

NO. 540
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
JUNE 7, 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 SCAG Los Angeles Office. There was a quorum.

Members Present

Hon. Glen Becerra, President	<i>Simi Valley</i>	District 46
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. Jack Terrazas		Imperial County
Hon. Michael D. Antonovich		Los Angeles County
Hon. Jeff Stone		Riverside County
Hon. Gary Ovitt		San Bernardino County
Hon. Alan Wapner	<i>Ontario</i>	SANBAG
Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker	<i>El Centro</i>	District 1
Hon. Jim Hyatt	<i>Calimesa</i>	District 3
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. Sukhee Kang	<i>Irvine</i>	District 14
Hon. Michele Martinez	<i>Santa Ana</i>	District 16
Hon. Leroy Mills	<i>Cypress</i>	District 18
Hon. Brett Murdock	<i>Brea</i>	District 22
Hon. Bruce Barrows	<i>Cerritos</i>	District 23
Hon. David Gafin	<i>Downey</i>	District 25
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. 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. 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. Frank Quintero	<i>Glendale</i>	District 42

Members Present - continued

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. Bernard Parks	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 55
Hon. Matthew Harper	<i>Huntington Beach</i>	District 64
Hon. Lupe Ramos Watson	<i>Indio</i>	District 66
Hon. Mario F. Hernandez	<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. Greg Pettis, 1 st Vice-President	<i>Cathedral City</i>	District 2
Hon. Shawn Nelson		Orange County
Hon. Linda Parks		Ventura County
Hon. Jerry Amante	<i>Tustin</i>	OCTA
Hon. Mary Craton	<i>Canyon Lake</i>	RCTC
Hon. Keith Millhouse	<i>Moorpark</i>	VCTC
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. Bill Jahn	<i>Big Bear Lake</i>	District 11
Hon. Paul Glaab	<i>Laguna Niguel</i>	District 12
Hon. Joel Lautenschleger	<i>Laguna Hills</i>	District 13
Hon. Leslie Daigle	<i>Newport Beach</i>	District 15
Hon. John Nielsen	<i>Tustin</i>	District 17
Hon. Kris Murray	<i>Anaheim</i>	District 19
Hon. Andy Quach	<i>Westminster</i>	District 20
Hon. Sharon Quirk-Silva	<i>Fullerton</i>	District 21
Hon. Donald Voss	<i>La Cañada/Flintridge</i>	District 36
Hon. Stan Carroll	<i>La Habra Heights</i>	District 31
Hon. Judy Mitchell	<i>Rolling Hills Estates</i>	District 40
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. 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. Darcy Kuenzi	<i>Menifee</i>	District 63
Hon. Ginger Coleman	<i>Town of Apple Valley</i>	District 65
Hon. Mark Calac		Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians

Staff Present

Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director
Sharon Neely, Chief Deputy Executive Director
Joann Africa, Chief Counsel
Basil Panas, Acting Chief Financial Officer
Debbie Dillon, Deputy Executive Director, Administration
Catherine Chavez, Acting Chief Information Officer
Huasha Liu, Director of Land Use & Environmental Planning
Rich Macias, Director of Transportation Planning
Deby Salcido, Officer to the Regional Council
Tess Rey-Chaput, Office of Regional Council Support

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Glen Becerra, Simi Valley, District 46, called the meeting to order at approximately 12:45 p.m. First Vice-President Carl Morehouse, Ventura, District 47, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

President Glen Becerra, opened the Public Comment Period.

Rye Baerg, Southern California Regional Policy Manager, Safe Routes to School National Partnership, thanked the SCAG staff and Executive Director Hasan Ikhata for their efforts in the development of the 2012-2035 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS). Mr. Baerg urged the councilmembers to advocate for the inclusion of projects related to Active Transportation in an effort to reduce traffic congestion while focusing on first mile/last mile connection.

President Glen Becerra, closed the Public Comment Period.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich, Los Angeles County, requested that Agenda Item No. 10, AB 1446 (Feuer): Los Angeles County Metropolitan Authority – Transactions and Use Tax, be pulled from the Consent Calendar for discussion.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT**Regional Councilmember Re-elected to District**

Hon. James Johnson, Long Beach, District 30

Representative to the LCMC:

Hon. Alan Wapner, Ontario, SANBAG

Representatives to the CEHD:

Hon. Becky A. Shevlin, Monrovia, San Gabriel Valley COG
Hon. Gene Murabito, Glendora, San Gabriel Valley COG
Hon. Joseph J. Gonzales, South El Monte, San Gabriel Valley COG

Representatives to the EEC:

Hon. Jeff Duclos, Hermosa Beach, South Bay Cities COG

Hon. Ed Graham, Chino Hills, District 10

Hon. Denis Bertone, San Dimas, San Gabriel Valley COG

Hon. Sam Pedroza, Claremont, San Gabriel Valley COG

Representatives to the TC:

Hon. Teresa Real Sebastian, Monterey Park, San Gabriel Valley COG

Hon. Micheál (Mehaul) O’Leary, Culver City, Westside Cities COG

Hon. Bill Hodge, Calexico, ICTC

Hon. Tim Spohn, City of Industry, San Gabriel Valley COG

Representatives to the EAC:

Hon. Larry McCallon, Highland, District 7

Hon. Judy Mitchell, Rolling Hills Estates, District 40

Hon. Lisa Bartlett, Dana Point, TCA

President Glen Becerra, Simi Valley, District 46, requested that the councilmembers contact him should there be interest in serving on any of the newly proposed Subcommittees.

July Meeting

President Becerra asked the councilmembers for their preference in holding a Regional Council meeting on July 5, July 12, or to cancel the meeting, due to the 4th of July holiday. After discussion and with a show of hands, the consensus was to continue with the regularly scheduled Regional Council meeting on Thursday, July 5, 2012, at the SCAG Los Angeles Office.

Councilmember Paula Lantz, Pomona, District 38, suggested to evaluate the availability of Policy Committees for the July 5 meeting to ensure a quorum. In addition, Councilmember Lantz suggested to discuss adjusting future meetings that conflict with the League of California Cities Annual Conference that is scheduled in September of each year as Regional Councilmembers are likewise members of the League. Hasan Ikhrata, Executive Director, stated that a meeting schedule for the following year will be presented to the councilmembers at the July 5, 2012 meeting which would address the discussion for the upcoming September meeting.

President’s Initiatives FY 12/13

President Becerra expressed his enthusiasm in serving as President of the Board; looks forward to collaborating with Regional Councilmembers—as leaders of the region—with much work that is anticipated with the implementation of the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS; provided assurance to preside prompt and efficient meetings; and that each councilmember be given an opportunity to be heard and their concerns addressed.

As part of the implementation of the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS, President Becerra proposed to create subcommittees, with the assistance of the Policy Committees’ Chairs and Vice-Chairs, to address certain matters that would ultimately be presented to the Regional Council. President Becerra proposed the creation of a Finance Subcommittee with Hon. Keith Hanks, Azusa, District 33, as Chair, to look at fiscal savings and funding options in the implementation of the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS. President Becerra also

proposed the creation of a High-Speed Rail Subcommittee; an Active Transportation Subcommittee; a Public Health Subcommittee; and Transit Subcommittee to deal with specific commitments of the RTP and future RTPs. He requested that the councilmembers contact him should there be interest in serving on any of the proposed subcommittees.

Councilmember Alan Wapner, Ontario, SANBAG, commented that the Transportation Committee suggested combining Transit/Rail Subcommittee and to form a separate Goods Movement Subcommittee. President Becerra agreed with the suggestions made and stated that subcommittee appointments will be announced at the next Regional Council meeting. Mr. Ikhata announced that President Becerra will schedule a meeting with the Policy Committees' Chairs and Vice Chairs to discuss the size, composition and role of the subcommittees that will include one (1) or two (2) representatives from each county in the region.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director, stated that the Executive Director's Monthly Report had been provided to the councilmembers and as noted on the report, the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration (FHWA/FTA) approved the conformity analysis submitted by SCAG for the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS. He thanked the federal partners including Mr. Michael Morris, Community Planner of the FHWA California Division, who was in the audience. Mr. Ikhata also reported that the California Air Resources Board (ARB) issued an Executive Order accepting SCAG's quantification of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS and that the Plan will achieve the 2020 and 2035 GHG emission reduction targets established by the ARB. Mr. Ikhata thanked the councilmembers for their leadership.

SCAG Organization Update

Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director, announced the following organizational changes effective July 1, 2012. Sharon A. Neely will be appointed Chief Deputy Executive Director and will be responsible for all day-to-day operations of the organization. Mr. Ikhata stated that a part-time General Counsel position will be created on a 20-hour per month basis to directly support the Regional Council and allow for Chief Counsel, Joann Africa, to focus on the internal legal needs of the organization. In addition, Mr. Ikhata stated that Basil Panas will be appointed Acting Chief Financial Officer as Wayne Moore will be retiring. Lastly, to align the functions of the Planning Departments more closely with the adopted goals of the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS, Mr. Ikhata stated that he will be redefining these departments and that the Deputy Executive Director for Planning and Programs position will remain vacant at this time. Mr. Ikhata stated that an updated organization chart was included in the Executive Director's Monthly Report.

California High-Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) Update

Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director, reported that the CHSRA Board of Directors announced its new Chief Executive Officer, Jeff Morales, a Senior Vice-President at Parsons Brinckerhoff and a former Director of the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), who had been involved in the HSR Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Business Plan and served as a consultant in support of the project.

In regard to the CHSRA MOU, Mr. Ikhata reported that all participating agencies have executed the MOU with the exception of Orange County Transportation Agency (OCTA) who is expected to sign by the end of June 2012, to allow submission of a prioritized project list for funding. Mr. Ikhata thanked Councilmembers Alan Wapner and Keith Millhouse for their leadership.

Transportation Bill

Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director, reported that a Press Conference will be held immediately following the Regional Council meeting to urge Congress to pass legislation before June 30, 2012, ensuring that revenues are available to fund vital transportation infrastructure projects for the region because 2.9 million jobs are in jeopardy.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS

Executive/Administration Committee (EAC) Report

1. Phase II: Southern California Economic Recovery & Job Creation Strategy

A motion was made (MacDonald) to authorize staff to develop Phase II of the Southern California Economic Recovery & Job Creation Strategy in partnership with member cities, counties, business leaders, organized labor, and other key stakeholders; and authorize the Executive Director to execute contracts with necessary professional service providers to assist staff in implementing the activities. Motion was SECONDED (Johnson) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

2. Proposed Amendment to Subsection 2.7.2 of SCAG's Conflict of Interest Policy

A motion was made (Mills) to retain the policy and approve that an exemption be made for the particular individual and that future exemptions will be brought to the Regional Council for approval. Motion was SECONDED (Stone) with one (1) OBJECTION (Viegas-Walker) and APPROVED by a MAJORITY VOTE.

3. Legal Services Contract

A motion was made (Stone) to approve the amendment to the PC Law Group contract for legal services to increase the contract amount by \$40,000 for Fiscal Year 2011-2012, for funding pertaining to the legal review of the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS and related Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR); and approve the renewal of the PC Law Group's contract for FY 2012-2013 in the total amount of \$100,000. Motion was SECONDED (Morehouse) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

4. Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: Contract No. 12-029-C1, Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) Safety Study

A motion was made (Lantz) to approve Contract No. 12-029-C1, with LSA Associates, Inc., in an amount not-to-exceed \$279,890, to conduct a study that will identify potential strategies to improve safety along PCH for all modes of travel. Motion was SECONDED (Robertson) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Scholarship Committee Report

5. SCAG Scholarship Program Final Award Nominees

Immediate Past President Pam O'Connor, Santa Monica, District 41, reported that this matter is being discussed after a clarification was requested at the May 3, 2012 Regional Council meeting regarding

the source of funds for the scholarship monetary awards and directed staff to provide a staff report that addresses funding for the program.

A motion was made (Lantz) to award the SCAG Scholarship to the final seven (7) nominees: Victoria Carrillo, Brawley (Imperial County); Daniel Sobajian, Los Angeles, and Mariam Kyarunts, Burbank (Los Angeles County); Samantha Trippy, Mission Viejo (Orange County); Gema Loera, Riverside (Riverside County); Jesus Flores, San Bernardino (San Bernardino County); and Tanner Shelton, Santa Paula (Ventura County). Motion was SECONDED (Morehouse) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Community, Economic and Human Development Committee (CEHD) Report

Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Subcommittee Report

Councilmember Paula Lantz, Pomona, District 38, asked Mark Butala, SCAG staff, to provide a report relating to the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Subcommittee/Appeals Board Update. Mr. Butala reported that the RHNA Appeals Period closed on May 29, 2012. He stated that thirteen (13) Appeals Requests were received from local jurisdictions: seven (7) from the Los Angeles County; four (4) from Ventura County; and one (1) each from Riverside and Orange Counties. Mr. Butala stated that the Appeals Requests totaled to 4,287 units and that any successful appeal will be proportionately reallocated to the rest of the region. Public Hearings on Appeals of the Draft RHNA will be scheduled for July 12 and 13, 2012. The Final RHNA Allocation Plan is anticipated for adoption by the Regional Council on October 4, 2012 and that local jurisdictions will have twelve (12) months from that period to complete the housing elements.

Councilmember Lantz reported that concerns were discussed at the CEHD meeting regarding the San Onofre Nuclear Power Plant as to the extent of its damage and the ramifications and implications of downtime. Councilmember Lantz reported that a suggestion was made to hold a Joint RC/Policy Committee meeting to allow for a presentation from the representatives of the Southern California Edison (SCE), California Independent System Operator (Cal-ISO) and other parties involved. Although a statement was issued clarifying information regarding the restarting of the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS), Councilmember Lisa Bartlett, Dana Point, TCA, stated that it would be beneficial to hear directly from the entities involved and receive updated information. Discussion ensued and comments were provided by Councilmember Keith Hanks, Azusa, District 33; Councilmember Deborah Robertson, Rialto, District 8; and Councilmember Kathryn McCullough, City of Lake Forest, representing OCCOG. Hasan Ikhrata, Executive Director, stated that the San Onofre facility is vital to providing electricity to a densely populated, high-consuming area like Southern California, with 20% of the region's electricity coming from nuclear plants. President Becerra stated that this matter will be discussed on July 5, 2012 to allow for current information to be presented and concerns to be addressed as this issue has a regional impact.

Energy and Environment Committee (EEC) Report

Councilmember Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro, District 1, reported that the EEC welcomed its new councilmembers; stated collaboration and partnership in regard to the President's creation of the subcommittees and appointment of its members.

Transportation Committee (TC) Report

Councilmember Alan Wapner, Ontario, SANBAG, reported that the TC recommended that the Regional Council authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, to release the Draft 2013 FTIP for public review and comment after the July 5, 2012 meeting.

Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC) Report

Councilmember Larry McCallon, Highland, District 7, reported that the LCMC recommended approval of Agenda Item Nos. 8 through 10 of the Consent Calendar; reiterated that the Legislative Update was distributed to the councilmembers as was an electronic copy of the RC Board Information packet containing congressional letters relating to pending transportation funding bill; national freight infrastructure program, etc.

CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made (Messina) to approve the Consent Calendar, Item Nos. 6 through 12, with the exception of Item No. 10 which was pulled by Councilmember Keith Hanks, Azusa, District 33, for separate discussion. Motion was SECONDED (Hofbauer) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

6. Minutes of the March 1, 2012 Meeting
7. Minutes of the May 3, 2012 Meeting
8. SCAG Memberships and Sponsorships of Annual Events: 1) San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG) General Assembly, June 14, 2012 at \$1,500; 2) Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) General Assembly, June 25, 2012 at \$1,500, 3) Southern California Energy Summit, October 4-5, 2012 at \$1,500, 4) Rail-Volution Conference, October 14-17, 2012 at \$1,600, 5) California Contract Cities Association (CCCA) Membership at \$3,000, and 6) California Connections Leadership Network (SCLN)/SCAG Partnership 2012 at \$10,000 for a total up to \$19,100
9. SB 1151 (Steinberg): Long Range Asset Management Plan / SB 1156 (Steinberg): Community Development & Housing Joint Powers Authority

Receive & File

11. Contracts/Purchase Orders and/or Amendments between \$5,000 - \$200,000
12. June 2012 State and Federal Legislative Update

Pulled Agenda Item No. 10

10. AB 1446 (Feuer): Los Angeles County Metropolitan Authority – Transactions and Use Tax

Councilmember Hanks, Azusa, District 33, asked Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich, Los Angeles County, to speak to the matter. Supervisor Antonovich provided clarification that Measure R will need to close funding gaps for the Foothill Extension to Claremont; Gold Line Eastside Extension to South El Monte; close the \$387M local funding gap of the Alameda Corridor East; Antelope Valley Line Upgrade for Metrolink; and the Green Line Extension to Norwalk Metro Station. Supervisor

Antonovich stated that this item is not due to expire until 2027; therefore, there is no urgency to vote on this matter and suggested to table Agenda Item No. 10. Discussion ensued and comments were provided by Councilmember Pam O'Connor, Santa Monica, District 41; Councilmember Gene Daniels, Paramount, District 24; Councilmember Barbara Messina, Alhambra, District 34; Councilmember Alan Wapner, Ontario, SANBAG; and Councilmember Deborah Robertson, Rialto, District 8.

A motion was made (Antonovich) to table Item No. 10 until further information is obtained. Motion was SECONDED (Hofbauer) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

INFORMATION ITEM

13. CFO Monthly Report

Basil Panas, Acting Chief Financial Officer, provided a brief report.

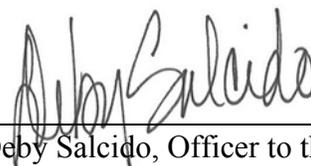
FUTURE AGENDA ITEM(S)

Councilmember Steven Hofbauer, Palmdale, District 43, commented regarding the possibility of allowing tele-conferencing and video-conference from the regional/satellite offices to expand participation of Policy Committee members at regular or special meetings to be consistent with the goals of the Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) and SB 375. Joann Africa, Chief Counsel, responded that this item will be forwarded to the LCMC for consideration and then a report will be provided to the Regional Council.

Randall Lewis, Ex-Officio Member, Lewis Operating Group, commented and stated support for the President's initiatives from the business community.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Regional Council meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m. in honor of the City of Palmdale Mayor Jim Ledford who is continuing to recover from a heart attack he suffered on May 27, 2012.



Deby Salcido, Officer to the Regional Council