

**NO. 536**  
**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**  
**REGIONAL COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**  
**FEBRUARY 2, 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. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor, Board Room, Los Angeles, CA 90017. The meeting was called to order by President Pam O'Connor, Santa Monica, District 41, at approximately 11:48 a.m. There was a quorum.

**Members Present**

Hon. Pam O'Connor, President	<i>Santa Monica</i>	District 41
Hon. Glen Becerra, 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice-President	<i>Simi Valley</i>	District 46
Hon. Greg Pettis, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice-President	<i>Cathedral City</i>	District 2
Hon. Larry McCallon, Immediate Past President	<i>Highland</i>	District 7
Hon. Michael Antonovich		Los Angeles County
Hon. Shawn Nelson		Orange County
Hon. Jeff Stone		Riverside County
Hon. Gary Ovitt		San Bernardino County
Hon. Linda Parks		Ventura County
Hon. Jerry Amante	<i>Tustin</i>	OCTA
Hon. Brad Mitzelfelt	<i>San Bernardino County</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 Loveridge	<i>Riverside</i>	District 4
Hon. Ronald Roberts	<i>Temecula</i>	District 5
Hon. Paul Eaton	<i>Montclair</i>	District 9
Hon. Bill Jahn	<i>Big Bear Lake</i>	District 11
Hon. Joel Lautenschleger	<i>Laguna Hills</i>	District 13
Hon. Sukhee Kang	<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. 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

**Members Present - continued**

Hon. Judy Dunlap	<i>Inglewood</i>	District 28
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
Hon. Barbara Messina	<i>Alhambra</i>	District 34
Hon. Donald Voss	<i>La Cañada/Flintridge</i>	District 36
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. Bryan A. MacDonald	<i>Oxnard</i>	District 45
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. Tom LaBonge	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 51
Hon. Mitchell Englander	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 59
Hon. Matthew Harper	<i>Huntington Beach</i>	District 64
Hon. Lupe Ramos Watson	<i>Indio</i>	District 66
Hon. Lisa Bartlett	<i>Dana Point</i>	TCA
Mr. Randall Lewis, Ex-Officio		Lewis Operating Group

**Members Not Present**

Hon. Jack Terrazas		Imperial County
Hon. Mary Craton	<i>Canyon Lake</i>	RCTC
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. Paul Glaab	<i>Laguna Niguel</i>	District 12
Hon. Andy Quach	<i>Westminster</i>	District 20
Hon. Margaret E. Finlay	<i>Duarte</i>	District 35
Hon. Carol Herrera	<i>Diamond Bar</i>	District 37
Hon. Mark Rutherford	<i>Westlake Village</i>	District 44
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. Eric Garcetti	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 60
Hon. José Huizar	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 61
Hon. Darcy Kuenzi	<i>Menifee</i>	District 63
Hon. Ginger Coleman	<i>Town of Apple Valley</i>	District 65
Hon. Mario F. Hernandez	<i>San Fernando</i>	District 67
Hon. Mark Calac		Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians

**Staff Present**

Hasan Ikhmeta, Executive Director

Joann Africa, Chief Counsel

Sharon Neely, Deputy Executive Director, Strategy, Policy & 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

**CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Pam O'Connor, Santa Monica, District 41, called the meeting to order at 11:48 a.m. Immediate Past President Larry McCallon, Highland, District 7, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Immediate Past President Larry McCallon introduced Nick Birnbaum, a resident of the City of Highland, currently being mentored by Councilmember McCallon.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

President Pam O'Connor, Santa Monica, District 41, announced that the Public Comment Period will be limited to one (1) minute per speaker due to time constraints to allow for the Draft 2012 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) Workshop and Public Hearing to commence immediately after the meeting.

Jean Armbruster, MA, Director, PLACE Program, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (DPH), stated that DPH has developed an estimate for bike and pedestrian improvements in key areas and range of costs for improvements in the region for SCAG consideration in making resource allocation decisions.

Chris Williamson, AICP, Associate Planner, City of Oxnard, asked regarding Item No. 14, RHNA Procedures for Revision Requests, Appeals and Trade & Transfers, whether multiple jurisdictions would be allowed to file jointly in one revision, appeal, trade and transfer.

Pauline Chow, Esq., Southern California Regional Policy Manager, Safe Routes to School National Partnership, noted a letter they are circulating to various organizations and individuals regarding support for increased funding for Active Transportation; and request for seven (7) specific amendments to include in the Draft 2012 RTP/SCS.

Beth Steckler, Deputy Director, Move L.A., congratulated SCAG staff for their efforts in the Draft 2012 RTP/SCS and encouraged considering local and voter-approved taxes as a revenue source to obtain transportation funding; increase in active transportation and Metrolink rail projects.

Richard Lambros, Managing Director, Southern California Leadership Council (SCLC), commented regarding the positive economic impacts of the Plan; expressed concern regarding local-control of the Plan specifically the Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) and its approach; and if the Traffic Analysis Zones (TAZ) mapping reflects local input from the jurisdictions.

Andrew Petitjean, Vice President, Lewis Operating Corp., expressed concerns with the TAZ maps, noticing inconsistencies between maps and entitlements, and would like to resolve this issue with staff.

Colin Heffern, Safe Routes to School, commented regarding unobstructed safe access along the streets and crossings for all people with disabilities so they are able to take full advantage of their neighborhoods.

Rye Baerg, Southern California Regional Policy Manager, Safe Routes to School, thanked SCAG staff for their hard work in preparing the Draft 2012 RTP/SCS; and requested additional funding for active transportation.

Andrew Henderson, Vice President & General Counsel, Building Industry Association of Southern California (BIASC), expressed concerns with the Draft PEIR of the RTP and the TAZ maps on the SCS and requested corrections as unintended consequences may arise.

President Pam O'Connor, Santa Monica, District 41, closed the Public Comment Period.

### **REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no changes to the order of the agenda items.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President O'Connor invited the councilmembers to attend the Draft 2012 RTP/SCS Workshop that was to commence immediately after the meeting, followed by the Public Hearing. She also noted that a memo was circulated to the councilmembers providing schedule of upcoming meetings.

#### **New Members**

##### **Regional Councilmember**

Hon. Jerry Amante, Tustin, representing OCTA

##### **Regional Council District Election**

Hon. Glen Becerra, Simi Valley, District 46 (Re-elected)

Hon. Frank Quintero, Glendale, District 42 (Re-elected)

#### **New Committee Appointments**

##### **Appointments to CEHD**

Hon. John Mirisch, Beverly Hills, representing Westside Cities COG

Hon. Jess Talamantes, Burbank, representing San Fernando Valley COG

##### **Appointments to LCMC**

Hon. Shawn Nelson, Orange County

Hon. Paul Glaab, Laguna Niguel, District 12

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director, reported that he attended several meetings related to the Draft 2012 RTP/SCS and noted that there were issues raised at these meetings. Mr. Ikhata also thanked Councilmember Ron Loveridge, Riverside, District 4, for attending the memorial services for former SCAG President, Rosanna Scott, City of Riverside.

After providing background information, Mr. Ikhrata introduced Chairman Dario Frommer, California Transportation Commission (CTC).

1. California Transportation Commission (CTC) 2011 Annual Report to the California Legislature, 2011 Statewide Transportation Needs Assessment

Chairman Frommer provided information regarding CTC, which is responsible for the programming and allocating of funds for the construction of highway, passenger rail and transit improvements throughout California. He also stated that the CTC advises and assists the Secretary of Business, Transportation and Housing Agency and the Legislature in formulating and evaluating state policies and plans for California's transportation programs. An active participant in the initiation and development of State and Federal legislation, the CTC seeks to secure financial stability for the State's transportation needs. Chairman Frommer also provided information of CTC's current allocation of funds for specific projects in the Southern California region. While the CTC is aware of the region's apparent maintenance funding needs, Chairman Frommer stated that funding for transit and rail are needed as well. Using the information from the RTPs developed by Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs); working with Caltrans across the state; and collaborating with transportation agencies, he stated that CTC produced a 10-Year Plan estimating what is needed; cost estimates; and how much revenue may be achieved to improve transportation needs. Chairman Frommer noted that it is important to prioritize projects and foster cooperation between state, regional, and local agencies. He also noted that in seeking revenue sources, there is a need to look for an alternative funding source and cited the Vehicle Miles Travelled (VMT) user fee as an example. Chairman Frommer stated that the CTC was also discussing other examples for increasing of local revenues that included lowering the threshold for sales tax increments to 55% and using bonding capacity and expanding to local agencies. Lastly, he thanked the councilmembers and encouraged local government and local agencies to be engaged in this process.

Councilmember Dennis Zine, Los Angeles, District 50, commented regarding the elimination of funding for redevelopment agencies (RDA) and its pending litigation. As an example, Councilmember Zine cited the predicament of the roads and sidewalks of the City of Los Angeles. Chairman Frommer responded that regulatory reliefs may be conveyed to Sacramento and that the legislators may be receptive.

Councilmember Glen Becerra, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President, Simi Valley, District 46, thanked Chairman Frommer and appreciated the regulatory reforms mentioned in the discussion that will require a very strong leadership as there is a sense of obligation that the public's monies are spent prudently and efficiently. Vice President Becerra stated that he appreciated the comments expressed regarding the VMT user fee.

President O'Connor thanked Chairman Frommer, and Mr. Ikhrata presented a token of appreciation to CTC Chairman Dario Frommer.

2. 2012 RTP/SCS Economic and Job Creation Strategy Update

Hasan Ikhrata, Executive Director, introduced Dr. Wallace Walrod, Vice-President, Economic Development and Research, Orange County Business Council. Dr. Walrod provided an update to his presentation in December 2011. He reported on the initial economic analysis and stated that transportation is critical for the region's key industries; its job creation infrastructure investment; efficiency benefits and cost benefit analysis. After close collaboration with the economic team, he

reported that they have developed a methodology to respond to the councilmembers' concerns that were expressed at the December 2011 meeting and subsequently, incorporated SCAG's Travel Demand Model into the Regional Economic Models, Inc. (REMI). He reported on the cost per capita per day and cost benefit analysis including travel time, vehicle operating cost, and emission cost savings. He discussed the summary of results on employment and economic benefits types and the projected REMI Model results. Dr. Walrod reported on the job creation benefit that is projected to grow within the life of the Plan including its impacts of revenue options with no reinvestment. Dr. Walrod concluded his presentation summarizing the per capita cost; per capita benefit; the construction and network benefits; and user fee impacts.

Mr. Randall Lewis, Ex-Officio, Lewis Operating Group, appreciated the information presented by Dr. Walrod and the economists' effort in the study.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS**

### **Executive/Administration Committee (EAC) Report**

#### **3. Support of SB 659 (Padilla-Hernandez) and SB 654 (Steinberg) regarding Redevelopment Authority (RDA) Abolishment Legislation**

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President Greg Pettis, Cathedral City, District 2, reported that the EAC recommended support of SB 654 (Steinberg) allowing for RDA retention for affordable housing and authorize SCAG President to transmit letters to the Governor and Legislative leadership. He also reported that SB 659 (Padilla) did not pass in the Legislature.

A motion was made (Pettis) to: 1) Support SB 654 (Steinberg) allowing for RDA retention of assets for affordable housing as described; and 2) authorize the SCAG President to transmit letters to the Governor and Legislative leadership. The motion was SECONDED (Millhouse) and UNANIMOUSLY approved.

Councilmember John Nielsen, Tustin, District 17, recommended support and amending to include support of funding sources for jurisdictions that have to develop raw land or redevelop military bases in order to fulfill the affordable housing requirements and Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) requirements.

Councilmember Judy Dunlap, Inglewood, District 28, asked staff to provide input relating to the appropriateness of the motion, which is on the floor, with regard to current assets of the redevelopment agencies.

Sharon A. Neely, Deputy Executive Director, Strategy, Policy and Public Affairs, responded that the Legislative Analyst's Office stated that there is approximately \$750M statewide that would be impacted by the passage of this bill that is available and define its assets that could be retained that would impact the budget if approved. Furthermore, Ms. Neely stated that she would report back on the financial impacts of the proposed amendments and that the Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC) will be meeting on February 21, 2012 and the matter could be discussed at the time, if acceptable, and the LCMC will report back at the March 1, 2012 Regional Council meeting.

Councilmember John Nielsen, Tustin, District 17, asked if this recommendation will be tabled until March 1, 2012. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President Greg Pettis, Cathedral City, District 2, responded that SB 651 (Steinberg) is not an urgency bill and will proceed its normal course.

President O'Connor stated that a motion has been made and will direct staff and the committee that the LCMC will discuss the recommendation at the February 21, 2012 meeting and report back at the March 1, 2012 Regional Council meeting.

4. Approve the California High Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with CHSRA and Southern California Transportation Agencies

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President Greg Pettis, Cathedral City, District 2, reported that the EAC recommended: 1) authorizing the Executive Director to execute the MOU with CHSRA and Southern California Transportation Agencies; and 2) staff will report regularly on the status of the MOU as described in the report.

Councilmember Keith Millhouse, Moorpark, VCTC, Chair of the HSR Subcommittee, provided additional information in regard to the proposed MOU and emphasized the key issue of the MOU is to obtain funds for the high-speed rail in Southern California and if the MOU is not agreed, there is a potential to lose funds that would be available for improvements that are necessary whether or not the high-speed rail materializes because these improvements will benefit the existing rail system.

Councilmember Paula Lantz, Pomona, District 38, expressed concerns regarding specific language in the MOU that the agency is obligated to support the high-speed rail no matter what; no identified pathway of the high-speed rail; and that there is no definition of CHSRA's obligations which may be open for a challenge; and that there is no language in the MOU that would safeguard the agency or the other entities that could opt to withdraw from the MOU. Therefore, Councilmember Lantz stated that she could not support the measure.

Councilmember Steven Hofbauer, Palmdale, District 43, recommended pursuing a Resolution to support and maintain the Antelope Valley Alignment and noting CHSRA's agreement to abandon the Grapevine Alignment. Councilmember Millhouse acknowledged adding this matter in the agenda for discussion at a future HSR Subcommittee meeting.

Councilmember Marsha McLean, Santa Clarita, commented regarding a letter from the City of Santa Clarita dated January 20, 2012, sent to SCAG with recommendations and suggestions relating to the MOU and that it contain performance language directly tied to the next RTP update as opposed to the year 2020 language currently contained in the document to allow assessment of progress in year 2017.

A motion was made (Pettis) to approve the California High Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with CHSRA and Southern California Transportation Agencies. The motion was SECONDED (McCallon) and was approved by a MAJORITY VOTE with three (3) in OPPOSITION (Lantz, Clark, Nielsen).

### **Nominating Committee Report**

#### 5. Nominations for the 2012-2013 SCAG Officers

Supervisor Gary Ovitt reported that the committee recommended the following 2012-2013 SCAG Officer Nominations: President, Glen Becerra, Simi Valley, District 46; First Vice-President, Greg Pettis, Cathedral City, District 2; and Second Vice-President Carl Morehouse, Ventura, District 47.

A motion was made (Ovitt) to approve the Nominations for the 2012-2013 SCAG Officers. Motion was SECONDED (O'Connor) and was UNANIMOUSLY approved.

President O'Connor thanked the Nominating Committee Chair and members.

### **Community, Economic and Human Development Committee (CEHD) Report**

#### 6. Draft Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Allocation Plan

A motion was made (Jahn) to approve the distribution of the draft RHNA Allocation Plan. The motion was SECONDED (Morehouse) and was UNANIMOUSLY approved.

### **Energy and Environment Committee (EEC) Report**

No action to be reported.

### **Transportation Committee (TC) Report**

No action to be reported.

### **Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC) Report**

#### 9. SCAG Sponsorship of Annual Event: California State University of San Bernardino (CSUSB) "2012 Southern California Transportation & Logistics Summit" on March 9, 2012 (\$1,250)

Councilmember Judy Mitchell, Rolling Hills Estate, District 40, reported that the LCMC recommended approval of Consent Calendar Approval Item No. 9. A motion was made (Mitchell) to approve SCAG Sponsorship of Annual Event: California State University of San Bernardino (CSUSB) "2012 Southern California Transportation & Logistics Summit" on March 9, 2012 (\$1,250). Motion was SECONDED (O'Connor) and UNANIMOUSLY approved.

Councilmember Mitchell also noted that material has been distributed to the councilmembers relating to Receive and File Item No. 17, January State and Federal Legislative Update.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

#### **Approval Items**

President O'Connor noted that Item No. 9 has been approved; Item No. 8 should be listed under Receive and File; and will pull Item No. 14, Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Procedures for Revision Requests, Appeals and Trade & Transfers, for discussion.

A motion was made (O'Connor) to approve the remainder of the Consent Calendar. Motion was SECONDED (Millhouse) and UNANIMOUSLY approved.

7. Minutes of the January 5, 2012 Meeting

10. Amendments \$75,000 or Greater Requiring RC Approval: Contract No. 12-008-C1, Interactive Web Design for Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS); and Contract No. 11-034—C1, RTP/SCS Outreach
11. Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: Contract No 12-019-C1, Monthly Managed Information Technology (IT) Services
12. Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: Contract No. 12-020-C1, On-call Bench Contract for Transportation Modeling and Air Quality Related Services
13. California Strategic Growth Council Sustainable Communities Planning Grant and Incentive Program Application
15. Policies for Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Transfers Due to Annexations and Incorporations

**Receive & File**

8. Draft FY 2012/13 Comprehensive Budget
16. Contracts/Purchase Orders and/or Amendments Between \$5,000 - \$200,000
17. December 2011 State and Federal Legislative Update

President O'Connor asked Joann Africa, Chief Counsel, to provide information on Consent Calendar Item No. 14, Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Procedures for Revision Requests, Appeals and Trade & Transfers. Ms. Africa clarified that this matter may be brought back to reflect amendments in regard to the trade and transfers process and to define the meaning of "geographically contiguous," in light of recent questions received by staff on the matter. In response to the public comment made by Chris Williamson, AICP, Associate Planner, City of Oxnard, whether multiple jurisdictions would be allowed to file jointly in one revision, appeal, trade and transfer, Ms. Africa stated that the law does not provide for joint filings of appeals or revisions requests. However, in regard to trade and transfers, Ms. Africa stated that this involves two or more jurisdictions agreeing to the trade. Therefore, with respect to trades and transfers, multiple jurisdictions may submit jointly.

A motion as made (Jahn) to approve the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Procedures for Revision Requests, Appeals and Trade & Transfers. Motion was SECONDED (Pettis) and UNANIMOUSLY approved.

**INFORMATION ITEM**18. CFO Monthly Report

A written report was received.

**CLOSED SESSION**19. Conference with Legal Counsel-Anticipated Litigation

Initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(c)-one potential case

At the conclusion of the Closed Session, Joann Africa, Chief Counsel, reported that the Regional Council had authorized staff to file a Joint Motion to intervene with the South Coast Air Quality Management District in support of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in the case of *Physicians for Social Responsibility, et al. v. EPA* (Ninth Circuit, Case No. 12-70079).

20. Public Employee Performance Evaluation

Pursuant to Government Code 54957(b), Title Executive Director

At the conclusion of the Closed Session, Ms. Africa reported that staff provided the Regional Council with an update regarding the evaluation process and that there was no final action taken at this time.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Regional Council meeting adjourned at 1:08 p.m.



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Deby Salcido, Officer to the Regional Council