

NO. 548
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
APRIL 4, 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. Michael D. Antonovich		Los Angeles County
Hon. Shawn Nelson		Orange County
Hon. Gary Ovitt		San Bernardino County
Hon. Jeff Stone		Riverside County
Hon. Jack Terrazas		Imperial County
Hon. Linda Parks		Ventura County
Hon. Keith Millhouse	<i>Moorpark</i>	VCTC
Hon. Bob Botts	<i>Banning</i>	RCTC
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. Paul Eaton	<i>Montclair</i>	District 9
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. 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. Leroy Mills	<i>Cypress</i>	District 18
Hon. Kris Murray	<i>Anaheim</i>	District 19
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. Jim Morton	<i>Lynwood</i>	District 26
Hon. Frank Gurulé	<i>Cudahy</i>	District 27
Hon. Dan Medina	<i>Gardena</i>	District 28
Hon. Steven Neal	<i>Long Beach</i>	District 29
Hon. James Johnson	<i>Long Beach</i>	District 30
Hon. Roy Francis	<i>La Habra Heights</i>	District 31

Members Present - continued

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. Frank Quintero	<i>Glendale</i>	District 42
Hon. Steven Hofbauer	<i>Palmdale</i>	District 43
Hon. Ed P. Reyes	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 48
Hon. Tom LaBonge	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 51
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. Sylvia Ballin	<i>San Fernando</i>	District 67
Hon. Lisa Bartlett	<i>Dana Point</i>	TCA

Members Not Present

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. Alan Wapner	<i>Ontario</i>	SANBAG
Hon. Jerry Amante	<i>Tustin</i>	OCTA
Hon. Jon Harrison	<i>Redlands</i>	District 6
Hon. Kathryn McCullough	<i>Lake Forest</i>	District 13
Hon. John Nielsen	<i>Tustin</i>	District 17
Hon. Andy Quach	<i>Westminster</i>	District 20
Hon. Art Brown	<i>Buena Park</i>	District 21
Hon. Carol Herrera	<i>Diamond Bar</i>	District 37
Hon. Mark Rutherford	<i>Westlake Village</i>	District 44
Hon. Carmen Ramirez	<i>Oxnard</i>	District 45
Hon. Paul Krekorian	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 49
Hon. Dennis Zine	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 50
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. Lupe Ramos Watson	<i>Indio</i>	District 66
Hon. Antonio Villaraigosa	<i>Los Angeles</i>	(At-Large)

Staff Present

Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director
Joe Silvey, General Counsel
Joann Africa, Chief Counsel
Debbie Dillon, Deputy Executive 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 Glen Becerra called the meeting to order at approximately 12:15 p.m. Pauline Chow, Esq., Southern California Regional Policy Manager, Safe Routes to School National Partnership, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Councilmember Deborah Robertson, Rialto, District 8, introduced the following sponsors of the General Assembly: Peter Luchetti, Managing Partner, Table Rock Capital (TRC); Megan Matson, TRC Partner; and Steve Lambert, The 20/20 Network. Councilmember Robertson announced that the City of Rialto approved a public-private concession agreement with TRC, a \$41-million capital improvement program, to maintain the city's water and wastewater services.

President Becerra opened the Public Comment period.

Councilmember Marsha McLean, Santa Clarita, North Los Angeles County, commented regarding the Transportation Committee Agenda Item No. 4 relating to the Release of Draft Amendment No. 1 to the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS and expressed concerns regarding the proposed conversion of the High Occupancy Toll (HOT) lanes instead of High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes of the I-5 from State Route 14 to Parker Road; emphasized the commitment to a blended approach with the California High Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA); and cautioned regarding the use of the cap-and-trade funds.

Pauline Chow, Esq., Southern California Regional Policy Manager, Safe Routes to School National Partnership, commended the Regional Council and staff for their hard work in the Active Transportation Subcommittee; and announced that May 8 is designated as "Bike to School" day and May 16 is "Bike to Work" day.

Katherine Lee, American Lung Association of California, expressed appreciation of the formation of the Public Health Subcommittee in the implementation of the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS and encouraged approval of the draft recommendations.

Ryan Aubry, Co-Chair, 2013 Urban Land Institute (ULI) Marketplace, announced the upcoming 13th Annual Urban Marketplace event scheduled for Tuesday, April 16, 2013 at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, highlighting SCAG's Compass Blueprint Demonstration Project and a focus on the positive outcomes of redevelopment.

Candice Kim, Coalition for Clean Air, thanked the Regional Council and SCAG staff for their efforts in the development of the public health policy framework and stated support for the proposed draft recommendations of the Public Health Subcommittee.

Arnold Sachs, resident of Lennox, commented regarding Measure R funding and that Measure R alone does not fully fund all projects.

President Becerra closed the Public Comment period.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

There was no reprioritization of the agenda.

PRESENTATION ON THE UPDATE ON ADMINISTRATION'S DRAFT CAP-AND-TRADE AUCTION PROCEEDS INVESTMENT PLAN

Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director, introduced Cynthia Marvin, Division Chief, California Air Resources Board (ARB). Ms. Marvin provided an update on the Administration's draft Cap-and-Trade Auction Proceeds Investment Plan that was released for public review on February 15, 2013. She stated that AB 1532 (Pérez) signed into law last fall defined the broad-range of projects that would be eligible for cap-and-trade funding and also defined the requirements of the California Department of Finance (DOF) in the development of the Investment Plan and for ARB to hold public hearings and workshops. Ms. Marvin mentioned that SB 535 (De León), the companion bill that also came into effect last fall, specified a minimum allocation of 10% of the available moneys in the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund to projects located within disadvantaged communities and to allocate 25% in the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund to projects that provide benefits to disadvantaged communities. Ms. Marvin stated that public workshops were held throughout the state with representatives from Administration agencies. She stated that comments and suggestions were received and emphasized that the Administration is seeking to use another terminology in the labeling of "disadvantaged communities." In closing, Ms. Marvin discussed the next steps; release of the draft investment plan; and budget decisions by the legislature on the cap-and-trade revenues.

Discussion ensued and various comments were made by RC members. On behalf of the Regional Council, President Becerra presented Ms. Marvin a small token of appreciation and thanked her for the presentation.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

2013 Regional Conference and General Assembly (GA) Update

Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director, expressed appreciation for Councilmember Cheryl Viegas-Walker, for her efforts as Chair of the GA Host Committee. Mr. Ikhata noted that the Business Session of the GA packet has been sent to the councilmembers and the draft program is available at the SCAG website. He announced that Lt. Governor Gavin Newsom has been confirmed to attend.

Mr. Ikhata reported that the trial court judge rendered a decision in the Friends of Riverside's Hills v. Riverside County Transportation Commission's (RCTC) lawsuit, challenging the RCTC's Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Perris Valley Line (PVL) project. The judge ruled against RCTC in certain areas and has scheduled a follow-up hearing for April 24, 2013.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Glen Becerra expressed appreciation and thanked the Regional Council and Policy Committee members, stakeholders, and SCAG staff for assisting him during his tenure as SCAG President. He noted the following individuals have been re-elected to the Regional Council:

Hon. Bruce Barrows, Cerritos, District 23
Hon. Frank Gurule, Cudahy, District 27
Hon. Steven Neal, Long Beach, District 29
Hon. Larry McCallon, Highland, District 7
Hon. Paul Eaton, Montclair, District 9
Hon. Bill Jahn, Big Bear Lake, District 11
Hon. Kris Murray, Anaheim, District 19
Hon. Leslie Daigle, Newport Beach, District 15
Hon. John Nielsen, Tustin, District 17
Hon. Margaret E. Finlay, Duarte, District 35
Hon. Carol Herrera, Diamond Bar, District 37
Hon. James Gazeley, Lomita, District 39
Hon. Pam O'Connor, Santa Monica, District 41
Hon. Steve Hofbauer, Palmdale, District 43
Hon. Carl Morehouse, San Buenaventura, District 47
Hon. Jim Hyatt, Calimesa, District 3
Hon. Ronald Roberts, Temecula, District 5
Hon. Karen Spiegel, Corona, District 63
Hon. Margaret Clark, Rosemead, District 32

President Becerra also welcomed the new members to the Regional Council:

New Regional Councilmembers

Hon. Roy Francis, La Habra Heights, District 31
Hon. Gene Murabito, Glendora, District 33
Hon. Carmen Ramirez, Oxnard, District 45

Committee Appointments

Appointment to the Transportation (TC) Committee

Hon. Roy Francis, La Habra Heights, District 31

Appointments to the Energy and Environment Committee (EEC)

Hon. Carmen Ramirez, Oxnard, District 45
Hon. Mike Munzing, Aliso Viejo, District 12

Joint Meeting with Kern County Council of Governments (COG)

President Becerra invited the Regional Council to the upcoming meeting with Kern County Council of Governments (COG) scheduled for April 22, 2013 to discuss high priority issues of joint concern including State legislative priorities and the Southern California Economic Recovery and Job Creation Strategy Phase II.

President Becerra reported that he authorized several SCAG Board Officers' additional stipend payments due to the number of SCAG-related meetings they attended within the months of February and March.

President Becerra thanked the efforts of Councilmember Cheryl Viegas-Walker and the GA Host Committee for obtaining sponsors for the General Assembly.

Recognition of SCAG "Unsung Heroes"

At the March 7 Regional Council meeting, President Becerra stated that he would recognize SCAG staff as "Unsung Heroes" to be announced at this meeting and had asked Mr. Ikhata and the Executive Team to nominate a staff person from each division who exemplifies teamwork, dedication and good humor to achieve SCAG's mission. President Becerra announced the names of the following "Unsung Heroes" and presented each with a Plaque of Recognition: Ludlow Brown, Web/Graphics Designer; Javier Aguilar, Senior Regional Planner; Ryan Kuo, Senior Regional Planner; Alfonso Hernandez, Senior Grants Analyst; and Justine Block, Deputy Legal Counsel.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS

Executive/Administration Committee (EAC) Report

1. SB 810 (Price): California Transportation Financing Authority: tax credit certificates for exporters and importers: income tax credit – Support
2. AB 564 (Mullin): Community Redevelopment: Successor Agencies – Support
3. AB 1080 (Alejo) Community Revitalization and Investment Authorities – Support
4. AB 690 (Campos): Jobs and Infrastructure Financing Districts: Voter Approval – Support
5. SB 731 (Steinberg): Environment: California Environmental Quality Act and Sustainable Communities Strategy – Work With Author

A motion was made (McCallon) to approved Agenda Item Nos. 1 through 5. Motion was SECONDED (Gurulé) and approved by a MAJORITY VOTE with one (1) IN OPPOSITION (Mills) for Agenda Item No. 1.

Community, Economic and Human Development Committee (CEHD) Report

As Vice Chair of the CEHD Committee, Councilmember Margaret Finlay, Duarte, District 35, reported that she was elected as the new CEHD Committee Chair and Councilmember Bill Jahn, Big Bear Lake, District 11, was elected as the CEHD Committee Vice Chair.

Energy and Environment Committee (EEC) Report

As Chair of the EEC, Councilmember Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro, District 1, reported that Councilmember James Johnson, Long Beach, District 30, was elected as the new EEC Chair and Councilmember Lisa Bartlett, Transportation Corridor Agencies (TCA), as EEC Vice Chair. She also reported that the EEC recommended approval of Agenda Item No. 6.

6. Transportation Conformity Determination for Morongo, Pechanga, and Rest of the South Coast Air Basin Non-attainment Areas for 2008 8-hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS)

A motion was made (Viegas-Walker) to adopt the Transportation Conformity determination for Morongo, Pechanga, and the rest of the South Coast Air Basin non-attainment areas for 2008 8-hour ozone standards and direct staff to submit it to the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration (FHWA/FTA) for approval. Motion was SECONDED (Johnson) and approved by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Transportation Committee (TC) Report

As Chair of the TC, Councilmember Keith Millhouse, Moorpark, VCTC, reported that the Subcommittees presented its recommendations and expressed appreciation to each of the Chairs of the Subcommittees for their efforts: Councilmember Barbara Messina, Goods Movement Subcommittee; Councilmember Karen Spiegel, High-Speed Rail and Transit Subcommittee; Councilmember Michele Martinez, Active Transportation Subcommittee; and Gary Ovitt, Transportation Finance Subcommittee.

Councilmember Millhouse announced that he and Councilmember Alan Wapner, Ontario, SANBAG, were re-elected as TC Chair and TC Vice Chair, respectively.

Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC) Report

As Chair of the LCMC, Councilmember Larry McCallon, Highland, District 7, noted that Agenda Item No. 12, relating to the April 2013 State and Federal legislative report, had been distributed.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval Items

7. Minutes of the March 7, 2013 Meeting
8. SCAG Sponsorships & Memberships
9. Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: Contract No. 13-023-C1, Regional Transportation Plan Implementation and Project Management Assistance Services; and Contract Nos. 13-018-C1, 13-018-C2 and 13-018-C3, Organizational Development Services
10. Sustainability Program Call-for-Proposals Ranking Criteria

Receive & File

11. 2013 Local Profiles Update
12. April 2013 State and Federal Legislative Update
13. Contracts/Purchase Orders between \$25,000 - \$200,000 and/or Amendments between \$5,000 - \$75,000

A motion was made (Jahn) to approve the Consent Calendar Agenda Item Nos. 7 through 13. Motion was SECONDED (Millhouse) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

INFORMATION ITEMS

14. Summary Report from Subcommittees
15. CFO Monthly Report
16. 2013 Regional Council and Policy Committees Meeting Schedule

FUTURE AGENDA ITEM(S)

Councilmember Tom LaBonge, Los Angeles, District 51, requested a county/region-wide report on streets or certain roads that should be protected, whether parallel to the state route or the freeway system. Mr. Ikhata noted the request.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSED SESSION

Public Employee Performance Evaluation - Pursuant to Government Code 54957(b), Title: Executive Director

At the conclusion of the Closed Session, Joe Silvey, General Counsel, reported that the Regional Council reviewed the performance evaluation results of the Executive Director and discussed the results with him and stated that the Regional Council did not take any action that had to be reported.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Regional Council meeting adjourned at approximately 1:40 p.m.



Lillian Harris-Neal, Clerk of the Board