

**NO. 537**  
**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**  
**REGIONAL COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**  
**MARCH 1, 2012**

**THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE REGIONAL COUNCIL. A DIGITAL 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. 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. Jack Terrazas		Imperial County
Hon. Michael D. Antonovich		Los Angeles County
Hon. Shawn Nelson		Orange County
Hon. Jeff Stone		Riverside County
Hon. Gary Ovitt		San Bernardino County
Hon. Jerry Amante	<i>Tustin</i>	OCTA
Hon. Mary Craton	<i>Canyon Lake</i>	RCTC
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. Jon Harrison	<i>Redlands</i>	District 6
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. Joel Lautenschleger	<i>Laguna Hills</i>	District 13
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. 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. Lillie Dobson	<i>Compton</i>	District 26
Hon. Frank Gurulé	<i>Cudahy</i>	District 27
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

**Members Present - continued**

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
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. Carl Morehouse	<i>Ventura</i>	District 47
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. Ginger Coleman	<i>Town of Apple Valley</i>	District 65
Hon. Lupe Ramos Watson	<i>Indio</i>	District 66
Hon. Lisa Bartlett	<i>Dana Point</i>	TCA

**Members Not Present**

Hon. Larry McCallon, Immediate Past President	<i>Highland</i>	District 7
Hon. Linda Parks		Ventura County
Hon. Glenn Duncan	<i>Chino</i>	District 10
Hon. Paul Glaab	<i>Laguna Niguel</i>	District 12
Hon. Sukhee Kang	<i>Irvine</i>	District 14
Hon. Leslie Daigle	<i>Newport Beach</i>	District 15
Hon. Kris Murray	<i>Anaheim</i>	District 19
Hon. Andy Quach	<i>Westminster</i>	District 20
Hon. David Gafin	<i>Downey</i>	District 25
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. 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. Darcy Kuenzi	<i>Menifee</i>	District 63
Hon. Mario F. Hernandez	<i>San Fernando</i>	District 67
Mr. Randall Lewis, Ex-Officio		Lewis Operating Group
Hon. Mark Calac		Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians

**Staff Present**

Hasan Ikhata, 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 approximately 12:15 p.m. Councilmember Deborah Robertson, Rialto, District 8, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilmember Deborah Robertson introduced Amanda Moualeu, a recipient of the Randall Lewis Health Policy Fellowship, who is currently working on a project relating to the City of Rialto's General Plan Update while completing a Master of Public Health (MPH) degree program at the Randall Lewis Institute at Loma Linda University. Ms. Moualeu provided brief remarks.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

There were no Public Comments received.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Pam O'Connor, Santa Monica, District 41, reported that she and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Greg Pettis, Cathedral City, District 2, attended the National Association of Regional Councils' 2012 National Conference of Regions, February 12 – 14, 2012 in Washington, D.C., where House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman John Mica discussed the Transportation Reauthorization Bill H.R.7 which is expected to undergo significant revisions. President O'Connor also reported that Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood spoke at the conference and committed to working with officials on expediting project delivery. Along with 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Greg Pettis and Sharon A. Neely, Deputy Executive Director, Strategy, Policy and Public Affairs, President O'Connor met with U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works staff to discuss the Regional Council's adopted priorities should the Reauthorization Bill proceed. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Greg Pettis provided additional remarks regarding the conference.

President Pam O'Connor announced that she will be attending the National League of Cities' 2012 Congressional City Conference in Washington D.C on March 10 – 14, 2012.

President Pam O'Connor reiterated that the councilmembers are required to submit their FPPC Statement of Economic Interests Form 700 due on April 2, 2012 and announced the upcoming 2012 Regional Conference and General Assembly on April 4 – 5, 2012. Lastly, she reported that the building security of SCAG's Los Angeles office has installed an elevator access card reading system that will require the

members to first check-in at the Security Desk at the lobby to access SCAG offices on non-RC, Policy Committees, or public meeting day.

## **PRESIDENT'S APPOINTMENTS**

### New Regional Councilmember

Hon. Joe Buscaino, Los Angeles, District 62

### Re-elected Regional Councilmembers

Hon. Greg Pettis, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President, Cathedral City, District 2

Hon. Jon Harrison, Redlands, District 6

Hon. Deborah Robertson, Rialto, District 8

Hon. Paul Glaab, Laguna Niguel, District 12

Hon. Sukhee Kang, Irvine, District 14

Hon. Leroy Mills, Cypress, District 18

Hon. Andy Quach, Westminster, District 20

Hon. Brett Murdock, Brea, District 22

Hon. Margaret Clark, Rosemead, District 32

Hon. Barbara Messina, Alhambra, District 34

Hon. Donald Voss, La Cañada/Flintridge, District 36

Hon. Paula Lantz, Pomona, District 38

Hon. Matthew Harper, Huntington Beach, District 64

Hon. Lupe Ramos Watson, Indio, District 66

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director, introduced Mr. Richard Backlund, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Associate Division Administrator – California Division. Mr. Backlund provided remarks regarding its new Los Angeles office.

Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director, announced that Deputy Executive Director of Planning and Programs, Doug Williford, accepted the City of El Cajon's City Manager position and this is his last Regional Council meeting. He thanked him for his service to SCAG and efforts within the region.

### California High-Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Update

Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director, reported that the agencies that have approved the MOU include: SCAG; Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority; Riverside County Transportation Commission; San Diego Association of Governments; San Bernardino Associated Governments; and the Southern California Regional Rail Authority; with approval pending from Orange County Transportation Agency after discussion at its March 13, 2012 meeting. Mr. Ikhata reported that CHSRA's approval of the MOU is forthcoming. He reiterated that funding and resources are needed for an ailing infrastructure and that if an agency decides to withdraw from the MOU, the agreement will continue to move forward; however, that agency will not be eligible to submit projects to the project list for funding considerations. Mr. Ikhata also noted that the public comments received on the RTP/SCS, and responses to those comments, will be posted on the SCAG RTP/SCS website on March 19, 2012. He announced that a Special Joint Meeting of the Policy Committees is scheduled for March 21, 2012. During that meeting, Mr. Ikhata stated that the Policy Committees will recommend that the Regional Council certify the Final RTP/SCS PEIR and adopt the Final RTP/SCS at the April 4, 2012 Regional Council meeting.

Councilmember Tom LaBonge, Los Angeles, District 51, asked what is needed to implement the high-speed rail considering that all issues have been addressed in Central Los Angeles. Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director, responded that the funds needed for high-speed rail are apportioned to the corridors from San Diego to Palmdale; and regarding the regional priorities, including Central Los Angeles, these are listed in the Plan but are not a part of the MOU.

## **PRESENTATION**

### **Implications of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals Decision of the U.S. EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) Lawsuit on Transportation Control Measures (TCMs)**

Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director, provided an update regarding a Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals' ruling in the *AIR v. EPA* lawsuit. Mr. Ikhata introduced Dr. Barry Wallerstein, Executive Officer, South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD).

Dr. Wallerstein stated that achieving air quality is a partnership between SCAG and AQMD. He noted that the TCMs that are incorporated in the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS are important relative to AQMD's Clean Air Plan to achieve the Federal requirements for clean air standards. He stated that mobile sources account for 90% of nitrogen oxide (NO<sub>x</sub>) emissions and 25-33% represents Goods Movement. Dr. Wallerstein further stated that it is important to address, reduce, and control NO<sub>x</sub> emissions to achieve existing Federal ozone and particulate standards. If the Federal government tightens the standards, Dr. Wallerstein stated that the TCM will jump to 90%; hence, the need to transition to zero- or near-zero emissions technologies. Dr. Wallerstein provided background information relative to the EPA litigation and stated that AQMD is working with the U.S. EPA and the California Air Resources Board (ARB) staff relative to the court decision to address its concerns. Lastly, Dr. Wallerstein emphasized the importance of zero- or near-zero emissions Goods Movement which is not only AQMD's technical view but is also ARB's.

Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich, Los Angeles County, asked which court is hearing this case. Dr. Wallerstein responded that the case is an Appellate Court decision and when EPA takes action, the lawsuit automatically goes to the Federal Court; its options are to comply with the court order or appeal the case to the Supreme Court. Joann Africa, Chief Counsel, noted that as referenced in the staff report distributed to the Regional Council, the EPA filed a petition for rehearing to which ARB, AQMD, and SCAG filed amici curiae briefs in support of EPA. Further, she stated that the Ninth Circuit denied EPA's petition for rehearing and that the only litigation option for EPA is to petition to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich, Los Angeles County, asked what the social and economic impacts would be should people need to utilize limited mass transit that is unable to operate twenty-four hours a day and asked about the need for legislative action to modify the court decision. Dr. Wallerstein responded that while these arguments have also been brought to the U.S. EPA for action, the legislative branch is also engaged in this process; otherwise, there might be a potential loss of Federal transportation funding or possible sanctions may be imposed. Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director, also stated that in addition to the potential loss of Federal transportation funding, there are requirements regarding TCMs so the impact of the decision and EPA's response could be significant. Mr. Ikhata will continue to keep the Board aware of further clarification from the EPA regarding this matter.

In closing, President Pam O'Connor thanked and acknowledged the following AQMD Governing Board Members in the Regional Council for their assistance in the region: Councilmember Ron Loveridge, representing the cities of Riverside County; Councilmember Judy Mitchell, representing the cities of Los Angeles County, Western Region; Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich representing Los Angeles County; and Supervisor Shawn Nelson representing Orange County.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS**

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

#### 1. Approval of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2012/13 Comprehensive Budget

A motion was made (O'Connor) to approve the FY 2012/13 Comprehensive Budget. Motion was SECONDED (Pettis) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

#### 2. Bylaws and Resolutions Committee Report

A motion was made (Pettis) to approve the proposed change to the SCAG Bylaws as submitted by the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee and forward to the General Assembly for consideration on April 5, 2012. Motion was SECONDED (Becerra) and UNANIMOUSLY approved.

Councilmember Marsha McLean, Santa Clarita, North L.A. County, commented that the RC District 67 cities of San Fernando and Santa Clarita in North L.A. County are now represented by Councilmember Mario Hernandez from the City of San Fernando, based on an agreement made by these cities to alternate representation every two years. Due to the limited number of meetings that Councilmember Hernandez has attended since his appointment in July 2011, Councilmember McLean emphasized the importance of a District 67 representative being present at all meetings and requested a revision in the SCAG Bylaws regarding this matter.

Hasan Ikhmeta, Executive Director, responded that because the deadline for submitting revisions to the Bylaws has passed, this matter will need to be discussed at a future Bylaws and Resolutions Committee meeting since this request will require a policy direction and change to the Bylaws.

Further discussion ensued and comments were made by: Councilmember Ron Roberts, Temecula, District 5; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Glen Becerra, Simi Valley, District 46; Councilmember Gene Daniels, Paramount, District 24; Councilmember Paula Lantz, Pomona, District 38; and Councilmember Steven Hofbauer, Palmdale, District 43. Staff indicated that they would schedule a meeting with Councilmember Hernandez to help address Councilmember McLean's concerns.

### **Audit Committee Report**

No reportable action was taken.

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

Councilmember Bill Jahn, Big Bear Lake, District 11, reported that Councilmember Paula Lantz, Pomona, District 38, was elected as Chair and Councilmember Ginger Coleman, Town of Apple Valley, District 65, as Vice Chair of the CEHD Committee.

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

Councilmember Margaret Clark, Rosemead, District 32, reported that Councilmember Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro, District 1, was elected as Chair; and Councilmember James Johnson, Long Beach, District 30, as Vice Chair of the EEC Committee.

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

Councilmember Keith Millhouse, Moorpark, VCTC, reported that the TC recommended that the Regional Council approve the High Desert Corridor Partnership Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

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

3. SB 659 (Padilla-Hernandez) and SB 654 (Steinberg) regarding Redevelopment Authority (RDA) Abolishment Legislation Update

Councilmember Judy Mitchell, Rolling Hills Estates, District 41, asked that the Regional Council receive and file Agenda Items 15 through 18 and commented that Item 17 is based on the efforts of SCAG staff to provide updated information regarding the two (2) transportation bills.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

#### **Approval Items**

Supervisor Shawn Nelson, Orange County, asked that Agenda Item Nos. 5 and 9 be pulled for discussion. A motion was made (O'Connor) to approve the remainder of the Consent Calendar. Motion was SECONDED (Millhouse) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

4. Minutes of the February 2, 2012 Meeting
6. Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: Contract No. 12-025-C1 – Microsoft Dynamics Customer Relationship Management (CRM) System
7. Amendment \$75,000 or Greater: Contract No. 09-031- C1, SCAG's Activity-Based Travel Demand Model
8. Amendment Greater Than 30% : Contract No. 11-007-C1, TransCAD Modeling Software
10. Arroyo Seco Parkway Corridor Management Plan
11. California Department of Transportation FY 2012/13 Transportation Planning Grants

12. Contract with South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) to accept \$300,000 in Grant Funds for a Regional Plug-In Electric Vehicle (PEV) Infrastructure Plan
13. High Desert Corridor Partnership Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
14. Congressional Letter – Anaheim-Ontario Maglev Project

**Pulled Agenda Item Nos. 5 and 9**

5. SCAG Sponsorship of Annual Events: 1) University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) 2012 Complete Streets for California Conference, March 2, 2012, \$1,250; 2) Association of California Cities, Orange County 2012 Board of Directors Installation Ceremony, April 11, 2012, \$1,000 and 3) California Transportation Commission Reception, February 22, 2012, \$500

A motion was made (Nelson) to deny SCAG Sponsorship of the Association of California Cities, Orange County 2012 Board of Directors Installation Ceremony for \$1,000; and the California Transportation Commission Reception for \$500.

Councilmember Lisa Bartlett, Dana Point, TCA, stated that the Association of California Cities of Orange County is a worthwhile, non-profit, non-partisan organization that is comprised of the majority of Orange County cities that strives for local control and good governance and has been supportive of SCAG's transportation efforts; and would appreciate approval of the sponsorship request.

Second Vice President Greg Pettis, Cathedral City, District 2, stated that this item was unanimously approved and recommended for approval to the Regional Council by the Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC). Sharon A. Neely, Deputy Executive Director, Strategy, Policy and Public Affairs, clarified that the LCMC has policies and guidelines that constitutes eligibility for a sponsorship and reported that the California Transportation Commission Reception had occurred on February 22, 2012, and SCAG sponsored the event based on LCMC's approval and recommendation for RC's approval of the sponsorship.

A substitute motion was made (O'Connor) to approve SCAG Sponsorship of Annual Events: 1) University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) 2012 Complete Streets for California Conference, March 2, 2012, \$1,250; 2) Association of California Cities, Orange County 2012 Board of Directors Installation Ceremony, April 11, 2012, \$1,000 and 3) California Transportation Commission Reception, February 22, 2012, at \$500. Motion was SECONDED (Morehouse) and was approved by a MAJORITY VOTE with one in OPPOSITION (Nelson).

9. SCAG Board Representative Invitation to Participate in Rail Tour Delegation to Japan and China

A motion was made (Nelson) to deny SCAG Board Representative Invitation to Participate in Rail Tour Delegation to Japan and China. Motion was SECONDED (Lantz).

Councilmember Tom LaBonge, Los Angeles, District 51, disagreed with the motion made and stated that the business tour is important within a reasonable cost and unreasonable expenditures are not made.

Councilmember Keith Hanks, Azusa, District 33, stated that his experience visiting Japan was instructive, as it allowed him to see its rail transportation and how it relates to implementation of our transportation system; and stated support of SCAG Board representatives' participation in rail tour.

Councilmember Dennis Zine, Los Angeles, District 50, stated that he does not support this expenditure due to the current economic conditions and its negative message to the region.

Councilmember Jerry Amante, Tustin, OCTA, echoed the comments made to not support the expenditure.

Councilmember Keith Millhouse, Moorpark, VCTC, as Chair of the High-Speed Rail Subcommittee and Metrolink Board Member, stated that he fully supports the small expenditure and is worth the education of rail transportation technologies, as the region plans for high-speed rail.

Councilmember Paula Lantz, Pomona, District 38, stated that although it is a small expenditure, she cannot support this item due to the current economic conditions.

Councilmember Frank Quintero, Glendale, District 42, as President of the Orangeline Development Authority, stated that although he intended to personally pay for his expenditure for this trip, he is unable to participate as a representative of the tour delegation.

Councilmember Carl Morehouse, Ventura, District 47, stated support of up to \$5,000 for each of the two (2) SCAG Board Representatives to participate in the rail tour and asked that the representatives be prudent with the expenditure.

Councilmember Marsha McLean, Santa Clarita, North L.A. County, suggested that the SCAG Board representatives who will participate in the rail tour may be able to find funding sources in Japan and China to invest in California, and vice-versa, to support the high-speed rail project or other transportation projects in the region; and stated support for the proposed expenditure for the delegation.

Councilmember Margaret E. Finlay, Duarte, District 35, stated support for the two (2) SCAG Board Representatives to participate in the rail tour and asked if there are legal implications to request the businesses in Japan and China that support SCAG to cover costs associated for the tour. Joann Africa, Chief Counsel responded that conflict of interest rules may be applicable so SCAG has not utilized businesses or other agencies to support funding as budget is accounted for in the General Fund.

A substitute motion was made (Millhouse) to approve SCAG Board Representatives Invitation to Participate in Rail Tour Delegation to Japan and China. Motion was **SECONDED** (Finlay). Motion was approved by a **MAJORITY VOTE**; with thirteen (13) in **OPPOSITION** (Amante, Bartlett, Carroll, Harper, Herrera, Jahn, Lantz, Mills, Mitzelfelt, Nelson, Quintero, Quirk-Silva, and Zine).

**Receive & File**

15. Contracts/Purchase Orders and/or Amendments Between \$5,000 - \$200,000
16. February 2012 State and Federal Legislative Update
17. Comparison of House (HR 7) and Senate (MAP 21) Transportation Reauthorization Legislation
18. Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2012 Bond Proposition

**INFORMATION ITEM**

19. CFO Monthly Report

A written report was received.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Councilmember Steven Hofbauer, Palmdale, District 43, suggested a provision in the Policy Manual allowing video-conferencing participation of Policy Committee Members at regular meetings or special meetings.

Supervisor Shawn Nelson, Orange County, suggested recording of councilmembers' votes and tracking details of voting results on agenda items. Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director, stated that these meetings are recorded and "No" votes and "Abstentions" are included in the written minutes; and reported that staff is researching electronic voting equipment that can accurately accommodate the large number of Board members.

Councilmember Carl Morehouse, Ventura, District 47, announced and invited members to attend the American Planning Association's National Planning Conference, April 14 – 17, 2012, at the Los Angeles Convention Center.

President Pam O'Connor reiterated that a Special Joint Meeting of the Policy Committees is scheduled for Wednesday, March 21, 2012, at the Los Angeles office and is available via video-conference at the satellite offices. President O'Connor also announced that the Regional Conference and General Assembly will be held on April 4 – 5, 2012 at the Westin Bonaventure Hotel in downtown Los Angeles.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Regional Council meeting adjourned at 1:54 p.m.



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Deby Salcido, Officer to the Regional Council