

NO. 553
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 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. Greg Pettis, President	<i>Cathedral City</i>	District 2
Hon. Carl Morehouse, 1 st Vice President	<i>San Buenaventura</i>	District 47
Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, 2 nd Vice President	<i>El Centro</i>	District 1
Hon. Glen Becerra, Immediate Past President	<i>Simi Valley</i>	District 46
Hon. Jack Terrazas		Imperial County
Hon. Shawn Nelson		Orange County
Hon. Jeff Stone		Riverside County
Hon. Gary Ovitt		San Bernardino County
Hon. Keith Millhouse	<i>Moorpark</i>	VCTC
Hon. Robert "Bob" Botts	<i>Banning</i>	RCTC
Hon. Alan Wapner	<i>Ontario</i>	SANBAG
Hon. Jim Hyatt	<i>Calimesa</i>	District 3
Hon. Jeff DeGrandpre	<i>Eastvale</i>	District 4
Hon. Jon Harrison	<i>Redlands</i>	District 6
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. Kathryn McCullough	<i>Lake Forest</i>	District 13
Hon. Leroy Mills	<i>Cypress</i>	District 18
Hon. Art Brown	<i>Buena Park</i>	District 21
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. 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
Hon. Margaret Clark	<i>Rosemead</i>	District 32
Hon. Barbara Messina	<i>Alhambra</i>	District 34

Members Present – continued

Hon. Margaret E. Finlay	<i>Duarte</i>	District 35
Hon. Donald Voss	<i>La Cañada/Flintridge</i>	District 36
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. Judy Mitchell	<i>Rolling Hills Estates</i>	District 40
Hon. Pam O’Connor	<i>Santa Monica</i>	District 41
Hon. Jess Talamantes	<i>Burbank</i>	District 42
Hon. Mark Rutherford	<i>Westlake Village</i>	District 44
Hon. Carmen Ramirez	<i>Oxnard</i>	District 45
Hon. Joe Buscaino	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 62
Hon. Karen Spiegel	<i>Corona</i>	District 63
Hon. Matthew Harper	<i>Huntington Beach</i>	District 64
Hon. Lupe Ramos Watson	<i>Indio</i>	District 66
Hon. Marsha McLean	<i>Santa Clarita</i>	District 67
Hon. Lisa Bartlett	<i>Dana Point</i>	TCA

Members Not Present

Hon. Michael D. Antonovich		Los Angeles County
Hon. Mark Ridley-Thomas		Los Angeles County
Hon. Linda Parks		Ventura County
Hon. Ronald Roberts	<i>Temecula</i>	District 5
Hon. Larry McCallon	<i>Highland</i>	District 7
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. John Nielsen	<i>Tustin</i>	District 17
Hon. Kris Murray	<i>Anaheim</i>	District 19
Hon. Tri Ta	<i>Westminster</i>	District 20
Hon. Mario Guerra	<i>Downey</i>	District 25
Hon. Gene Murabito	<i>Glendora</i>	District 33
Hon. Steven Hofbauer	<i>Palmdale</i>	District 43
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. Tom LaBonge	<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
Hon. Bernard C. Parks	<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

Members Not Present - continued

Hon. Mitch O'Farrell	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 60
Hon. José Huizar	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 61
Hon. Ryan McEachron	<i>Victorville</i>	District 65
Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.	<i>Pechanga Band of Luiseño</i>	Tribal Government Rep.
Hon. Eric Garcetti	<i>Los Angeles</i>	(At-Large)

Staff Present

Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director
 Sharon A. Neely, Chief Deputy Executive Director
 Joe Silvey, General Counsel
 Joann Africa, Chief Counsel
 Basil Panas, Chief Financial Officer
 Debbie Dillon, Deputy Executive Director of Administration
 Rich Macias, Director of Transportation Planning
 Huasha Liu, Director of Land Use & Environmental Planning
 Darin Chidsey, Acting 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 Greg Pettis called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m. Supervisor Shawn Nelson, Orange County, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

President Pettis announced that there was no Public Comment card received.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

There was no reprioritization of agenda items.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director, stated that SCAG is a member of the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) and that he attended the recent Annual Conference held in Santa Monica, CA. He reported that there were successful discussions of common goals in working with Congress on MAP-22 and a tour of the ports was arranged to demonstrate the high priority needed for federal freight funding. Mr. Ikhata thanked the Los Angeles City Councilmembers and Port of L.A. Executive Director Geraldine Knatz for being gracious hosts. Mr. Ikhata announced that Councilmember Pam O'Connor, the California representative to the NARC Board, will be attending the October 4, 2013 NARC Board of Directors Retreat along with President Greg Pettis.

In light of the recent government shutdown, Mr. Ikhata reported that SCAG received assurance from Caltrans that there will be no interruption to SCAG's FY 14 federal funding and that he will continue to inform the Regional Council should there be changes to the Agency's current funding situation.

As previously reported at the September 12, 2013 Regional Council meeting, Mr. Ikhata noted that SB 751 (Yee), recently made into law, will require public agency boards to publicly report the individual vote or abstention of each member present for actions made in open sessions. To comply with SB 751, Mr. Ikhata stated that effective with the January 2, 2014 meeting, staff will implement use of an interim manual system of tracking members who have left the meeting room during the course of the meeting to accurately reflect who were present and voted “Yes, No, or Abstention” on an agenda item. This interim system will be implemented for all meetings subject to the Brown Act, including meetings of the Regional Council and the Policy Committees. SCAG staff is also exploring a cost effective and accurate electronic voting system for the future to comply with the new law.

Mr. Ikhata provided an update on the draft AB 32 Scoping Plan Update and noted the inclusion of a recommendation for transportation and land use sectors to “support regional planning, local leadership and implementation of adopted SCSs to ensure that GHG reductions are achieved.”

Mr. Ikhata reported that FTA/FHWA recently issued proposed rulemaking on Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs)—such as SCAG—needing to have specific designated representatives of public transit providers on MPO Boards. SCAG will prepare a comment letter by the October 30th deadline regarding the proposed rulemaking and consult with transit providers.

Lastly, Mr. Ikhata reminded the Regional Council that there will be no December 2013 meeting and invited them to attend the 4th Annual Economic Summit to be held on Thursday, December 5, 2013 at the Omni Los Angeles Hotel, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

President Pettis introduced and welcomed Gail Koretz, External Affairs Liaison, Office of Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti. Ms. Koretz noted that while Mayor Garcetti was unable to attend today’s Regional Council meeting, she stated that he is looking forward to working and having a strong partnership with SCAG.

President Pettis announced that he recently attended the National League of Cities’ 21st Annual Leadership Summit in Savannah, Georgia.

President Pettis also announced that beginning next month’s Regional Council meeting, future agendas will include Conflict-of-Interest cover sheets for approval items relating to contracts.

Committee Appointments

Re-appointment to the Transportation Committee (TC)

Hon. David Spence, City of La Cañada-Flintridge, Arroyo Verdugo Cities

Appointment to the Energy and Environment Committee (EEC)

Hon. Laura Friedman, Glendale, Arroyo Verdugo Cities

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

Hon. Robert “Bob” S. Joe, City of South Pasadena, Arroyo Verdugo Cities

California Air Resources Board (ARB) Update

As an ARB Board Member, representing the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD), Councilmember Judy Mitchell, Rolling Hills Estates, District 40, reported that due to the passage of AB 118 (Núñez), additional funding was made available for the Clean Vehicle Rebate Project (CVRP) with federal and state rebates. She also reported that additional funding is available for the purchase of hybrid trucks and buses through the Hybrid and Zero-Emission Truck and Bus Voucher Incentive Project. Councilmember Mitchell noted that she strongly supported the effort to assist in funding of small businesses and single-owner truck operators.

Councilmember Mitchell announced the upcoming Public Workshop on the Draft 2013 AB 32 Scoping Plan Update to be held on October 15, 2013 in Sacramento followed by the ARB Board meeting on October 24 – 25, 2013 to hear from all stakeholders and provide further direction on revisions to the discussion draft presentation. The ARB Board anticipates considering approval of the Update in the spring of 2014.

Business Update

Randall Lewis, Lewis Group of Companies, reported that at the recent Global Land Use and Economic (GLUE) Council meeting, there were discussions on continued collaboration with SCAG on meaningful CEQA reform; update on the 2016 RTP/SCS; and it was suggested to include discussion topics related to “energy and healthcare” for the upcoming 4th Annual Economic Summit.

Presidents’ Council Update

President Pettis reported that the President’s Council, comprised of Supervisors Michael Antonovich and Gary Ovitt; SCAG Past Presidents Glen Becerra; Pam O’Connor; Larry McCallon; and Ron Roberts, held its first meeting on October 1, 2013. There were discussions and updates relating to the Strategic Plan, district evaluation process, and clarification of issues related to “Ex-officio” members of SCAG Policy Committees.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS

Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)

1. Regional Council District Evaluation Process and Recommendations

As Vice-Chair of the District Evaluation Subcommittee, Councilmember Leroy Mills, Cypress, District 18, provided a brief update regarding the work of the Subcommittee and reported that the Subcommittee would not be presenting its recommendations at this time in order to allow for further discussions on pending matters. The recommendations of the Subcommittee are intended to be presented to the Regional Council next month.

Transportation Committee (TC) Report

2. Proposed 2015 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Guidelines

As Chair of the TC, Councilmember Keith Millhouse, Moorpark, VCTC, provided background information on the proposed 2015 FTIP Guidelines that would be used by County Transportation Commissions (CTCs) to develop and submit its county Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs) for inclusion into SCAG's FTIP.

A motion was made (Ovitt) to approve the proposed 2015 FTIP Guidelines. Motion was SECONDED (O'Connor) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Community, Economic and Human Development (CEHD) Committee Report

3. 2016-2040 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) Plan Update: Principles for Subregional Delegation

As Chair of the CEHD Committee, Councilmember Margaret E. Finlay, Duarte, District 35, reported that the Committee reviewed and recommended approval of the proposed Principles for Subregional Delegation. These Principles will serve as the basis for the Subregional SCS Framework and Guidelines.

A motion was made (Jahn) to approve the proposed Principles for Subregional Delegation. Motion was SECONDED (Robertson) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Energy and Environment Committee (EEC)

As Chair of the EEC, Councilmember James Johnson, Long Beach, District 30, reported that the committee had a discussion regarding the California Water Plan Update, developed by the Department of Water Resources, containing various elements of water policies in California including the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP).

Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC)

As Chair of the LCMC, Councilmember Pam O'Connor, Santa Monica, District 41, reported that the committee had further discussions on SCAG's position relating to SB 731 (Steinberg) and recommended that SCAG retain its "Work with Author" position. Councilmember O'Connor also reported that the 2013-2014 "Your Guide to SCAG," one of the agency's key outreach publications, will be available at the November 7, 2013 Regional Council meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval Items

4. Minutes of the September 12, 2013 Meeting

5. SCAG Sponsorship

A motion was made (Barrows) to approve Agenda Item Nos. 4 and 5. Motion was SECONDED (Spiegel) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Receive & File

6. October 2013 State and Federal Legislative Update
7. 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
8. FY 2014-2015 Comprehensive Budget Development Schedule
9. CFO Monthly Report
10. 2013 Regional Council and Policy Committees Meeting Schedule
11. 2014 Regional Council and Policy Committees Meeting Schedule

Agenda Item Nos. 6 through 11 were received and filed.

ANNOUNCEMENT/S

President Pettis announced that Councilmember Leslie Daigle, Newport Beach, District 15, is recuperating after a bicycle accident and that a flower arrangement had been sent to her on behalf of the Regional Council.

President Pettis announced and congratulated Hasan Ikhtrata, Executive Director, for being the recipient of the "Leader of the Year" Award from the Southern California Leadership Network (SCLN), and noted that Hasan receive the award in December 2013.

President Pettis announced the City of Needles 100th Year of Centennial Celebration will be held on October 4 – 5, 2013.

It was also announced that the Regional Council and Policy Committees' 2014 Meeting Schedule will be included in each of the Policy Committee agendas.

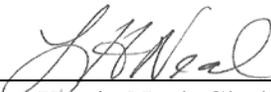
Councilmember Joe Buscaino, Los Angeles, District 62, announced the Cirque Du Soleil will be performing at the Port of Los Angeles in San Pedro, CA, beginning on October 11, 2013.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEM/S

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Regional Council meeting adjourned at approximately 12:58 p.m.



Lillian Harris-Neal, Clerk of the Board