

NO. 542
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 6, 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 with video-conferencing from the San Diego Marriott Marquis & Marina Del Mar Conference Room, 333 West Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA 92101. Those RC members present from the San Diego location are noted below with an asterisk (*). There was no 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. 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. Shawn Nelson		Orange County
Hon. Gary Ovitt		San Bernardino County
Hon. Linda Parks		Ventura County
*Hon. Mary Craton	<i>Canyon Lake</i>	RCTC
*Hon. Alan Wapner	<i>Ontario</i>	SANBAG
Hon. Keith Millhouse	<i>Moorpark</i>	VCTC
*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. Ed Graham	<i>Chino Hills</i>	District 10
*Hon. Joel Lautenschleger	<i>Laguna Hills</i>	District 13
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. Bruce Barrows	<i>Cerritos</i>	District 23
Hon. Jim Morton	<i>Lynwood</i>	District 26
Hon. Dan Medina	<i>Gardena</i>	District 28
Hon. Steven Neal	<i>Long Beach</i>	District 29
*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. Steven Hofbauer	<i>Palmdale</i>	District 43
*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

Members Present - continued

Hon. Matthew Harper	<i>Huntington Beach</i>	District 64
*Hon. Lupe Ramos Watson	<i>Indio</i>	District 66
*Hon. Sylvia Ballin	<i>San Fernando</i>	District 67
*Hon. Lisa Bartlett	<i>Dana Point</i>	TCA

Members Not Present

Hon. Michael D. Antonovich		Los Angeles County
Hon. Jeff Stone		Riverside County
Hon. Jerry Amante	<i>Tustin</i>	OCTA
Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker	<i>El Centro</i>	District 1
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. Paul Eaton	<i>Montclair</i>	District 9
Hon. Bill Jahn	<i>Big Bear Lake</i>	District 11
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. John Nielsen	<i>Tustin</i>	District 17
Hon. Andy Quach	<i>Westminster</i>	District 20
Hon. Brett Murdock	<i>Brea</i>	District 22
Hon. Gene Daniels	<i>Paramount</i>	District 24
Hon. David Gafin	<i>Downey</i>	District 25
Hon. Frank Gurulé	<i>Cudahy</i>	District 27
Hon. James Johnson	<i>Long Beach</i>	District 30
Hon. Margaret E. Finlay	<i>Duarte</i>	District 35
Hon. Carol Herrera	<i>Diamond Bar</i>	District 37
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. 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. 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. Mitchell Englander	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 59
Hon. Bill Rosendahl	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 58
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
Mr. Randall Lewis, Ex-Officio		Lewis Operating Group

Staff Present

Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director
Sharon Neely, Chief Deputy Executive Director
Joann Africa, Chief Counsel
Joe Silvey, General 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
Sylvia Patsouras, Acting Director, Strategy, Policy 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 Glen Becerra, Simi Valley, District 46, called the meeting to order at approximately 12:20 p.m. Supervisor Gary Ovitt, San Bernardino County, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Becerra announced that the Regional Council did not obtain a quorum for this meeting as we do not have the required number of RC members present today at the Los Angeles office. He explained that in accordance with the Brown Act, the Regional Councilmembers participating by video-conference from San Diego cannot be counted towards the quorum as the San Diego location is outside of the SCAG region. Due to the lack of a quorum, President Becerra indicated the RC would meet today only for the purpose of hearing items of information. He also stated that all agenda items requiring action would not be acted upon by the RC today, and that staff is directed to schedule a special meeting of the Executive/Administration Committee (EAC) to review and approve agenda items that must be acted upon before the next regularly scheduled RC meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

President Glen Becerra, Simi Valley, District 46, opened the Public Comment Period.

Gloria Ohland, Move L.A., thanked the Regional Councilmembers for the development of the 2012-2035 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS); reported her media work around the RTP/SCS; commented regarding Measure J; and stated support for the implementation of the RTP/SCS.

Jerard Wright, Sierra Club Los Angeles Chapter, commented regarding the preliminary draft 2016-2040 RTP/SCS process as a very important piece and commented regarding funding and achieving near zero-emissions Goods Movement within the region.

Pauline Chow, Safe Routes to School National Partnership, commended the Regional Council for the creation of the new Subcommittees as part of the implementation of the 2012-2035 RTP/SCA; expressed enthusiasm in volunteering in the subcommittees; and invited the councilmembers to an event regarding the economics of bicycle and pedestrian development in the local and county levels to be held on September 27, 2012 at SCAG.

Kristin Eberhard, Natural Resources Defense Council, thanked the Regional Councilmembers for their efforts in the implementation of the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS.

President Becerra closed the Public Comment Period.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

There was no reprioritization of the agenda items.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director, thanked the Regional Councilmembers for allowing him to take a vacation and to participate in a two-day workshop to compare metropolitan development challenges and policy responses in the State of Sao Paulo, Brazil, in collaboration with the University of Southern California, Price School of Public Policy.

Mr. Ikhata introduced Joe Silvey, General Counsel, who will directly support the Regional Council and assist in external legal matters of the agency.

Mr. Ikhata noted that new Subcommittees' Work Plans and Charters have been provided to the Regional Councilmembers and that President Becerra will confirm appointments to these Subcommittees. In response to an inquiry regarding the cost of the implementation and execution of the functions of these Subcommittees, Mr. Ikhata stated that it is estimated to be \$123,000 for the duration of the six-month period, with approximately \$63,000 for staff time and \$51,000 for stipend costs.

Mr. Ikhata reported that the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) released the Draft 2012 Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP) for public review and comment on July 19, 2012. The Plan includes the required regional transportation strategy and control measures prepared by SCAG. AQMD will continue to accept comments on a revised Draft until the final hearing by the AQMD Governing Board scheduled for November 2, 2012.

Mr. Ikhata announced that Dr. Barry Wallerstein, AQMD Executive Director, is scheduled to give a presentation on the 2012 AQMP to the Regional Council on October 4, 2012.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Glen Becerra, Simi Valley, District 46, invited the Regional Councilmembers to the New Member Orientation scheduled for September 11, 2012, to learn more about SCAG's programs and initiatives.

President Becerra invited the Regional Councilmembers to Mobility 21's Transportation Summit on September 28, 2012 and announced that one of the highlights of the event includes a presentation of the "*Public Sector Leader of the Year Award*" to SCAG Immediate Past President Pam O'Connor for her work and leadership on the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS.

President Becerra announced that at the request of Councilmember Dennis Zine, Los Angeles, to have a forum and discussion regarding the impacts of compliance in the implementation of Assembly Bill (AB) 109 (Public Safety Realignment Act), the six-counties' regional Chief Executive Officers, District Attorneys, Probation Officers, and Sheriffs will be invited to attend the October 4, 2012 Regional Council meeting.

President Becerra indicated that on April 4, 2011, AB 109 was signed into law by Governor Jerry Brown and that the policy changes in the Act focus on alleviating overcrowding in the California State prisons and reducing the State's corrections budget. AB 109 went into effect October 1, 2011.

President Becerra noted that he sent a memo to the Regional Councilmembers providing an update regarding Subcommittee appointments along with a letter to our legislators regarding CEQA Modernization State Legislation and a fact sheet on SB 317 (Rubio).

PRESIDENT'S APPOINTMENTS

New Regional Councilmember

Hon. Sylvia Ballin, City of San Fernando, representing District 67

Representative to the EEC:

Hon. Diane Williams, Rancho Cucamonga, representing SANBAG

New Subcommittees

President Becerra provided information regarding preliminary appointments to the Subcommittees. He noted that County Alternates can vote if the County Member is unable to participate in the meeting and that ex-officio Members and ex-officio Alternates will not be able to vote.

President Becerra emphasized the importance of identifying cost-savings and mitigation for tax increases that will play an important role in the discussion of the Transportation Finance Subcommittee and that Councilmember Keith Hanks, Azusa, District 33, will forward recommendations to align to the official mission and goals of this subcommittee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS

Due to a lack of quorum, it was reported that the Executive/Administration Committee (EAC) and the Community, Economic and Human Development Committee (CEHD) took no action and there was nothing to report.

Hon. Margaret Clark, Rosemead, District 32, reported that the Energy and Environment Committee (EEC) also had no quorum but reviewed for information purposes only the Conformity Analysis for the 2013 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) and approval of the Final 2013 FTIP. She noted that no action was taken by the EEC but she understood that the 2013 FTIP would be acted on by the EAC before the next RC meeting.

Hon. Keith Millhouse, Moorpark, VCTC, reported that Transportation Committee (TC) also had no quorum but reviewed for information purposes the 2012 AQMP and the Preliminary Draft 2016 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) Milestone Schedule. In addition, he reported that the Pacific Electric Right-of-Way (PE ROW)/West Santa Ana Branch Corridor Alternatives Analysis (AA) Study recommendations will be deferred to the October 4, 2012 TC meeting. In regard to the new Subcommittees, Councilmember Millhouse expressed enthusiasm on those subcommittees that will report to the TC. He also announced the Mobility 21 Transportation Summit on September 28, 2012 at the Disneyland Hotel that will be participated by transportation leaders from all over Southern California.

Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC) Report

Hon. Larry McCallon, Highland, District 7, reported that at the August 21, 2012 LCMC meeting, the committee recommended approval of Agenda Item Nos. 7, 8, and 9. Due to a lack of a quorum of today's meeting, these items will be acted upon at a later date. He also noted the distribution of the Legislative Update and matrix with information regarding the November 6, 2012 statewide ballot measures.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Due to a lack of quorum, no action was taken on any agenda item on the Consent Calendar. Staff was directed to schedule a special meeting of the EAC to review items on the Consent Calendar that would require action before the next regularly scheduled RC meeting.

1. Minutes of the July 5, 2012 Meeting
2. Conformity Analysis for the 2013 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)
3. Approval of Final 2013 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)
4. Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: Contract No. 12-033-C1 – Integrated Transit and Land Use Planning for the Foothill Boulevard/5th Street Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Corridor
5. Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: Contract No. 12-043-C1 – On-Call Economic Advisory and Outreach Services
6. 2012 Investment Policy
7. Support of Cap-and-Trade Coalition Principles
8. AB 939 (Perez): Salton Sea Restoration; AB 1410 (Perez): Salton Sea Restoration
9. SCAG Memberships and Sponsorships

Receive & File

10. Contracts/Purchase Orders and/or Amendments between \$5,000 – \$200,000
11. September 2012 State and Federal Legislative Update

INFORMATION ITEMS

12. Draft Subcommittees Work Plans
13. Preliminary Draft 2016 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) Milestone Schedule
14. Litigation Update
15. CFO Monthly Report

Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director, provided an update regarding the reduction of the planning allocation budget for FY 2013 in the amount of \$1.3M and noted a budget amendment will be provided to the Regional Council at a future meeting.

Mr. Ikhata respectfully requested the Regional Councilmembers to respond to surveys sent by staff, either by email or phone call, regarding scheduling of meetings to allow for the efficient planning of meetings and to ensure a quorum.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEM(S)

Hon. Shawn Nelson, Orange County, asked to agendaize the progress of logging RC members' votes at a meeting and to provide options in the implementation of an electronic voting system. Mr. Ikhata responded that an update was provided at the July 5, 2012 Regional Council meeting and another update will be provided at the next RC meeting.

Hon. Keith Millhouse, Moorpark, VCTC, commented regarding the lack of a quorum at today's Regional Council and Policy Committees' meetings in excluding those councilmembers participating in San Diego—being outside of the SCAG region—and suggested to reach out to the legislators in Sacramento to update the Brown Act requirements considering the emerging technologies and advances in innovation of different systems such as media and video thus creating new efficiencies in attending these meetings.

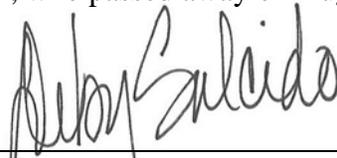
Hon. Dan Medina, Gardena, District 28, suggested that when polling for a survey in scheduling meetings, to set a firm date instead of providing several options of dates.

President Glen Becerra thanked the Regional Councilmembers in Los Angeles for attending the meeting and those present in San Diego for taking the time and making the videoconference worthwhile.

Hon. Gary Ovitt, San Bernardino County, introduced Christopher LeMarr, a resident of the City of Ontario and a Political Science student at UCLA, who provided brief complementary remarks.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Regional Council meeting adjourned at 1:03 p.m. in memory of the daughter of Hon. Paul Glaab, Laguna Niguel, District 12, who passed away on August 30, 2012.



Deby Salcido, Officer to the Regional Council