

NO. 545
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
JANUARY 3, 2013

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, 1 st Vice-President	<i>Cathedral City</i>	District 2
Hon. Carl Morehouse, 2 nd Vice President	<i>Ventura</i>	District 47
Hon. Pam O'Connor, Immediate Past President	<i>Santa Monica</i>	District 41
Hon. Michael D. Antonovich		Los Angeles County
Hon. Gary Ovitt		San Bernardino County
Hon. Jeff Stone		Riverside County
Hon. Jack Terrazas		Imperial County
Hon. Linda Parks		Ventura County
Hon. Mary Craton	<i>Canyon Lake</i>	RCTC
Hon. Alan Wapner	<i>Ontario</i>	SANBAG
Hon. Keith Millhouse	<i>Moorpark</i>	VCTC
Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker	<i>El Centro</i>	District 1
Hon. Jim Hyatt	<i>Calimesa</i>	District 3
Hon. Ronald Roberts	<i>Temecula</i>	District 5
Hon. Deborah Robertson	<i>Rialto</i>	District 8
Hon. Ed Graham	<i>Chino Hills</i>	District 10
Hon. Bill Jahn	<i>Big Bear Lake</i>	District 11
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. Leroy Mills	<i>Cypress</i>	District 18
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. Jim Morton	<i>Lynwood</i>	District 26
Hon. Steven Neal	<i>Long Beach</i>	District 29
Hon. Stan Carroll	<i>La Habra Heights</i>	District 31
Hon. Margaret Clark	<i>Rosemead</i>	District 32
Hon. Keith Hanks	<i>Azusa</i>	District 33
Hon. Barbara Messina	<i>Alhambra</i>	District 34
Hon. Margaret E. Finlay	<i>Duarte</i>	District 35

Members Present - continued

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. Frank Quintero	<i>Glendale</i>	District 42
Hon. Steven Hofbauer	<i>Palmdale</i>	District 43
Hon. Mark Rutherford	<i>Westlake Village</i>	District 44
Hon. Bryan A. MacDonald	<i>Oxnard</i>	District 45
Hon. Dennis Zine	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 50
Hon. Tom LaBonge	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 51
Hon. Matthew Harper	<i>Huntington Beach</i>	District 64
Hon. Sylvia Ballin	<i>San Fernando</i>	District 67
Hon. Lisa Bartlett	<i>Dana Point</i>	TCA
Mr. Randall Lewis, Ex-officio		Lewis Operating Group

Members Not Present

Hon. Glen Becerra, President	<i>Simi Valley</i>	District 46
Hon. Shawn Nelson		Orange County
Hon. Jerry Amante	<i>Tustin</i>	OCTA
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. John Nielsen	<i>Tustin</i>	District 17
Hon. Kris Murray	<i>Anaheim</i>	District 19
Hon. Andy Quach	<i>Westminster</i>	District 20
Hon. Frank Gurulé	<i>Cudahy</i>	District 27
Hon. Dan Medina	<i>Gardena</i>	District 28
Hon. James Johnson	<i>Long Beach</i>	District 30
Hon. Judy Mitchell	<i>Rolling Hills Estates</i>	District 40
Hon. Ed P. Reyes	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 48
Hon. Paul Krekorian	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 49
Hon. Paul Koretz	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 52
Hon. Tony Cárdenas	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 53
Hon. Richard Alarcón	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 54
Hon. Bernard Parks	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 55
Hon. Jan Perry	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 56
Hon. Herb Wesson, Jr.	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 57
Hon. Bill Rosendahl	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 58
Hon. Mitchell Englander	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 59
Hon. Eric Garcetti	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 60
Hon. José Huizar	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 61
Hon. Joe Buscaino	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 62
Hon. Lupe Ramos Watson	<i>Indio</i>	District 66

Staff Present

Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director
Sharon Neely, Chief Deputy Executive Director
Joe Silvey, General Counsel
Joann Africa, Chief Counsel
Basil Panas, Acting 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

First Vice-President Greg Pettis announced that he would preside over the Regional Council meeting as President Glen Becerra is ill. First Vice-President Pettis called the meeting to order at approximately 12:16 p.m. Councilmember Michele Martinez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no Public Comment speakers.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director, announced that former Regional Councilmember Sharon Quirk-Silva was recently elected to represent California's 65th Assembly District. SCAG Board Officers presented a Plaque of Recognition to Assemblymember Quirk-Silva and expressed thanks for her dedication and service. Assemblymember Quirk-Silva thanked the Regional Council and indicated her interest in working together on key legislative matters benefitting Southern California communities.

Mr. Ikhata introduced Mr. Linn Warren, Director, California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). Mr. Warren provided a presentation on "Housing Element Updates and Streamlining Opportunities." HCD's Housing Policy Development Deputy Director Lisa Bates; Assistant Deputy Director Glen Campora; and Program Manager Jennifer Seegar were also in attendance and provided the Regional Council with additional information regarding HCD's current activities. A question and answer session with the RC members followed the presentation.

Mr. Ikhata announced new personnel changes: Darin Chidsey as Acting Director for Strategy, Policy and Public Affairs; and Lillian Harris-Neal as Clerk of the Board.

Mr. Ikhata provided an update on the lawsuit against the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG). He reported that the San Diego Superior Court ruled against SANDAG and indicated that, later in the meeting, the Regional Council would be asked to consider filing an Amicus Brief along with other agencies on behalf of SANDAG in the event that SANDAG appeals the trial court decision.

Mr. Ikhata reported that the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) notified SCAG of the reduction of federal planning funds by approximately \$3M for FY 13 and FY 14. As a result, Mr. Ikhata stated that he is working with Caltrans and preparing options. He noted an OWP budget amendment will be submitted to Caltrans in February for FY 13 at the March 2013 meeting, he will provide a draft FY 14 budget.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

First Vice-President Pettis announced that, as a General Assembly Delegate, the RC members have the opportunity to propose resolutions and revisions to the Bylaws for consideration by the General Assembly. The deadline for submission is on Friday, February 1, 2013.

First Vice-President Pettis reported that the Third Annual Economic Summit held on December 6, 2012 was attended by over 300 business leaders, elected officials and dignitaries. He stated that various newspaper articles and press releases regarding the Summit were included in the Regional Council Board Information Packet.

He invited the Regional Council members to attend the Legislative Reception to be held in Sacramento scheduled for Wednesday, February 20, 2013, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Invitations will be mailed to state legislators and SCAG stakeholders.

First Vice-President Pettis also reported that the California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA) Workshop, held at SCAG on December 12, 2012, was well-attended.

He announced that the General Assembly Host Committee will hold its kick-off meeting immediately following the Regional Council meeting. First Vice-President Pettis also announced that the deadline to submit the 2013-14 SCAG Board Officers application is on Monday, February 4, 2013, to allow time for the Nominating Committee to review and forward recommendations.

First Vice-President Pettis also announced that SCAG President Becerra requested a February Joint Regional Council and Policy Committee meeting to discuss the Energy Outlook for 2013 and beyond.

PRESIDENT'S APPOINTMENTS

Appointments to the Regional Council

Hon. Sylvia Ballin, San Fernando, District 67

Hon. Steven Choi, Irvine, District 14

Appointments to the CEHD Committee

Hon. Tom Hansen, Paramount, GCCOG

Hon. Sonny R. Santa Ines, Bellflower, GCCOG

Appointment to TC

Hon. Linda Parks, Ventura County, VCCOG

COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS

Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)

(Hon. Glen Becerra, Chair)

1. 2013 State and Federal Legislative Priorities

Sharon A. Neely, Chief Deputy Executive Director, provided a report on the item and noted a memo from Councilmember James Johnson to add language to the State Legislative Priorities related to lowering the vote threshold to approve local tax measures to incorporate life-cycle costs with respect to future transportation tax measures and to report back to the Regional Council on February 7, 2013.

Councilmember Tom LaBonge commented that in order to build voter support for local tax measures, he suggested that a request be made to the County of Los Angeles Agricultural Commissioner/Weights & Measures to place a visible sticker at fuel pumps to show taxpayers where gas taxes go. Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director, noted the request.

A motion was made (Wapner) to support the 2013 State and Federal Legislative Priorities as recommended by the Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC), except the priority related to lowering the voter threshold to 55% for local tax measures. Motion was **SECONDED** (Antonovich) and **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**. It was noted that the Executive/Administration Committee (EAC) requested a report back from LCMC at the next meeting on the top priorities for the next state legislative session.

A motion was made (O'Connor) to include as part of the 2013 State and Federal Legislative Priorities a Legislative Priority regarding lowering of the voter threshold to 55% for local tax measures and to incorporate life-cycle costs in future transportation local tax measures [not statewide]. Motion was **SECONDED** (Wapner). The motion **FAILED** due to a tie-vote, as follows: 21 "Yes" votes (MacDonald, Viegas-Walker, Finlay, LaBonge, Bartlett, O'Connor, Morehouse, Pettis, Quintero, Neal, Robertson, Wapner, Ovitt, Ballin, Murdock, Herrera, Gazeley, Voss, Morton, Martinez and Terrazas); and there were 21 "No" votes (Antonovich, Barrows, Daniels, Stone, Carroll, Mills, Harper, Roberts, Clark, Messina, Hanks, Zine, Jahn, Hofbauer, Choi, Hyatt, Lantz, Craton, Rutherford, Graham and Daigle); and two (2) "Abstentions" (Millhouse and Parks).

2. San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) Litigation Update/Support for Possible Amicus Brief Filing

A motion was made (Pettis) to authorize SCAG to file an amicus brief along with other interested agencies in support of SANDAG should it appeal the trial court decision in the *Cleveland National Forest Foundation, et al. v. SANDAG; Case No. 2011-001011593*. Motion was **SECONDED** (LaBonge) and **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**.

3. Transportation Committee (TC) Video-conferencing Pilot Program

A motion was made (Hanks) to send to the Transportation Committee for consideration a Video-Conferencing Pilot Program that would include: 1) waiving for six months for the Transportation Committee only existing policies prohibiting member participation in Regional Council and Policy Committee meetings via video-conference; and 2) approving video-conference protocols to satisfy the

provisions of the Brown Act and to facilitate an organized meeting process. The Transportation Committee is to provide its recommendation to the Regional Council at the February 7, 2013 meeting. Motion was SECONDED (Parks) and PASSED with a MAJORITY VOTE; with nine (9) IN OPPOSITION (Antonovich, Barrows, Stone, Carroll, Harper, Wapner, Daigle, Rutherford and Hofbauer).

A motion was made (Jahn) to approve Agenda Item Nos. 4 and 5. Motion was SECONDED (Parks) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

4. Amendment Increasing the Contract's Original Value Over \$200,000: Contract No. 12-021-C1, Regional Plug-In Electric Vehicle (PEV) Readiness Plan for Southern California
5. Amendment Greater Than Thirty Percent (30%) of the Contract's Original Value: Contract No. 12-001-BR08, Compass Blueprint Demonstration Project for City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) Traffic Study Policies and Procedures

Community, Economic and Human Development Committee (CEHD)

Councilmember Paula Lantz provided an update.

Energy and Environment Committee (EEC)

Councilmember Cheryl Viegas-Walker provided an update.

Transportation Committee (TC)

6. Amendment to the Joint Powers Agreement Concerning the Los Angeles-San Diego-San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) Corridor Rail Agency

A motion was made (Wapner) to adopt Resolution No. 13-545-1, approving the 2013 Amendment to the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) concerning the Los Angeles - San Diego – San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) Corridor Rail Agency. Motion was SECONDED (Pettis) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC)

The January 2013 State and Federal monthly legislative report was received.

CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made (Pettis) to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion was SECONDED (Morehouse) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Approval Items

7. Minutes of the November 1, 2012 Meeting
8. SCAG Sponsorship

Receive & File

- 9. Fiscal Year (FY) 2011/12 External Financial Audit
- 10. December 2012 State and Federal Legislative Update

INFORMATION ITEMS

- 11. CFO Monthly Report
- 12. 2012 South Coast Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP) Update
- 13. Summary Report from Subcommittees
- 14. 2013 Regional Council and Policy Committees Meeting Schedule

FUTURE AGENDA ITEM(S)

First Vice-President Pettis announced that President Becerra has asked staff to provide an update on the Southern California energy capacity at the February 7, 2013 Regional Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Regional Council meeting adjourned at approximately 1:46 p.m.



Lillian Harris-Neal, Clerk of the Board