

NO. 555
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 2, 2014

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE REGIONAL COUNCIL. A VIDEO RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE ON THE SCAG WEBSITE AT: www.scag.ca.gov/scagtv/index.htm

The Regional Council (RC) of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) held its meeting at the SCAG Los Angeles Office. There was a quorum.

Members Present

Hon. Greg Pettis, President	<i>Cathedral City</i>	District 2
Hon. Carl Morehouse, 1 st Vice President	<i>San Buenaventura</i>	District 47
Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, 2 nd Vice President	<i>El Centro</i>	District 1
Hon. Glen Becerra, Immediate Past President	<i>Simi Valley</i>	District 46
Hon. Jack Terrazas		Imperial County
Hon. Michael D. Antonovich		Los Angeles County
Hon. Shawn Nelson		Orange County
Hon. Linda Parks		Ventura County
Hon. Jeff Stone		Riverside County
Hon. Adam Rush	<i>Eastvale</i>	RCTC
Hon. Alan Wapner	<i>Ontario</i>	SANBAG
Hon. Jim Hyatt	<i>Calimesa</i>	District 3
Hon. Jeff DeGrandpre	<i>Eastvale</i>	District 4
Hon. Ed Graham	<i>Chino Hills</i>	District 10
Hon. Bill Jahn	<i>Big Bear Lake</i>	District 11
Hon. Mike Munzing	<i>Aliso Viejo</i>	District 12
Hon. Kathryn McCullough	<i>Lake Forest</i>	District 13
Hon. Steven Choi	<i>Irvine</i>	District 14
Hon. Leslie Daigle	<i>Newport Beach</i>	District 15
Hon. Michele Martinez	<i>Santa Ana</i>	District 16
Hon. John Nielsen	<i>Tustin</i>	District 17
Hon. Leroy Mills	<i>Cypress</i>	District 18
Hon. Kris Murray	<i>Anaheim</i>	District 19
Hon. Art Brown	<i>Buena Park</i>	District 21
Hon. Brett Murdock	<i>Brea</i>	District 22
Hon. Bruce Barrows	<i>Cerritos</i>	District 23
Hon. Gene Daniels	<i>Paramount</i>	District 24
Hon. Mario Guerra	<i>Downey</i>	District 25
Hon. Dan Medina	<i>Gardena</i>	District 28
Hon. Steven Neal	<i>Long Beach</i>	District 29
Hon. James Johnson	<i>Long Beach</i>	District 30
Hon. Roy Francis	<i>La Habra Heights</i>	District 31

Members Present – continued

Hon. Margaret Clark	<i>Rosemead</i>	District 32
Hon. Barbara Messina	<i>Alhambra</i>	District 34
Hon. Donald Voss	<i>La Cañada/Flintridge</i>	District 36
Hon. Carol Herrera	<i>Diamond Bar</i>	District 37
Hon. Paula Lantz	<i>Pomona</i>	District 38
Hon. James Gazeley	<i>Lomita</i>	District 39
Hon. Judy Mitchell	<i>Rolling Hills Estates</i>	District 40
Hon. Pam O’Connor	<i>Santa Monica</i>	District 41
Hon. Jess Talamantes	<i>Burbank</i>	District 42
Hon. Carmen Ramirez	<i>Oxnard</i>	District 45
Hon. Steven Hofbauer	<i>Palmdale</i>	District 43
Hon. Karen Spiegel	<i>Corona</i>	District 63
Hon. Matthew Harper	<i>Huntington Beach</i>	District 64
Hon. Ryan McEachron	<i>Victorville</i>	District 65
Hon. Lupe Ramos Watson	<i>Indio</i>	District 66
Hon. Marsha McLean	<i>Santa Clarita</i>	District 67
Hon. Lisa Bartlett	<i>Dana Point</i>	TCA

Members Not Present

Hon. Mark Ridley-Thomas		Los Angeles County
Hon. Gary Ovitt		San Bernardino County
Hon. Keith Millhouse	<i>Moorpark</i>	VCTC
Hon. Ronald Roberts	<i>Temecula</i>	District 5
Hon. Deborah Robertson	<i>Rialto</i>	District 8
Hon. Jon Harrison	<i>Redlands</i>	District 6
Hon. Larry McCallon	<i>Highland</i>	District 7
Hon. Paul Eaton	<i>Montclair</i>	District 9
Hon. Tri Ta	<i>Westminster</i>	District 20
Hon. Gene Murabito	<i>Glendora</i>	District 33
Hon. Margaret E. Finlay	<i>Duarte</i>	District 35
Hon. Mark Rutherford	<i>Westlake Village</i>	District 44
Hon. Gilbert Cedillo	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 48
Hon. Paul Krekorian	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 49
Hon. Bob Blumenfield	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 50
Hon. Tom LaBonge	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 51
Hon. Paul Koretz	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 52
Hon. Nury Martinez	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 53
Hon. Felipe Fuentes	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 54
Hon. Bernard C. Parks	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 55
Hon. Curren D. Price, Jr.	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 56
Hon. Herb Wesson, Jr.	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 57
Hon. Mike Bonin	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 58
Hon. Mitchell Englander	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 59
Hon. Mitch O’Farrell	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 60
Hon. José Huizar	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 61
Hon. Joe Buscaino	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 62

Members Not Present - continued

Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.

Pechanga Band of Luiseño

Tribal Government Representative

Hon. Eric Garcetti

Los Angeles

(At-Large)

Staff Present

Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director

Sharon Neely, Chief Deputy Executive Director

Joe Silvey, General Counsel

Joann Africa, Chief Counsel

Basil Panas, Chief Financial Officer

Rich Macias, Director of Transportation Planning

Huasha Liu, Director of Land Use & Environmental Planning

Darin Chidsey, Director of Strategy, Policy and Public Affairs

Lillian Harris-Neal, Clerk of the Board

Tess Rey-Chaput, Office of Regional Council Support

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Greg Pettis called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m. Rich Macias, Director of Transportation Planning, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

President Pettis opened the Public Comment Period.

José Andrade, resident, City of Commerce, commented regarding police shootings and suggested a change in policy to protect law enforcement officers and the public.

Pauline Chow, Esq., Southern California Regional Policy Manager, Safe Routes to School National Partnership (SRTSNP), stated SRTSNP's support for the adoption of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)/Joint Work Program with the San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG) for the implementation of the 2012-2035 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (2012 RTP/SCS).

President Pettis closed the Public Comment Period.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

There was no reprioritization of the agenda.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director, reported the addition of two (2) new staff members: Sarah Jepson, Manager of Active Transportation and Special Programs; Maria Lopez, Manager of the Federal Transportation Improvement Program; and the promotion of the following staff: Darin Chidsey, Director of Strategy, Policy and Public Affairs; Bernice Villanueva, Manager of Budget and Grants; and Joan Chen, Manager of Accounting.

Mr. Ikhata also reported on the successful 4th Annual Southern California Economic Recovery & Job Creation Summit and thanked the Regional Council and Policy Committee members who attended and noted that the Summit materials are available online for those who were unable to attend. Mr. Ikhata also noted that copies of the Summit's media coverage are included in the RC Board Information Packet.

Lastly, Mr. Ikhata reported that SCAG undergoes a certification process every four (4) years as a federally-designated Metropolitan Planning Agency (MPO). This MPO certification process has begun and is expected to continue until Spring 2014. Mr. Ikhata acknowledged and thanked Michael Morris, from FHWA, who is coordinating the recertification process.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

New Regional Council Members

Hon. Jim Katapodis, Huntington Beach, representing District 64

Hon. Matthew Harper, representing OCTA

Appointment to the Transportation Committee

Hon. Frank Navarro, Colton, representing SANBAG

Appointment of Bylaws and Resolutions Committee

San Bernardino County: Hon. Larry McCallon (Chair)

Hon. Paul Eaton

Los Angeles County: Hon. Mike Bonin

Hon. Steven Neal

Orange County: Hon. Art Brown

Hon. Michele Martinez

Hon. Leroy Mills

Riverside County: Hon. Jeff Stone

Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.

Ventura County: Hon. Linda Parks

Hon. Keith Millhouse

Imperial County: Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker

Hon. Jack Terrazas

Appointment of General Assembly Host Committee

Hon. Cheryl Walker-Viegas (Chair)

Hon. Greg Pettis

Hon. Judy Mitchell

Hon. Margaret Finlay

Hon. Barbara Messina

Hon. Carl Morehouse

Hon. Alan Wapner

Hon. Glen Becerra

Hon. Leslie Daigle

Hon. Deborah Robertson

Appointment of Nominating Committee

Ventura County:	Hon. Glen Becerra (Chair)
Los Angeles County:	Hon. Mike Antonovich
Orange County:	Hon. Lisa Bartlett
San Bernardino County:	Hon. Deborah Robertson
Riverside County:	Hon. Jim Hyatt
Imperial County:	Hon. Jack Terrazas

California Air Resources Board (ARB) Update

As an ARB Board Member, representing the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD), Councilmember Judy Mitchell, Rolling Hills Estates, District 40, reported on the following: ARB recommendations for initial nonattainment areas for the 2012 Revised Annual PM2.5 National Ambient Air Quality Standard to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA); enhanced fleet modernization program; proposed regulations and regulatory amendments to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) and oxides (NOx) from on-road trucks; a forthcoming discussion regarding a sustainable freight policy; and the completion of an agreement between the Government of Québec and the State of California that defines the process for working collaboratively to jointly harmonize and integrate their cap-and-trade programs.

Business Update

Randall Lewis, Lewis Group of Companies, provided an update regarding the business climate and echoed Mr. Ikhrata's comment regarding the positive feedback received from the successful 4th Annual Southern California Economic Recovery & Job Creation Summit. Mr. Lewis encouraged members to attend the Global Land Use and Economic (GLUE) Council meeting to discuss follow-up recommendations that will be brought to the February 6, 2014 Regional Council meeting.

Other Business Items

President Pettis asked the members to inform staff of their need for additional handicapped parking spaces in the building.

President Pettis reported that due to the enactment of SB 751 (Yee), legislation that took effect on January 1, 2014, public agencies, such as SCAG, must report not only any action taken at a public meeting but also the vote or abstention on that action by every member present for the action. President Pettis noted that starting today's meetings, SCAG staff will manually record individual votes in the minutes of every meeting until an electronic voting system is in place. President Pettis asked the members to inform staff when they leave the meeting room prior to adjournment.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS**Audit Committee Report**1. **FY 2012-13 External Financial Audit**

As Chair of the Audit Committee, 2nd Vice President Cheryl Viegas-Walker reported that SCAG's external auditor, Vasquez and Co., LLP, completed its FY 2012-13 Audit Report and introduced Peggy McBride, CPA, to present the results of the audit. Ms. McBride reported that there were no findings of non-compliance

and no internal control deficiencies were identified. 2nd Vice President Viegas-Walker thanked Basil Panas, Chief Financial Officer, and the Finance Department staff.

2. Actuarial Report as of June 30, 2013, for Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB)

2nd Vice President Cheryl Viegas-Walker introduced SCAG's outside independent actuary, Marilyn Jones, of Nyhart Epler, to present the actuarial report for SCAG's OPEB. Ms. Jones reported on the retiree health program; financial results; projected cash flows; benefit plan provisions; valuation data; actuarial assumptions and methods; and actuarial certification.

Discussion ensued and questions/comments were made regarding the length of SCAG's participation in the CalPers program; annual return on investment; and scenario testing (Daigle, Clark and Voss).

Community, Economic and Human Development (CEHD) Committee Report

3. 2016-2040 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) Plan Update: Subregional Sustainable Communities Strategy Framework and Guidelines

In the absence of CEHD Committee Chair Margaret Finlay, Vice Chair Councilmember Bill Jahn, Big Bear Lake, District 11, reported that the CEHD recommended that that the Regional Council adopt the proposed Subregional Sustainable Communities Strategy Framework and Guidelines.

A MOTION was made (Jahn) and SECONDED (Hofbauer) to adopt the proposed Subregional Sustainable Communities Strategy Framework and Guidelines. The motion passed by the following votes:

AYES: Pettis, Morehouse, Viegas-Walker, Becerra, Terrazas, Antonovich, Nelson, L. Parks, Stone, Wapner, Hyatt, DeGrandpre, Graham, Jahn, Munzing, McCullough, Choi, Daigle, M. Martinez, Nielsen, Mills, Murray, Brown, Barrows, Daniels, Guerra, Medina, Neal, Johnson, Francis, Clark, Messina, Voss, Herrera, Lantz, Gazeley, Mitchell, O'Connor, Talamantes, Ramirez, Hofbauer, Spiegel, Harper, McEachron, Ramos Watson, McLean, and Bartlett

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Murdock

Hon Adam Rush, RCTC, recused himself from this item; left the meeting room; and did not participate in any discussion or vote due to a potential conflict-of-interest.

4. Proposed Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) and Housing Element Reform Subcommittee Charter

Vice Chair Councilmember Bill Jahn, Big Bear Lake, District 11, reported that the CEHD Committee reviewed and recommended approval of the proposed Charter on November 7, 2013, which was developed to describe the RHNA and Housing Element Reform Subcommittee's purpose and responsibilities.

A MOTION was made (Jahn) and SECONDED (Hofbauer) to approve the RHNA and Housing Element Reform Subcommittee Charter. The motion passed by the following votes:

AYES: Pettis, Morehouse, Viegas-Walker, Becerra, Terrazas, Antonovich, Nelson, L. Parks, Stone, Wapner, Hyatt, DeGrandpre, Graham, Jahn, Munzing, McCullough, Choi, Daigle, M. Martinez, Nielsen, Mills, Murray, Brown, Barrows, Daniels, Guerra, Medina, Neal, Johnson, Francis, Clark,

Messina, Voss, Herrera, Lantz, Gazeley, Mitchell, O'Connor, Talamantes, Ramirez, Hofbauer, Spiegel, Harper, McEachron, Ramos Watson, McLean, and Bartlett

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Rush and Murdock

Transportation Committee (TC) Report

In the absence of TC Chair Keith Millhouse, Vice Chair Councilmember Alan Wapner, Ontario, SANBAG, reported that the TC approved the MOU/Joint Work Program with SANBAG and that various reports were presented related to the State and Federal Freight Activities; Preliminary Draft of the Active Transportation Program Guidelines; and SB 743.

Energy and Environment Committee (EEC)

As Chair of the EEC, Councilmember James Johnson, Long Beach, District 30, noted that the EEC had discussions related to the ports and effects of the regional air quality including improvements that will be needed to improve national air standards; improvements of City fleets by collaboration with City Managers; and reduction of energy consumption while incorporating clean energy.

Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC)

As Chair of the LCMC, Councilmember Pam O'Connor, Santa Monica, District 41, noted that the January 2014 State and Federal Legislative Update has been distributed to the Regional Council members and reported that the House Transportation and Infrastructure (T&I) Committee will hold a public hearing on January 14, 2014 regarding Building the Foundation for Surface Transportation Reauthorization and that the LCMC will report back to the Regional Council regarding this item at the February 6, 2014 meeting.

Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)

President Pettis reported that the EAC met in Closed Session regarding the quarterly evaluation of the Executive Director and asked that the Regional Council members to complete the annual evaluation form which will be distributed at the February 6, 2014 meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval Items

5. Minutes of the November 7, 2013 Meeting
6. SCAG Sponsorship & Memberships
7. Contract Amendment that increases the Contract's value over \$200,000: Contract No. 11-052-C1, Audit Services

A motion was made (O'Connor) and SECONDED (M. Martinez) to approve Agenda Item Nos. 5 through 7. The motion passed by the following votes:

AYES: Pettis, Morehouse, Viegas-Walker, Becerra, Terrazas, Antonovich, Nelson, L. Parks, Stone, Wapner, Hyatt, DeGrandpre, Graham, Jahn, Munzing, McCullough, Choi, Daigle, M. Martinez, Nielsen, Mills, Murray, Brown, Barrows, Daniels, Guerra, Medina, Neal, Johnson, Francis, Clark,

Messina, Voss, Herrera, Lantz, Gazeley, Mitchell, O'Connor, Talamantes, Ramirez, Hofbauer, Spiegel, Harper, McEachron, Ramos Watson, Bartlett, Rush and Murdock

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: McCullough and McLean

Receive & File

8. 2014 Regional Council and Policy Committees Meeting Schedule
9. January 2014 State and Federal Legislative Update
10. 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
11. CFO Monthly Report
12. Selection of SCAG Region Designated Recipients for FTA's Section 5310 Program

Agenda Item Nos. 8 through 12 were received and filed.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEM/S

President Pettis stated that a future Joint Meeting of the Regional Council and the Policy Committees will be held to discuss the Salton Sea and its environmental issues.

Supervisor Linda Parks, Ventura County, asked that a future agenda item be discussed regarding an update on the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP).

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Regional Council meeting adjourned at approximately 1:19 p.m. in memory of Jon Mikels, former SCAG President (1987 and 2001) and former 2nd District Supervisor, San Bernardino County (1986 – 2002), who recently passed away.

The next meeting of the Regional Council is scheduled for Thursday, February 6, 2014, at the SCAG Los Angeles Office.



Lillian Harris-Neal, Clerk of the Board