

NO. 579
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 5, 2016

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

In conjunction with the 2016 Regional Conference and General Assembly, the Regional Council (RC) of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) held its meeting at the La Quinta Resort & Club, 49-499 Eisenhower Drive, La Quinta, California 92253. There was a quorum.

Members Present

Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, President	<i>El Centro</i>	District 1
Hon. Michele Martinez, 1 st Vice President	<i>Santa Ana</i>	District 16
Hon. Margaret E. Finlay, 2 nd Vice President	<i>Duarte</i>	District 35
Hon. Carl Morehouse, Immediate Past President	<i>San Buenaventura</i>	District 47
Hon. Jack Terrazas		Imperial County
Hon. Jim Katapodis		OCTA
Hon. Alan Wapner	<i>Ontario</i>	SANBAG
Hon. Jan Harnik	<i>Palm Desert</i>	RCTC
Hon. Keith Millhouse	<i>Moorpark</i>	VCTC
Hon. Jim Hyatt	<i>Calimesa</i>	District 3
Hon. Clint Lorimore	<i>Eastvale</i>	District 4
Hon. Frank Navarro	<i>Colton</i>	District 6
Hon. Larry McCallon	<i>Highland</i>	District 7
Hon. Deborah Robertson	<i>Rialto</i>	District 8
Hon. Ray Marquez	<i>Chino Hills</i>	District 10
Hon. Bill Jahn	<i>Big Bear Lake</i>	District 11
Hon. Steven Choi	<i>Irvine</i>	District 14
Hon. Steve Nagel	<i>Fountain Valley</i>	District 15
Hon. John Nielsen	<i>Tustin</i>	District 17
Hon. Steve Hwangbo	<i>La Palma</i>	District 18
Hon. Kris Murray	<i>Anaheim</i>	District 19
Hon. Art Brown	<i>Buena Park</i>	District 21
Hon. Gene Daniels	<i>Paramount</i>	District 24
Hon. Sean Ashton	<i>Downey</i>	District 25
Hon. José Luis Solache	<i>Lynwood</i>	District 26
Hon. Ali Saleh	<i>Bell</i>	District 27
Hon. Dan Medina	<i>Gardena</i>	District 28
Hon. Rex Richardson	<i>Long Beach</i>	District 29
Hon. Margaret Clark	<i>Rosemead</i>	District 32
Hon. Barbara Messina	<i>Alhambra</i>	District 34



Members Present – continued

Hon. Jonathan Curtis	<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. Judy Mitchell	<i>Rolling Hills Estates</i>	District 40
Hon. Steven Hofbauer	<i>Palmdale</i>	District 43
Hon. Carmen Ramirez	<i>Oxnard</i>	District 45
Hon. Glen Becerra	<i>Simi Valley</i>	District 46
Hon. Joe Buscaino	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 62
Hon. Karen Spiegel	<i>Corona</i>	District 63
Hon. Michael Wilson	<i>Indio</i>	District 66
Hon. Antonio Lopez	<i>San Fernando</i>	District 67
Hon. Jeffrey Giba	<i>Moreno Valley</i>	District 69

Members Not Present

Hon. Mark Ridley-Thomas		Los Angeles County
Hon. Michael D. Antonovich		Los Angeles County
Hon. Michelle Steel		Orange County
Hon. Curt Hagman		San Bernardino County
Hon. Linda Parks		Ventura County
Hon. Chuck Washington		Riverside County
Hon. Greg Pettis	<i>Cathedral City</i>	District 2
Hon. Randon Lane	<i>Murrieta</i>	District 5
Hon. Paul Eaton	<i>Montclair</i>	District 9
Hon. Mike Munzing	<i>Aliso Viejo</i>	District 12
Hon. Barbara Kogerman	<i>Laguna Hills</i>	District 13
Hon. Tri Ta	<i>Westminster</i>	District 20
Hon. Marty Simonoff	<i>Brea</i>	District 22
Hon. Victor Manalo	<i>Artesia</i>	District 23
Hon. Lena Gonzalez	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 30
Hon. Andrew Sarega	<i>La Mirada</i>	District 31
Hon. Gene Murabito	<i>Glendora</i>	District 33
Hon. Sam Pedroza	<i>Claremont</i>	District 38
Hon. Pam O’Connor	<i>Santa Monica</i>	District 41
Hon. Jess Talamantes	<i>Burbank</i>	District 42
Hon. John Sibert	<i>Malibu</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. David Ryu	<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



Members Not Present - continued

Hon. Marqueece Harris-Dawson	<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
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. Erik Peterson	<i>Huntington Beach</i>	District 64
Hon. Ryan McEachron	<i>Victorville</i>	District 65
Hon. Rusty Bailey	<i>Riverside</i>	District 68
Hon. Ross Chun	<i>Aliso Viejo</i>	TCA
Hon. Mary “Maxine” Resvaloso	<i>Torres-Martinez, Desert Cahuilla Indians</i>	Tribal Government
Mr. Randall Lewis	<i>Lewis Group of Companies</i>	Business Rep.
Hon. Eric Garcetti	<i>Los Angeles</i>	(Member-at-Large)

Staff Present

Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director
 Debbie Dillon, Deputy Executive Director, Administration
 Basil Panas, Chief Financial Officer
 Joe Silvey, General Counsel
 Joann Africa, Chief Counsel
 Huasha Liu, Director, Land Use and Environmental Planning
 Darin Chidsey, Director, Strategy, Policy and Public Affairs
 Naresh Amatya, Director, Transportation Planning
 Catherine Kirschbaum, Chief Information Officer
 Tess Rey-Chaput, Office of Regional Council Support

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Cheryl Viegas-Walker called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. and asked Councilmember Carmen Ramirez, Oxnard, District 45, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public comments received.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

There was no reprioritization of the agenda.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director, thanked the members for attending the Regional Conference and General Assembly.



He reported that the City of El Segundo notified the agency regarding its intent to file a lawsuit challenging SCAG's certification of the Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for the 2016 RTP/SCSC. Because of its pending litigation, Mr. Ikhata announced that a Special Meeting of the Regional Council will be scheduled for a Closed Session on Monday, May 16, 2016, to discuss the matter. If, in the event, a quorum of Regional Council members is not obtained, Mr. Ikhata announced that a Special Meeting of the Executive/Administration Committee (EAC) will be held.

ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEM

President Viegas-Walker reminded the members to vote on the communicator keypad using their pre-coded identifying smartcard and to insert the smartcards in the keypad when voting; to remove the cards if they need to leave the meeting room; and to re-insert the cards when they return to the meeting. The electronically-recorded votes will indicate how each member voted, by selecting "1" for a "Yes" vote; "2" for a "No" vote and "3" for an "Abstention." These votes will be a part of the official record of the Regional Council minutes of the meeting.

1. Adoption of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2016-17 Comprehensive Budget

President Viegas-Walker introduced the item. Basil Panas, Chief Financial Officer, provided background information.

A MOTION was made (Robertson) to adopt the Final FY 2016-17 Comprehensive Budget and corresponding Resolution No. 16-579-2 that authorizes submittal of the Overall Work Program (OWP) to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA); Federal Transit Administration (FTA); and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans). Motion was SECONDED (Morehouse) and passed by the following votes.

FOR: Ashton, Becerra, Brown, Buscaino, Choi, Clark, Curtis, Daniels, Finlay, Gazeley, Giba, Harnik, Herrera, Hwangbo, Hyatt, Jahn, Katapodis, Lopez, Lorimore, Marquez, M. Martinez, McCallon, Medina, Messina, Millhouse, Mitchell, Morehouse, Murray, Nagel, Navarro, Nielsen, Ramirez, Robertson, Saleh, Solache, Viegas-Walker, Wapner and Wilson. (38)

AGAINST: None. (0)

ABSTAIN: None. (0)

PULLED AGENDA ITEMS

President Viegas-Walker announced that Item No. 2 relating to the approval of the Minutes of the April 7, 2016 Regional Council meeting will be pulled.

2. Minutes of the April 7, 2016 Regional Council Meeting

A MOTION was made (Jahn) to approve the Minutes of the April 7, 2016 Regional Council meeting. Motion was SECONDED (Morehouse) and passed by the following votes.

FOR: Ashton, Brown, Buscaino, Choi, Clark, Curtis, Daniels, Finlay, Gazeley, Harnik, Herrera, Hwangbo, Hyatt, Jahn, Lopez, Lorimore, Marquez, M. Martinez, McCallon, Medina, Messina, Millhouse, Mitchell, Morehouse, Murray, Nagel, Navarro, Nielsen, Ramirez, Robertson, Saleh, Solache, Viegas-Walker, Wapner and Wilson. (35)

AGAINST: None. (0)

ABSTAIN: Becerra, Giba and Katapodis. (3)

5. SCAG Logo Re-design and Branding

As requested by Councilmember Carl Morehouse, San Buenaventura, District 47, President Viegas-Walker announced that Item No. 5 will be pulled for further discussion.

Councilmember Morehouse stated that while he understands the branding process and the evolution of the new SCAG logo, he stated the importance of a symbol that represents the convergence and the interweaving of the counties and a logo that is creative, dynamic and vibrant.

Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director, thanked Councilmember Morehouse for his comments. Mr. Ikhata discussed the agency's branding initiative ten years ago and stated that today, "SCAG" is a different agency that now represents—and is the voice of—the 18.7 million people in the region. He further stated that the agency has a story to be told and the acronym "SCAG" is representative of that story.

Councilmember Carmen Ramirez, Oxnard, District 45, commented that new residents coming to the city of "Oxnard" suggested changing the city's historic name. She cautioned the members that in changing a name, the identity may be lost in the process.

Councilmember Jan Harnik, Palm Desert, RCTC, suggested to keep the acronym, "SCAG," and to also spell out the agency's name, "Southern California Association of Governments," and stated that it is an important message that further speaks to the cities and counties in the SCAG region working together.

Darin Chidsey, Director, Strategy, Policy and Public Affairs, reported that the SCAG logo re-design and branding initiative came about since the agency has now raised its profile and redefined itself and explained how a new logo would accurately reflect its present role and in the future. He further stated that in designing the new logo, there were several requirements that were taken into consideration—especially a symbol that speaks "collaboration." With regard to a tagline, Mr. Chidsey stated that it should summarize the agency's roles and responsibilities.

Discussion ensued and comments were made regarding the branding and the color design of the logo; that no amount of graphic can change the credible reputation of what the agency has established for itself; comments that echoed the comments made by Councilmember Morehouse; and suggestions for a logo that catches the eye and signify what the agency represents (Wilson, Becerra, Katapodis and Medina).

A MOTION was made (M. Martinez) to bring back Agenda Item No. 5, SCAG Logo Re-design and Branding, for further discussion and possible action at the Regional Council meeting set for June 2, 2016. Motion was SECONDED (Wilson) and passed by the following votes:

FOR: Ashton, Becerra, Brown, Buscaino, Choi, Clark, Curtis, Daniels, Finlay, Giba, Harnik, Herrera, Hofbauer, Hwangbo, Katapodis, Lopez, Lorimore, Marquez, M. Martinez, McCallon, Medina, Millhouse, Mitchell, Morehouse, Murray, Nagel, Navarro, Nielsen, Richardson, Robertson, Saleh, Solache, Spiegel, Terrazas, Viegas-Walker, Wapner and Wilson (37).

AGAINST: Gazeley, Hyatt, Messina and Ramirez. (4)

ABSTAIN: None. (0)

FUTURE AGENDA ITEM/S

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director, expressed thanks and appreciation to the General Assembly Host Committee members and Chair Margaret Finlay for the sponsorships garnered for this event.

He also thanked the partnership of SCAG's funding agencies, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans).

Mr. Ikhata congratulated the Metro Board and the Ventura County Transportation Commission in working together to place a long-considered half-cent transportation sales tax measure for the county.

Lastly, he also thanked Randall Winston, Executive Director, California Strategic Growth Council, for his support of SCAG.

President Viegas-Walker reminded the members to complete the Executive Director's Performance Evaluation Form by May 13, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Viegas-Walker adjourned the Regional Council meeting at 10:15 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Regional Council is scheduled for Thursday, June 2, 2016 at the SCAG Los Angeles Office.