

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (EAC)

February 7, 2013

MINUTES

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE. A RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

The Executive/Administration Committee (EAC) held its meeting at the SCAG Offices, in Los Angeles, California. The meeting was called to order by Hon. Glen Becerra, Chair, City of Simi Valley, District 46, at 9:00 a.m. A quorum was present.

Members Present

Hon. Glen Becerra, Simi Valley, President	District 46
Hon. Lisa Bartlett, Dana Point	TCA
Hon. Margaret Finlay, Duarte	District 35
Hon. James Johnson, Long Beach	District 30
Hon. Paula Lantz, Pomona	District 38
Mr. Randall Lewis, Ex-Officio	Lewis Group of Companies
Hon. Larry McCallon, Highland	District 7
Hon. Keith Millhouse, Moorpark	VCTC
Hon. Carl Morehouse, 2 nd Vice-President	District 47
Hon. Kris Murray, Anaheim	District 19
Hon. Pam O'Connor, Santa Monica, Imm. Past President	District 41
Hon. Greg Pettis, Cathedral City, 1st Vice-President	District 2
Hon. Jeff Stone	Riverside County
Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro	District 1
Hon. Alan Wapner, Ontario	SANBAG
Hon. Dennis Zine, Los Angeles	District 50

Members Not Present

Hon. Judy Mitchell, Rolling Hills Estates	District 40
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CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Hon. Glen Becerra, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public comments.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

There was no reprioritization of the agenda.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director, provided an update of the Fiscal Outlook for federal funding of SCAG's budget for FY13 and FY14. Mr. Ikhata thanked the Executive team who traveled to Sacramento with him to meet with Caltrans and Federal Highway Administration partners. Mr. Ikhata commented that staff will seek approval from the Regional Council later today to adopt a resolution approving Amendment 3 to the FY 2012/13 OWP. The Draft FY 2013/14 budget will be presented at the March 7, 2013 Regional Council meeting.

Mr. Ikhata reported that SCAG submitted an amicus letter in support of the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) in the CEQA lawsuit challenging RCTC's EIR for the Perris Valley Line (PVL) project. Staff will update the Regional Council of further developments and the court's final decision.

Mr. Ikhata announced the registration for the 2013 Regional Conference and General Assembly is now open. The event will be held on May 2-3, 2013 at the JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort in Palm Desert.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hon. Glen Becerra, Chair, provided an overview of the President's report which was previously distributed. Hon. Becerra expressed his appreciation to Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker for chairing the Host Committee for the General Assembly as well as the other committee members for their efforts in seeking sponsorships for a successful conference.

Hon. Becerra reiterated the importance in attending the Sacramento Legislative Reception scheduled for February 20, 2013. The SCAG-led delegation will be attended by State legislators and other key stakeholders. The focused topics will be SCAG's 2013 State and Federal Legislative Priorities. A preliminary schedule of events was distributed. Staff will distribute the final agenda to the attendees next week. All members were encouraged to confirm their attendance with staff as soon as possible.

Hon. Becerra announced that a Joint meeting of the Policy Committees will be held later today regarding the Energy Outlook for 2013. To ensure that there is no appearance of a conflict of interest, Hon. Becerra noted that he asked Hon. Greg Pettis, 1st Vice-President, to preside over the joint meeting.

Hon. Becerra asked Mr. Randall Lewis to provide an overview of the topics discussed at the February 4, 2013 GLUE Council meeting. Mr. Randall stated that the GLUE Council discussed SCAG's legislative priorities and is giving its full support; additionally, the GLUE Council also supports lowering the voter threshold for local tax measures to 55% but does not support split-tax roll legislation. Mr. Lewis commented that the GLUE Council is an opportunity to educate the business community. The EAC members were invited to join the meeting discussions.

Hon. Becerra commented that he requested an update on accomplishments of SCAG's Strategic Plan Mission and Goals at the March 7, 2013 Regional Council meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval Items

1. Minutes of the January 3, 2013 Meeting
2. SCAG Sponsorships & Memberships

A motion was made (Viegas-Walker) to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion was seconded (Millhouse) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

ACTION ITEMS

3. 2013 State and Federal Legislative Priorities

Ms. Sharon Neely, Chief Deputy Executive Director, presented the top three 2013 State and Federal Legislative Priorities which were summarized on page 12 of the EAC agenda. The Legislative/Communications & Membership Committee (LCMC) and the GLUE Council reviewed and recommended the following three (3) state legislative priorities to serve as the message points to state lawmakers at SCAG's Sacramento legislative reception and meetings on Wednesday, February 20, 2013.

1. Project Streamlining & Expediting
2. Financing, Economic Development & Community Reinvestment
3. Equitable Cap & Trade Expenditures for Transportation

Hon. Larry McCallon commented on the Cap-and-Trade segment that was discussed at the Cal/EPA workshop hosted by SCAG on February 5, 2013.

Mr. Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director, expressed his appreciation to Matthew Rodriguez, Secretary, Environmental Protection, Cal/EPA, and other key staff members for their efforts in providing outreach and on-going dialogue for the California Communities Environmental Health Screening Tool (CalEnviroScreen) development process. Mr. Ikhata noted that on behalf of the SCAG President and Regional Council members, a "Thank you" letter to the Cal/EPA executive staff would be sent.

A motion was made (Stone) to approve the 2013 State and Federal legislative priorities. Motion was seconded (Morehouse) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

4. Support AB 14 (Lowenthal, B.) – State Freight Plan; SB 1 (Steinberg) - Sustainable Communities Investment Authority; SB 33 (Wolk) - Infrastructure Financing Districts

The Legislative/Communications & Membership Committee (LCMC) met on January 15, 2013 and recommended *Support: In Concept* for AB 14 and a *Support* for SB 1 and SB 33 to the Regional Council.

Ms. Sharon A. Neely, Chief Deputy Executive Director, responded to questions regarding the AB 14 (Lowenthal, B.) - State Freight Plan.

A full description was outlined in the EAC agenda and in the Legislative update previously distributed.

A motion was made (Wapner) to recommend Regional Council approval of LCMC's recommendations on AB 14, SB 1 and SB 33. Motion was seconded (Walker) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

5. Amendment 3 of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2012/13 Overall Work Program (OWP)

Mr. Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director, requested EAC to Adopt Resolution No. 13-546-1 approving Amendment 3 to address the overall budget reduction of \$1.8 million in CPG funds; and to authorize the Executive Director to submit the necessary administrative documentation to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans).

Debbie Dillon, Deputy Executive Director, Administration, in response to Hon. Paula Lantz's inquiry on the budget reduction's impact on projects stated that projects were not eliminated but were deferred into the next fiscal year.

A motion was made (Stone) to approve staff's recommendation. Motion was seconded (Walker) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Receive& File

6. Contracts/Purchase Orders and/or Amendments between \$5,000 - \$200,000

There were no additional discussions or comments made on this item.

A motion was made (Pettis) to receive and file the report. Motion was seconded (Walker) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

INFORMATION ITEM

7. Voter Approval Threshold for local Tax Measures

Hon. Larry McCallon, LCMC Chair, provided a brief overview of the item and noted that the item was discussed at the LCMC meeting on January 15, 2013. Staff provided additional information responding to Regional Council discussion at the LCMC meeting. He reported that the LCMC recommended supporting lowering the voter threshold to approve local tax measures to 55%. The LCMC also encouraged further discussion at the EAC and Regional Council on the merits of a lower voter threshold for locally proposed tax measures.

Discussion ensued. Hon. James Johnson stated support for inclusion of life-cycle maintenance costs in the local transportation-related tax measures. The EAC members agreed to continue the discussion regarding lowering the voter threshold to the Regional Council meeting today.

CFO MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

There were no additional discussions or comments made on this item.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no future agenda items requested.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Due to time constraints, announcements were carried over to the Regional Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:08 a.m. The next regular meeting of the Executive/Administration Committee will be held on Thursday, March 7, 2013 at the SCAG Los Angeles office.

Approved by:



Joan Africa, Chief Counsel
Staff to the Executive/Administration
Committee

EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

Member (including Ex-Officio) LastName, FirstName	Representing	X = County Represented											
		IC	LA	OC	RC	SB	VC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
Becerra, Glen, Chair	Simi Valley						X		X				
Bartlett, Lisa	Dana Point			X				X	X				
Finlay, Margaret	Duarte		X					X	X				
Johnson, James	Long Beach		X						X				
Lantz, Paula	Pomona		X					X	X				
Lewis, Randall, Ex Officio	Lewis Op. Corp.					X		X	X				
McCallon, Larry	Highland					X			X				
Millhouse, Keith	VCTC						X	X	X				
Morehouse, Carl, 2nd VP	San Buenaventura						X	X	X				
Mitchell, Judy	Rolling Hills Estates		X										
Murray, Kris	Anaheim			X					X				
O'Connor, Pam, Imm. Past Pres.	Santa Monica		X					X	X				
Pettis, Gregory, 1st VP	Cathedral City				X			X	X				
Stone, Jeff	Riverside County				X			X	X				
Walker-Viegas, Cheryl	El Centro	X						X	X				
Wapner, Alan	Ontario					X		X	X				
Zine, Dennis	Los Angeles		X					X	X				
Totals		1	6	2	2	3	3						