Director's Annual Work Plan shall be effective the first day of July of the calendar year. The EAC shall be responsible for performing the annual evaluation of the Executive Director's performance and for making recommendations to the Regional Council regarding the Employment Agreement of the Executive Director. The EAC shall complete its annual evaluation of the Executive Director's performance no later than the regularly scheduled June meeting of the Regional Council.
 - (c) The powers and duties of the EAC shall include such other duties as the Regional Council may delegate.
- (4) **Voting:** A quorum shall be one-third (1/3) of the representatives of the voting-eligible Regional Council members who are appointed and serving on the EAC. There shall be no proxy votes and representatives must be present to vote. **Unless these Bylaws provide that a supermajority or other percentage vote is required, The the** affirmative vote of the majority of the representatives of the voting-eligible Regional Council members who are appointed and serving on the EAC and voting with a quorum in attendance is required for an action by the EAC except that an affirmative vote of a majority of all of the representatives of the voting-eligible Regional Council members serving on the EAC when the EAC acting on behalf of the Regional Council is required to make decisions or take actions that are binding upon the Association with regard to the annual budget; the hiring, removal, compensation and benefits of the Executive Director; and the salary classification levels for employees of the Association.

D. **Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee**

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- (1) **Membership:** Representatives of voting-eligible Regional Council members serving on the Regional Council may serve on the Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC). Appointments to the LCMC shall be made by the President for approximate one (1) year terms that expire at the adjournment of the next regular meeting of the General Assembly. The President shall appoint the chair and vice chair of the LCMC. All representatives appointed to the LCMC by the President shall have full voting rights.
- (2) **Meetings:** The LCMC shall generally meet once a month and in accordance with the Regional Council Policy Manual, except that the LCMC may decide not to meet upon the call of the LCMC chair after consultation with the Executive Director or his designee.
- (3) **Duties:**
 - (a) The Legislative, Communications and Membership Committee shall be responsible for developing recommendations to the Regional Council regarding legislative and telecommunications matters; providing policy direction for the agency’s marketing communications strategy, outreach issues/materials and electronic communications systems; reviewing sponsorship opportunities whose cost will exceed \$5,000; and promoting agency membership.
 - (b) The duties of the LCMC shall include other such duties as the Regional Council may delegate.
- (4) **Quorum and Voting:** A quorum of the LCMC shall be one-third (1/3) of the representatives of voting-eligible Regional Council members serving on the LCMC. There shall be no proxy votes and representatives must be present to vote. The affirmative vote of a majority of the voting-eligible Regional Council members serving on the LCMC and voting with a quorum in attendance is required for an action by the LCMC.

E. Policy Committees

- (1) **Membership:**
 - (a) The Policy Committees may include as voting committee members the following: representatives of voting-eligible Regional Council members serving on the Regional Council; one (1) representative from the California Department of Transportation; local government elected representatives from each of the general purpose subregional organizations as established under Article V(A)(1)(a)(5) of these Bylaws; and one (1) representative who is a general purpose local elected official and duly appointed board member from an agency with which the Association has a statutory or Memorandum of Understanding relationship.
 - (b) The Policy Committees may include ex-officio (non-voting) committee members

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who shall be representatives from regional and subregional single purpose public agencies and other voting and ex-officio (non-voting) committee members as approved by the Regional Council.

- (c) Representatives of the CTCs, the Tribal Government Regional Planning Board, TCA and the Air Districts serving on the Regional Council as well as the Public Transportation Representative on the Regional Council may be appointed as voting committee members of one of the Policy Committees.
- (d) All committee members (voting and ex-officio) of SCAG’s Policy Committees shall be required to file Statement of Economic Interests forms and comply with all SCAG policies regarding conflict-of-interest, harassment, discrimination and other matters as described in the Regional Council Policy Manual.

(2) Appointments to Policy Committee:

- (a) The President shall appoint all interested and available representatives of voting-eligible Regional Council members who serve on the Regional Council to one (1) of the Policy Committees as voting committee members for approximate two (2) year terms that will expire at the adjournment of the second regular meeting of the General Assembly following the appointment. In making such appointments, the President shall, to the extent practicable, appoint an equal number of voting committee members to each Policy Committee taking into consideration regional representation, geographical balance, diversity of views and other factors deemed appropriate by the President.
- (b) The President may appoint to one (1) of the Policy Committees as voting committee members representatives of public agencies that have a statutory or Memorandum of Understanding relationship with SCAG. The representatives shall be appointed for approximate two (2) year terms that will expire at the adjournment of the second regular meeting of the General Assembly following each appointment. All such appointments will be in response to a written request from each of the governing boards of the agencies. Appointments shall be limited to one (1) representative from each public agency. In making such appointments, the President shall consider regional representation.
- (c) The President shall appoint ex-officio (non-voting) committee members to the Policy Committees representing the business sector, labor, higher education and community groups upon the recommendation of one of the respective Policy Committees and approval by the Regional Council. The term of each such ex-officio committee member shall expire at the adjournment of the next regular meeting of the General Assembly, however, each such ex-officio committee member may be re-appointed by a future SCAG President.

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- (d) The President may appoint to one (1) Policy Committee as a voting committee member one (1) elected representative from each of the subregional organizations described in Article V E.(1)(a) of these Bylaws. Each such appointment shall be for an approximate two (2) year term that shall expire at the adjournment of the second regular meeting of the General Assembly following the appointment.
- (e) The President may appoint to the Policy Committees as voting committee members additional local government elected representatives from each of the subregional organizations identified in Article V E.(1)(a) of these Bylaws that has at least four (4) Districts. One (1) additional local government elected representative for each District in excess of three (3) Districts may be appointed by the President. The governing boards of each of the subregional organizations shall nominate the additional representatives to be considered by the President for appointment. In making the appointments, the President shall consider, among other things, regional representation. Each such appointment shall be for an approximate two (2) year term that shall expire at the adjournment of the second regular meeting of the General Assembly following the appointment.
- (f) In addition to the appointment of the representative of the Tribal Government Regional Planning Board, the President may also appoint, with the consent of the Tribal Government Regional Planning Board, additional representatives to each Policy Committee such that the Tribal Government Regional Planning Board may have two (2) voting committee members on each Policy Committee. Such representative shall be locally elected Tribal Council members from the federally recognized Indian Nations within the SCAG Region. Each of these additional appointments shall be for approximate two (2) year terms that shall expire at the adjournment of the second regular meeting of the General Assembly following the appointments.
- (g) In order to facilitate participation by member cities of the Association, the President may make at-large appointments of local elected officials from cities that are not otherwise represented on a Policy Committee; provided, however, that the President shall only make such at-large appointments in response to written requests from such cities and may make no more than six at-large appointments for each Policy Committee. The term of an at-large representative on a Policy Committee shall be limited to the remainder of the term of the President except that the local elected official may continue to serve on the Policy Committee if its respective city council approve his or her re-appointment and the next SCAG President authorizes the re-appointment. Local elected officials serving in an at-large capacity on a Policy Committee shall be voting committee members.
- (h) To implement and advance the Association's commitment to justice, equity, diversity and inclusion, and to increase the representation of people of color and low-income communities in regional policy conversations, the seven (7)

County representatives (i.e., Supervisors) to the Regional Council may each appoint one (1) local elected official, from a voting-eligible Member of the Association that has a Community of Concern (as defined below) located within the Member’s boundaries, to serve on a Policy Committee. A County representative to the Regional Council making such an appointment shall notify SCAG staff of the appointment in writing. Within ten (10) business days of a County representative’s notice making such an appointment, the President shall place the appointed local elected official on one of the Policy Committees. A local elected official appointed pursuant to this provision shall serve for a term of approximately two (2) years, commencing on the date the local elected official is placed on a Policy Committee by the President and expiring at the adjournment of the second regular meeting of the General Assembly following date the person is placed on the Policy Committee. Appointments to Policy Committees pursuant to this provision shall be limited to one (1) representative from each County except that Los Angeles County shall be permitted to have two representatives (one for each County representative to the Regional Council). As used in this Article V.E(2)(h), the term “Community of Concern” shall have the meaning given in SCAG’s most recently adopted Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy.

- (3) **Meetings**: The Policy Committees shall generally meet at least once a month and in accordance with the Regional Council Policy Manual, except that the Policy Committees may decide not to meet upon the call of the respective Policy Committee Chair after consultation with the Executive Director or his designee.
- (4) **Quorum and Voting**: A quorum of a Policy Committee shall be one-third of the voting committee members. There shall be no proxy votes and representatives must be present to vote. The affirmative vote of the majority of the voting committee members of a Policy Committee voting with a quorum in attendance is required for an action by a Policy Committee.
- (5) **Duties of the Transportation Committee (TC)**: The Transportation Committee shall study and provide policy recommendations to the Regional Council relative to challenges and opportunities, programs and other matters, which pertain to the regional issues of mobility and accessibility, including, but not limited to all modes of surface transportation, transportation system preservation and system management, regional aviation, regional goods movement, transportation finance as well as transportation control measures.
- (6) **Duties of the Energy and Environment Committee (EEC)**: The Energy and Environment Committee shall study and provide policy recommendations to the Regional Council relative to challenges and opportunities, programs and other matters, which pertain to the regional issues of energy and the environment. EEC shall also be responsible for reviewing and providing policy recommendations to the Regional Council on matters pertaining to environmental compliance.

- (7) **Duties of the Community, Economic and Human Development Committee (CEHD):** The Community, Economic and Human Development Committee shall study and provide policy recommendations to the Regional Council relative to challenges and opportunities, programs and other matters which pertain to the regional issues of community, economic and human development, housing and growth. CEHD shall also receive information regarding projects, plans and programs of regional significance for determinations of consistency and conformity with applicable regional plans.
- F. **Joint Policy Committee Meetings:** The duties of the Policy Committees are specified in subsections (5), (6) and (7) above. To the extent that there are matters which are within the scope of review of more than one Policy Committee, the respective Policy Committees shall meet as a Joint Committee to consider the matters and provide unified policy recommendations to the Regional Council, if applicable. At the discretion of the President, the President or the chair of one of the Policy Committees shall preside over a Joint Policy Committee meeting. A quorum of a Joint Policy Committee meeting shall be one-third of the combined voting membership of the Policy Committees. There shall be no proxy votes and a voting member must be present to vote. The affirmative vote of a majority of the combined voting members of the Policy Committees voting with a quorum of the Joint Policy Committee in attendance is required for an action by the Joint Policy Committee.
- G. **Other Committees:** Except as may be limited or restricted elsewhere in these Bylaws, the President is authorized to appoint representatives of Regional Council members serving on the Regional Council to SCAG committees, ad hoc committees, subcommittees, or task forces to study specific problems, programs, or other matters which the Regional Council or General Assembly have approved for study and also to appoint new members or re-appoint prior members to any SCAG committee, ad hoc committee, subcommittee or task force. The President is also authorized to appoint representatives of Regional Council members serving on the Regional Council to governing boards of other agencies, districts, commissions, and authorities as representatives of the Association. If no such representatives are available for such appointment, the President may appoint an elected official not on the Regional Council to represent the Association. Elected officials appointed to represent the Association who are not then serving on the Regional Council shall serve as ex-officio representatives to the Regional Council without the right to vote. Terms of appointment of representatives serving on the Regional Council and other elected officials to governing boards of other agencies, districts, commissions, and authorities shall be consistent with the term of office of the appointing President.
- H. **Emerging Technologies Committee:** Serving as a permanent advisory committee to the Regional Council and the Policy Committees, the Emerging Technologies Committee (ETC) will research and identify new and emerging technologies that may play a role in all beneficial areas throughout the region, including transportation planning and improving the region's transportation system. Members serving on the Regional Council and Policy Committees may serve on the ETC. In addition, ex-officio, non-voting members to the ETC may be appointed by the President. Appointments to the ETC shall be made by the President for approximate one (1) year terms that expire at the adjournment of the next regular meeting of the General Assembly. The President shall appoint the chair and vice chair of the ETC. All representatives

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appointed to the ETC by the President shall have full voting rights.

- (1) **Meetings:** The ETC shall meet as frequently as needed upon the call of the ETC chair after consultation with the Executive Director or his designee.
- (2) **Quorum and Voting:** A quorum of the ETC shall be one-third (1/3) of the members serving on the ETC. There shall be no proxy votes and representatives must be present to vote. The affirmative vote of a majority of the voting-eligible members serving on the ETC and voting with a quorum in attendance is required for an action by the ETC.

I. **SCAG Technical Working Group:** In addition to Regional Council Policy Committees, the SCAG Technical Working Group, formally established for the purpose of conducting technical analysis of SCAG policies, is recognized by the Regional Council and afforded due consideration as follows:

- (1) Membership in the Technical Working Group shall be open to planning or other technical staff of Members of the Association and shall include at least one designated representative from each official SCAG subregion.
- (2) SCAG staff shall hold meetings no less than monthly with, and disclose the development of all substantive SCAG policy initiatives or programs to, the SCAG Technical Working Group to allow for full analysis and understanding of substantive policy initiatives or programs by the subregional agency technical staff. This requirement shall apply prior to the substantive SCAG policy initiatives or programs being brought before a SCAG Policy Committee.
- (3) The term “substantive SCAG policy initiatives or programs,” as referenced above in this subsection, shall include those matters pertaining to state and federally-mandated planning documents produced by SCAG, including but not limited to, the RTP/SCS, aka Connect SoCal (including mitigation measures), and RHNA.

ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS, DUTIES, ELECTIONS AND VACANCIES

- A. **Officer Positions:** Officers of the Association shall consist of a President, a First Vice- President, Second Vice-President, Immediate Past President and a Secretary-Treasurer. The Association’s President, First Vice-President, and Second Vice-President shall be elected annually by the Regional Council, prior to the annual regular meeting of the General Assembly, from among its membership as set forth below. The Executive Director of the Association shall serve as the Secretary-Treasurer of the Association, but shall have no vote in the Association.
- B. **Nominating Committee and Candidate Replacements:** Officers of the Association, except the Secretary-Treasurer, shall be elected from a recommended list of candidates, one for each office, which shall be prepared by a Nominating Committee and submitted to the Regional Council for review and action. The Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the President and shall be composed of seven (7) representatives of Regional Council members who collectively represent the six (6) counties within the SCAG Region, with at least one (1) member

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being a county representative. All individuals serving on the Nominating Committee shall be voting members. Individuals serving on the Nominating Committee shall serve from the date of their appointment until the adjournment of the next regular meeting of the General Assembly. The Immediate Past President shall serve as the chair of the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall consider only those candidates that meet the minimum eligibility requirements set forth below in Article VI C of these Bylaws and any other requirements that may be established by the Regional Council. A quorum of the Nominating Committee shall be a majority of its membership. Proxy voting is not allowed and members must be present to vote. The affirmative votes of a majority of those Nominating Committee members voting with a quorum in attendance shall be required for any action by the Nominating Committee.

In the event that prior to the annual meeting of the General Assembly, a candidate for President or First Vice-President who has been approved by the Nominating Committee or elected by the Regional Council but not yet ratified by the General Assembly no longer satisfies the minimum eligibility requirements of Article V C., the candidate for First Vice-President shall be deemed the candidate for President and the candidate for Second Vice-President shall be deemed the candidate for First Vice-President, provided that the applicable candidates are agreeable to the change.

In the event that prior to the annual General Assembly meeting, a candidate for Second Vice-President who has been approved by the Nominating Committee or elected by Regional Council, but not yet ratified by the General Assembly no longer satisfies the minimum eligibility requirements of Article V C. or if other candidate vacancies exist for any reason after the approval(s) by the Nominating Committee or the election(s) by the Regional Council, the Regional Council shall fill the vacant candidate position(s) with individual or individuals who meet the minimum eligibility requirements of Article V C. The Nominating Committee may also meet to review the list of candidates and make a recommendation to the Regional Council regarding the new candidate for Second Vice-President or for any other vacant candidate positions if there is sufficient time before the annual meeting of the General Assembly in which to schedule both a meeting of the Nominating Committee and the Regional Council.

C. **Minimum Eligibility Requirements:** The following minimum eligibility requirements must be met in order for an individual to be considered by the Nominating Committee as a candidate for an officer position in the Association.

- (1) At the time of the application, the potential candidate must be a Regional Council member who is a representative of a voting-eligible Member of the Association ~~the TCA representative, the Tribal Government Regional Planning Board representative, the Air District representative or the Public Transportation Representative~~ and who has served on a Policy Committee and/or the Regional Council (in any combination, except as provided in this subsection) for at least ~~24-12~~ continuous months from when first appointed to the Policy Committee and/or Regional Council or from when elected to serve on the Regional Council through a District election; ~~provided, however, that at least 12 months of the potential candidate's service must be as a Regional Council member.~~ A potential candidate's concurrent service as a member of both a Policy Committee and the Regional Council shall count only once towards satisfying the ~~24-12-~~

month eligibility requirement.

- (2) The potential candidate must be actively involved with SCAG.
- (3) The potential candidate must be a local elected official from a SCAG member county, city, TCA, Air District or CTC, the Public Transportation Representative, or a locally elected Tribal Council member from a federally recognized Indian Nation.
- (4) Term limits will not prevent the potential candidate from serving a full term in the respective officer position.
- (5) A completed nomination application must be submitted to the Association by the appropriate deadline by either the potential candidate or a colleague on the Regional Council.

D. **Election by Regional Council and Ratification by General Assembly:** The names of the candidates for each officer position recommended by the Nominating Committee shall be submitted to the Regional Council for consideration and action at least one (1) month prior to the annual meeting of the General Assembly. The Nominating Committee shall recommend one candidate to the Regional Council for each officer position (except Secretary-Treasurer). If the Nominating Committee cannot agree on one candidate to recommend to the Regional Council for an officer position, all candidates for that officer position who satisfied the minimum eligibility requirements identified in Article V C. shall be presented to the Regional Council. The Regional Council may also consider and elect for any officer position individuals who are nominated directly at a Regional Council meeting as part of the election process. New Officers shall take office after the ratification of the General Assembly and upon the adjournment of the General Assembly meeting.

E. **Officer Position Vacancies:** A vacancy shall immediately occur in the office of the President, First Vice- President, Second Vice-President or Immediate Past President upon the resignation or death of the person holding such office, or upon the person holding such office ceasing to be a local elected official or if required by federal or state statutes or regulations, or if the appointment as a representative of a Member of the Association, the TCA, the Air Districts, Tribal Government Regional Planning Board or as the Public Transportation Representative of the person holding the office is rescinded by the legislative body responsible for the appointment or in response to a no confidence vote by a District undertaken in accordance with the District Representative Election Procedures in the Regional Council Policy Manual. Such a no confidence vote shall only be undertaken in response to a resolution passed by all cities in the District that are voting eligible members of the Association. Upon the occurrence of a vacancy in the office of President, First Vice-President, or Second Vice- President, the vacancy shall be filled for the balance of an unexpired term in order of succession by elevating the next remaining Officer to such position, and the President may call for a Special Election to fill the unexpired term of the office of Second Vice-President. Such second Vice-President shall be selected from a list of candidates which shall be prepared by a Nominating Committee structured in accordance with the provisions of Article VI, Section B. In the event of such a Special Election the name of a nominee shall be submitted by the Nominating Committee to the Regional Council for action. If elected, the new Second Vice-President shall take

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office upon adjournment of that meeting of the Regional Council that included the Special Election. Upon the occurrence of a vacancy in the position of the Immediate Past President, the next most immediate and available Past President of SCAG still serving as representative to the Regional Council shall fill the position and serve for the balance of the unexpired term.

- F. **Representatives to Regional Council ~~not~~ Eligible for Officer Positions:** ~~Notwithstanding any provision in these Bylaws to the contrary, a representative to the Regional Council from the Tribal Government Regional Planning Board or from the Air Districts or from the TCA and the Public Transportation Representative shall not be eligible to be elected by the Regional Council as Officers of the Association.~~ All representatives to the Regional Council from Members of the Association including the CTCs and the representatives of the Tribal Government Regional Planning Board, TCA and the Air Districts serving on the Regional Council as well as the Public Transportation Representative are eligible to be elected by the Regional Council as Officers of the Association.
- G. **Presiding Officer:** The President of the Association shall be the presiding officer of the Regional Council and of the General Assembly. The First Vice-President shall act as the presiding officer in his/her absence. The Second Vice-President, followed by the Immediate Past President, shall act as the presiding officer in the absence of both of the above officers.
- H. **Duties of Secretary-Treasurer:** The Secretary-Treasurer shall maintain a record of all Association proceedings, maintain custody of all Association funds, and otherwise perform the usual duties of such office.

ARTICLE VII – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Executive Director shall be the chief administrative officer of the Association. The powers and duties of the Executive Director are as follows.

- A. **Affairs of the Association:** Subject to the authority of the General Assembly and the Regional Council, to administer the affairs of the Association including, but not limited to, oversight and approval of the Personnel Rules, Procurement Manual and Accounting Manual of the Association.
- B. **Employees:** Consistent with all applicable personnel policies, procedures and salary classifications, to appoint, direct, discipline, remove and set the compensation and benefits of all other employees of the Association.
- C. **Budget:** Annually to prepare and present a proposed Association budget and Overall Work Plan budget to the Regional Council and to control the approved budgets.
- D. **Secretary-Treasurer:** To serve as Secretary-Treasurer of the Association.
- E. **Meetings:** To attend the meetings of the General Assembly, the Regional Council and the EAC.
- F. **Other Duties:** To perform such other duties as the General Assembly or the Regional Council or

the Regional Council Policy Manual may require.

- G. **Metropolitan Planning Organization:** To ensure compliance with the Association’s responsibilities as a metropolitan planning organization as outlined in 23 U.S.C.A. § 134 et seq., and as may be amended from time to time.

ARTICLE VIII - FINANCES

- A. **Fiscal Year:** The fiscal year of the Association shall commence on July 1.
- B. **Budget Submission and Adoption:** The Association budget shall be submitted by the Executive Director to the Regional Council. The Regional Council shall adopt an Association budget at least 30 days prior the Annual Meeting. The Association budget and assessment schedule shall be adopted by the General Assembly at the Annual Meeting. Notwithstanding any provision of the agreement establishing the Association, any member that cannot pay its assessment therefore because of any applicable law or charter provision, or other lack of ability to appropriate or pay the same, may add such assessment to its assessment for the next full fiscal year. The budget for each year shall provide the necessary funds with which to obtain and maintain the requisite liability and worker’s compensation insurance to fully protect each of the signatory parties hereto, and such insurance shall be so obtained and maintained.
- C. **Annual Membership Dues Assessment:** Each year, upon adoption of the Association budget, the General Assembly shall fix an annual membership dues assessment for all Members of the Association, Advisory Members of the Association and Regional Council members in amounts sufficient to provide the funds required by the Association budget and shall advise the legislative body of each Member, Advisory Member or Regional Council member thereof on or before the first regularly scheduled Regional Council meeting within thirty (30) days of the date of the General Assembly regular meeting of such year. Absent any other decision regarding membership dues assessments by the General Assembly, the annual membership dues assessment will be adjusted by the most recent year over year change in the Consumer Price Index – All Urban Consumers for the Los Angeles – Riverside – Orange County, California area, with a minimum of one per cent (1%) and using as a base for the assessment calculation the amount assessed in the previous assessment year. The annual membership dues assessment shall be determined in accordance with the formula set out in Article VIII D. of these Bylaws.

If a Member of the Association or an Advisory Member of the Association or a Regional Council member is unable to pay its annual membership dues assessment for any of the reasons cited in Article VIII B. of these Bylaws and if a Member (but not an Advisory Member or Regional Council member) is unable or unwilling to add its dues assessment to its assessment for the next full fiscal year, the Regional Council, for not more than one (1) year at a time, may defer, waive, or reduce payment of the annual membership dues assessment for a Member, an Advisory Member or a Regional Council member. Similarly, the Executive Director may authorize reduced payment of the annual membership dues assessment for a Member, an Advisory Member or a Regional Council member by no more than ten (10%) for not more than one (1) year at a time based upon documented financial hardship. In taking any of the actions above, the Regional Council shall adjust the Association budget to provide a balanced Association budget reflecting any of the above actions.

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Any action of the Regional Council deferring, waiving, or reducing the payment of the annual dues shall be reported at the following General Assembly meeting. In addition, if the Regional Council waives the annual membership dues assessment for a Member of the Association, or an Advisory Member of the Association or a Regional Council member, the Regional Council shall consider, at the same time and decide, on a case-by-case basis, whether the Official Representative of the Member or Advisory Member shall have the right to vote at the General Assembly and whether the representative of the Member, Advisory Member or Regional Council member can continue to vote on the Regional Council or any committee or subcommittee of the Association, serve in a leadership position, receive a stipend or have any other membership rights or privileges restricted during the period when the annual dues have been waived.

If the Regional Council decides to waive the annual membership dues assessment for a Member of the Association and also decides to suspend the voting rights of the Member for the period when the dues assessment is waived and if the representative of the Member serving on the Regional Council represents a multi-city District, the position of District representative shall be vacated by the action of the Regional Council and the vacancy shall be filled through a special election in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Regional Council Policy Manual.

Any Member of the Association, Advisory Member of the Association or Regional Council member that fails to pay its annual membership dues assessment, or, in the case of a Member, fails to announce its intention to add its assessment to the assessment for the next fiscal year or fails to seek a deferral or waiver or reduction of its assessment by January 1 of the July 1 – June 30 fiscal year shall be considered to have withdrawn from the Association and will cease to be a Member, Advisory Member or Regional Council member effective January 1. The Executive Director or his designee shall endeavor to provide written notices of annual membership dues assessment delinquencies in December of each fiscal year.

D. Methods of Assessment:

Member Cities and Counties and Tribal Governments: Each member county and each member city, based on its total population, shall pay, as part of its total annual assessment, the following fixed basic assessment:

COUNTIES		CITIES	
Total Population	Base	Population	Base
Up to 249,999	3,500	Up to 9,999	\$ 100
250,000 – 1,099,999	10,000	10,000 – 24,999	250
1,100,000 – 1,999,999	15,000	25,000 – 99,999	500
2,000,000 – 3,999,999	25,000	100,000 – 499,000	750
4,000,000 up	35,000	500,000 – 999,999	1,000
		1,000,000 up	1,250

For purposes of the annual assessment each federally recognized Indian Nation in the SCAG Region that becomes an Advisory Member of the Association shall be treated as a member city. The remainder of the total annual dues assessment to be borne by the member counties shall be

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charged to and paid by said member counties in proportion that the population of unincorporated portions of each bear to the total regional population. The remainder of the total annual assessment to be borne by the member cities shall be charged to and paid by said member cities in the proportion that the population of each bears to the total regional population. The computation of the shares of said total annual assessments as above provided shall be based upon the respective populations of the counties and cities as determined by the State Controller in making the most recent allocation to cities and counties pursuant to the Motor Vehicle License Fee Law, or based upon population data from the State Department of Finance in the event that the State Controller data is not available. For a member city newly incorporated pursuant to California Government Code Section 57176, the total annual assessment for the first five (5) years following incorporation shall be based upon such city's actual population as defined under California Revenue and Taxation Code Section 11005.3(d).

If any county or city was not a Member of the Association at the time the latest assessment was fixed and shall become a Member of the Association thereafter, an assessment shall be payable by such county or city to the Association upon becoming a Member in a sum based upon the current county or city per capita rate, as the case may be, prorated from the date of establishing membership until the July 1 following the next annual meeting of the General Assembly after such date. Notwithstanding the previous provisions of this Article VIII, no rebates or adjustments shall be made among the existing member counties and/or cities if such additional assessments shall be received from new Members. Notwithstanding the previous provisions of this Section, no regular dues assessment of any county or city shall exceed twenty percent (20%) of the total assessment for any annual assessment period.

CTCs: Each CTC shall pay a fixed annual assessment based on total population, using the following assessment table:

<u>Total Population</u>	<u>Annual Assessment</u>
Up to 249,000	\$ 3,500
250,000-1,099,999	\$ 10,000
1,100,000-1,999,000	\$ 15,000
2,000,000-3,999,999	\$ 25,000
More than 4,000,000	\$ 35,000

TCA, the Air Districts and the Public Transportation Representative: TCA shall pay an annual assessment of \$10,000. The annual assessment for a representative from the Air Districts on the Regional Council shall be \$10,000 to be paid in a manner agreed upon by the five (5) Air Districts within the SCAG Region. There is no required assessment for the Public Transportation Representative on the Regional Council.

- E. **Annual Audit:** The Regional Council shall cause an annual external audit of the financial affairs of the Association to be made by a certified public accountant at the end of each fiscal year. The Regional Council shall employ a certified public account of its choosing. The Regional Council shall also establish an Audit Committee to provide oversight of the annual external audit. The members of Audit Committee shall be comprised of members of the Regional Council and serve for one (1) year terms. The First Vice-President shall be a member of the Audit Committee and

the Second Vice-President shall serve as the chair of the Audit Committee for one (1) year. The audit report shall be made to Association member cities and counties.

- F. **Indemnification for Tort Liability:** In contemplation of the provisions of Section 895.2 of the Government Code of the State of California imposing certain tort liability jointly upon public entities solely by reason of such entities being parties to an agreement as defined in Section 895 of said code, the Members of the Association hereto as between themselves, pursuant to the authorization contained in Sections 895.4 and 895.6 of said code, will each assume the full liability imposed upon it, or any of its officers, agents or employees by law for injury caused by a negligent or wrongful act or omission occurring in the performance of this agreement to the same extent that such liability would be imposed in the absence of Section 895.2 of said code. To achieve the above stated purpose each Member of the Association indemnifies and holds harmless any other Member of the Association for any loss, cost or expense that may be imposed upon such other Member of the Association solely by virtue of said Section 895.2. The rules set forth in Civil Code Section 2778 are hereby made a part of these Bylaws.

- G. **Debts, Liabilities and Obligations of the Association:** Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 7 of said Joint Powers Agreement by which this Association is formed, no contract, employment, debt, liability or obligation of the Association shall be binding upon or obligate any Member of this Association without the express written request or consent of such Member and only to the extent so requested or consented to; nor shall the Association have the authority or the power to bind any member by contract, employment, debt, liability, or obligation made or incurred by it without the written request or consent of such Member, and then only to such extent as so requested or consented to in writing.

- H. **Depositaries and Investments:** In addition to the depositary and the disbursing officer as specified in Section 7 of the Joint Powers Agreement, the Regional Council may authorize additional depositaries and those authorized to disburse the Association's funds, and may specify the terms and conditions pertaining thereto.

ARTICLE IX – STATUTORY AUTHORITY

The Southern California Association of Governments shall be an agency established by a joint powers agreement among the members pursuant to Title 1, Division 7, Chapter 5, of the Government Code of the State of California and shall have the powers vested in the Association by State or Federal law, the Joint Powers Agreement, or these Bylaws. The Association shall not have the power of eminent domain, or the power to levy taxes.

ARTICLE X – VOLUNTARY WITHDRAWAL

Any Member of the Association, Advisory Member of the Association or Regional Council member may, at any time, withdraw from the Association providing, however, that the intent to withdraw must be stated in the form of a resolution enacted by the legislative body of the agency wishing to withdraw. Such resolution of intent to withdraw from the Association must be given to the Association by the withdrawing agency at least 30 days prior to the effective date of withdrawal. The withdrawing agency shall not be entitled to a refund of the annual assessment paid to the Association.

ARTICLE XI – BYLAWS AND RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE AND AMENDMENTS

The Bylaws and any amendments thereto are subject to the approval of the General Assembly.

Amendments to these Bylaws may be proposed by an Official Representative, the Executive Director, the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee and the Regional Council.

If proposed by an Official Representative, the amendment shall be submitted to the Association by a deadline established by the Association that is subject to waiver by the SCAG President or Executive Director but which in all cases must be at least forty-five (45) days prior to the regular meeting of the General Assembly for assignment and consideration by the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee.

The Bylaws and Resolutions Committee shall be appointed by the President and composed of twelve (12) representatives of Members of the Association serving on the Regional Council, with at least one (1) representative from each county in the SCAG Region and with at least two (2) representatives being county representatives. The representatives serving on the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee shall have terms that commence on the date of their appointment and extend to the adjournment of the next regular meeting of the General Assembly. A quorum of the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee shall be a majority of its membership. Proxy voting is not allowed and members must be present to vote. The affirmative votes of a majority of those Bylaws and Resolutions Committee members voting shall be required for any action by the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee. The Second Vice-President shall serve as the chair of the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee.

Except for amendments proposed by the Regional Council, all proposed amendments to the Bylaws shall be considered by the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee, and thereafter, by the Regional Council: except, however, amendments proposed by the Executive Director or his designee that are not recommended by the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee shall not be sent to the Regional Council. All amendments proposed by an Official Representative, and all amendments proposed by the Bylaws and Resolution Committee or the Executive Director or his designee that are recommended by the Regional Council along with amendments proposed by the Regional Council, shall be forwarded to the Official Representative of each General Assembly member at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the regular meeting of the General Assembly at which such proposed amendments will be voted upon.

An affirmative vote of a majority of the Official Representatives or Alternates of the General Assembly voting-eligible Members of the Association present and voting with a quorum in attendance is required to adopt an amendment to these Bylaws. If, within sixty (60) days after the adoption of any amendment, one-third (1/3) or more of the Official Representatives protest such amendment by filing a written protest with the Executive Director, the adoption of such amendment shall be suspended until the next meeting of the General Assembly when the amendment shall again be taken up for consideration and vote.

Notwithstanding any provision of the agreement establishing the Association, Article V - A-4(b) and the Article VIII A, B, and E of said Bylaws shall not be changed except with the concurrence of the

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legislative body of each signatory party to said agreement which has not then withdrawn from the Association.

ARTICLE XII – EFFECTIVE DATE

These Bylaws shall go into effect immediately upon the effective date of the agreement establishing the Association.

ARTICLE XIII – HIRING PROHIBITION

No individual who is or was an Official Representative or Alternate on SCAG’s General Assembly or is or was a representative of a Member of the Association or of an Advisory Member of the Association or of a Regional Council member serving on the Regional Council or is or was a member of any of SCAG’s Policy Committees shall be eligible for compensated employment with SCAG for a period of one (1) year after the individual’s last day of service in any of the SCAG positions described in this Article.

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Bylaws adopted by the Joint County-City SCAG Committee:

March 27, 1964

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October 6, 1978

March 16, 1979

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February 27, 1992

March 12, 1993

March 4, 1994

March 3, 1995

July 3, 1996

October 9, 1997

April 16, 1998

September 3, 1998

April 8, 1999

April 6, 2000

May 1, 2003

September 4, 2003

May 4, 2004

May 5, 2005

May 4, 2006

May 3, 2007

May 8, 2008

May 7, 2009

May 6, 2010

May 5, 2011

April 5, 2012

June 7, 2012

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May 2, 2013

May 1, 2014

May 7, 2015

May 5, 2016

May 4, 2017

May 3, 2018

May 2, 2019

May 6, 2021

Consideration of Proposed Amendments to the SCAG Bylaws

Agenda Item 1 – May 5, 2022, General Assembly Meeting

Michael R.W. Houston, Chief Counsel

Legal Services Department

April 7, 2022

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RC & BRC Recommendation

The Regional Council and Bylaws & Resolutions Committee recommend:

- Do not adopt Proposals 1–5
- Adopt Proposal 6

Bylaws Amendment Proposal 1



Require that “substantive SCAG programs or policy initiatives” must go through the Policy Committee process prior to presentment to the Regional Council, with consultation by and input from the Technical Working Group (TWG).

Bylaws Amendment Proposal 2



Require a 2/3 vote of the Regional Council to change or amend any Policy Committee recommendation.

Bylaws Amendment Proposal 3



Require suggestions or direction on “substantive SCAG policy initiatives or programs” that vary from those analyzed by the Policy Committees to be (1) referred back to the Policy Committee(s) prior to Regional Council action and (2) thoroughly reviewed and considered by the Policy Committee(s).

Bylaws Amendment Proposal 4



Formalize the TWG as a SCAG body by (1) delineating membership in the TWG, (2) requiring monthly meetings between the TWG and SCAG and (3) requiring the TWG to consider substantive SCAG policy initiatives and programs prior to the policy initiatives and programs being brought before a SCAG Policy Committee.

Bylaws Amendment Proposal 5



Amend SCAG officer eligibility provisions to permit 12 months service on either the Regional Council and/or Policy Committees, compared to the current 24 months of service that is required (of which 12 months must be on the Regional Council).

Bylaws Amendment Proposal 6



Allow the Transportation Corridor Agencies (TCA) representative, Air District representative, Tribal Government Regional Planning Board representative and Public Transportation Representative to serve as a SCAG officer.



AGENDA ITEM 2 REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort & Spa
74-855 Country Club Drive, Palm Desert, CA 92260
Sinatra Ballroom
May 5, 2022

To: General Assembly (GA)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

From: Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer
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Subject: Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2022-23 General Fund Budget and
Membership Assessment Schedule

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

As recommended by the Regional Council, that the General Assembly adopt the Fiscal Year 2022-23 (FY 2022-23) General Fund Budget and Membership Assessment Schedule. Authorize the Executive Director and the Chief Financial Officer to make adjustments that may be necessary after adoption of the budget (i.e. changes in revenue, allocated fringe benefits and indirect cost allocations, etc.).

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This item supports the following Strategic Plan Goal 7: Secure funding to support agency priorities to effectively and efficiently deliver work products.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The General Fund is the designated financial resource for the operating budget of the Regional Council and other activities for which expenditures may not be eligible for grant funding. It is adopted annually by the General Assembly upon the recommendation of the Regional Council. The Draft FY 2022-23 General Fund Budget and Membership Assessment Schedule were approved by the Regional Council on March 3, 2022.

BACKGROUND:

The General Fund supports SCAG activities that are not funded by federal and state grant funds. The General Fund also pays for lobbying costs, legal fees, and other costs which are otherwise not allowable charges to the grants. The FY 2022-23 General Fund budget is \$3,390,152, or 20% less than the FY 2021-22 General Fund budget of \$4,213,001. The decrease is primarily due to the completion of information technology capital acquisitions in FY 2021-22 and are not anticipated in FY 2022-23.

The General Fund budget includes the use of \$596,114 from the fund balance. The fund balance is being used to primarily meet increasing needs for General Assembly and Regional Council support,



as well as for legal services for the Regional Council and programs where expenditures may not be eligible for grant reimbursement.

The General Fund budget is primarily funded by the annual membership dues assessment for all members of SCAG. Member dues are calculated in accordance with the guidelines in Article VIII of the SCAG Bylaws. The FY 2022-23 General Fund budget includes anticipated Membership Assessment revenue collections of \$2,322,238. The full Membership Assessment Schedule and General Fund budget for FY 2022-23 can be found in Attachment 1 to this staff report.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Approval of the General Fund Budget and Membership Assessment Schedule provides the financial resources for all activities associated with the Regional Council for FY 2022-23.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. FY 2022-23 General Fund Budget and Membership Assessment Schedule

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

GENERAL FUND BUDGET

Fiscal Year 2022-23

GENERAL FUND BUDGET

General Fund Line Item Budget

The following table shows General Fund funding sources and expenditures by task.

		FY21 Actual	FY22 Adopted Budget	FY23 Proposed Budget	FY22 Adopted To FY23 Proposed Incr (Decr)
REVENUE:	Membership Dues:				
	Counties	280,673	322,491	336,895	14,404
	Cities	1,483,344	1,711,929	1,876,843	164,914
	Commissions	81,500	88,500	88,500	-
	Transportation Corridor Agency	8,000	10,000	10,000	-
	Air Districts	8,000	10,000	10,000	-
	Sub-total	1,861,517	2,142,920	\$ 2,322,238	\$ 179,318
	Interest	45,798	130,000	90,000	(40,000)
	Other	28,834	41,800	41,800	-
	General Assembly Sponsorships & Registrations	7,500	340,000	340,000	-
Transfers In	646,292	-	-	-	
Transfer from Fund Balance	-	1,558,281	596,114	(962,167)	
Sub-total	728,425	2,070,081	\$ 1,067,914	\$ (1,002,167)	
Total Revenues		2,589,941	4,213,001	\$ 3,390,152	\$ (822,849)
EXPENDITURES:					
Task .01 Regional Council	Regional Council:				
	Staff Time	31,746	12,884	48,546	35,662
	Legal Services	95,224	100,000	135,000	35,000
	Miscellaneous Other	3,128	-	-	-
	Other Meeting Expense	770	20,000	20,000	-
	RC/Committee Meeting	-	15,000	15,000	-
	RC Retreat	39,939	13,000	40,000	27,000
	Resource Materials/Subscriptions	1,005	-	-	-
	SCAG Consultant	23,330	-	-	-
	Stipends	244,400	202,000	245,000	43,000
Travel - Outside	-	50,000	50,000	-	
Travel - Local	339	46,000	46,000	-	
Mileage - Local	378	25,000	25,000	-	
Task sub-total	440,260	483,884	\$ 624,546	\$ 140,662	
Task .02 Legislative	Legislative:				
	Staff Time	4,213	28,370	29,324	954
	Federal/State Lobbyist	193,000	228,000	228,000	-
	Other Meeting Expense	-	15,000	15,000	-
	Resource Materials/Subscriptions	-	2,000	2,000	-
	Travel - Outside	-	10,000	10,000	-
Mileage	-	500	500	-	
Task sub-total	197,213	283,870	\$ 284,824	\$ 954	

GENERAL FUND BUDGET

General Fund Line Item Budget (continued)

		FY21 Actual	FY22 Adopted Budget	FY23 Proposed Budget	FY22 Adopted To FY23 Proposed Incr (Decr)
Task .04 Other Non-Labor	Other Non-Labor:				
	Bank Fees	10,545	15,000	15,000	-
	Contingency	445,917	-	-	-
	Demographic Workshop	1,000	28,000	28,000	-
	Economic Summit	46,740	85,000	85,000	-
	Housing Summit	-	20,000	-	(20,000)
	Legal Services	17,710	20,000	205,000	185,000
	Miscellaneous Other	31,782	15,000	20,000	5,000
	Other Meeting Expense	2,050	50,000	50,000	-
	Professional Memberships	5,865	11,500	11,500	-
	SCAG Consultant	32,762	-	76,415	76,415
	SCAG Memberships	160,273	127,600	127,600	-
	Scholarships	92,000	44,000	44,000	-
	Software Support	12,502	-	-	-
	Sponsorships	62,713	165,000	165,000	-
	Training Registration	2,282	-	-	-
	Travel	-	2,500	2,500	-
	Travel - Local	-	1,500	1,500	-
	Staff Lodging Expense	-	13,000	13,000	-
Mileage - Local	70	500	500	-	
Task sub-total		924,211	598,600	\$ 845,015	\$ 246,415
Task .06 General Assembly	General Assembly:				
	Staff Time	26,725	53,805	33,082	(20,723)
	General Assembly	850	611,500	611,500	-
	Printing	-	10,000	10,000	-
	SCAG Consultant	3,022	60,000	180,000	120,000
	Travel - Local	46	-	-	-
Mileage	354	5,000	5,000	-	
Task sub-total		30,996	740,305	\$ 839,582	\$ 99,277
Task .10 Capital Outlay >\$5K	Capital Outlay >\$5K				
	Capital Outlay	-	1,512,183	-	(1,512,183)
Task sub-total		-	1,512,183	\$ -	\$ (1,512,183)
Task .11 Public Records Administration	Public Records Administration:				
	Staff Time	16,956	25,158	51,524	26,366
Task sub-total		16,956	25,158	\$ 51,524	\$ 26,366
Task .14 International Collaboration	International Collaboration:				
	Staff Time	203	10,641	6,063	(4,578)
	Miscellaneous Other	-	2,000	2,000	-
	Other Meeting Expense	-	1,500	1,500	-
	Travel	-	15,000	-	(15,000)
Mileage	-	500	500	-	
Task sub-total		203	29,641	\$ 10,063	\$ (19,578)

GENERAL FUND BUDGET

General Fund Line Item Budget (continued)

		FY21 Actual	FY22 Adopted Budget	FY23 Proposed Budget	FY22 Adopted To FY23 Proposed Incr (Decr)
Task .20 Go Human Events	Go Human Events:				
	Other Meeting Expense	2,000	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
	Task sub-total	2,000	-	\$ -	\$ -
Task .23 Other Labor	Other Labor:				
	Staff Time	2,007	13,336	32,777	19,441
	Severance	2,800	-	-	-
	Task sub-total	4,807	13,336	\$ 32,777	\$ 19,441
Task .26 Employee Engagement Program	Employee Engagement Program				
	Engagement Committee	4,702	20,000	20,000	-
	Employee Recognition	2,862	15,000	15,000	-
	Department Allowance	6,609	15,000	15,000	-
	Task sub-total	14,173	50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ -
Task .27 Miscellaneous Sponsorship	Miscellaneous Sponsorship				
	Miscellaneous Other	124	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
	Task sub-total	124	-	\$ -	\$ -
	Total for all tasks	1,630,943	3,736,977	\$ 2,738,331	\$ (998,646)
	Allocated Fringe Benefits	61,464	112,822	153,486	40,664
	Allocated Indirect Costs	180,488	363,202	498,335	135,133
	Total	1,872,896	4,213,001	\$ 3,390,152	\$ (822,849)

*Totals may not add due to rounding

MEMBERSHIP ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

Proposed Membership Assessment

Schedule Fiscal Year 2022-23

As of February 1, 2022

	UNINC POP COUNTIES/TOTAL POP CITIES	ASSESSMENTS 2022-23
<u>COUNTIES (6)</u>		
IMPERIAL	37,887	7,592
LOS ANGELES	1,024,204	145,611
ORANGE	127,787	38,801
RIVERSIDE	389,905	67,109
SAN BERNARDINO	303,912	57,822
VENTURA	92,242	19,962
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SUB-TOTAL	1,975,937	336,897

CITIES (191) & TRIBE (5)

ADELANTO	35,147	4,296
AGOURA HILLS	20,457	2,459
ALHAMBRA	86,258	9,816
ALISO VIEJO	49,813	5,880
ANAHEIM	353,468	38,923
APPLE VALLEY	74,350	8,530
ARCADIA	57,660	6,727
ARTESIA	16,484	2,030
AVALON	3,973	529
AZUSA	49,587	5,855
BALDWIN PARK	75,935	8,701
BANNING	32,233	3,981
BARSTOW	24,205	2,864
BEAUMONT	52,686	6,190
BELL	36,319	4,422
BELLFLOWER	77,458	8,865
BELL GARDENS	42,233	5,061
BEVERLY HILLS	33,399	4,107
BIG BEAR LAKE	5,189	660
BLYTHE	18,556	2,254
BRADBURY	1,045	213
BRAWLEY	27,326	3,451
BREA	45,137	5,375
BUENA PARK	81,626	9,315
BURBANK	103,969	11,978

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	UNINC POP	ASSESSMENTS
	COUNTIES/TOTAL	2022-23
	POP CITIES	
CALABASAS	24,341	2,879
CALEXICO	40,485	4,872
CALIMESA	10,236	1,355
CALIPATRIA	6,509	803
CAMARILLO	69,708	8,028
CANYON LAKE	11,025	1,441
CARSON	91,668	10,400
CATHEDRAL CITY	53,973	6,329
CERRITOS	50,048	5,905
CHINO	88,184	10,024
CHINO HILLS	82,661	9,427
CLAREMONT	35,707	4,356
COACHELLA	47,825	5,665
COLTON	54,198	6,353
COMMERCE	12,792	1,631
COMPTON	97,775	11,059
CORONA	169,454	19,051
COSTA MESA	112,780	12,930
COVINA	48,833	5,774
CUDAHY	23,750	2,815
CULVER CITY	39,805	4,799
CYPRESS	48,531	5,741
DANA POINT	33,189	4,084
DESERT HOT SPRINGS	30,086	3,749
DIAMOND BAR	56,717	6,625
DOWNEY	111,425	12,784
DUARTE	21,457	2,567
EASTVALE	67,626	7,803
EL CENTRO	44,997	5,360
EL MONTE	116,465	13,328
EL SEGUNDO	16,660	2,049
FILLMORE	15,807	1,957
FONTANA	213,944	23,855
FOUNTAIN VALLEY	54,953	6,435
FULLERTON	139,431	15,808
GARDEN GROVE	172,476	19,377
GARDENA	60,344	7,017
GLENDALE	203,834	22,763
GLENDORA	51,540	6,066

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	UNINC POP	
	COUNTIES/TOTAL	ASSESSMENTS
	POP CITIES	2022-23
GRAND TERRACE	12,399	1,589
HAWAIIAN GARDENS	14,467	1,812
HAWTHORNE	86,999	9,896
HEMET	84,525	9,628
HERMOSA BEACH	19,451	2,351
HESPERIA	96,053	10,873
HIDDEN HILLS	1,913	307
HIGHLAND	55,060	6,446
HOLTVILLE	6,236	773
HUNTINGTON BEACH	196,874	22,012
HUNTINGTON PARK	58,937	6,865
IMPERIAL	20,289	2,441
INDIAN WELLS	5,428	686
INDIO	91,621	10,395
INDUSTRY	427	146
INGLEWOOD	110,159	12,647
IRVINE	271,564	30,078
IRWINDALE	1,441	256
JURAPA VALLEY	108,097	12,424
LA CANADA FLINTRIDGE	20,194	2,431
LA HABRA	62,808	7,283
LA HABRA HEIGHTS	5,451	689
LA MIRADA	48,631	5,752
LA PALMA	15,442	1,918
LA PUENTE	40,087	4,829
LA QUINTA	41,247	4,955
LA VERNE	33,084	4,073
LAGUNA BEACH	22,495	2,679
LAGUNA HILLS	31,073	3,856
LAGUNA NIGUEL	65,168	7,538
LAGUNA WOODS	16,036	1,982
LAKE ELSINORE	64,762	7,494
LAKE FOREST	84,538	9,630
LAKESWOOD	80,218	9,163
LANCASTER	161,372	18,178
LAWNSDALE	32,710	4,033
LOMA LINDA	24,895	2,939
LOMITA	20,431	2,456
LONG BEACH	467,730	51,263

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	UNINC POP	
	COUNTIES/TOTAL	ASSESSMENTS
	POP CITIES	2022-23
LOS ALAMITOS	11,538	1,496
LOS ANGELES	3,923,341	424,959
LYNWOOD	69,880	8,047
MALIBU	11,537	1,496
MANHATTAN BEACH	35,058	4,286
MAYWOOD	27,670	3,488
MENIFEE	99,686	11,266
MISSION VIEJO	94,119	10,665
MONROVIA	38,479	4,656
MONTCLAIR	39,598	4,776
MONTEBELLO	62,914	7,295
MONTEREY PARK	60,380	7,021
MOORPARK	35,981	4,386
MORENO VALLEY	209,426	23,367
MORONGO-MISSION INDIANS	1,243	234
MURRIETA	115,172	13,188
NEEDLES	5,353	678
NEWPORT BEACH	85,865	9,773
NORCO	26,107	3,319
NORWALK	105,393	12,132
OJAI	7,436	903
ONTARIO	182,004	20,406
ORANGE	137,366	15,585
OXNARD	204,675	22,854
PALM DESERT	53,892	6,320
PALM SPRINGS	47,754	5,657
PALMDALE	156,074	17,606
PALOS VERDES ESTATES	13,286	1,685
PARAMOUNT	55,200	6,461
PASADENA	145,306	16,443
PECHANGA BAND OF LUISENO INDIANS	582	163
PERRIS	78,977	9,029
PICO RIVERA	63,157	7,321
PLACENTIA	51,173	6,027
POMONA	151,319	17,092
PORT HUENEME	23,374	2,774
RANCHO CUCAMONGA	175,131	19,664
RANCHO MIRAGE	18,799	2,280
RANCHO PALOS VERDES	41,541	4,986

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	UNINC POP COUNTIES/TOTAL	ASSESSMENTS
	POP CITIES	2022-23
RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA	48,183	5,704
REDLANDS	71,154	8,184
REDONDO BEACH	66,484	7,680
RIALTO	102,567	11,827
RIVERSIDE	324,302	35,774
ROLLING HILLS	1,866	302
ROLLING HILLS ESTATES	8,098	975
ROSEMEAD	54,229	6,357
SAN BERNARDINO	216,291	24,109
SAN BUENAVENTURA	105,415	12,135
SAN CLEMENTE	64,065	7,419
SAN DIMAS	34,003	4,172
SAN FERNANDO	24,754	2,923
SAN GABRIEL	39,945	4,814
SAN JACINTO	51,269	6,037
SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO	35,801	4,366
SAN MANUEL BAND OF MISSION INDIANS	137	115
SAN MARINO	12,961	1,650
SANTA ANA	331,369	36,537
SANTA CLARITA	221,572	24,679
SANTA FE SPRINGS	18,129	2,208
SANTA MONICA	92,968	10,540
SANTA PAULA	30,691	3,815
SEAL BEACH	24,443	2,890
SIERRA MADRE	10,655	1,401
SIGNAL HILL	11,617	1,505
SIMI VALLEY	124,468	14,192
SOBOBA BAND OF LUISENO INDIANS	567	161
SOUTH EL MONTE	21,296	2,550
SOUTH GATE	96,553	10,927
SOUTH PASADENA	25,668	3,272
STANTON	39,573	4,774
TEMECULA	112,771	12,929
TEMPLE CITY	36,225	4,412
THOUSAND OAKS	125,426	14,296
TORRANCE	144,832	16,391
TORRES MARTINEZ BAND OF CAHUILLA INDIANS	3,335	460
TUSTIN	80,009	9,141
TWENTYNINE PALMS	29,967	3,736

MEMBERSHIP ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

Proposed Membership Assessment

Schedule Fiscal Year 2022-23

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	UNINC POP	
	COUNTIES/TOTAL	ASSESSMENTS
	POP CITIES	2022-23
UPLAND	78,513	8,979
VERNON	295	132
VICTORVILLE	127,170	14,484
VILLA PARK	5,759	722
WALNUT	29,835	3,722
WEST COVINA	105,593	12,154
WEST HOLLYWOOD	36,125	4,401
WESTLAKE VILLAGE	8,180	983
WESTMINSTER	91,466	10,378
WESTMORLAND	2,305	349
WILDOMAR	37,013	4,497
WHITTIER	86,196	9,809
YORBA LINDA	67,846	7,827
YUCCA VALLEY	22,330	2,662
YUCAIPA	55,634	6,508
SUB-TOTAL	16,879,768	1,913,262
GRAND TOTAL-ASSESSMENTS	18,855,705	2,250,159
 <u>COMMISSIONS (7)</u>		
SBCTA	2,175,909	25,000
RCTC	2,454,453	25,000
VCTC	835,223	10,000
ICTC	186,034	3,500
Transportation Corridor Agency		10,000
OCTA	3,153,764	25,000
Air Districts		10,000
SUB-TOTAL	8,805,383	108,500
 TOTAL MEMBERSHIP AND ASSESSMENTS		<u>2,358,659</u>



AGENDA ITEM 3
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort & Spa
74-855 Country Club Drive, Palm Desert, CA 92260
Sinatra Ballroom
May 5, 2022

To: General Assembly (GA)

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL**

From: Michael Houston, Director of Legal Services/Chief Counsel
(213) 630-1467, houston@scag.ca.gov

Subject: Ratification of 2022-23 Slate of Elected SCAG Officers

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Ratify the Regional Council's election of the 2022-2023 SCAG officers.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This item supports the following Strategic Plan Goal 1: Produce innovative solutions that improve the quality of life for Southern Californians.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On April 7, 2022, the Regional Council elected the following slate of officers to serve as the 2022-2023 SCAG board officers. The General Assembly is asked to ratify the Regional Council's election of the following individuals:

- For the Position of President: Jan Harnik, Riverside County Transp. Commission*
- For the Position of First Vice President: Carmen Ramirez, Ventura County*
- For the Position of Second Vice President: Art Brown, Regional Council District 21*

BACKGROUND:

On March 17, 2022, the Nominating Committee met to review the applications for the 2022-23 board officer positions of President, First Vice President and Second Vice President. Four (4) members of the Regional Council timely submitted applications for the three officer positions by the deadline of February 18, 2022. While acknowledging all of the applicants, and after providing opportunity for all applicants in attendance to address the committee, the Nominating Committee unanimously nominated the above-referenced candidates.

On April 7, 2022, the Regional Council reviewed the nominated candidates and elected the slate of officers. All candidates satisfy the eligibility requirements for SCAG officers as set forth in the SCAG Bylaws. The Regional Council, therefore, recommends that the General Assembly ratify the Regional Council's election of the 2022-23 SCAG officers, whose terms of office shall commence upon the adjournment of today's General Assembly Business Session.



Attached to this report are the applications of the slate of officers.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Work related to the process is covered by SCAG's Indirect Cost Budget, including WBS No. 810.SCG0120.09.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. The Honorable Jan Harnik - Application for 2022-2023 SCAG Officer Position
2. The Honorable Carmen Ramirez - Application for 2022-2023 SCAG Officer Position
3. The Honorable Art Brown - Application for 2022-2023 SCAG Officer Position

From: SCAG <no-reply@wufoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 5, 2022 10:25 AM
To: Maggie Aguilar
Subject: Application for 2022-2023 SCAG Officer Position [#3]

I acknowledge that *

- I have read the SCAG Bylaws, Article VI, Section C, subsection 1-5 as described above; and meet the minimum eligibility requirements.

Name * Jan Harnik

Name of your SCAG Member County, City or County Transportation Commission * Riverside County Transportation Committee, Palm Desert

Phone Number (760) 346-0611

Email * jharnik@ciityofpalmdesert.org

Application for Officer Position *

- President

Number of months served continuously on the SCAG Regional Council and/or Policy Committee(s). 4 terms
(Note: The Bylaws require, among other requirements,

at least 24
continuous
months
service on the
Regional
Council
and/or a
Policy
Committee,
with at least
12 months of
the service as
a Regional
Council
member.) *

Total length of 8 yers
SCAG service
(indicate
number of
years of
service) *

When does the December 2022
term of your
local elected
position
expire? *

Would term No
limits prevent
you from
maintaining
your local
elected
position? *

Positions held at SCAG * Regional Council, Transportation Committee, General Assembly Host Committee, EAC, LCMC, Emerging Technologies Committee, 1st Vice President, Scholarship Committee

1. Why do you wish to serve as a SCAG Officer? *

During my years of service on Southern California Association of Governments it is abundantly clear that, while the communities throughout our region are incredibly diverse in many ways, the relationship between them is symbiotic, and that has been emphasized in the recent clarity that COVID has provided. To truly develop a strong, equitable, healthy and robust region we must work together and view our differences as strengths and focus on our similarities which enable discussion and common perspectives.

COVID has magnified and accelerated many issues that exist. Our weakness in connectivity, both wired and wireless, is an ideal illustration. It is our opportunity to rebuild in a way that we all benefit.

Our willingness to have sometimes uncomfortable discussions with respect and honesty, produces growth and solutions. We have done a lot of work to that end, and we must continue. I am up for the task.

2. As an Officer, what would you contribute to SCAG? *

It has been, I'll say, an interesting year as 1st Vice President, and we have learned. With the Connect SoCal process, Greenprint, RHNA repercussions, on-going CEQA issues, housing needs and housing obstacles, etc., we have exposed weaknesses and developed solutions. The approach in developing the upcoming RTP is a great example. Another example are the numerous Zooms we have hosted with our representatives in D.C. and Sacramento creating an excellent opportunity to communicate, problem solve, and relationship build. We have many voices at SCAG and must continue to elevate them and express clearly our region's needs, the barriers created in bureaucracy and the flawed thinking of "one size fits all".

The creative and nimble approaches of the last year are a strength of the SCAG staff and membership and something we will build on.

I am a Southern California native – from Pacoima to Palm Desert, with many stops along the way. I appreciate our region and bring the perspective of my years here and my experience here. The impact of changes in technology, population growth, diverse thinking, etc. are important to note and I have the perspective of my years observing and the perspective my children share with me.

(A) In addition Yes
to attending
regular and
special
meetings of
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Regional Council, will you be able to attend other meetings and functions of SCAG, if requested? *

(B) What professional or personal constraints on your time or service that you anticipate? *

I am a member of the Palm Desert City Council and occasionally there will be scheduling conflicts.

4. What are your values and skills that you could bring to SCAG as an Officer? *

Raising five children in our region has offered many life lessons and experiences. Watching as they navigate today, which not that long ago I viewed as the future, provides understanding of just how agile and open I/we/SCAG must be in planning – and how closely we must listen. These are skills I possess and continue work on. I am passionate about the needs of our region, e.g., relevant and accessible education, broadband, effective land planning, transportation, housing, and work to assist in effectuating the best results while understanding these are on-going issues.

5. What is your vision for the future of SCAG and what do you believe needs to be done to accomplish this vision? *

SCAG must strengthen its voice in Sacramento and Washington D.C., significant progress has been made and we must continue in the effort. Whether we visit by Zoom or in person, our open and honest communication is crucial. Working as a region and with the vision that when we win, no one has to lose, we can achieve our goals.

One of the issues that has been magnified these last two years, is our weakness in connectivity/broadband. When we examine the critical role it plays in everything SCAG does, we know the importance. Our region's success, the quality of living of every person and what occurs in the future, weighs upon our success in implementing an absolutely all-inclusive and state of the art broadband plan – while understanding that it will continue to grow in need and technological innovation – and we must continue with it.

The Emerging Technology Committee is a great foundation as are the SoCal Transformation committee and bi-weekly meetings of which 2nd Vice President Ramirez and I have been a part.

6. What would you consider the strengths of SCAG? * The strength of SCAG is, at times, also its weakness – great diversity! The diverse opinions and experiences have the capacity to find great answers. Also, the staff's and membership's willingness to examine processes to improve and enhance participation and results. The SCAG staff with whom I have worked closely are resilient and open to finding solutions to issues – COVID has shown that clearly.

7. What could SCAG improve on? * We must continue our work on "the squeaky wheel" in Sacramento and D.C. We have made considerable strides and must continue. We have done a great job building understanding and relationships between our membership. We must do even more with that considerable task to truly be our best.

Print Your Name Jan C. Harnik

Date Saturday, February 5, 2022

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From: SCAG <no-reply@wufoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 7, 2022 1:02 PM
To: Maggie Aguilar
Subject: Application for 2022-2023 SCAG Officer Position [#4]

I acknowledge that *

- I have read the SCAG Bylaws, Article VI, Section C, subsection 1-5 as described above; and meet the minimum eligibility requirements.

Name * Carmen Ramirez

Name of your SCAG Member County, City or County Transportation Commission * Ventura County

Phone Number [REDACTED]

Email * carmen.ramirez@ventura.org

Application for Officer Position *

- 1st Vice President

Number of months served continuously on the SCAG Regional Council and/or Policy Committee(s). approximately 100 months
(Note: The Bylaws require, among other requirements,

at least 24 continuous months service on the Regional Council and/or a Policy Committee, with at least 12 months of the service as a Regional Council member.) *

Total length of SCAG service (indicate number of years of service) * 9 years

When does the term of your local elected position expire? * December 2024

Would term limits prevent you from maintaining your local elected position? * No

Positions held at SCAG * Member of Energy and Environment Committee since beginning of service, including two years as Chair and vice chair respectively
Past member of nominating committee
Current Chair of Audit Committee and Committee member in past recent times
Member Legislative and Membership committee
Current 2nd Vice President
Continuous member of Regional Council for 9 years, during status as Oxnard City Council representing District 45 for 8 years.
Current Regional Council Member and now as Ventura County Supervisor

1. Why do you wish to serve as a SCAG Officer? *

I have been a representative to SCAG regional council for the past 9 years. I know that SCAG, a planning organization of 191 cities and six counties has an unlimited potential to do good for the people and businesses of the region. Good and fair process and planning can make life better for those of us lucky enough to be living here.

I feel fortunate to have grown up in the San Gabriel Valley. I received a great education in public and private schools and universities in Southern California.

I am grateful for the opportunities that I have had to serve the community in my public service as a legal aid attorney for more than two decades and as a member of the Superior Court of Ventura’s Self Help programs for unrepresented residents.

My experience led me to run for public office, so that I could offer my services to the city to help make the decisions to improve Oxnard. I volunteered for every committee that impacted my city, whether County, regional or local, wanting my city and my constituents to have a strong voice at every level. Decades as an attorney and civically engaged resident, later as an elected Council member for the City of Oxnard and now as a second year County Supervisor for Ventura County, have given me experience that can help me be a good leader for SCAG.

I want to do what I can and make the decisions that will support the kind of opportunities for a quality of life that I have had. As an organization of elected officials, we have to strive for better solutions, for collaboration, but always move our regions and our respective communities forward. I want to be part of that.

2. As an Officer, what would you contribute to SCAG? *

I have a long history of respectful communication, diligence (I have never missed a council meeting in 10 years) and building relationships with other elected officials, business entities, community groups and individual members of the community. I respect other peoples’ opinions, even if different from mine and I know that I don’t have all the answers. I believe that mutual respect, as we further collegiality and civic discourse, is a key to progress. It requires us to listen to

other opinions and to find common ground. Many challenges of the future are not really surprises. To be good leaders, we have to face those challenges today and not put off the work for another day. As a council person for ten years in the City of Oxnard, I and my colleagues had to make very difficult decisions. I worked to achieve consensus with my fellow councilmembers in order to take bold steps to modernize our city as well as to protect public safety and health. These are experiences that I bring to SCAG. While attending to current and emergency needs, like the pandemic and the consequent economic crisis, I try to keep my eye on the next crisis, whether a natural disaster, the health crisis the pandemic has created or the slow-moving train wreck of the housing crisis made worse by the pandemic. We can all learn from the experience of other jurisdictions in order to do better, I look for those lessons.

(A) In addition YES!

to attending regular and special meetings of SCAG's Regional Council, will you be able to attend other meetings and functions of SCAG, if requested? *

(B) What professional or personal constraints on your time or service that you anticipate? *

As a county supervisor and as other elected officials must, I must attend the Supervisors' meetings and regional county committees that I belong to. This has not been a problem for me in the past and not anticipated to be a problem in the future. I have a record of perfect attendance as a city council member for ten years and have rarely missed any SCAG meeting for the regional council or committee assignments. I have no personal constraints on my time.

4. What are your values and skills that you could bring to SCAG as an Officer? *

I believe in achieving consensus through respectful dialogue, while the majority controls and the minority viewpoint is respected in every decision. I have been a lawyer for decades, representing individuals with difficult problems. Not every

problem can be resolved in the courtroom and working together we can find solutions where there are more winners than losers. I know that not everything important is done easily or quickly. I have been a board member of many non-profits, several of which have gone through tough times, I have never abandoned ship but but stayed to see the organization through the crisis. I have been collegial in any organization that I have been a part of either as a member, employee, leader or colleague. I value evidence, and process and the democratic majority and the rule of law. I know that there are in most cases at least two sides to every issue, and it is essential to listen and learn.

During my eight electoral campaigns in the past 12 years, I honored my pledge to wage a “clean” campaign, based on my record and resume, and the facts rather than any personal attacks on my opponents. While others did not, I am proud that I was able to do that and still win six times, including my last campaign for County Supervisor.

Additionally, I respect and enjoy the history of the counties and cities of the SCAG region, their unique cultures and historical features which make for a richer community. I don’t believe in a zero-sum game but if other cities thrive in their unique ways, that is best for all of us. And, I wouldn’t live anywhere else.

5. What is your vision for the future of SCAG and what do you believe needs to be done to accomplish this vision? *

The task ahead for SCAG is to continue the hard work of improving the quality of life in our region. This means getting traffic moving, getting the air cleaner, lessening commute times from home to jobs and back again, encouraging more home building in the right place and the right price(s). We have to be responsible leaders for the current and future health and welfare of the people of our region. Collaboration and cooperation and understanding between the representatives of different jurisdictions, agencies, business and non-profits and communities of interests is critical to moving forward with making our region as modern as possible and not leaving any sectors behind.

6. What would you consider the strengths of SCAG? *

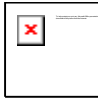
SCAG's greatest strength is the possibility of speaking with a strong voice to influence positive efforts at every level of government. Just as in the past few years, many of us traveled together to Sacramento to seek fairer funding for Southern California's needs, we should continue to make our voice stronger. A great part of our strength is the diversity of our membership, with large and smaller cities, rural and urban, understanding the diverse needs and that one size does not fit all. I also am very aware that the electeds who make up our regional council are essentially volunteers who work tirelessly for the betterment of their communities.

7. What could SCAG improve on? *

Communication is always something that can be improved. Among our membership, some are relatively new and need the back story to help make informed decisions. Communication with the public at large about what we are trying to do at SCAG could help us make better decisions. Staff is doing an excellent job in this regard but it is a big task. For example, I am very pleased about the

Housing Leadership Academy to help emerging leaders and others better understand the complexity of the housing issues we face. More of this should be encouraged.

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Print Your
Name

Carmen Ramirez

Date

Monday, February 7, 2022

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CARMEN RAMIREZ, VENTURA COUNTY SUPERVISOR DISTRICT 5

Ventura County Supervisor Carmen Ramírez is dedicated to improving Oxnard, and Ventura County and the Southern California region now and for the benefit of future generations. She has worked in Oxnard since 1978 and has been an Oxnard homeowner since 1992. In November 2020, she was elected to serve a four-year term as Ventura County Supervisor for District 5, which includes greater Oxnard, including much of the city, and unincorporated areas of the coast, including Hollywood Beach, Silver Strand well as Naval Base Ventura County, California State University Channel Islands, Oxnard Airport, Channel Islands Harbor and Ormond Beach Wetlands and much more.

Previously, she was elected to the Oxnard City Council in 2010 and was elected for three terms. Ms. Ramírez was named Mayor Pro Tem December 2012. During the ten years of her service, she never missed a council meeting.

Graduating from Loyola School of Law in Los Angeles in 1974, she was admitted to the California State Bar that same year and has maintained her license through the present time. For 16 years she was the Executive Director of Channel Counties Legal Services Association, which served the legal needs of low-income families in Ventura and Santa Barbara County. For 9 years thereafter, she was the coordinator of the Ventura Superior Court's Self Help Legal Center in the Colonia neighborhood of Oxnard, serving the Spanish Speaking community. From 2009 she maintained a private legal practice focusing Social Security Disability and consumer law matters, as well as Pro Bono assistance.

She serves on numerous committees, including the Ventura County Air Pollution Control District, Ventura County Animal Services Commission, Ventura County's Local Agency Formation Commission, Beach Erosion and Nourishment Commission (BEACON), Ventura County Transportation Commission, the Gold Coast Health Plan (Ventura County's Managed Health Care program), Fox Canyon Ground Water Management Agency and the Camarillo and Oxnard Airport. She is the county's representative to Southern California Association of Governments.

In 1998, she was president of the Ventura County Bar Association and remains active in bar activities. From 2005 to 2008, she was an elected member of the State Bar Board of Governors, overseeing the practice of the legal profession in California.

Additionally, she has been a board member on many community organizations in Ventura County, including Ventura County Community Foundation, El Concilio Del Condado de Ventura, Teatro de Las Americas and is long standing Board Member for the Center for Civic Education, a national non-profit organization promoting the study of the constitutional history of the United States and practice of Democracy in the United States and throughout the world.

She was raised in the San Gabriel Valley of LA County, one of seven siblings. She is married, with two stepsons and is a fluent Spanish-speaker. Because of its opportunities and challenges, she believes that Ventura County is a great place to live, and she is working to making it a better place for future generations to thrive.

From: SCAG <no-reply@wufoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 27, 2022 1:23 PM
To: Maggie Aguilar
Subject: Application for 2022-2023 SCAG Officer Position [#2]

I acknowledge that *

- I have read the SCAG Bylaws, Article VI, Section C, subsection 1-5 as described above; and meet the minimum eligibility requirements.

Name * Arthur Brown

Name of your SCAG Member County, City or County Transportation Commission * Buena Park

Phone Number



Email * abrown@buenapark.com

Application for Officer Position *

- 2nd Vice President

Number of months served continuously on the SCAG Regional Council and/or Policy Committee(s). (Note: The Bylaws require, among other requirements, at least 24 continuous months service on the Regional Council and/or a Policy Committee, with at least 12 months of the service as a Regional Council member.) *

84

Total length of SCAG service (indicate number of years of service) *

25

When does the term of your local elected position expire? *

2024

Would term limits prevent you from maintaining your local elected position? *

No

Positions held at SCAG *	EEC Member and Chair, T/C Vice Chair and Member. Chair of several transportation sub-committees and the NAFTA Committee.
1. Why do you wish to serve as a SCAG Officer? *	I have served as a RC member for 25 years and believe that SCAG is the regional voice of Southern California for planning. I have served as Chair and board member of OCTA, LOSSAN, AND Metrolink. I understand the needs of cities and counties but we need SCAG for Regional Planning to make the region a place for good housing, transportation and quality of life by looking at the region as a whole. I feel with my experience I can help with this process.
2. As an Officer, what would you contribute to SCAG? *	My experience of 34 years as an elected School Board Member, City Council Member. I have also worked in Sacramento as an Advocate for a public safety Association for 4 years and have written legislation that is now state law. I have attended the SCAG visits to Washington DC and also with OCTA.
(A) In addition to attending regular and special meetings of SCAG's Regional Council, will you be able to attend other meetings and functions of SCAG, if requested? *	yES
(B) What professional or personal constraints on your time or service that you anticipate? *	No personal constraints. Only professional items would be city council meetings.
4. What are your values and skills that you could bring to SCAG as an Officer? *	See number 2
5. What is your vision for the future of SCAG and what do you believe needs to be done to accomplish this vision? *	I would like to bring the membership back together instead of the constant bickering about what sub region is not getting their voice heard and to work together for the good of the region.
6. What would you consider the strengths of SCAG? *	Regional planning and the ability to bring explain to the member ship how their actions will benefit the region as a whole and to pass the state and federal mandated programs.
7. What could SCAG improve on? *	To bring the membership back to the way it was when I first joined SCAG. and defuse the tension between the voice of Los Angeles and the rest of the region.

Print Your Name

Arthur Brown

Date

Wednesday, January 27, 2021

I acknowledge that *

- by checking this box, my printed name above is my signature for submitting this application.



AGENDA ITEM 4 REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort & Spa
74-855 Country Club Drive, Palm Desert, CA 92260
Sinatra Ballroom
May 5, 2022

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS GENERAL ASSEMBLY – ANNUAL BUSINESS SESSION MINUTES OF THE MEETING THURSDAY, MAY 6, 2021

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 AT: <http://scag.ig2.com/Citizens/>

The General Assembly of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) held its Business Session 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.

Delegate and/or Alternate Representatives from the following Cities, Counties and County Transportation Commissions were in attendance:

Imperial County: Brawley, Calexico, Calipatria, El Centro, Imperial, Westmorland and the County of Imperial

Los Angeles County: Agoura Hills, Alhambra, Arcadia, Artesia, Avalon, Azusa, Bell, Bell Gardens, Bellflower, Beverly Hills, Burbank, Calabasas, Carson, Cerritos, Claremont, Covina, Culver City, Diamond Bar, Downey, Duarte, El Monte, El Segundo, Gardena, Glendale, Hawthorne, La Cañada Flintridge, La Habra Heights, La Mirada, La Verne, Lakewood, Lancaster, Lawndale, Lomita, Long Beach, Lynwood, Monrovia, Montebello, Norwalk, Pomona, Redondo Beach, Rolling Hills Estates, Rosemead, San Dimas, San Gabriel, Santa Clarita, Santa Fe Springs, Sierra Madre, Signal Hill, South El Monte, South Pasadena, Torrance, Vernon, West Hollywood, Westlake Village, Whittier and the County of Los Angeles

Orange County: Aliso Viejo, Anaheim, Brea, Buena Park, Costa Mesa, Cypress, Dana Point, Fullerton, Garden Grove, Huntington Beach, Irvine, La Habra, Laguna Niguel, Laguna Woods, Lake Forest, Los Alamitos, Mission Viejo, Newport Beach, Placentia, San Clemente, San Juan Capistrano, Santa Ana, Seal Beach, Stanton, Tustin, Villa Park, Yorba Linda and the County of Orange

Riverside County: Banning, Beaumont, Calimesa, Canyon Lake, Cathedral City, Coachella, Corona, Desert Hot Springs, Eastvale, Hemet, Indian Wells, Indio, Jurupa Valley, La Quinta, Lake Elsinore,



Menifee, Moreno Valley, Murrieta, Palm Desert, Palm Springs, Perris, Riverside, San Jacinto, Temecula, Wildomar and the County of Riverside

San Bernardino County: Adelanto, Barstow, Big Bear Lake, Chino Hills, Colton, Fontana, Grand Terrace, Highland, Loma Linda, Montclair, Needles, Ontario, Rancho Cucamonga, Rialto, San Bernardino, Twentynine Palms, Upland, Victorville, Yucaipa and the County of San Bernardino

Ventura County: Moorpark, Ojai, Oxnard, Port Hueneme, Santa Paula, Thousand Oaks, Ventura and the County of Ventura

County Transportation Commissions: Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC), Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC), San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA) and Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC)

Tribal Government Regional Planning Board: Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians

Staff Present

- Kome Ajise, Executive Director
- Darin Chidsey, Chief Operating Officer
- Debbie Dillon, Chief Strategy Officer
- Carmen Flores, Human Resources Director
- Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer
- Sarah Jepson, Planning Director
- Javiera Cartagena, Acting Policy and Public Affairs Director
- Julie Shroyer, Chief Information Officer
- Michael Houston, Chief Counsel/Director Legal Services
- Ruben Duran, Board Counsel
- Maggie Aguilar, Office of Regional Council Support
- Peter Waggoner, Office of Regional Council Support

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SCAG President Rex Richardson, representing Long Beach, called the meeting to order at 10:18 a.m. President Richardson welcomed attendees to SCAG’s Annual General Assembly meeting.

President Richardson asked First Vice President Clint Lorimore, Eastvale, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Richardson indicated opening remarks would be provided by Governor Gavin Newsom. A prerecorded video from Governor Newsom was played in which he addressed Southern California leaders and noted the importance of working together.

President Richardson stated that during the General Assembly meeting they would be watching videos honoring SCAG's annual Sustainability Award winners. He provided instructions on how to participate in the meeting and asked the Clerk to call roll. A quorum was confirmed.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

President Richardson provided instructions for public comment. SCAG staff confirmed that there were no public comment speakers.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEM/S

There was no reprioritization of agenda items.

ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

President Richardson stated that in the essence of time they would receive presentations on items 1-4 and combined the votes. No representatives objected.

1. Consideration of Proposed Amendments to the SCAG Bylaws

President Richardson called on Chief Counsel Michael Houston, for background information on Agenda Item No. 1.

Chief Counsel Houston stated that proposals were presented to the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee (BRC) and subsequently approved by the Regional Council on April 1, 2021 for submission to the General Assembly. Mr. Houston summarized the four proposed amendments, which included two from Regional Councilmember Trevor O'Neil and two from SCAG staff.

Mr. Houston first reviewed proposals from Regional Councilmember O'Neil. The first proposal would require the Clerk or Counsel to re-state motions that differ from the recommended actions contained in the Regional Council's agenda packet, and it would require an opportunity for Regional Councilmember to discuss the matter before voting. The second proposal would broaden eligibility to be a candidate for SCAG officer positions. He noted that the BRC discussed the second proposal extensively and voted to recommend the proposal but with amendments as follows: that Policy Committee service count for eligibility but a minimum of 12 months of Regional Council service would be required to be an officer; the 24-months of service must be served continuously as is currently required by the Bylaws; Policy Committee service could not double count if a person

served concurrently on both a Policy Committee and the Regional Council at the same time; and that only then-current Regional Council members could be officer candidates.

Mr. Houston then reviewed proposed amendments from SCAG staff, as permitted by SCAG Bylaws. The first proposal from staff would allow the seven County Regional Council representatives to each appoint one local elected official from a SCAG member with a “community of concern” within its boundaries to serve on a Policy Committee. He noted that upon appointment by the county representative, the President would be required to place the appointed member on one of the three Policy Committees, and that the appointees would serve approximately two-year terms. He indicated that the net result of this proposed amendment would be to increase representation of member agencies with communities of concern by adding a total of seven spread across the Policy Committees. He further noted that this proposal was intended to begin implementation at a governance level of the Regional Council’s diversity, equity and inclusion resolution as adopted last year. The final staff proposal would clarify that the adjustment to annual membership assessments would be based on the Consumer Price Index increase from the prior year’s assessment, not the prior year’s collections. He explained that this change would reflect a more consistent baseline and also reflects the prior year’s approval from both the Regional Council and the General Assembly in adopting the assessment.

Hon. Trevor O’Neil, Anaheim, addressed the General Assembly members and noted that his intent in suggested bylaw amendments was to provide clarity when motions are changed on the floor during Regional Council meetings and to broaden opportunities for representatives to serve on the SCAG as a SCAG officer. With respect to the third recommended bylaw change on the communities of concern, he noted that he was not in favor of it and believed that it created inequities in that there would be more representation coming from certain areas than others. He stated that he hoped the President would give each individual member the opportunity to vote up or down on each individual components of the motion before them.

President Richardson acknowledged the work of the BRC and the Regional Council and stated that the recommendations brought forward create a more inclusive Regional Council and allows for more participation as it relates to becoming an officer.

2. Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2021-22 General Fund Budget and Membership Assessment Schedule

President Richardson called on Executive Director Kome Ajise to provide background information on Agenda Item No. 2. Executive Director Ajise called on Chief Financial Officer Cindy Giraldo to provide background information on Agenda Item Number. 2.

Cindy Geraldo, Chief Financial Officer, reported that the Executive/Administration Committee and Regional Council approved staff's recommendation of the 2021-22 General Fund Budget and that staff was requesting the General Assembly to adopt the FY22 General Fund budget and membership assessment schedule. She explained the FY 222 General Fund Budget and provided examples of activities that the General Fund covers. She noted that line-item detail of a General Fund Budget along with the membership assessment schedule were included in the staff report as attachment one.

Hon. Marsha McLean sought clarification on Item Number 1 of the Bylaws regarding officers and districts like hers that rotate the Regional Council seat. Specifically, she asked if the bylaws recommendation would allow members of cities that rotate every two years the ability to submit an application and serve as a board officer.

President Richardson explained that this bylaw change would allow her service as a policy committee member, preceding her time as a Regional Council member, to be factored into the two-year requirement. He noted that in her situation it would help provide more access.

3. Ratification of 2021-22 Slate of Elected SCAG Officers

President Richardson called on Chief Counsel Houston, for background information on Agenda Item No. 3. Chief Counsel Houston reviewed the process of the Nominating Committee and provided details of the Nominating Committee meeting on March 15, 2021. He stated that the individuals recommended to the Regional Council were Hon. Clint Lorimore for the position of President, Hon. Jan Harnik for the position of First Vice President and Supervisor Carmen Ramirez for the position of Second Vice President. On April 1, 2021, the Regional Council voted to recommend these individuals to the General Assembly.

President Richardson stated he was honored to support their leadership as they move forward.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval Item

4. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the General Assembly – June 4, 2020

President Richardson asked for a motion for Agenda Item Nos. 1-4 together.

A MOTION was made (Beaman Jacinto, Coachella) to approve Agenda Item Nos. 1-4. Motion was SECONDED (Robertson, Rialto) and passed by the following votes:

AYES: Reyes, Adelanto; Weber, Agoura Hills; Andrade-Stadler, Alhambra; Chun, Aliso Viejo; O'Neil, Anaheim; Tay, Arcadia; Trevino, Artesia; Marshall, Avalon; Avila, Azusa; Wallace, Banning; Courtney, Barstow; Santos, Beaumont; Saleh, Bell; Barcena, Bell Gardens; Hamada, Bellflower; Mirisch, Beverly Hills; Putz, Big Bear Lake; Nava, Brawley; Simonoff, Brea; Swift, Buena Park; Shapiro, Calabasas; Garcia, Calexico; Molina, Calimesa; Cervantes, Calipatria; Smith, Canyon Lake; Gregory, Cathedral City; Yokoyama, Cerritos; Marquez, Chino Hills; Leano, Claremont; Beaman Jacinto, Coachella; Navarro, Colton; Casillas, Corona; Marr, Costa Mesa; Plancarte, County of Imperial; Barger, County of Los Angeles; Wagner, County of Orange; Spiegel, County of Riverside; Hagman, County of San Bernardino; Ramirez, County of Ventura; Marquez, Covina; Fisch, Culver City; Peat, Cypress; Betts, Desert Hot Springs; Tye, Diamond Bar; Ashton, Downey; Finlay, Duarte; Clint, Eastvale; Viegas-Walker, El Centro; Ancona, El Monte; Boyles, El Segundo; Silva, Fullerton; Henderson, Gardena; Devine, Glendale; Wilson, Grand Terrace; Reyes English, Hawthorne; Krupa, Hemet; McCallon, Highland; Posey, Huntington Beach; Nava-Froelich, ICTC; Amparano, Imperial; Griffith, Indian Wells; Ortiz, Indio; Carroll, Irvine; Silva, Jurupa Valley; Curtis, La Cañada Flintridge; Espinoza, La Habra; Zezula, La Habra Heights; De Ruse, La Mirada; Evans, La Quinta; Davis, La Verne; Gennawey, Laguna Niguel; Horne, Laguna Woods; Manos, Lake Elsinore; Pequeno, Lake Forest; Stuckey, Lakewood; Doris, Lancaster; Suarez, Lawndale; Jindal, Loma Linda; Gazeley, Lomita; Richardson, Long Beach; Allen, Long Beach; Doby, Los Alamitos; Solache, Lynwood; Karwin, Menifee; Kelley, Mission Viejo; Shevlin, Monrovia; Ruh, Montclair; Peralta, Montebello; Parvin, Moorpark; Baca, Moreno Valley; White, Murrieta; Paget, Needles; Muldoon, Newport Beach; Perez, Norwalk; Stix, Ojai; Dorst-Porada, Ontario; MacDonald, Oxnard; Kelly, Palm Desert; Woods, Palm Springs; Smith, Placentia; Sandoval, Pomona; Michael, Rancho Cucamonga; Harnik, RCTC; Emdee, Redondo Beach; Robertson, Rialto; Lock-Dawson, Riverside; Zerunyan, Rolling Hills Estates; Ly, Rosemead; Alexander, San Bernardino; Ferguson, San Clemente; Ebiner, San Dimas; Pu, San Gabriel; Ruiz, San Jacinto; Taylor, San Juan Capistrano; Bacerra, Santa Ana; McLean, Santa Clarita; Trujillo, Santa Fe Springs; Sobel, Santa Paula; Wapner, SBCTA; Sustarsic, Seal Beach; Arizmendi, Sierra Madre; Wilson, Signal Hill; Olmos, South El Monte; Mahmud, South Pasadena; Shawver, Stanton; Schwank, Temecula; Adam, Thousand Oaks; Furey, Torrance; Clark, Tustin; Velto, Upland; Judge, VCTC; Brown, Ventura; Menke, Vernon; Jones, Victorville; Miles, Villa Park; Meister, West Hollywood; Davis, Westlake Village; Beltran, Westmorland; Bouchot, Whittier; Benoit, Wildomar; Rodriguez, Yorba Linda; and Avila, Yucaipa (143)

NOES: **Item No. 1:** Wilson, Signal Hill (1); **Item No. 1C:** O'Neil, Anaheim; Navarro, Colton; Carroll, Irvine; Zezula, La Habra Heights; Evans, La Quinta; Manos, Lake Elsinore; Pequeno, Lake Forest; Karwin, Menifee; Kelley, Mission Viejo; Emdee, Redondo Beach; Ly, Rosemead; Ferguson, San Clemente; Ruiz, San Jacinto; and Miles, Villa Park (15)

ABSTAIN: Item No. 1C: McLean, Santa Clarita (1); **Item No. 4:** Miles, Villa Park; and Gregory, Cathedral City (2)

*Talamantes, Burbank noted that the city shared representation with Glendale and that this year Glendale was representing them.

*Frost, Dana Point messaged staff via zoom clarifying vote as yes for Item No.s 1-4 and no on the Bylaws for Item No. 1C.

President Richardson acknowledged their efforts in expanding the voice for communities of. He also congratulated the new slate of Board Officers: Clint Lorimore, Jan Harnik and Carmen Ramirez.

Hon. Deborah Robertson, Rialto, applauded President Richardson and acknowledged his work during the year.

President Richardson thanked Hon. Robertson for her comments.

SUSTAINABILITY AWARD

President Richardson introduced a video showcasing the Sustainability Award winners in six categories as follows:

- Outstanding Achievement in Sustainability: The City of Santa Ana – Santa Ana Arts Collective (SAAC) Affordable Housing and Adaptive Reuse Community
- Active, Healthy and Safe Communities: The City of Palm Desert – San Pablo Avenue Streetscape Project
- Clean Cities – Alternative Fuels and Infrastructure: Suline Transit Agency – Driving the Future of Hydrogen
- Efficient and Sustainable Land Use: Kounkuey Design Initiative and The City of Los Angeles – Adopt-A-Lot Program
- Housing Innovation: Clifford Beers Housing Inc. – Isla de Los Angeles Development
- Green Region Initiative: The San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District – Upper Santa Ana River Wash Habitat Conservation Plan

YEAR IN REVIEW - SCAG PRESIDENT 2020-2021 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

A video in review of the year was played.

President Richardson stated that it had been a tremendous honor to have served this dynamic region and shared some thoughts as he closed out the year. He highlighted several things that Southern California has to offer. He noted how this region had contributed to him as a human and helped shape him as a leader. He noted that they had accomplished a lot and that there was President's Report that had been published and released, and I encouraged the membership to take a look at. He also provided some highlights of the Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategy and the Regional Data Platform.

RECOGNITION OF 2020-2021 POLICY COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND VICE CHAIRS

President Richardson recognized Community, Economic and Human Development Chair Jorge Marquez, Covina and Vice Chair Frank Yokoyama, Cerritos; Energy and Environment Chair David Pollock, Moorpark, current Vice Chair Deborah Robertson, Rialto and former Vice Chair Carmen Ramirez, Ventura County; Transportation Committee Chair Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro, current Vice Chair Art Brown, Buena Park and former Vice Chair Steve Hoffbauer, Palmdale; and Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee Chair Jose Luis Solache, Lynwood and Vice Chair Peggy Huang, TCA.

RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING REGIONAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

President Richardson recognized outgoing Regional Councilmembers Hector Pacheco, San Fernando, District 67 and Rita Ramirez, Victorville, District 65.

He also acknowledged Executive Director Ajise, staff, members of the EAC, the cities of Long Beach and Avalon and his family.

Executive Director Ajise thanked President Richardson and noted that it was a privilege and pleasure to work with him and stated that his leadership had been transformative. He noted that staff had accomplished everything the President had set out to do and this was a testament to his leadership. Mr. Ajise highlighted some of the accomplishments during President Richardson's tenure. He also thanked the leadership team and congratulated the Chairs and Vice Chairs of the Policy Committees.

REMARKS FROM INCOMING PRESIDENT

Incoming President Lorimore thanked the General Assembly members and noted he was humbled to have the opportunity serve Southern California in this capacity. He took a moment to recognize the public servants that had served this organization well. He also thanked past Presidents and staff for their hard work. He noted that this agency had a legacy of leadership and he looked forward to continuing the strong tradition of collaboration that SCAG was known for. He expressed that while

the pandemic shut down the region, state, and nation for over a year, they were now seeing signs that the worst of the situation might be behind them. However, he recognized that they still had a housing crisis, traffic problems, and high unemployment. He noted they had an opportunity to refocus and engage their partners to help build and strengthen relationships that would facilitate the recovery. He indicated that he would be convening the Executive/Administrative Committee to kickstart a comprehensive overhaul of the agency's strategic plan and that this was the first step in establishing a platform for success for the future of our agency and region. He stated that he wanted them all to have a part in developing strong and lasting solutions for the challenges and issues they face so they can make Southern California a better place to live, work, and play, both now and into the future. In closing, he reiterated that he was humbled by their support and offered them his heartfelt thanks for this opportunity to serve as President and looked forward to this year ahead.

RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING PRESIDENT REX RICHARDSON, LONG BEACH

Executive Director Kome Ajise thanked President Richardson for his leadership during a crucial time. Mr. Ajise introduced a video which highlighted President Richardson's accomplishments and included remarks about President Richardson from SCAG staff and Regional Councilmembers. Mr. Ajise stated that it had been a privilege and a pleasure to work with President Richardson.

The following members thanked outgoing President Richardson for his service: Cindy Allen, Long Beach; Frank Navarro, Colton; Jess Talamantes, Burbank; Kathleen Kelley, Palm Desert; Guillermo Silva, Jurupa Valley; Jose Luis Solache, Lynwood; and Ben Benoit, Wildomar.

The following members also stated they looked forward to working with the incoming President: Frank Navarro, Colton; Jess Talamantes, Burbank; and Guillermo Silva, Jurupa Valley.

Incoming President Lorimore thanked everyone for participating at the meeting and stated he was looking forward to doing this meeting in person next year. He congratulated the Immediate Past President and his fellow Board Officers.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, incoming President Clint Lorimore adjourned the General Assembly at 12:36 p.m.

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