

NO. 572
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2015

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. 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. Michael D. Antonovich		Los Angeles County
Hon. Alan Wapner	<i>Ontario</i>	SANBAG
Hon. Keith Millhouse		VCTC
Hon. Jan Harnik		RCTC
Hon. Jim Katapodis		OCTC
Hon. Greg Pettis	<i>Cathedral City</i>	District 2
Hon. Jim Hyatt	<i>Calimesa</i>	District 3
Hon. Clint Lorimore	<i>Eastvale</i>	District 4
Hon. Randon Lane	<i>Murrieta</i>	District 5
Hon. Frank Navarro	<i>Colton</i>	District 6
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. Mike Munzing	<i>Aliso Viejo</i>	District 12
Hon. Barbara Kogerman	<i>Laguna Hills</i>	District 13
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. Tri Ta	<i>Westminster</i>	District 20
Hon. Art Brown	<i>Buena Park</i>	District 21
Hon. Marty Simonoff	<i>Brea</i>	District 22
Hon. Victor Manalo	<i>Artesia</i>	District 23
Hon. Gene Daniels	<i>Paramount</i>	District 24
Hon. Sean Ashton	<i>Downey</i>	District 25

Members Present – continued

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
Hon. Carol Herrera	<i>Diamond Bar</i>	District 37
Hon. Sam Pedroza	<i>Claremont</i>	District 38
Hon. James Gazeley	<i>Lomita</i>	District 39
Hon. Pam O’Connor	<i>Santa Monica</i>	District 41
Hon. Steven Hofbauer	<i>Palmdale</i>	District 43
Hon. John Sibert	<i>Malibu</i>	District 44
Hon. Glen Becerra	<i>Simi Valley</i>	District 46
Hon. Felipe Fuentes	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 54
Hon. Joe Buscaino	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 62
Hon. Ryan McEachron	<i>Victorville</i>	District 65
Hon. Michael Wilson	<i>Indio</i>	District 66
Hon. Antonio Lopez	<i>San Fernando</i>	District 67
Hon. Rusty Bailey	<i>Riverside</i>	District 68
Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr	<i>Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians</i>	Tribal Government Rep.
Hon. Ross Chun	<i>Aliso Viejo</i>	TCA
Mr. Randall Lewis	<i>Lewis Group of Companies</i>	Ex-Officio Member

Members Not Present

Hon. Jack Terrazas		Imperial County
Hon. Mark Ridley-Thomas		Los Angeles County
Hon. Michelle Steel		Orange County
Hon. Chuck Washington		Riverside County
Hon. Curt Hagman		San Bernardino County
Hon. Linda Parks		Ventura County
Hon. Larry McCallon	<i>Highland</i>	District 7
Hon. Paul Eaton	<i>Montclair</i>	District 9
Hon. José Luis Solache	<i>Lynwood</i>	District 26
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. Jonathan Curtis	<i>La Cañada/Flintridge</i>	District 36
Hon. Judy Mitchell	<i>Rolling Hills Estates</i>	District 40
Hon. Jess Talamantes	<i>Burbank</i>	District 42
Hon. Carmen Ramirez	<i>Oxnard</i>	District 45
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



Members Not Present - continued

Hon. Paul Koretz	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 52
Hon. Nury Martinez	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 53
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. Karen Spiegel	<i>Corona</i>	District 63
Hon. Jeffrey Giba	<i>Moreno Valley</i>	District 69
Hon. Eric Garcetti	<i>Los Angeles</i>	(Member-at-Large)

Staff Present

Hasan Ikhmeta, Executive Director
 Debbie Dillon, Deputy Executive Director, Administration
 Joe Silvey, General Counsel
 Joann Africa, Chief Counsel
 Basil Panas, Chief Financial Officer
 Huasha Liu, Director, Land Use and Environmental Planning
 Darin Chidsey, Director, Strategy, Policy and Public Affairs
 Tess Rey-Chaput, Office of Regional Council Support
 Ed Rodriguez, Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Cheryl Viegas-Walker called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m. Councilmember Glen Becerra, Simi Valley, District 46, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Yvette Ollada, The Alliance for Solar Choice (TASC), provided an update and requested letters of support for Net Energy Metering, a program for customers who generate electricity using renewable energy sources to connect to the electric utility grid and to send electricity back to the grid at times when their generation exceeds their own use. The customer receives a credit for the “net excess generation” and may use these credits to offset their use of electricity supplied by the utility.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

To ensure a quorum is still present, President Viegas-Walker announced the Consent Calendar would be considered immediately before the Committee Reports.



STRATEGIC GROWTH COUNCIL (SGC) – UPDATE

President Viegas-Walker welcomed and introduced Randall Winston, Interim Executive Director, SGC. Mr. Winston provided information and update on SGC's Grant Program and Affordable Housing Sustainable Communities. Mr. Winston acknowledged the letter sent by SCAG and ensured continued collaboration and partnership, specifically the Affordable Housing Sustainable Communities (AHSC) allocation and program guidelines. Mr. Winston discussed the scoring in the greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions quantification; rural/urban transportation projects; levels of affordability; displacement strategies; green infrastructure; outreach and technical assistance; and alignment with sustainable agricultural land conservation program. In closing, Mr. Winston announced that SGC is currently revising the draft guidelines with its anticipated release in late September 2015 for public review and comment period followed by a series of focused workshops with its final release in late December 2015 or early next year.

On behalf of the Regional Council, President Viegas-Walker thanked Mr. Winston and presented him with a token of appreciation.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

2016-2040 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (2016 RTP/SCS) – Update

Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director, discussed the Policy Growth Forecast, which is a locally-informed growth scenario that maximizes the efficiency of transportation investments and other sustainability factors. Mr. Ikhata reported that SCAG sought input from local jurisdictions on the distribution of growth under this scenario at the neighborhood, or traffic analysis zone (TAZ) level. He explained the Policy Growth Forecast builds on input received—wherein 80 jurisdictions provided input. Although technical errors were found, Mr. Ikhata assured the Regional Council these errors will be corrected. SCAG staff will continue to work with local partners to incorporate all of the technical feedback provided by jurisdictions, specifically information on planned development projects and entitlements. Mr. Ikhata emphasized the main goals of the 2016 RTP/SCS.

Discussion ensued; comments and concerns were expressed regarding local jurisdiction's preferred scenario; SCAG's role in implementing state law regarding RHNA; suggestion to emphasize priorities with funding partners such as Metro, SANBAG and like agencies who are tasked to implement the Plan (Becerra, Munzing and Pedroza).

Cap-and-Trade Update

Mr. Ikhata provided an update on the changes to the Strategic Growth Council Guidelines and discussed issues the region must address including geographic distribution of Cap-and-Trade funds; modeling and data issues. He stated he will continue to inform the Regional Council of further updates.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Viegas-Walker thanked and congratulated Regional Councilmember Andrew Masiel, Sr., who will be stepping down as Tribal Government Representative to pursue a seat in the California State Assembly. Councilmember Masiel, Sr. made remarks. On behalf of SCAG and the Regional Council,



President Viegas-Walker presented him with a token of appreciation. Councilmember Masiel, Sr. will be formally recognized at the SCAG Regional Conference and General Assembly.

New Members and Committee Appointments

President Viegas-Walker congratulated and announced the following new members and committee appointments:

New Regional Councilmembers

Hon. Marqueece Harris-Dawson, Los Angeles, District 55

Hon. David Ryu, Los Angeles, District 51

Hon. Carol Herrera, Diamond Bar, District 37

Appointments to the Transportation Committee (TC)

Hon. Joe Buscaino, Los Angeles, District 62

Hon. Olivia Valentine, Hawthorne, SBCCOG

Hon. Lena Gonzalez, Long Beach, District 30

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

Hon. Stacy Berry, Cypress, OCCOG

Business Update

Randall Lewis, Lewis Group of Companies, stated he provides a summarized business update report in the SCAG region and shares information derived from business partners and publications at the Regional Council. He reported current conditions in the job market, economy, housing market and the industry.

Air Resources Board (ARB) – Update

No report was provided.

Sacramento Hearing – Update

President Viegas-Walker reported that she, along with Hasan Ikhtrata, appeared before the Assembly Transportation and Infrastructure Development Committee panel hearing that focused on Goods Movement in California and its vital role in the economy of the region. While there, President Viegas-Walker reiterated the partnership and collaboration; and emphasized the need to continue to build on the California Goods Movement Action Plan and continue to utilize the successful Trade Corridor Improvement Fund (TCIF) process from Proposition 1B to fund infrastructure projects.

Road User Charge Committee – Update

Councilmember Pam O'Connor, Santa Monica, District 41, stated that the California Road Charge Technical Advisory Committee was established in 2014 by Senate Bill 1077 which led to the formation of the California Road Usage Charge Pilot Program and tasked the Chair of the Commission, in consultation with the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) to convene a thirteen-member Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to study road usage charge alternatives to the gas tax, gather public comment, and make recommendations to CalSTA regarding the design of a road usage charge pilot program. She stated that while the TAC may also make recommendations on the criteria to be used to evaluate the pilot program, CalSTA is charged with implementing the pilot program and reporting its findings to the TAC, the Commission, and the appropriate policy and fiscal committees of the Legislature.

Next Meeting Date: October 8, 2015

President Viegas-Walker reminded the members of the next Regional Council and Policy Committees' meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 8, 2015.

DISCUSSION ITEMS1. Litigation Update – Amicus Support for the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG)

President Viegas-Walker introduced the item and Joann Africa, Chief Counsel, provided background information and reported that SCAG filed an amicus brief, along with other transportation agencies, in the SANDAG case pending before the California Supreme Court. The Court has yet to schedule a hearing date on the matter. Ms. Africa will continue to apprise the Regional Council of further developments.

2. Southern California Active Transportation Safety and Encouragement Campaign Update

President Viegas-Walker introduced the item and Huasha Liu, Director, Land Use and Environmental Planning, provided background information. Ms. Liu reported SCAG successfully applied to the statewide 2014 Active Transportation Program (ATP) call for projects for \$2,333,000 in Caltrans grant funding to coordinate the Southern California Active Transportation Safety and Encouragement Campaign. A PowerPoint presentation was shown to illustrate the campaign's focus on promoting roadway safety; supporting implementation of Open Streets & Temporary Events and active transportation trainings; and encouraging more walking and biking.

CONSENT CALENDAR**Approval Items**

3. Minutes of the July 2, 2015 Regional Council Meeting
4. Authorize Acceptance of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA); FY 2015 Regional Coastal Resilience Grants Program
5. Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: Contract No. 16-003-C1, Los Angeles and San Bernardino Inter-County Transit and Rail Connectivity Study
7. 2015 Investment Policy
8. SCAG Participation at the International Conferences in South Korea
9. Proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG), San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG)
10. SCAG Memberships and Sponsorships
11. AB 1250 (Bloom) Buses: Axel Weight

12. SB 25 (Roth) Local Government Finance: Property Tax Revenue Allocation: Vehicle License Fee Adjustments

Receive and File

13. September 2015 State and Federal Legislative Update

14. Purchase Orders \$5,000 but less than \$200,000; Contracts \$25,000 but less than \$200,000; and Amendments \$5,000 but less than \$75,000

15. 2015 Regional Council and Policy Committees Meeting Schedule

16. SCAG Sustainability Planning Grants Program - Monthly Update

17. Risk Management Awards

18. Cap-and-Trade Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: Affordable Housing & Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Program Update

19. CFO Monthly Report

PULLED AGENDA ITEM

6. 2016 Meeting Schedule of the Regional Council and Policy Committees

President Viegas-Walker noted the Executive/Administration Committee’s recommendation to move the October 6, 2016 meeting to September 29, 2016 to accommodate members to attend the League of California Cities Annual Conference.

A MOTION was made (Jahn) to approve the Consent Calendar with a modification on Agenda Item No. 6, related to the 2016 Meeting Schedule of the Regional Council and Policy Committees, to move the October 6, 2016 to September 29, 2016. Motion was SECONDED (Navarro) and passed by the following votes:

FOR: Ashton, Bailey, Brown, Choi, Chun, Clark, Finlay, Gazeley, Harnik, Herrera, Hwangbo, Hyatt, Jahn, Katapodis, Kogerman, Lopez, Lorimore, Manalo, Marquez, McEachron, Medina, Messina, Morehouse, Munzing, Murray, Nagel, Navarro, Nielsen, O’Connor, Pettis, Saleh, Sibert, Viegas-Walker, Wapner and Wilson (35).

AGAINST: None (0).

ABSTAIN: None (0).



COMMITTEE REPORTS

Transportation Committee

As Chair of the Transportation Committee, Councilmember Alan Wapner, SANBAG, reported that the committee met at Special Meetings in June, July and August and approved some elements in the 2016 RTP/SCS, including aviation; financial strategies; transit and passenger rail; and the highways and arterials guiding principles and framework.

Community, Economic, and Human Development (CEHD) Committee

As Chair of CEHD Committee, Councilmember Bill Jahn, Big Bear Lake, District 11, reported that the committee received an update on the 2016 RTP/SCS and the results of the review of the Policy Growth Forecast. He also reported that a presentation was made by Dowell Myers, Ph.D., Professor, USC Sol Price School of Public Policy, regarding “*Housing Tenure and Affordability for Millennials and Others: Trend 2000*,” and recommended to invite him to a future Regional Council to provide a similar presentation.

Energy and Environment Committee (EEC)

No report was provided.

Legislative, Communications and Memberships Committee (LCMC)

As Chair of the LCMC, Councilmember Pam O’Connor, Santa Monica, District 41, provided an update and noted the 2015 State and Federal Legislative Report provided to the members.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEM/S

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Viegas-Walker adjourned the Regional Council meeting at 1:45 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Regional Council is scheduled for Thursday, October 8, 2015, at the SCAG Los Angeles Office.