

NO. 535
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
JANUARY 5, 2012

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE REGIONAL COUNCIL. AN AUDIO RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN THE OFFICE OF REGIONAL COUNCIL SUPPORT.

The Regional Council (RC) of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) held its meeting at the Southern California Association of Governments, 818 W. 7th Street, 12th Floor, Board Room, Los Angeles, CA 90017. The meeting was called to order by President Pam O'Connor, Santa Monica, District 41, at approximately 12:15 p.m. There was a quorum.

Members Present

Hon. Pam O'Connor, President	<i>Santa Monica</i>	District 41
Hon. Glen Becerra, 1 st Vice-President	<i>Simi Valley</i>	District 46
Hon. Larry McCallon, Immediate Past President	<i>Highland</i>	District 7
Hon. Jack Terrazas		Imperial County
Hon. Michael Antonovich		Los Angeles County
Hon. Shawn Nelson		Orange County
Hon. John J. Benoit		Riverside County
Hon. Mary Craton	<i>Canyon Lake</i>	RCTC
Hon. Brad Mitzelfelt	<i>San Bernardino County</i>	SANBAG
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. Jon Harrison	<i>Redlands</i>	District 6
Hon. Deborah Robertson	<i>Rialto</i>	District 8
Hon. Glenn Duncan	<i>Chino</i>	District 10
Hon. Bill Jahn	<i>Big Bear Lake</i>	District 11
Hon. Paul Glaab	<i>Laguna Niguel</i>	District 12
Hon. Joel Lautenschleger	<i>Laguna Hills</i>	District 13
Hon. Michele Martinez	<i>Santa Ana</i>	District 16
Hon. Leroy Mills	<i>Cypress</i>	District 18
Hon. Kris Murray	<i>Anaheim</i>	District 19
Hon. Sharon Quirk-Silva	<i>Fullerton</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. David Gafin	<i>Downey</i>	District 25
Hon. Lillie Dobson	<i>Compton</i>	District 26
Hon. Frank Gurulé	<i>Cudahy</i>	District 27
Hon. Steven Neal	<i>Long Beach</i>	District 29
Hon. James Johnson	<i>Long Beach</i>	District 30
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

Members Present - continued

Hon. Barbara Messina	<i>Alhambra</i>	District 34
Hon. Margaret E. Finlay	<i>Duarte</i>	District 35
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. 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. Carl Morehouse	<i>Ventura</i>	District 47
Hon. Ed P. Reyes	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 48
Hon. Dennis Zine	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 50
Hon. Mitchell Englander	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 59
Hon. Darcy Kuenzi	<i>Menifee</i>	District 63
Hon. Matthew Harper	<i>Huntington Beach</i>	District 64
Hon. Ginger Coleman	<i>Town of Apple Valley</i>	District 65
Hon. Lisa Bartlett	<i>Dana Point</i>	TCA
Mr. Randall Lewis, Ex-Officio		Lewis Operating Group

Members Not Present

Hon. Greg Pettis, 2 nd Vice-President	<i>Cathedral City</i>	District 2
Hon. Don Hansen	<i>Huntington Beach</i>	OCTA
Hon. Keith Millhouse	<i>Moorpark</i>	VCTC
Hon. Gary Ovitt		San Bernardino County
Hon. Linda Parks		Ventura County
Hon. Ronald Loveridge	<i>Riverside</i>	District 4
Hon. Paul Eaton	<i>Montclair</i>	District 9
Hon. Sukhee Kang	<i>Irvine</i>	District 14
Hon. Leslie Daigle	<i>Newport Beach</i>	District 15
Hon. John Nielsen	<i>Tustin</i>	District 17
Hon. Andy Quach	<i>Westminster</i>	District 20
Hon. Judy Dunlap	<i>Inglewood</i>	District 28
Hon. Bryan A. MacDonald	<i>Oxnard</i>	District 45
Hon. Paul Krekorian	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 49
Hon. Tom LaBonge	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 51
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. Eric Garcetti	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 60
Hon. José Huizar	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 61
Hon. Lupe Ramos Watson	<i>Indio</i>	District 66
Hon. Mario F. Hernandez	<i>San Fernando</i>	District 67
Hon. Mark Calac		Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians

Staff Present

Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director

Joann Africa, Chief Counsel

Sharon Neely, Deputy Executive Director, Policy, Strategy & Public Affairs

Debbie Dillon, Deputy Executive Director, Administration

Douglas Williford, Deputy Executive Director, Planning and Programs

Wayne Moore, Chief Financial Officer

Huasha Liu, Director of Land Use & Environmental Planning

Rich Macias, Director of Transportation Planning

Sylvia Patsaouras, Interim Director of Regional Services and Public Affairs

Deby Salcido, Officer to the Regional Council

Tess Rey-Chaput, Office of Regional Council Support

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Miles Mitchell, Subregional Coordinator, representing Los Angeles, commented regarding the City of Los Angeles' positive negotiation and working experience with the consultant team of the high-speed rail project.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

President Pam O'Connor announced that Item No. 23, California Redevelopment Association, et al. v. Ana Matosantos, et al. (Case No. S194861) will be discussed following Item No. 6, California High Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) Business Plan Presentation; and that Item No. 7, SCAG Recognition of the San Fernando Valley Council of Governments Subregion, will be discussed before Item No. 1, New Members' appointments.

7. SCAG Recognition of the San Fernando Valley Council of Governments (COG) Subregion

Staff provided background information on the matter. A motion was made (McCallon) to recognize San Fernando Valley Council of Governments (COG) Subregion. Motion was SECONDED (Lautenschleger) and UNANIMOUSLY approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT**1. New Members****Representative to the Regional Council:**

Hon. Jeff Stone, representing Riverside County

2. New Committee Appointments**Representative to the TC:**

Hon. Jess Talamantes, Burbank, representing SFVCOG

Representative to the LCMC:

Hon. Paul Glaab, Laguna Niguel, District 12

Representatives to the CEHD:

Hon. Ray Musser, Upland, representing SANBAG

Hon. Laurie Ender, Santa Clarita, representing SFVCOG

Representatives to the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee:

Los Angeles County: Hon. Margaret Clark, Rosemead, District 32
 Hon. Pam O'Connor, Santa Monica, District 41
 Hon. Mitch Englander, Los Angeles, District 59

Orange County: Hon. Michele Martinez, Santa Ana, District 16
 Hon. Leroy Mills, Cypress, District 18

San Bernardino County: Hon. Gary Ovitt, San Bernardino County
 Hon. Larry McCallon, Highland, District 7

Riverside County: Hon. Greg Pettis, Cathedral City, District 2 (Chair)

Imperial County: Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro, District 1

Ventura County: Hon. Keith Millhouse, Moorpark, VCTC

Representatives to the Nominating Committee:

Los Angeles County: Hon. Dennis Zine, Los Angeles, District 50

Orange County: Hon. Michele Martinez, Santa Ana, District 16

San Bernardino County: Hon. Gary Ovitt, San Bernardino County
 Hon. Larry McCallon, Highland, District 7 (Chair)

Riverside County: Hon. Ron Roberts, Temecula, District 5

Imperial County: Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro, District 1

Ventura County: Hon. Linda Parks, Ventura County

Representatives to the General Assembly Host and Sponsorships Committee

Hon. Glen Becerra, Simi Valley, District 46 (Chair)

Hon. Margaret E. Finlay, Duarte, District 35 (Volunteer)

Representatives to the Scholarship Committee

Hon. Pam O'Connor, Santa Monica, District 41 (Chair)

Mr. Randall Lewis, Lewis Group of Companies

Professor Ronald Loveridge, University of California, Riverside

Professor Dohyung Kim, California Polytechnic University, Pomona

Rodolfo D. Torres, University of California, Irvine

Professor James Moore, University of Southern California

President Pam O'Connor announced that January 5, 2012 is the deadline for the Call for Resolutions and submission of proposed revisions to the SCAG Bylaws for consideration at the April 4 – 5, 2012 General Assembly. She also announced that to be considered for a 2012-2013 SCAG Officer position, a completed application form must be submitted by Friday, January 20, 2012. Lastly, President O'Connor announced that the New Board Member Orientation is scheduled for Tuesday, February 21, 2012, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the SCAG Los Angeles Office, Board Room.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Hasan Ikhtrata, Executive Director, announced that the Draft 2012-2035 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) and Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) are available on the SCAG's website with the RTP/SCS part of a new interactive webpage that will allow the visitors to make comments directly on the webpage. Mr. Ikhtrata also announced that the California Air Resources Board (ARB) meeting is scheduled on Thursday, February 23, 2012 in Sacramento where ARB will discuss and take action on the SCS.

In regard to the high-speed rail agenda item, Mr. Ikhata noted that Supervisor Mike Antonovich has initiated a motion asking the Metro Board of Directors to support a high-speed rail route that travels through the Antelope Valley between Los Angeles and Bakersfield—with a station in Palmdale—and for this to receive priority funding. Mr. Ikhata stated that he, along with the County Transportation Commissions (CTCs) and SCAG, are pleased with the collaboration received from the staff at the California High-Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA).

CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY (CHSRA) PRESENTATION

6. California High Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) Business Plan Presentation; Authorize SCAG Executive Director to Submit Public Comment Letter Regarding the Draft Business Plan; and discuss Draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with CHSRA and Southern California Transportation Agencies

Executive Director, Hasan Ikhata introduced and welcomed Mr. Dan Richard, CHSRA Board Member. Mr. Richard provided a brief bio and stated that he and Mr. Michael Rossi were appointed as Board Members to the CHSRA by Governor Jerry Brown in August 2011. He stated that the high-speed rail is a transformative system; must be integrated and interconnected with the existing local system; and is important for California. Mr. Richard stated that he is delighted with the opportunity to work with SCAG's Regional Council Members in drafting the business plan as the project requires a strong regional partnership to make it successful. Moreover, Mr. Richard stated that the high-speed rail project cannot be a separate discretionary expenditure; and as the state grows, mobility needs increase. He envisioned that the project will unfold within the next several decades as it will need to be constructed incrementally.

Will Kempton, Chief Executive Officer, Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), commented regarding the collaborative and positive working relationship between CHSRA and OCTA and noted that he is pleased that the draft business plan focused on and included a blended approach.

Ty Schuilling, Interim Executive Director, San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG), commented on the significant opportunity to provide additional financing for the regional rail system and the positive improvement in the working relationship established between CHSRA staff and the regional participants within the last few months.

John Standiford, Deputy Director, Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC), concurred with the comments previously made and appreciated the collaborative efforts to fully discuss the regional investment need of high-speed rail.

Art Leahy, Chief Executive Officer, Metro, commented that he appreciated the discussions and shared concepts of the connectivity of the high-speed rail project that will benefit Southern California as a whole.

President Pam O'Connor opened the Public Comment Period.

Councilmember Marsha McLean, City of Santa Clarita, stated that she appreciated Mr. Richard's presentation and suggested an integrated approach of the high-speed rail project and consideration of its impact in the communities. In regard to the draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), Councilmember McLean suggested creating a timeline of the expenditures; a matrix of the upgrades; and where and when additional funding will become available for the project.

President Pam O'Connor closed the Public Comment Period.

Councilmember Alan Wapner, City of Ontario, and Chair of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Subcommittee, reported that there was discussion that the high-speed rail will travel through Palmdale and improve existing Los Angeles–San Diego–San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) and Metrolink corridors. He stated that the RTP Subcommittee made a recommendation to the Regional Council that the CHSRA Phase 1 be retained in the constrained plan of the Draft 2012-2035 RTP/SCS, subject to an MOU between Metrolink, LOSSAN and CHSRA by February 2012 and that CHSRA will include committing an investment of \$1 billion for the blended approach. Councilmember Wapner thanked the Regional Council for assuring that the CHSRA's draft business plan implemented blended approach goals and that the project will be integrated in the existing regional rail system. Lastly, Councilmember Wapner asked if the CHSRA's next meeting will include discussion relating to the high-desert alignment. Mr. Richard confirmed that the issue of Palmdale vs. Grapevine alignment will be revisited and discussed at the next CHSRA meeting.

Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director, provided additional comments on the draft letter relating to the CHSRA draft business plan.

Supervisor Shawn Nelson, Orange County, provided comments related to the high-speed rail and suggested building a rail service from Los Angeles to Bakersfield since rail will be constructed using an incremental approach. Mr. Richard agreed that simultaneous investments should be made for the areas that are lacking rail service. Mr. Richard noted that Proposition 1A allocates \$9 billion to the CHSRA for high-speed rail and that there is also an additional \$950 million provided for improving rail services connecting to the high-speed rail but will need additional funding to augment the \$950 million. While it is important for CHSRA to utilize its influence to obtain funding for these other areas and start pulling early investments in the system, Mr. Richard stated that the comments made by the Peer Review Report on the high-speed rail project may create standards and implications for the rest of the project and undermine CHSRA's ability to utilize the funding in these other areas. Lastly, Mr. Richard commented that the gap between Union Station and Bakersfield will need to be filled in California's rail transit.

Councilmember Bruce Barrows, Cerritos, District 23, commented that he is pleased with the working relationship between CHSRA and the counties and asked if the \$1 billion, as noted on the staff report, includes San Diego County. Mr. Ikhata responded that the \$1 billion includes the Southern California region.

Councilmember Barbara Messina, Alhambra, District 34, expressed unsatisfactory reaction on the proposed alignment and suggested that consideration be given to working with the communities of the San Gabriel Valley.

Councilmember Ed P. Reyes, Los Angeles, District 48, commented regarding the impacts of the project; how it is being assessed; if mitigation efforts are being considered; and understanding the silo effect of these agencies working or not working together, given the economic condition of the country as tax dollars will be utilized for the high-speed rail. Mr. Richard responded that in working on the project, CHSRA is committed to work in partnership with the agencies and communities.

Supervisor Brad Mitzelfelt, San Bernardino County, SANBAG, commented regarding the recitals in the draft MOU. Executive Director Hasan Ikhata clarified that the Regional Council will not be taking action on the draft MOU but is requesting to only authorize staff to send the comment letter on the draft business plan letter to CHSRA. In regard to the performance criteria for the draft candidate list, Mr. Ikhata noted that this is still being reviewed by all parties concerned while developing all performance criteria in the MOU.

Councilmember Paula Lantz, Pomona, District 38, recognized the improved working relationship with the agencies and CHSRA and stated her support, in concept, in utilizing Proposition 1A funds for local projects. However, Councilmember Lantz expressed concerns that the draft MOU was not available to be reviewed by the Regional Council in a timely manner; suggested refining the language in the MOU specifically regarding support of any alignment and ensuring that funds be spent locally; and suggested that staff include a matrix of projects and a project timeline. Lastly, Councilmember Lantz noted concern that the draft letter is presented as a “public comment letter on the draft business plan.” Mr. Ikhrata apologized for the lateness of sending the report and noted that the draft MOU will be reviewed by all parties involved and will then be forwarded to the Regional Council for review.

Councilmember Deborah Robertson, Rialto, District 8, commented regarding the high speed-rail and stated support in sending a letter regarding the draft business plan.

Supervisor Michael Antonovich, Los Angeles County, expressed concerns regarding the representation of his original motion regarding the Antelope Valley alignment in the draft MOU; the participation of all cities concerned; and consent with the alignment as noted in the motion. Mr. Ikhrata clarified that the intent of Supervisor Antonovich’s motion is reflected in the draft MOU, which is the support of the Antelope Valley alignment as opposed to the Grapevine alignment and to ensure investment in the “bookends” of the rail system.

A motion was made (Robertson) to authorize the SCAG Executive Director to submit a public comment letter regarding the draft business plan, as written, and included in the agenda packet and to finalize the Draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with CHSRA and Southern California Transportation Agencies to ensure that it is consistent with the Regional Council’s original direction. Motion was SECONDED (McCallon) and approved by a MAJORITY VOTE with four (4) in OPPOSITION (Lantz, Clark, Nelson, Hyatt).

REPORT FROM LEGAL COUNSEL

President Pam O’Connor announced that Item No. 23, California Redevelopment Association, et al. v. Ana Matosantos, et al. (Case No. S194861) will be discussed next as a result of reprioritizing the agenda.

Hasan Ikhrata, Executive Director, provided some background on the recent Supreme Court decision and noted that additional information regarding the decision to allow for the dissolution of redevelopment agencies in the State was included in the summary report prepared by Joann Africa, Chief Counsel, which was previously provided to the Regional Council. He also noted that the Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee will be reviewing SCAG’s role with respect to any future developments relating to the decision.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS

Executive/Administration Committee (EAC) Report

A motion was made (O’Connor) to approve Item Nos. 8, 9 and 10. Motion was SECONDED (Morehouse) and approved by a UNANIMOUS vote.

8. Audit Committee Charter Amendment

9. Proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) and the Center for Demographic Research (CDR) at California State University, Fullerton (CSUF)
10. Proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) and the Daegu-Gyeongbuk Development Institute (DGI)

Community, Economic and Human Development Committee (CEHD) Report

Councilmember Bill Jahn, Big Bear Lake, District 11, reported on the proposed policies for Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) transfers due to annexations and incorporations; approval of the distribution of the draft RHNA Allocation Plan to be presented to the Regional Council in February 2012; and that the procedures for addressing RHNA revision requests, appeals, and trade & transfers were reviewed and discussed at the CEHD meeting and will be forwarded to the Regional Council for approval, also in February.

Energy and Environment Committee (EEC) Report

Councilmember Margaret Clark, Rosemead, District 32, stated that there was nothing to report at this time.

Transportation Committee (TC) Report

Councilmember Paul Glaab, Laguna Niguel, District 12, stated that there was nothing to report at this time.

Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC) Report

(Hon. Judy Mitchell, Chair)

11. Public Buses: Triple Bicycle Racks Legislation

A motion was made (Mitchell) to allow SCAG regional transportation commissions and/or transit providers within their respective counties to install triple bicycle racks on public buses. Motion was SECONDED (Finlay) and approved by a UNANIMOUS vote.

12. SCAG Proposed Draft Public Participation Plan Amendment No. 3

A motion was made (Mitchell) to approve the SCAG proposed Draft Public Participation Plan Amendment No. 3. Motion was SECONDED (McCallon) and approved by a UNANIMOUS vote.

CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made (Glaab) to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion was SECONDED (Lautenschlaeger) and approved by a UNANIMOUS vote.

13. Minutes of the November 3, 2011 Meeting

14. Minutes of the December 1, 2011 Meeting

15. SCAG Sponsorship of Annual Events and Membership: 1. 2011-2012 Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors (\$6,500); 2. The Southern California Leadership Council (\$20,000); 3. Building Industry Association of Southern California Annual Installation & Awards Night (\$1,000); 4. ULI Orange County/Inland Empire Retrofitting TOD in Suburbia: Solutions for Orange County & Inland Empire (\$250); and 5. West Coast Corridor Coalition (\$500)

16. Amendments \$75,000 or Greater: Contract No. 10-026-C1, Alternative Analysis of the Pacific Electric Right-of-Way (PE ROW) / West Santa Ana Branch Corridor
17. Extension of iPad[®] Pilot Program/Paperless Agendas to Full Regional Council

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18. Contracts/Purchase Orders and/or Amendments Between \$5,000 - \$200,000
19. December 2011 State and Federal Legislative Update

INFORMATION ITEMS

20. Draft 2012-2035 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) and Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) Process—Next Steps

Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director, reported that the Draft 2012-2035 RTP/SCS and Draft PEIR was released in December 2011. To continue SCAG's outreach process, Mr. Ikhata announced that workshops and public hearings are scheduled throughout the region culminating in the Regional Council's consideration to adopt the Final 2012-2035 RTP/SCS in April 2012. He encouraged the Regional Councilmembers to attend a workshop scheduled in their counties.

Second Vice President Glen Becerra provided additional comments relating to the Draft PEIR, outreach workshops; and next steps; and suggested that the councilmembers listen to comments from their respective communities.

Supervisor Brad Mitzelfelt, San Bernardino County, SANBAG, expressed concern regarding the Draft PEIR, specifically that there was some language that could be viewed as not discretionary or not permissive and that it may be potentially open to a challenge. Mr. Ikhata responded that the Regional Councilmembers are charged with protecting the region and to consider moving the various regional plans forward while adhering to stringent deadlines. In regard to concerns on the Draft PEIR, Mr. Ikhata encouraged the councilmembers to contact staff to clarify issues or concerns that they may have.

21. FY 2010/11 External Financial Audit

Mr. Gilbert R. Vazquez, Managing Partner, Vazquez and Company, LLP, reported that an audit has been conducted as of June 30, 2011 and no material weaknesses or significant deficiencies were identified in regard to internal controls.

22. CFO Monthly Report

A written report was received.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEM(S)

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Regional Council meeting adjourned at 1:52 p.m. in memory of former Riverside Councilwoman and former SCAG President Rosanna Scott (1976).



Deby Salcido, Officer to the Regional Council