

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (EAC)
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2016

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (EAC) HELD AT 818 W. 7th STREET, 12TH FLOOR, LOS ANGELES, CA 90017.

The Executive/Administration Committee (EAC) of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) held its meeting at the Los Angeles Office. There was a quorum.

Members Present

Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, <i>Chair</i>	<i>El Centro</i>	District 1
Hon. Michele Martinez, <i>1st Vice Chair</i>	<i>Santa Ana</i>	District 16
Hon. Margaret E. Finlay, <i>2nd Vice Chair</i>	<i>Duarte</i>	District 35
Hon. Carl Morehouse, <i>Immediate Past President</i>	<i>San Buenaventura</i>	District 47
Hon. Bill Jahn, <i>Chair, CEHD</i>	<i>Big Bear Lake</i>	District 11
Hon. Larry McCallon, <i>Vice Chair, CEHD</i>	<i>Highland</i>	District 7
Hon. Deborah Robertson, <i>Chair, EEC</i>	<i>Rialto</i>	District 8
Hon. Carmen Ramirez, <i>Vice Chair, EEC</i>	<i>Oxnard</i>	District 45
Hon. Alan Wapner, <i>Chair, TC</i>	<i>Ontario</i>	SANBAG
Hon. Barbara Messina, <i>Vice Chair, TC</i>	<i>Alhambra</i>	District 34
Hon. Kris Murray, <i>Vice Chair, LCMC</i>	<i>Anaheim</i>	District 19
Hon. Clint Lorimore	<i>Eastvale,</i>	District 4
Hon. Gregory Pettis	<i>Cathedral City</i>	District 2

Members Not Present

Hon. Pam O'Connor, <i>Chair, LCMC</i>	<i>Santa Monica</i>	District 41
Hon. Joe Buscaino	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 62
Hon. Rex Richardson	<i>Long Beach</i>	District 29
Mr. Randall Lewis	<i>Lewis Group of Companies</i>	Ex-Officio Member
Hon. Mary "Maxine" Resvaloso	<i>Torres-Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians</i>	Tribal Nations Rep.

Staff Present

- Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director
- Basil Panas, Chief Financial Officer
- Joe Silvey, General Counsel
- Joann Africa, Chief Counsel/Director, Legal Services
- Huasha Liu, Director, Land Use and Environmental Planning
- Darin Chidsey, Director, Strategy, Policy and Public Affairs
- Naresh Amatya, Acting Director, Transportation Planning
- Tess Rey-Chaput, Office of Regional Council Support
- Carmen Summers, Sr. Administrative Assistant



CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Honorable Cheryl Viegas-Walker called the meeting to order at 8:06 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There was no public comment received.

DISCUSSION ITEM

California High Speed-Rail Authority (CHSRA) Update

Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director briefed the Committee regarding the CHSRA Update. He noted that a recent Los Angeles Times article indicated how the CHSRA may be changing course with respect to connecting the system in Northern California; and how that differs from the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that was negotiated and signed by and between CHSRA and nine (9) stakeholder agencies of the Southern California region.

Mr. Ikhata introduced Mr. Dan Richard, Chairman, CHSRA, to present the Authority's current status and clarification on the \$1 billion dollar commitment to improve Southern California's existing rail corridors.

Mr. Richard provided an update and clarification of the Los Angeles Times article and described the current status and direction of the high-speed rail project. He confirmed that CHSRA's unwavering commitment to the \$1 billion dollar funding to the SCAG region as was agreed in the existing MOU.

Mr. Richard noted that the upcoming CHSRA draft Business Plan which will be available in about two (2) weeks, will have more details and, in order to respect the process, he could not disclose those details at this time. He provided a general overview of the project's constraints; the Bond Act requirements; the criteria for operating without subsidies and revenue support; market realities; Cap-and-Trade revenues; and the press accounts.

Mr. Richard also discussed the revitalization in Central Valley, including in Fresno, Bakersfield and Palmdale, resulting from the project. He noted the transit, land use, economic and operational benefits of building in the Central Valley first. He noted that it is important to sequence and build an operational segment without subsidy that will enable private investment to help build the rest of the system.

Mr. Richard commented on the progress in building an operational segment for the Anaheim to Burbank Corridor, the Burbank to Palmdale alignment, the LOSSAN Corridor and other MOU contained projects. He stated that the CHSRA is building for all of California, viewing the project as a Statewide Rail Modernization effort and that sequencing the project in light of existing constraints is the focus.

Finally, Mr. Richard answered questions and responded to comments expressed by the Committee, including related to revenue options, public perception, total timeline for completion, and improvements and support of the LOSSAN corridor.

The Committee and staff expressed their support and appreciation to Mr. Richard for his update of the project.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Viegas-Walker adjourned the Special Meeting of the EAC at 9:03 a.m. She announced that the next regular meeting of the EAC was scheduled to begin immediately following this Special Meeting for Thursday, February 4, 2016, at the SCAG Los Angeles Office.