

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

June 7, 2012

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 10:05 a.m. At the time the meeting was called to order, a quorum was not present.

Members Present

Hon. Glen Becerra, Simi Valley, President	District 46
Hon. Paula Lantz, Pomona	District 38
Hon. Carl Morehouse, 2 nd Vice-President	District 47
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
Mr. Randall Lewis	Lewis Group of Companies

Members Not Present

Hon. Ginger Coleman, Apple Valley	District 65
Hon. James Johnson, Long Beach	District 30
Hon. Mark Calac, Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians	Tribal Govt. Representative
Hon. Keith Millhouse, Moorpark	VCTC
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

CALL TO ORDER

Hon. Glen Becerra, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No Public Comments were received.

REVIEW and PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

Due to the absence of a quorum at the start of the meeting, the Executive Director's report was presented followed by the President's report. A quorum was established at 10:22 a.m., at which time the EAC considered the remaining agenda items for action.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Hon. Glen Becerra, Chair, expressed enthusiasm over the new EAC membership and commented that the SCAG region is being represented in its totality. He invited the committee members to attend a "Thank you to SCAG staff" breakfast on June 27, 2012 at 8:30 a.m., to show appreciation for staff's hard work and efforts of the successful outcome of SCAG's 2012-2035 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS).

Hon. Becerra announced that he would host a dinner at The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Library on June 8, 2012. The dinner is an opportunity for the EAC members to come together to discuss priorities, goals and issues facing the SCAG region.

Hon. Becerra requested the EAC's leadership and collaboration on the following agenda items that will be presented at the EAC and General Assembly meetings today:

- Approval of Phase II: Southern California Economic Recovery and Job Creation Strategy (EAC item #6).
- Approval of the proposed Bylaws amendment to include, as part of the membership of the EAC, the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC) as well as one (1) additional Presidential appointment.

Hon. Becerra stated that for the implementation of the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS, five (5) subcommittees are being proposed to keep issues moving in an efficient and productive manner:

- Finance Subcommittee (To be Chaired by Hon. Keith Hanks)
- HSR Subcommittee
- Active Transportation Subcommittee
- Public Health Subcommittee
- Transit Subcommittee

The Policy Committee Chairs will be asked for their recommendations and participation in selecting the chairs and members of the subcommittees. Subcommittee appointments will be made at the July 5, 2012 Regional Council meeting.

Discussion ensued concerning the July meeting date preference and quorum requirements. Hon. Becerra forwarded the July meeting date discussion to the Regional Council for action.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director, commented on the State and Federal agency's approval of SCAG's 2012-2035 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS), and that it meets all conformity requirements by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) as well as the United States Department of Transportation's Metropolitan Planning requirements. In addition, the California Air Resources Board (ARB) accepted SCAG's quantification of Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions from the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS and SCAG's 2020-2035 GHG emission reduction targets established by the ARB. Mr. Ikhata acknowledged the contributions and efforts of a multitude of public agencies, partner agencies and staff.

Mr. Ikhata reported SCAG's organizational changes will be effective on July 1, 2012. An Organization Chart was distributed electronically along with the Executive Director's report. Some of the highlighted changes were:

- Ms. Sharon Neely will be appointed Chief Deputy Executive Director. Ms. Neely will be responsible for all day-to-day operations of the organization.
- To support the Regional Council, a General Counsel position will be created on a part-time basis (20 hours per month).
- Wayne Moore, CFO will be retiring; Basil Panas has been appointed Acting CFO.
- The remainder of the organizational changes are in the planning group to align the functions of the Planning Departments more closely with the adopted goals of the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS.

Mr. Ikhata reported that the California High-Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) Board of Directors has selected Jeff Morales as the Authority's new Chief Executive Officer (CEO).

Currently, the Legislature in Sacramento is debating whether to include funding in the state budget (from Prop 1A funds) for the CHSRA—first construction segment in Fiscal Year (FY) 2013; the final budget will be considered in August. In addition Mr. Ikhata emphasized the importance of being part of the negotiations for the \$1 billion investment which will be brought into the Southern California region for phased projects to improve regional connectivity with the Los Angeles-San Diego-San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) Rail Corridor and the Metrolink System in conjunction with the development of the proposed State HSR system. Staff is working to develop the prioritized project list for submittal to the HSRA by the end of June 2012. The Regional transportation agency CEO's will prioritize a final project list at its meeting on June 15, 2012.

Mr. Ikhata reported that Will Kempton, Chief Executive Officer of Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), is currently working with the HSRA. He stated that it is hoped that OCTA will sign the MOU at the end of June 2012.

Mr. Ikhata provided comments on SB 1225 (Padilla), which passed the state senate unanimously on May 30, 2012. SB 1225 would authorize Caltrans to create a joint powers authority with respect to the LOSSAN corridor, the second busiest rail passenger corridor in the nation. The upgrade and improvements to the existing systems will be welcomed. SCAG staff will continue to update the Regional Council on the CHSRA project developments.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval Items

1. Minutes of the May 3, 2012 Meeting
2. SCAG Memberships and Sponsorship of Annual Events: 1) San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG) General Assembly, June 14, 2012, at \$1,500; 2) Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) General Assembly, June 25, 2012, at \$1,500; 3) Southern California Energy Summit, October 4-5, 2012, at \$1,500; 4) Rail-Volution Conference, October 14-17, 2012, at \$1,600; 5) California Contract Cities Association Membership, at \$3,000; and 6) California Connections Leadership Network/SCAG Partnership 2012, at \$10,000, for a total up to \$19,100
3. SB 1151 (Steinberg) – Long Range Asset Management Plan, SB 1156 (Steinberg) – Community Development & Housing Joint Powers Authority
4. AB 1446 (Feuer): Los Angeles County Metropolitan Authority – Transactions and Use Tax

Receive and File

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

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

ACTION ITEMS

6. Phase II: Southern California Economic Recovery & Job Creation Strategy

Hon. Glen Becerra, Chair, provided a brief overview of the Phase II strategy which authorizes staff to identify economic recovery and job creation opportunities for SCAG partners with member cities, counties, business leaders, organized labor, and other key stakeholders. Focus will be on major industries in Southern California to create jobs and to reduce or remove high-priority economic challenges and to provide solutions to Southern California's economic recovery.

Hon. Becerra emphasized the importance of working together in order to have a comprehensive discussion and requested the committee members to adopt the rules and changes in their cities that will enable them to be more business friendly.

Because of the economic challenges facing the educational communities, Hon. Becerra stated that some committee members focused discussion and requested that the school districts and adult occupational segments also be included in the objectives within the job creation strategy. Hasan Ikhata commented that Regional Councilmembers can address those issues and could make it part of a policy statement at the next Regional Council meeting.

Hon. Jeff Stone applauded the efforts of the President in making Phase II a priority and suggested that the board extend an invitation to the education development board in order to emulate their progressive model. Staff concurred.

To support implementation of the Phase II objectives, staff recommends the need for the Executive Director to be authorized to execute contracts with necessary professional service providers to assist staff in implementing the activities described in the full Phase II outline, which was included in the agenda packet.

Hon. Becerra requested everyone's attendance at SCAG's Economic Recovery Summit, which will be held in December 2012.

A motion was made (Stone) to the recommendation to move item to the Regional Council for the final adoption. Motion was seconded (Morehouse) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

7. Proposed Amendment to Subsection 2.7.2 of SCAG's Conflict of Interest Policy

Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director, requested approval of the proposed amendment to Subsection 2.7.2 (a) of the SCAG Conflict of Interest Policy in order to permit terminated employees to bid and consult projects if they did not have *substantial responsibility* in the area of service to be performed by the contract, and did not participate in any way in developing the contract or its service specifications.

Discussion ensued on whether or not the recommendation to change the entire Conflict of Interest Policy was in the best interest of SCAG and its Board, or to approve a one-time exemption. A motion was made (Wapner) to allow for a one-time exemption of the subject policy to address the particular situation involving temporary SCAG employee Bob Leiter only. Motion was seconded (Stone) with one (1) Opposition (Viegas-Walker). MOTION PASSED.

8. Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: Contract No. 12-029-C1 Pacific Coast Highway

A motion was made (Viegas Walker) to approve Contract No. 12-029-C1. Motion was seconded (Stone) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

9. Legal Services Contract

A motion was made (Viegas Walker) to approve amendment to the PC Law Group Contract for legal services to increase contract amount by \$40,000 for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 for funding pertaining to the legal review of the 2012 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) are related Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR); and approve the renewal of the PC Law Group contract for Fiscal Year 2012-2013 in the total amount of \$100,000. Motion was seconded (Stone) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

CFO MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Basil Panas, Acting CFO, highlighted the following key points:

- Vasquez & Co., LLP will be onsite to commence their preliminary work for the FY 2012/13 audit;
- Staff has updated the cash flow model to manage operations in the event of a disruption to SCAG's funding due to a delay in the state budget;
- The California Strategic Growth Council (SGC) announced the awards for the 2012 Round #2 Sustainable Communities Planning Grant and Incentive Program. A total of \$1,000,000 (maximum amount allowed) was awarded to SCAG for building Sustainable Communities in Southern California.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Hon. Jeff Stone requested a presentation concerning long-range electrical vehicles. SCAG staff indicated that it will forward the request to the Energy and Environment Committee for action.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m. The next regular meeting of the Executive/Administration Committee will be held on Thursday, July 5, 2012 at the SCAG Los Angeles office.

Minutes Approved by:



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

EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

Member (including Ex-Officio) LastName, FirstName	Representing	X = County Represented						FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE
		IC	LA	OC	RC	SB	VC					
Becerra, Glen, Chair	Simi Valley						X	X	X	X	X	X
Calac, Mark	Pechanga Tribal Government					X						
Coleman, Ginger	Apple Valley					X						
Johnson, James	Long Beach		X						X			
Lantz, Paula	Pomona		X					X	X		X	X
Lewis, Randall, Ex Officio	Lewis Op. Corp.					X		X	X	X	X	X
Millhouse, Keith	VCTC						X	X	X		X	
Morehouse, Carl, 2nd VP	San Buenaventura						X					X
Murray, Kris	Anaheim			X								
O'Connor, Pam, Imm. Past Pres.	Santa Monica		X					X	X	X	X	
Pettis, Gregory, 1st VP	Cathedral City				X			X	X	X		
Stone, Jeff	Riverside County			X	X							X
Walker-Viegas, Cheryl	El Centro	X						X	X	X	X	X
Wapner, Alan	Ontario					X						X
Zine, Dennis	Los Angeles		X									X
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