

NO. 556
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 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. Gary Ovitt		San Bernardino County
Hon. Keith Millhouse	<i>Moorpark</i>	VCTC
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. Ronald Roberts	<i>Temecula</i>	District 5
Hon. Larry McCallon	<i>Highland</i>	District 7
Hon. Deborah Robertson	<i>Rialto</i>	District 8
Hon. Paul Eaton	<i>Montclair</i>	District 9
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. 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. Dan Medina	<i>Gardena</i>	District 28

Members Present – continued

Hon. Roy Francis	<i>La Habra Heights</i>	District 31
Hon. Margaret Clark	<i>Rosemead</i>	District 32
Hon. Gene Murabito	<i>Glendora</i>	District 33
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. 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. Joe Buscaino	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 62
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. Rusty Bailey	<i>Riverside</i>	District 68
Hon. Julio Rodriguez	<i>Perris</i>	District 69
Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.	<i>Pechanga Band of Luiseño</i>	Tribal Government Rep.
Hon. Lisa Bartlett	<i>Dana Point</i>	TCA

Members Not Present

Hon. Mark Ridley-Thomas		Los Angeles County
Hon. Jon Harrison	<i>Redlands</i>	District 6
Hon. Ed Graham	<i>Chino Hills</i>	District 10
Hon. John Nielsen	<i>Tustin</i>	District 17
Hon. Leroy Mills	<i>Cypress</i>	District 18
Hon. Tri Ta	<i>Westminster</i>	District 20
Hon. Mario Guerra	<i>Downey</i>	District 25
Hon. Steven Neal	<i>Long Beach</i>	District 29
Hon. James Johnson	<i>Long Beach</i>	District 30
Hon. Carol Herrera	<i>Diamond Bar</i>	District 37
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

Members Not Present - continued

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. Marsha McLean	<i>Santa Clarita</i>	District 67
Hon. Eric Garcetti	<i>Los Angeles</i>	(At-Large)

Staff Present

Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director
 Sharon Neely, Chief Deputy Executive Director
 Joe Silvey, General Counsel
 Joann Africa, Chief Counsel
 Debbie Dillon, Director of Administration
 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 approximately 12:15 p.m. Hon. Jim Hyatt, Calimesa, District 3, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

President Pettis opened the Public Comment Period.

Rye Baerg, Safe Routes to School National Partnership (SRTSNP), commented regarding Agenda Item No. 2 and SRTSNP's support for the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)/Joint Work Program with the San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG) especially for Active Transportation planning efforts included in the program. Mr. Baerg announced the state's release of the Call-for-Projects for Active Transportation Program on March 21, 2014.

Hon. Deborah Robertson, Rialto, District 8, invited Regional Council members to attend the *8th Annual State of Women's Conference: Celebrating Women of Character, Courage and Commitment*, scheduled for March 1, 2014, 10:00 a.m., 1519 S. Riverside Ave., Rialto, CA 92376.

Hon. Jess Talamantes, Burbank, District 42, invited Regional Council members to attend the San Fernando Valley Council of Governments Mobility Summit, scheduled for March 5, 2014, at the Burbank Marriott.

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, announced that he, along with Randall Lewis, will be attending and presenting at the UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs. He stated that he will be leaving after the ED report and that Sharon Neely, Chief Deputy Executive Director, will be acting on his behalf.

Mr. Ikhata provided an informational update regarding the recent Air Resources Board (ARB) meeting he attended and was joined by other Executive Director Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) to request additional resources and time to implement the Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) plans. He thanked ARB Board Member Councilmember Judy Mitchell for her comments to retain and not revise regional greenhouse gas reduction targets.

Mr. Ikhata also reported on a recent California Transportation Commission (CTC) meeting he attended. There were discussions regarding the Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) User Fee and that California will be part of a pilot multi-user fee working group.

In regard to the litigation update, Mr. Ikhata reported that SCAG, along with CALCOG; SACOG; MTC; CSAC; League of California Cities; San Diego County Air Pollution Control District; and the Self-Help Counties Coalition, joined to file an amicus brief to support SANDAG in its ongoing litigation efforts related to its 2011 RTP/SCS. He stated that the a decision by the Court is anticipated in the fall of 2014.

Mr. Ikhata reported that the Transportation Research Board (TRB) held its Annual Meeting in Washington, DC. He acknowledged five (5) SCAG staff members who were asked by TRB to present papers on several research areas, they are: Alison Linder, Senior Regional Planner; Bayarmaa Aleksandr, Transportation Modeler II; Simon Choi, Chief of Research and Forecasting; Jonathan Nadler, Manager, Compliance and Performance Monitoring; and Yongping Zhang, Transportation Modeler III.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Pettis noted that the Monthly Report has been distributed to the members. He also reminded them that the deadline for submission of proposed Resolutions or Bylaw amendments is on February 10, 2014. The Bylaws and Resolutions Committee will review the proposals at the February 24, 2014 meeting and forward their recommendations to the Regional Council at the March 6, 2014 meeting.

President Pettis also noted that the deadline to submit applications for the 2014-15 SCAG Board Officer positions is on February 17, 2014. The Nominating Committee will be meeting on February 26, 2014 to forward their recommendations to the Regional Council at the March 6, 2014 meeting.

President Pettis noted the Executive Director's Evaluation Form distributed to members is due on March 3, 2014.

Lastly, President Pettis welcomed former State Assemblymember – District 35, Pedro Nava, who is in the audience; and the following new Regional Council members:

New Regional Council Members

Hon. Rusty Bailey, Riverside, representing District 68

Hon. Julio Rodriguez, Perris, representing District 69

Appointments to the Transportation Committee

Hon. Rusty Bailey, Riverside, representing District 68

Hon. Larry Smith, Hemet, representing WRCOG

Appointments to the CEHD Committee

Hon. Julio Rodriguez, Perris, representing District 69

Hon. Micheal Goodland, Jurupa Valley, representing WRCOG

Business Update

On behalf of Randall Lewis, Steve Lambros, Southern California Leadership Council (SCLC) provided an update on the recent Global Land Use and Economic (GLUE) Council meeting and thanked SCAG for its partnership at the 4th Annual Southern California Economic Recovery & Job Creation Summit. Mr. Lambros emphasized the importance of the needed investment in future workforce education and economic development as referenced in the statistical report. Sup. Antonovich questioned regarding availability of educational opportunities for public school students from K through 12 and whether students with illegal immigration status were included in the report will be addressed when Agenda Item No. 1 is discussed.

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 recent ARB meeting discussions regarding the AB 32 Scoping Plan Update; review of the SB 375 greenhouse gas reduction targets; and sustainable freight strategy white paper planned for adoption by December 2014.

Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Update

Richard Backlund, Administrator, Associate Division – FHWA, reported that he, along with Michael Morris and Jack Lord, are at SCAG for a required certification review for MPOs that takes place every 4 years. He reported that, as part of MAP-21 requirement, the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) for safety, highway safety improvement program, and performance-based planning will be issued in the Federal Register by end of February 2014.

Salton Sea Update

President Pettis provided an overview of the Salton Sea's geographic location, surface area, mitigation and remediation efforts. He welcomed and introduced Kevin Kelley, General Manager, Imperial Irrigation District (IID), to provide an update on the proposed restoration efforts including the Salton Sea Restoration and Renewable Energy Initiative.

Mr. Kelley provided background information on the Salton Sea's history; decline; water transfer; impacts; and the development of renewable energy. Although the State has a \$9 billion preferred restoration alternative that is yet to be appropriated, Mr. Kelley stated that the solution to funding the necessary restoration can come from developing the renewable energy within the Salton Sea, including untapped geothermal energy. In closing, Mr. Kelley encouraged the Regional Council members to take a position on this regional matter.

Discussion ensued and questions/comments were made regarding support for the Salton Sea Initiative; identification of funding mechanism; health impacts; development of up to 1,700 megawatts of additional new geothermal energy; preferred restoration alternative versus water transfers; habitat and wildlife protection;

proposed plan to transmit energy and interconnect to San Onofre; economic study; handful of non-governmental organizations' interest in the Salton Sea habitat and wildlife; its seismic position and geothermal resource; Path 42 project to be able to transfer electricity from IID to Southern California Edison's (SCE) portion of the California Independent System Operator (CAISO); and the permitting authorities/agencies (Viegas-Walker, Berra, Millhouse, Nelson, Spiegel, Mitchell, Jahn, Finlay, Messina and Rush).

COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS

Executive/Administration Committee

1. GLUE Council Recommended Next Steps from the Southern California Economic Recovery & Job Creation Summit

Sharon Neely, Chief Deputy Executive Director, noted that on page 4, of the Recommended Phase 1 Next Steps, item number 4 should read, "...*Senate Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg's suggestion on maximizing \$250 million Career Pathways Trust linking investments to tangible results,*" and not "\$250" as written on the report. Ms. Neely reported that the EAC recommended a draft resolution, for Regional Council approval, that will be sent to each city council for consideration.

In response to questions from Supervisor Antonovich, Ms. Neely indicated that: 1) the data, as reported by Rich Lambros, does not include undocumented students; and 2) as noted on item number 6, SCAG staff are proposing to double SCAG's current Scholarship Program for high-school students.

Discussion ensued and questions/comments were made regarding career-oriented curriculum and training of students through partnerships with schools and industries to develop a skilled workforce as cited by Sen. Darrell Steinberg; and whether undocumented students are included in the report (Mitchell and Lantz).

A motion was made (Viegas-Walker) to approve the Global Land Use and Economic (GLUE) Council recommendations regarding SCAG's role in Economic Summit follow-up actions. Motion was SECONDED (Martinez) and passed by the following votes:

AYES: Pettis, Morehouse, Viegas-Walker, Berra, Ramirez, Masiel, Sr., Wapner, Ovitt, Eaton, Roberts, Gazeley, Murdock, Voss, Lantz, Rush, DeGrandpre, Hyatt, Talamantes, Messina, Spiegel, Robertson, Mitchell, Harper, Munzing, Millhouse, McCallon, Rodriguez, Nelson, Medina, Ramos Watson, Terrazas, McCullough, Martinez, Bailey, L. Parks, Hofbauer, Jahn, Murabito, Daigle, Choi, Brown, Francis, O'Connor, Bartlett, Daniels, Finlay, Barrows, Murray and Antonovich

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

2. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)/Joint Work Program with San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG)

A motion was made (McCallon) to adopt a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)/Joint Work Program with SANBAG for the implementation of the 2012-2035 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (2012 RTP/SCS). Motion was SECONDED (Millhouse) and passed by the following votes:

AYES: Pettis, Morehouse, Viegas-Walker, Becerra, Ramirez, Masiel, Sr., Wapner, Ovitt, Eaton, Gazeley Roberts, Stone, Murdock, Voss, Lantz, Rush, DeGrandpre, Hyatt, Talamantes, Messina, Spiegel, Robertson, Mitchell, Harper, Munzing, Millhouse, McCallon, Rodriguez, Nelson, Medina, Ramos Watson, Terrazas, McCullough, Martinez, Bailey, L. Parks, Hofbauer, Jahn, Murabito, Daigle, Choi, Brown, Francis, O'Connor, Bartlett, Daniels, Finlay, Barrows, Murray and Antonovich

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

3. Waiver of Fiscal Year (FY) 2013-14 Membership Dues for the City of Jurupa Valley

President Pettis introduced the item and provided background information on the current state of the City of Jurupa Valley.

Discussion ensued. Supervisor Nelson suggested that members whose annual dues were waived should lose their voting privileges, stipends and policy committee representation. Comments were made regarding the unique situation that the City of Jurupa Valley is currently facing and the impact on District representation in the event of an annual dues waiver (Nelson, Spiegel and McCallon).

Joe Silvey, General Counsel, clarified that under the Bylaws, as currently written, it would be necessary to adopt a Bylaw revision to limit the stipend and voting privileges of a member in the event of an annual dues waiver.

A motion was made (Finlay) to approve the waiver of the City of Jurupa Valley's FY 2013-14 membership dues amounting to \$8,922. Motion was SECONDED (Robertson) and passed by the following votes:

AYES: Pettis, Morehouse, Viegas-Walker, Becerra, Ramirez, Masiel, Sr., Wapner, Ovitt, Eaton, Roberts, Stone, Murdock, Voss, Lantz, Rush, DeGrandpre, Hyatt, Talamantes, Messina, Spiegel, Robertson, Mitchell, Millhouse, McCallon, Rodriguez, Medina, Ramos Watson, Terrazas, Martinez, Bailey, Murabito, Daigle, Choi, Brown, Francis, O'Connor, Bartlett, Daniels, Finlay, Barrows, Murray and Antonovich

NOES: Nelson, Munzing, McCullough and Harper

ABSTAIN: None

4. 2014 State and Federal Legislative Priorities

Darin Chidsey, Director, Strategy, Policy and Public Affairs, reported that the EAC approved the 2014 State and Federal Legislative Priorities with one modification on item 8, under "Water Bond," to strike "Southern California region" and replace with "...to all of California."

Discussion ensued and questions were put forth regarding: the use of cap-and-trade funds for high-speed and inter-city rail; the status of the Panama Canal and impacts on local matters (Messina, Spiegel). Suggestions were offered to amend the staff recommendation by modifying the language under the "Water Bond" item to read, "...reliable source of water and provide funding source for stormwater quality regulation...;" (Murabito) and to add the word "data" for the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s) program requirements (Medina).

A motion was made (Spiegel) to approve the 2014 State and Federal Legislative Priorities as amended. Motion was SECONDED (Murabito) and passed by the following votes:

AYES: Pettis, Morehouse, Viegas-Walker, Becerra, Ramirez, Masiel, Sr., Wapner, Ovitt, Eaton, Roberts, Stone, Murdock, Voss, Lantz, Rush, DeGrandpre, Hyatt, Talamantes, Messina, Spiegel, Mitchell, Harper, Munzing, Millhouse, McCallon, Rodriguez, Nelson, Medina, Ramos Watson, Terrazas, Martinez, Bailey, Murabito, Daigle, Choi, Brown, Francis, O'Connor, Bartlett, Daniels, Finlay, Barrows, Murray and Antonovich

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Transportation Committee (TC) Report

As Chair of the TC, Councilmember Keith Millhouse, Moorpark, VCTC, reported that the TC recommended for approval the Sustainability Joint Work Program Resolution with Imperial County and discussed several information items.

Community, Economic and Human Development (CEHD) Committee Report

As Chair of the CEHD Committee, Councilmember Margaret Finlay, Duarte, District 35, reported that the CEHD recommended for approval the Sustainability Joint Work Program Resolution with Imperial County and discussed several information items.

Energy and Environment Committee (EEC)

In the absence of EEC Chair James Johnson, Vice Chair Lisa Bartlett, TCA, reported that the EEC recommended for approval the Sustainability Joint Work Program Resolution with Imperial County and discussed several information items.

Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC)

As Chair of the LCMC, Councilmember Pam O'Connor, Santa Monica, District 41, reported that the LCMC recommended support for the 2014 State and Federal Legislative Priorities; SB 1; SB 69; HR 3636; and, to support in concept, T4America 21st Century Investment Plan. She noted that Agenda Item No. 16, February 2014 State and Federal Legislative Update, has been distributed to the members. Councilmember O'Connor invited the members to attend the California Reception at the Rayburn Building, House T&I, scheduled for March 11, 2014; and the SCAG Legislative Reception in Sacramento, scheduled for March 19 – 20, 2014.

CONSENT CALENDAR

5. Minutes of the January 2, 2014 Meeting
6. SCAG Annual Memberships
7. Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: Contract Nos. 14-009-C1 and C2, On-Call Outreach Services for the 2016-2040 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy 2016 RTP/SCS)
8. Resolution No. 14-556-1 for California Strategic Growth Council Sustainable Communities Planning Grant and Incentive Program Application

9. Resolution No. 14-556-2 for the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Implementing Eco-Logical Project
11. SB 69 (Roth) - Local Government Finance: Vehicle License Fee Adjustment
12. H.R. 3636 (Blumenauer) - "UPDATE" Act of 2013
13. T4America 21st Century Transportation Investment Plan

A motion was made (O'Connor) to approve Agenda Item Nos. 5 through 9; and Agenda Item Nos. 11 through 13. An abstention was identified by Supervisor Ovitt who indicated that he would not participate in any discussion regarding and not vote on Item No. 7 only due to a possible conflict of interest, and submitted the necessary conflict of interest form to staff. A "No" vote was also identified by Councilmember Becerra for Agenda Item No. 13 only. Motion was SECONDED (McCallon) and passed by the following votes:

AYES: Pettis, Morehouse, Viegas-Walker, Ramirez, Masiel, Sr., Wapner, Eaton, Roberts, Murdock, Voss, Lantz, Rush, DeGrandpre, Talamantes, Messina, Spiegel, Harper, Munzing, Millhouse, McCallon, Rodriguez, Nelson, Medina, Ramos Watson, Terrazas, Martinez, Bailey, Murabito, Daigle, Brown, O'Connor, Bartlett, Finlay, Barrows, Murray and Antonovich

NOES: Becerra (Agenda Item No. 13 only)

ABSTAIN: Ovitt (Agenda Item No. 7 only)

10. SB 1 (Steinberg) – Sustainable Communities Investment Authority

A motion was made (O'Connor) to approve Agenda Item No. 10. Motion was SECONDED (McCallon) and passed by the following votes:

AYES: Pettis, Morehouse, Viegas-Walker, Becerra, Ramirez, Masiel, Sr., Wapner, Ovitt, Eaton, Roberts, Murdock, Voss, Lantz, Rush, DeGrandpre, Talamantes, Messina, Spiegel, Harper, Munzing, Millhouse, McCallon, Rodriguez, Nelson, Medina, Ramos Watson, Terrazas, Martinez, Bailey, Murabito, Daigle, Brown, O'Connor, Bartlett, Finlay, Barrows, and Murray

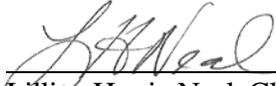
NOES: Antonovich, Munzing, Harper and Clark

ABSTAIN: None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Regional Council meeting adjourned at approximately 1:19 p.m.

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


Lillian Harris-Neal, Clerk of the Board