

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

August 1, 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. Greg Pettis, Chair, Cathedral City, District 2, at 9:00 a.m. There was a quorum.

Members Present

Hon. Greg Pettis, Cathedral City, President	District 2
Hon. Carl Morehouse, 1st Vice-President	District 47
Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro, 2nd Vice-President	District 1
Hon. Glen Becerra, Simi Valley, Imm. Past President	District 46
Hon. Lisa Bartlett, Dana Point	TCA
Hon. Bob Botts, Banning	RCTC
Hon. Margaret Finlay, Duarte	District 35
Hon. Bill Jahn, Big Bear Lake	District 11
Hon. James Johnson, Long Beach	District 30
Hon. Tom LaBonge, Los Angeles	District 51
Mr. Randall Lewis, Ex-Officio	Lewis Group of Companies
Hon. Michele Martinez, Santa Ana	District 16
Hon. Keith Millhouse, Moorpark	VCTC
Hon. Kris Murray, Anaheim	District 19
Hon. Pam O'Connor, Santa Monica	District 41
Hon. Gary Ovitt	San Bernardino County
Hon. Alan Wapner, Ontario	SANBAG

Members Not Present

Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.	Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians
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CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Hon. Greg Pettis, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Hon. James Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Hon. Greg Pettis, Chair, welcomed Hon. Keith Millhouse back to SCAG after his injury.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public comments.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

There was no reprioritization of the agenda.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director, provided an update and commented on the issues associated with implementing the new 'Buy America' requirements under MAP-21 for the California utility industry. The Federal Highway Administration has extended the deadline to December 31, 2013, to allow the utility industry and the federal agencies time to address the impacts of the new requirements. SCAG staff is supporting the effort in organizing a discussion with partner agencies and other business partners to help resolve this important issue by the December 31, 2013 deadline. Staff will provide an update to the EAC and Regional Council on further developments.

Mr. Ikhata also reported that he, along with the Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) Executive Directors from San Diego, Sacramento and the Bay Area, met with the Executive Staff of ARB to begin the discussion regarding the GHG reduction targets for the 2016-2046 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS). There will be future discussions and staff will apprise the Committee of further developments.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hon. Greg Pettis, Chair, announced that Dr. Jerry Meral, Deputy Secretary, California Natural Resources Agency, will be providing a presentation at the Regional Council today to provide an update on the Bay Delta Conservation Plan.

Hon. Greg Pettis provided an overview of his President's Monthly Report which was distributed to the EAC. He asked the Committee to let staff know of their interest concerning the upcoming key events listed in the report.

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Hon. Greg Pettis asked Mr. Randall Lewis to provide a brief business report and a GLUE Council meeting update. He also announced that SANDAG would like to schedule a Joint Board Officer's meeting in September or October. Staff will send an updated announcement accordingly.

Hon. Greg Pettis congratulated SCAG on its recent honor at the California Joint Powers Insurance Authority's (CalJPIA) Annual Board of Directors meeting. SCAG was awarded JPIA's 2013 Best Overall Performance in the Workers' Compensation Program. He introduced Ms. Melania Francis, Regional Risk Manager, CalJPIA, who will present the award to the Regional Council today.

ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. 2013-2014 State Budget and Trailer Bill Summary

Darin Chidsey, Acting Director Policy, Strategy and Public Affairs, provided highlights of the 2013-2014 California State Budget Act (and trailer bills), which was discussed at the Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC) at its meeting on July 16, 2013. The full updated summary was provided in the EAC agenda board packet.

Mr. Chidsey discussed the new qualification changes that may impact the SCAG region due to AB 93: Enterprise Zone Elimination. He referred to the AB 93 Maps which were included in the August 2013 Federal and State Legislative Update report, previously distributed, which explained the impacts of the change.

2. AB 1290 (Pérez): Transportation Planning

Darin Chidsey, Acting Director Policy, Strategy and Public Affairs, provided a brief update of the AB 1290 (Pérez) Transportation Planning bill amendments. Staff will continue to monitor and advise the Board of any significant developments related to the bill.

3. SB 731 (Steinberg): California Environmental Quality Act and Sustainable Communities Strategy

Sharon Neely, Chief Deputy Executive Director, reported on the current actions and developments taking place with the Legislative Leadership in seeking CEQA modernization legislation. She noted that on August 23, 2013, Hasan Ikhrata, Executive Director, and other key stakeholders, will meet with Senator Steinberg to discuss possible language amendments and streamlining efforts to support the Regional Council's adopted highest state legislative priority. Staff will continue to monitor and advise the Board of any significant developments related to the bill.

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Ms. Neely stated that depending on the amendments to the bill, a special joint EAC and LCMC meeting may be necessary before the next EAC meeting scheduled for September 12th. The full SB 731 (Steinberg) report was provided in the EAC agenda board packet.

4. Proposed Aviation Task Force in Support of the 2016-2040 RTP/SCS

Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director, asked the Committee to discuss and approve the creation of an Aviation Task Force. After considerable discussion relating to the scope and the potential budget impacts for creating an Aviation Task Force in support of the 2016-2040 RTP/SCS as recommended by the Transportation Committee, several EAC members noted a preference to defer action until the January 2014 EAC/RC meeting. In the interim, SCAG staff, in collaboration with the Transportation Committee Chair, Vice Chair and other interested parties, shall develop a Workplan to present to the Transportation Committee, as well as finalize the budget for the Aviation Task Force.

A motion was made (Finlay) and seconded (Morehouse) to defer action on the matter until the January 2014 EAC/RC meeting, and direct staff in the interim, to work with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Transportation Committee to develop a Workplan for the Aviation Task Force. Motion was seconded (Becerra) and APPROVED by a majority vote and two NOES (Wapner and Ovitt). Motion passed.

Hon. Greg Pettis stated that further discussion of the proposed Aviation Task Force recommendation will be presented to the Regional Council later today. He also clarified that both the Transportation Committee and the EAC recommendations will be presented to the Regional Council.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval Items

5. Minutes of the June 6, 2013 Meeting
6. SCAG Sponsorships

Receive & File

7. Purchase Orders \$5,000 but less than \$200,000; Contracts \$25,000 but less than \$200,000; and Amendments \$5,000 but less than \$75,000; and Contracts Funded from the General Fund

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

CFO MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Due to time constraints, the CFO Monthly Financial Report was carried over to the Regional Council meeting.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEM

There were no items requested.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements made.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:08 a.m. The next regular meeting of the Executive/Administration Committee will be held on Thursday, September 12, 2013 at the SCAG Los Angeles office.

Approved by:



Lillian Harris-Neal, CMC
Clerk of the Board