

NO. 546
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
FEBRUARY 7, 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. Glen Becerra, President	<i>Simi Valley</i>	District 46
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. Linda Parks		Ventura County
Hon. Bob Botts	<i>Banning</i>	RCTC
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. 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. 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. 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. 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. Jim Morton	<i>Lynwood</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. James Gazeley	<i>Lomita</i>	District 39
Hon. Frank Quintero	<i>Glendale</i>	District 42
Hon. Karen Spiegel	<i>Corona</i>	District 63
Hon. Lupe Ramos Watson	<i>Indio</i>	District 66
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. Jack Terrazas		Imperial County
Hon. Shawn Nelson		Orange County
Hon. Jerry Amante	<i>Tustin</i>	OCTA
Hon. Alan Wapner	<i>Ontario</i>	SANBAG
Hon. Jon Harrison	<i>Redlands</i>	District 6
Hon. Paul Eaton	<i>Montclair</i>	District 9
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. Gene Daniels	<i>Paramount</i>	District 24
Hon. Dan Medina	<i>Gardena</i>	District 28
Hon. Paula Lantz	<i>Pomona</i>	District 38
Hon. Judy Mitchell	<i>Rolling Hills Estates</i>	District 40
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. Ed P. Reyes	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 48
Hon. Paul Krekorian	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 49
Hon. Dennis Zine	<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. 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. Matthew Harper	<i>Huntington Beach</i>	District 64
Hon. Antonio Villaraigosa	<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
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

President Glen Becerra called the meeting to order at approximately 12:46 p.m. Councilmember Steven Choi, Irvine, District 14, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

President Becerra opened the Public Comment period.

Arnold Sachs, resident of Lennox, commented regarding residential and business solar programs, carbon credits, and cost of infrastructure of solar power plants.

Jerard Wright, Move L.A., commented regarding cap-and-trade, transit operations, affordable housing and discounted transit passes for the region in relation to Agenda Item No. 1. He also commented regarding maintenance and operations funding and life-cycle costs relative to Agenda Item No. 3.

Denny Zane, Executive Director, Move L.A., suggested finding local solutions to ensure local control and urged the Regional Council to support, in concept, the lowering of the voter threshold to 55% and to support the expenditure of the fuel portion of the cap-and-trade auction revenue for transportation operating needs. Lastly, Mr. Zane emphasized the inclusion of policies that ensures smart growth land use.

Rye Baerg, Safe Routes to School National Partnership, commented on the cap-and-trade revenue relative to active transportation and suggested to find additional resources to secure funding for active transportation. Mr. Baerg cited the advantages of attaining greenhouse gas reductions up to 14% that can be achieved as a result of walking and/or biking.

John Longville, former SCAG President, commented regarding Agenda Item No. 3. He noted the comparison between obtaining voter approval of 50% plus one (1) versus obtaining 2/3 of the vote if voters are provided with information regarding where the funds would go. He urged the Regional Council to conceptually support this item.

President Becerra closed the Public Comment period.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

President Becerra asked for consideration that Agenda Item Nos. 1, 4, and 6 be heard first on the Agenda. There were no objections.

1. 2013 State and Federal Legislative Priorities

Sharon A. Neely, Chief Deputy Executive Director, reported that the EAC recommended support to approve the state and federal legislative top priorities, namely: (1) project streamlining and expediting; (2) financing, economic development and community reinvestment; and (3) equitable cap-and-trade expenditures for transportation.

A MOTION was made (McCallon) to approve the 2013 State and Federal Legislative Priorities. Motion was SECONDED (Barrows) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

4. Amendment 3 of FY 2012/13 Overall Work Program (OWP)

Hasan Ikhtrata, Executive Director, reported that following a \$1.9 million reduction in the budget, an amendment to the FY 2012/13 is necessary to reflect the Caltrans revised federal funding and balance the budget.

A MOTION was made (Mills) to adopt Resolution No. 13-546-1 approving Amendment 3 to the FY 2012/13 Overall Work Program (OWP) and authorizing the Executive Director to submit the necessary administrative documentation to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans). Motion was SECONDED (Martinez) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

6. Transportation Control Measures (TCM) Substitution by Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA)

Councilmember Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro, District 1, reported that OCTA requested that SCAG substitute a bus purchases and service expansion project programmed in the Federal Transportation Improvement Project (FTIP) with regional traffic signal synchronization projects throughout Orange County.

A MOTION was made (Neal) to adopt TCM substitution of bus purchases and service expansion project by OCTA and direct staff to forward the TCM substitution to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and California Air Resources Board (ARB) for concurrence. Motion was SECONDED (McCullough) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Hasan Ikhtrata, Executive Director, announced the upcoming 2013 Regional Conference and General Assembly scheduled for May 2 – 3, 2013 at the JW Marriott Desert Springs and Resort Spa, 74855 Country Club Drive, Palm Desert, CA. Mr. Ikhtrata thanked Councilmember Cheryl Viegas-Walker for her participation as Chair of the General Assembly (GA) Host Committee and announced that GA Sponsorship packets are available at the Reception.

Mr. Ikhtrata reported that the Imperial County highway sanctions were lifted effective January 7, 2013. He thanked the collaboration and partnership of the various agencies involved.

Mr. Ikhata announced that the court acknowledged SCAG's amicus letter in support of the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) in the CEQA lawsuit related to the Perris Valley Line (PVL) Project and that staff will apprise the Regional Council of further developments.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Glen Becerra introduced Randall Lewis, member of the Global Land Use Economic (GLUE) Council, to provide an update on the recent GLUE Council meeting. Mr. Lewis reported that the GLUE Council supports SCAG's 2013 Legislative Priorities and its support of the voter approval threshold agenda item for local tax measures before the Regional Council. However, he cautioned supporting legislation on the split-role measure on the taxes which may pose a negative impact on the communities, businesses, and future investments in California.

President Becerra invited the Regional Council members to the 2013 Legislative Reception scheduled for February 20, 2013 at the Firehouse Restaurant in Sacramento, California.

President Becerra reported regarding the second workshop hosted by SCAG on the Cal/EPA California Communities Environmental Health Screening (CalEnviroScreen) Tool. He stated appreciation for the collaborative efforts between Cal/EPA and SCAG.

Lastly, President Becerra thanked Councilmember Cheryl Viegas-Walker for her participation and as Chair of the GA Host Committee including her efforts in seeking sponsorships for the upcoming 2013 Regional Conference and General Assembly.

PRESIDENT'S APPOINTMENTS

Appointments to the Regional Council

Hon. Jeff DeGrandpre, City of Eastvale, District 4

Hon. Mike Munzing, City of Aliso Viejo, District 12

Hon. Kathryn McCullough, City of Lake Forest, District 13

Hon. Art Brown, City of Buena Park, District 21

Hon. Karen Spiegel, City of Corona, District 63

Hon. Robert "Bob" Botts, Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC)

Appointments to the Transportation Committee

Hon. Jeff DeGrandpre, City of Eastvale, District 4

Hon. Art Brown, City of Buena Park, District 21

Hon. Karen Spiegel, City of Corona, District 63

Hon. Robert "Bob" Botts, Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC)

Hon. Randon Lane, City of Murrieta, District 5

Hon. Kris Murray, Anaheim, District 19

Appointment to the Community, Economic, and Human Development (CEHD) Committee

Hon. Debbie Franklin, City of Banning, District 3

Appointment to the Energy and Environment Committee (EEC)

Hon. Jordan Ehrenkranz, City of Canyon Lake, District 63

COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS

2. Support AB 14 (Lowenthal, B.) – State Freight Plan; SB 1 (Steinberg) – Sustainable Communities Investment Authority; SB 33 (Wolk) Infrastructure Financing Districts

Sharon A. Neely, Chief Deputy Executive Director, summarized the Legislative/Communications and Memberships Committee (LCMC) and Executive/Administration Committee (EAC) recommendation to approve support of the three (3) bills. Discussion ensued. Staff was requested to provide further clarification on SB 1 and SB 33 to LCMC and report back.

A motion was made (Brown) to support, in concept, AB 14 (Lowenthal, B.) – State Freight Plan; and to return to the Legislative/Communications and Memberships Committee (LCMC) SB 1 (Steinberg) – Sustainable Communities Investment Authority and SB 33 (Wolk) – Infrastructure Financing Districts. Motion was SECONDED (Finlay) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

3. Voter Approval Threshold for Local Tax Measures

A motion was made (McCallon) that the Regional Council support legislation to lower the voter threshold from 2/3 to 55% for locally-proposed tax measures to give cities and counties more flexibility to provide specific services that the local citizens are willing to pay providing that such legislation incorporates a language requiring a regular reporting to the public on how monies are expended and are used for what the voters voted for and addressing the cost to the public, such as interest on bonds and any potential life-cycle maintenance costs, be identified and provided to the citizens. Discussion ensued. Motion was SECONDED (Morehouse) and FAILED WITH A MAJORITY VOTE with the results of the roll call vote as seventeen (17) voting YES (Brown, Finlay, Jahn, Johnson, McCallon, Messina, Millhouse, Mills, Morehouse, Murdock, Neal, O'Connor, Pettis, Quintero, Robertson, Viegas-Walker and Voss), twenty-five (25) IN OPPOSITION (Antonovich, Barrows, Ballin, Bartlett, Becerra, Botts, Carroll, Choi, Clark, DeGrandpre, Gazeley, Graham, Gurulé, Hanks, Herrera, Hyatt, McCullough, Morton, Munzing, Murray, Ovitt, Ramos-Watson, Roberts, Spiegel and Stone) and one (1) ABSTENTION (L. Parks).

President Becerra asked that this item be returned to the Legislative/Communications and Memberships Committee (LCMC) to address concerns. There were no objections.

Transportation Committee (TC)

5. Pacific Electric Right-of-Way (PE ROW) / West Santa Ana Branch Corridor Alternatives Analysis (AA) – Study Recommendations

A motion was made (Botts) to: 1) Approve the Transportation Committee recommendations regarding the technology, stations, alignments, and phasing options that should be carried forward for further study; and 2) Authorize the Executive Director to finalize the AA report with the recommendations approved by the Regional Council and forward the report to the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) and Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) for further study. Motion was SECONDED (Mills) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Community, Economic and Human Development Committee (CEHD)

Councilmember Margaret Finlay, Duarte, District 35, provided an update.

Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC)

The February 2013 State and Federal legislative report was received.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

Approval Items

7. Minutes of the November 1, 2012 Meeting

8. SCAG Sponsorship

Receive & File

9. February 2013 State and Federal Legislative Update

10. Contracts/Purchase Orders and/or Amendments between \$5,000 - \$200,000

INFORMATION ITEMS

11. CFO Monthly Report

12. Summary Report from Subcommittees

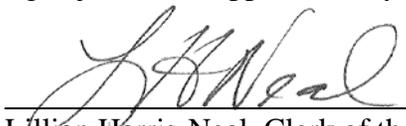
13. California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) Final Housing Element Update Guidance

14. Information Regarding Local Input Process for 2016-40 RTP/SCS and Growth Forecast Development

15. 2013 Regional Council and Policy Committees Meeting Schedule

FUTURE AGENDA ITEM(S)**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Regional Council meeting adjourned at approximately 2:15 p.m.



Lillian Harris-Neal, Clerk of the Board