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## MEETING OF THE

# COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

### **PLEASE NOTE TIME**

***Thursday, March 1, 2012***

***10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.***

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*Members – March 2012*

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*	24. Hon. Ronald Loveridge	Riverside	District 4
*	25. Hon. Bryan A. MacDonald	Oxnard	District 45
	26. Hon. Charles Martin		Morongo Band of Mission Indians

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\*Regional Council Member

# COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AGENDA MARCH 1, 2012

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*The Community, Economic and Human Development Committee may consider and act upon any of the items listed on the agenda regardless of whether they are listed as Information or Action Items.*

## CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

*(Hon. Bill Jahn, Chair)*

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD** – Members of the public desiring to speak on items on the agenda, or items not on the agenda, but within the purview of the Committee, must fill out and present a speaker’s card to the Assistant prior to speaking. Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes. The Chair may limit the total time for all comments to twenty (20) minutes.

## ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

## REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

## CONSENT CALENDAR

### Approval Item

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## INFORMATION ITEMS

2.	<u>Compass Blueprint Demonstration Project Update</u> <i>(Mark C. Butala, SCAG Staff)</i>	Attachment	15 mins.	7
3.	<u>Compass Blueprint Recognition Awards Update</u> <i>(Mark C. Butala, SCAG Staff)</i>	Attachment	10 mins.	11
4.	<u>Green Region Initiative</u> <i>(Grieg Asher, SCAG Staff)</i>	Attachment	5 mins.	12

## CHAIR’S REPORT

*(Hon. Bill Jahn, Chair)*

## STAFF REPORT

*(Mark C. Butala, SCAG Staff)*

## FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Any Committee member or staff desiring to place items on a future agenda may make such a request.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ADJOURNMENT

*A Joint Regional Council and Policy Committees Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 21, 2012 at the SCAG Los Angeles Office. The 2012 Regional Council and General Assembly will be held on April 4-5, 2012 at the Bonaventure Hotel in Downtown Los Angeles.*

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**COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
of the  
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**

**February 2, 2012  
Minutes**

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**THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. AN AUDIO RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING.**

The Community, Economic & Human Development Committee held its meeting at SCAG's downtown Los Angeles office.

**Members Present**

Hon. Josue Barrios, Cudahy	GCCOG
Hon. Laurie Ender, Santa Clarita	SFVCOG
Hon. Ron Garcia, Brea	OCCOG
Hon. James Gazeley, Lomita	District 39
Hon. Joseph Gonzales, South El Monte	SGVCOG
Hon. Steve Hofbauer, Palmdale	District 43
Hon. Bill Jahn, Big Bear Lake ( <b>Chair</b> )	District 11
Hon. Sukhee Kang, City of Irvine	District 14
Hon. Paula Lantz, Pomona ( <b>Vice-Chair</b> )	District 38
Hon. Joel Lautenschleger, Laguna Hills	District 13
Hon. Ronald Loveridge, Riverside	District 4
Hon. Bryan MacDonald, Oxnard	District 45
Hon. Larry McCallon, Highland	District 7
Hon. Julie Hackbarth-McIntyre, Barstow	SANBAG
Hon. Carl Morehouse, San Buenaventura	District 47
Hon. Gene Murabito, Glendora	SGVCOG
Hon. Kris Murray, Anaheim	District 19
Hon. John Nielsen, Tustin	District 17
Hon. Laura Olhasso, La Canada-Flintridge	Arroyo Verdugo COG
Hon. Linda Parks, Ventura	VCOG
Hon. Ed Reyes, Los Angeles	District 48
Hon. Bob Ring, Laguna Woods	OCCOG
Hon. Gino Sund, Altadena	SGVCOG

**Members Not Present**

Hon. Sam Allevato, City of San Juan Capistrano	OCCOG
Hon. James Butts, Inglewood	SBCCOG
Hon. Don Campbell, Brawley	ICTC
Hon. Carol Chen, Cerritos	GCCOG

**Members Not Present (Cont'd)**

Hon. Ginger Coleman, Town of Apple Valley	District 65
Hon. Margaret Finlay, Duarte	District 35
Hon. Elba Guerrero, Huntington Park	GCCOG
Hon. Jon Harrison, Redlands	District 6
Hon. Elaine Holmes, Indio	CVAG
Hon. Darcy Kuenzi, Menifee	District 63
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Hon. Cathy Warner, Whittier	GCCOG

**CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Hon. Bill Jahn, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:11 AM and asked the Hon. Ron Loveridge to lead the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Chair introduced a new CEHD member, Hon. Laurie Ender, representing SFVCOG.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Hon. MaryAnn MacGillivray, Council Member with the City of Sierra Madre, deferred her comments until the presentation by Glen Campora with Housing and Community Development (HCD).

**NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR**

Joann Africa, Chief Counsel, stated that an election will be held at the March 1, 2012 meeting for the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair. It was decided that a paper ballot vote will be taken, and Ms. Africa will be sending out the eligibility rules via email. Ms. Africa requested that nominations be sent to her.

**REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS**

There was no reprioritization of the agenda.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

### 1. Minutes of January 5, 2012 Meeting

A MOTION was made (Hofbauer) to approve the Consent Calendar. The MOTION was SECONDED (Morehouse) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

## **REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT (RHNA) SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT**

Ms. Joann Africa, Chief Counsel, stated that concerns have been raised regarding the RHNA Appeals Procedure, specifically with respect to the trade and transfers process and guidelines, which state that transferring jurisdictions must be geographically contiguous. Ms. Africa stated that the RHNA appeals procedures will still be presented to the Regional Council for approval at today's meeting. However, the trade and transfers process will be reviewed and possibly amended. Any amendments to the appeals procedure concerning the trade and transfers process will be brought back to the RHNA Subcommittee, CEHD, and the Regional Council for approval.

## **INFORMATION ITEM**

### 2. Elimination of Redevelopment Agencies (RDA) and its Implication of Housing Needs

Hon. Bill Jahn, Chair, stated that at the last CEHD meeting concerns were expressed by several members regarding the dissolution of the redevelopment agencies and the impact it may have on affordable housing. The Chair further stated there is legislation pending, SB 654, which seeks to allow successor agencies to retain low and moderate income housing funds from the former redevelopment agencies and to continue the provision for affordable housing. The Chair asked Ms. Africa to provide an update on SB 654.

Ms. Africa stated that SB 654 passed through the Senate; however, it is no longer an urgency bill due to the proposal by Republican Senators to include language with respect to the extension of the redevelopment abolishment deadline. Ms. Africa stated that the author of SB 654, Senator Darrell Steinberg, did not approve the language so it did not get the requisite two-thirds vote necessary for an urgency bill. Ms. Africa further stated that there is some discussion with the author to convert the bill into a trailer bill, which would then make it possible for the bill to become an urgency item.

Huasha Liu, Director of Land Use and Environmental Planning, introduced Glen Campora, Assistant Deputy Director with HCD. Glen Campora stated that in regard to SB 654, there is a monumental effort in the legislature to clarify AB 26 and carve out some funding to regain low/moderate income housing funds. Mr. Campora addressed concerns expressed by the members regarding their local jurisdictions being able to fulfill their housing element numbers. Mr. Campora stated that HCD continues to inform the legislature that it takes revenues and subsidies, and emphasized that the legislature is made up of local government representatives who will be supportive of these issues.

MaryAnn MacGillivray, Council Member for the City of Sierra Madre, stated that Sierra Madre has decided to be the successor agency of its former redevelopment agency and

has been allocated enforceable obligations. She inquired if the monies may be reassigned or transferred. Hon. MacGillivray also inquired about property purchased by the City of Sierra Madre with RDA funds, specifically for low/moderate housing and if that property would have to be put on the open market or could the property be set to be an enforceable obligation and assigned some of the low/moderate housing funds to develop the property.

Mr. Campora stated that the property may be threatened because the successor agency and/or its Oversight Board is required to comply with current law to make sure that any enforceable obligation is satisfied first and disposing of the property is at the discretion of the successor agency and/or Oversight Board. Mr. Campora further stated that the State Controller has the responsibility to perform an audit on all redevelopment agencies to determine what the enforceable obligations are, what revenues are leftover, and how those revenues are disposed. Ms. Africa added that with respect to the enforceable obligation payment schedule, the law states that it is subject to review by the State Controller's Office and the DOF.

Chris Williamson, Principal Planner for the City of Oxnard, inquired about 900 units of affordable housing that the City of Oxnard has produced over the last 5 to 10 years, a great deal of which came from inclusionary ordinance, and yet in the current housing element, Oxnard is not allowed an inclusionary ordinance, unless it involves a project with conditions of approval. Mr. Williamson stated that this creates density and zoning problems and asked that HCD be more flexible in their future programs to help jurisdictions meet their numbers. Mr. Campora stated that HCD implemented a Housing Element Working Group in 2004 charged with the task of proposing amendments to state law to provideand HCD more flexibility in the review of housing elements. Mr. Campora emphasized that jurisdictions do not have to increase their densities, but rather analyze their densities and demonstrate that their densities are appropriate for housing purposes for different income groups.

### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

Hon. Bill Jahn, Chair, thanked Mr. Campora for his presentation and sharing his expertise with the Committee. The Chair reminded the members to submit their nominations for Chair and Vice-Chair to Joann Africa.

### **STAFF REPORT**

Peter Brandenburg, Senior Regional Planner, reminded the members that the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Compass Blueprint Recognition Awards Program is currently open for nominations, and the deadline for submitting nominations is Wednesday, February 8, 2012.

Frank Wen, Manager of Research Analysis and Information Services, reminded the members about the Los Angeles County workshop and public hearing being held at SCAG immediately following the Regional Council meeting. The last workshop will be held on Monday, February 6, 2012 at the Brandman University in the City of Irvine. Dr. Wen also reminded the members that February 14, 2012 is the deadline to submit comments to SCAG for the 2012 RTP/SCS and PEIR.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no future agenda items presented.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements presented.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:27 AM.

Minutes Approved By:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Butala', written over a horizontal line.

Mark Butala, Manager,  
Comprehensive Planning

Community, Economic & Human Development Committee Attendance Report

2012

Member (including Ex-Officio) LastName, FirstName	Representing	X = County Represented							X = Attend			= No Meeting NM = New Member EA = Excused Absence							
		IC	LA	OC	RC	SB	VC	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Allevalo, Sam	OCCOG			X															
Barrios, Josue	Gateway Cities		X					X	X										
Butts, James	SBCCOG		X																
Campbell, Don*	ICTC	X						X											
Chen, Carol	Gateway Cities		X					X											
Coleman, Ginger	Apple Valley (Dist. 65)					X		X											
Ender, Laurie	SFVCOG		X						NM										
Finlay, Margaret*	Duarte (District 35)		X					X											
Garcia, Ron	OCCOG			X					X										
Gazeley, James*	Lomita (District 39)		X					X	X										
Gonzales, Joseph J.	SGVCOG		X					X	X										
Guerrero, Elba	Gateway Cities		X																
Harrison, Jon	District 6					X		X											
Hofbauer, Steve	Palmdale (District 43)		X					X	X										
Holmes, Elaine	CVAG				X			X											
Jahn, Bill* Chair	SANBAG (District 11)					X		X	X										
Kang, Sukhee*	City of Irvine (District 14)							X	X										
Kuenzi, Darcy	WRCOG				X			X											
Lane, Randon	WRCOG				X				X										
Lantz, Paula* Vice-Chair	Pomona (District 38)		X					X	X										
Lautenschlegler, Joel	District 13			X				X	X										
Leonard, Mike	SANBAG					X													
Loveridge, Ronald*	Riverside (District 4)				X				X										
MacDonald, Bryan*	Oxnard (District 45)						X		X										
Martin, Charles	Morongo Indians				X														
McCallon, Larry*	Highland (District 7)					X		X	X										
McCullough, Kathryn	OCCOG			X				X											
Hackbarth-McIntyre, Julie	SANBAG								X										
McSweeney, Susan	Las Virgenes/Malibu COG		X																
Mirisch, John A.	WSCCOG		X																
Morehouse, Carl*	VCOG (District 47)						X	X	X										
Murabito, Gene	SGVCOG		X					X	X										
Murray, Kris*	Anaheim (District 19)							X	X										
Musser, Ray	SANBAG					X		X											
Nielsen, John*	Tustin (District 17)			X					X										
Olhasso, Laura	Arroyo Verdugo		X					X											
Palinkas, John	Pechanga Indians				X														
Parks, Linda*	Ventura County						X		X										
Parris, Rex	North L.A. County Subregion		X																
Perry, Jan	Los Angeles		X																
Quach, Andy*	Westminster (District 20)			X															
Reyes, Ed*	Los Angeles		X					X	X										
Ring, Bob	OCCOG			X				X	X										
Robertson, Deborah*	Rialto (District 8)					X		X											
Sund, Gino	L. A. County (District 5)		X					X	X										
Warner, Cathy	Gateway Cities COG		X																

Regional Council Member\*

**DATE:** March 1, 2012  
**TO:** Community, Economic and Human Development Committee (CEHD)  
**FROM:** Mark Butala, Manager of Comprehensive Planning, 213-236-1945, butala@scag.ca.gov  
**SUBJECT:** Compass Blueprint Demonstration Project Update

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:**



**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

For Information Only – No Action Required.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

*SCAG currently has 46 active Compass Blueprint Demonstration Projects – 21 projects in progress, to be completed by June 30, 2012 and 25 projects funded, with consultant procurement underway and scheduled for kick-off in Spring 2012.*

**STRATEGIC PLAN:**

This item supports SCAG's Strategic Plan; Goal 1: Improve Regional Decision Making by Providing Leadership and Consensus Building on Key Plans and Policies; Objective a: Create and facilitate a collaborative and cooperative environment to produce forward thinking regional plans.

**BACKGROUND:**

The October 2010 Compass Blueprint Demonstration Projects Call for Applications yielded proposals from 51 jurisdictions. The proposals were reviewed and ranked according to adopted evaluation criteria and available funding and allowed SCAG to initiate the highest-ranked 21 projects in Spring 2011. Total SCAG Fiscal Year 2010/2011 and Fiscal Year 2011/2012 funding for these projects is approximately \$3.1 million.

When additional funding became available in Fall 2011, SCAG was able to offer Compass Blueprint funding to the remaining 30 jurisdictions. SCAG staff worked with local planning staff to refine scopes of work for these projects and prepare consultant Requests For Proposals (RFPs). Consultant procurement for 25 projects is currently underway and these projects are expected to kick-off in Spring 2012, with expected completion within 6-12 months from kick-off. Staff is working with two jurisdictions to further develop project scopes before initiating procurement. Three (3) cities will not be proceeding with their projects. Total SCAG Fiscal Year 2011/2012 and Fiscal Year 2012/2013 funding for these projects is expected to be approximately \$3.5 million.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Work associated with this item is included in the current FY 2011-2012 OWP (12-065.0137.01.)

**ATTACHMENT:**

List of Active Compass Blueprint Demonstration Projects

## Current Compass Blueprint Demonstration Projects - March 1, 2012

21 Projects Funded Spring 2011, Expected Completion Spring 2012		
Alhambra	Envision Alhambra 2035	In Progress
Anaheim	Platinum Triangle Greenway Plan	In Progress
Bellflower	Alondra Overlay Zone	In Progress
Calimesa	Calimesa Riverwalk Master Plan	In Progress
Cathedral City	Date Palm Drive Corridor Plan phase 2	In Progress
Fullerton	Fullerton Smart Growth 2030	In Progress
Highland	Base Line Corridor Vision	In Progress
La Mirada	I-5 Corridor Specific Plan	In Progress
Long Beach	Long Beach Boulevard Development Code Plan	In Progress
Los Angeles (Urban Design Studio)	PARK 101 District	In Progress
Los Angeles (Planning Dept.)	TOD Parking Study	In Progress
Los Angeles (Metro)	Orange Line Sustainable Corridor Plan	In Progress
Moreno Valley	Alessandro Boulevard Corridor Plan	In Progress
Oxnard	Downtown East TOD Feasibility Study	In Progress
Rancho Mirage	Interim Energy Park Study	In Progress
Santa Ana	Harbor Boulevard Corridor Vision	In Progress
Temecula	Jefferson Corridor/Highway 138 Vision	In Progress
Upland	College Heights Economic Strategy	In Progress
Ventura	Freeway Cap Project phase2	In Progress
Washington Blvd Coalition	Washington Blvd Gold Line Corridor Study	In Progress
WRCOG	Subregional Sustainability Plan Framework	In Progress

**29 Projects Funded Fall 2011, Expected Completion Fall 2012**

Agoura Hills	Kanan Rd. & Thousand Oaks Blvd. Pedestrian Evaluation	Procurement Underway
Barstow	Barstow General Plan Update	Procurement Underway
Brawley	Non-Motorized Transportation Plan	Procurement Underway
Cerritos	TOD Demonstration project	Procurement Underway
Chino Hills	The Shoppes at Chino Hills Specific Plan Update	Procurement Underway
Dana Point	Connectivity Study	Procurement Underway
Downey	Downey Civic Center Plan	Procurement Underway
Fontana	Sierra Avenue/Valley Boulevard Land Use Study	Procurement Underway
Glendale	Space 134	Procurement Underway
Imperial	Imperial Building Blocks	Procurement Underway
Inglewood	Downtown Inglewood Community Visioning Project	Procurement Underway
Lancaster	Southeast Transit Village	Procurement Underway
Los Angeles (DLANC)	Vision Downtown	Procurement Underway
Los Angeles (DOT)	New Mobility Metrics	Procurement Underway
Los Angeles County	TOD Station Access Studies	Procurement Underway
Pomona	North Pomona TOD Plan	Procurement Underway
Rancho Cucamonga	Specific Plan Corridor	Procurement Underway
Rancho Palos Verdes	Western Avenue Corridor Strategy	Procurement Underway
San Gabriel	Greening the Zoning and Development Codes	Procurement Underway
SGVCOG	MVT Corridor	Procurement Underway
South Bay Cities COG	Sustainable Arterials Feasibility Study	Procurement Underway
South Gate	Rail Station Concept Development and Specific Plan	Procurement Underway
Ventura	Old Town Saticoy Area Plan	Procurement Underway
Wildomar	Old Town Vision	Procurement Underway
Yucca Valley	Town Center Mixed Use Plan	Procurement Underway
Calipatria	TBD	Hold
SANBAG	TBD	Hold

**3 Cities applied 2010, but *not* participating at this time.-**

El Centro	NA	Declined
Lake Elsinore	NA	Declined
Santa Clarita	NA	Declined

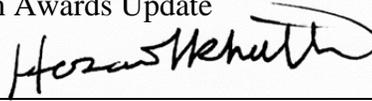
**DATE:** March 1, 2012

**TO:** Community, Economic and Human Development (CEHD)

**FROM:** Mark Butala, Manager of Comprehensive Planning, 213-236-1945, butala@scag.ca.gov

**SUBJECT:** Compass Blueprint Recognition Awards Update

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:**



**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

For Information Only - No Action Required.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

*SCAG's Sixth Annual Compass Blueprint Recognition Awards Dinner will be held on April 4, 2012, in conjunction with the 2012 Regional Conference & General Assembly at the Bonaventure Hotel in Downtown Los Angeles. In preparation for the program, SCAG staff has been soliciting nominations and preparing for the event.*

**STRATEGIC PLAN:**

This item supports SCAG's Strategic Plan; Goal 1: Improve Regional Decision Making by Providing Leadership and Consensus Building on Key Plans and Policies; Objective a: Create and facilitate a collaborative and cooperative environment to produce forward thinking regional plans.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Awards program showcases exemplary local programs, plans and developments that demonstrate the principles of SCAG's Compass Blueprint Program – Mobility, Livability, Prosperity and Sustainability. Local jurisdictions, non-profit affordable housing developers and private firms submitted their nominations by the February 8, 2012 deadline. On February 22, 2012 a jury of experts in land use, transportation, housing and the environment from public agencies, private consulting firms, and non-profit organizations gathered to discuss and recommend winners for the different awards given. Short videos will be developed to feature the award-winning plans and projects. Staff looks forward to another successful Compass Blueprint Recognition Awards Program.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Work associated with this item is included in the current FY 2011-2012 OWP (12-065.0137.08.)

**ATTACHMENT:**

None

**DATE:** March 1, 2012  
**TO:** Community, Economic and Human Development Committee (CEHD)  
**FROM:** Grieg Asher, Senior Regional Planner, Environmental and Assessment Services, 213-236-1869, [asher@scag.ca.gov](mailto:asher@scag.ca.gov)  
**SUBJECT:** Green Region Initiative

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:** 

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**  
For Information Only – No Action Required.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**  
*Staff is providing an update on the development of a Green Region Initiative (GRI) “call-for-projects” small grant program, as called for in the FY 2011/12 Overall Work Program (OWP). As previously reported to the Energy and Environment Committee (EEC), the goal of this program is to provide a member service for communities and partners in the area of sustainability including climate action plans; energy; water; open-space; and other environmental resource and transportation issues.*

*Specifically, the GRI is a small grant call-for-projects program to assist local jurisdictions in funding sustainability projects or studies. Assistance to local jurisdictions will be small for this round of funding, with a total program budget of \$150,000 with the intention of increasing the program in the future. This program will begin in March 2012.*

**STRATEGIC PLAN:**  
This item supports SCAG’s Strategic Plan Goal 1: Improve Regional Decision Making by Providing Leadership and Consensus Building on Key Plans and Policies; and Goal 4: Develop, Maintain and Promote the Utilization of State of the Art Models, Information Systems and Communication Technologies.

**BACKGROUND:**  
In recent years, SCAG has developed extensive information, databases and experience in the areas of smart growth and sustainability through the Compass Blueprint process, the development of the 2008 Regional Comprehensive Plan, and the 2004, 2008 and Draft 2012 Regional Transportation Plans (RTP). During the last year, a major focus of the agency’s work has been on implementing Senate Bill 375 which introduces Greenhouse Gas (GHG) reduction targets into the regional planning process. Further, the EEC through its own discussions and deliberations, has gathered substantial information and has demonstrated an on-going interest in sustainability issues affecting the region and its jurisdictions.

At the May 5, 2011 SCAG General Assembly in La Quinta, SCAG Executive Director, Hasan Ikhrata announced that SCAG would be introducing a new Green Region Initiative, with funding to assist jurisdictions and recognition awards, which would be a key element of SCAG’s ongoing sustainability work.

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As part of the discussion with the EEC over the past year, staff provided more detailed descriptions of the GRI.

The GRI is a regional, collaborative initiative for voluntarily promoting the sustainability of communities in the SCAG region. The program will track the policies and practices by which local governments quantify and measure their sustainability achievements and progress. A set of common performance measures would be developed and serve as a way to measure sustainability progress by local jurisdictions. This will provide local governments with a tool to measure their progress and achievements through an ongoing improvement process. By employing common standards, jurisdictions will be able to compare and evaluate their progress compared to similar communities in the SCAG region. Jurisdictions may share best practices with each other through the use of a proposed sustainability web portal, thereby accelerating the growth of sustainability in the SCAG region.

Initially, SCAG will highlight an outstanding sustainability project from the SCAG region every month on the SCAG website. This will begin the process of building a database of outstanding sustainability projects throughout the region.

Within a few months, SCAG will have a website portal for SCAG's sustainability work. This portal, or microsite, will house all sustainability-related information for SCAG, such as the GRI database; current and future GHG studies; information on sustainability-related workshops and meetings in the SCAG region, and other useful information on sustainability.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Staff time is budgeted in the FY11-12 budget under work tasks 12-020.SCG00161.02 (Greenhouse Gas Planning) and 12-020.SCG00599.02 (Collaborative Process and Coordination). Funding for the grants is part of 12-020.SCG1641.01 – Green Region Initiative.

**ATTACHMENT:**

None.