

NO. 554
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 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: <http://www.scag.ca.gov/NewsAndMedia/Pages/SCAGTV.aspx>

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. Linda Parks		Ventura County
Hon. Keith Millhouse	<i>Moorpark</i>	VCTC
Hon. Adam Rush	<i>Eastvale</i>	RCTC
Hon. Jim Hyatt	<i>Calimesa</i>	District 3
Hon. Jeff DeGrandpre	<i>Eastvale</i>	District 4
Hon. Ronald Roberts	<i>Temecula</i>	District 5
Hon. Deborah Robertson	<i>Rialto</i>	District 8
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. 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. 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. Mario Guerra	<i>Downey</i>	District 25
Hon. Jim Morton	<i>Lynwood</i>	District 26
Hon. Dan Medina	<i>Gardena</i>	District 28
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. Gene Murabito	<i>Glendora</i>	District 33
Hon. Barbara Messina	<i>Alhambra</i>	District 34
Hon. Margaret E. Finlay	<i>Duarte</i>	District 35

Members Present – continued

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. Steven Hofbauer	<i>Palmdale</i>	District 43
Hon. Mark Rutherford	<i>Westlake Village</i>	District 44
Hon. Mitch O’Farrell	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 60
Hon. Matthew Harper	<i>Huntington Beach</i>	District 64
Hon. Marsha McLean	<i>Santa Clarita</i>	District 67

Members Not Present

Hon. Michael D. Antonovich		Los Angeles County
Hon. Mark Ridley-Thomas		Los Angeles County
Hon. Shawn Nelson		Orange County
Hon. Jeff Stone		Riverside County
Hon. Gary Ovitt		San Bernardino County
Hon. Alan Wapner	<i>Ontario</i>	SANBAG
Hon. Jon Harrison	<i>Redlands</i>	District 6
Hon. Larry McCallon	<i>Highland</i>	District 7
Hon. Paul Eaton	<i>Montclair</i>	District 9
Hon. Kathryn McCullough	<i>Lake Forest</i>	District 13
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. Steven Neal	<i>Long Beach</i>	District 29
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. 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
Hon. José Huizar	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 61
Hon. Joe Buscaino	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 62
Hon. Karen Spiegel	<i>Corona</i>	District 63
Hon. Ryan McEachron	<i>Victorville</i>	District 65
Hon. Lupe Ramos Watson	<i>Indio</i>	District 66

Members Not Present - continued

Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.	<i>Pechanga Band of Luiseño</i>	Tribal Government Rep.
Hon. Lisa Bartlett	<i>Dana Point</i>	TCA
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
 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. Hon. Mario Guerra, Downey, District 25, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

President Pettis announced that there was one (1) Public Comment relating to Agenda Item No. 2, from Hon. Jesse Avila, City of San Fernando, who asked to speak when this item is addressed.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

President Pettis announced that Agenda Item No. 5, relating to the “University Partnership & Workforce Development,” will be deferred until the January 2, 2014 Regional Council meeting.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director, reported that the 73 grant applicants under the Sustainability Call-for-Proposals have been notified and applications will be funded. Based on currently identified and available funding, he stated that SCAG is proceeding to obligate \$5.39 million worth of projects, representing the top 44 ranked proposals while actively seeking additional federal, state, and other funding in order to proceed with the remaining Phase 3 projects.

Mr. Ikhata also reported that SCAG has updated its website which will be launched at midnight on November 7, 2013. He thanked the efforts of those who assisted in the development of the new website.

Mr. Ikhata also reported that the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Panel on the 21st Century Freight Transportation released its final report and recommendations to improve the efficiency of goods movement and strengthen the nation’s economy. Mr. Ikhata stated that this is the panel where he provided testimony in San Bernardino. He noted that their recommendations were consistent with Board-

adopted freight legislative goals and thanked Sharon A. Neely, Chief Deputy Executive Director, for her efforts.

Mr. Ikhata provided an update on SCAG's comment letter regarding the proposed policy guidance from FTA/FHWA relating to transit representation on SCAG's Regional Council. Mr. Ikhata stated that he will report back as soon as FTA issues its final guidance.

Mr. Ikhata reported that there were recent media articles circulating regarding the proposed Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) user fee in the adopted 2012 RTP/SCS. He stated that these articles, copies included in the RC Board Information Packet, led to several interviews and discussions on necessitating a sustainable dedicated source of funding to maintain the transportation system in a state of good repair. He noted that the State of Oregon is participating in the mileage fee concept and road user fee pilot program and that a final report is forthcoming.

He also reported that he attended the MPO Executive Directors' meeting in Sacramento to meet with Secretary of Transportation Brian Kelly and Senator President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg to discuss partnership with the state on the implementation of the Sustainable Communities Strategy.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Pettis announced the departure of Hon. Jim Morton, City of Lynwood, representing RC District 26, and Hon. Robert "Bob" Botts, City of Banning, representing RCTC. President Pettis presented them with a Plaque of Appreciation and invited them to the 2014 Regional Conference and General Assembly for a formal recognition.

President Pettis noted the Los Angeles/Orange County Jobs and Labor Summit update is in the Monthly President's Report.

President Pettis announced that several Regional Councilmembers will be visiting the Calexico/Mexicali Port of Entry, on November 8, 2013, to observe the goods movement to and from the border. He thanked 2nd Vice President Cheryl Viegas-Walker for organizing the tour.

Lastly, President Pettis announced that there will be no Regional Council meeting in December and invited the elected officials, city managers, and community/economic development directors to the upcoming 4th Annual Economic Summit scheduled for December 5, 2013, at the Omni Hotel, Downtown Los Angeles.

New Regional Councilmember

Hon. Adam Rush, Eastvale, representing RCTC

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

Hon. Ray Torres, representing Torres Martinez Band of Cahuilla Indians

Appointment to the Energy and Environment Committee (EEC)

Hon. Geneva Mojado, representing Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians

Appointments to the Transportation Committee (TC)

Hon. Catalina Chacon, representing Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians

Hon. Adam Rush, Eastvale, representing RCTC

Appointment to the Legislative/Communications and Memberships Committee (LCMC)

Hon. Adam Rush, Eastvale, representing RCTC

Appointment to the Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)

Hon. Deborah Robertson, Rialto, District 8

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 at the recent ARB Board meeting, there were discussions relating to the Draft 2013 AB 32 Scoping Plan Update with consideration for approval in the spring of 2014; implementation of the Truck and Bus Regulation by January 2014; cap-and-trade; and 'Advanced Clean Cars Program.' Lastly, she reported that there was a minor modification to the zero-emission vehicle regulation.

Business Update

In the absence of Randall Lewis, Lewis Group of Companies, President Pettis announced that the Global Land Use and Economic (GLUE) Council meeting is scheduled for November 11, 2013 to discuss the upcoming 4th Annual Economic Summit.

Presidents' Council Update

President Pettis reported that the Presidents' Council met on October 31, 2013 with discussions relating to: the District Evaluation process (Agenda Item No. 2); support for the ex-officio member appointment to SCAG Policy Committees (Agenda Item No. 8); and recommendations relating to the SCAG Bylaws.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS**Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)****1. Waiver of Fiscal Year (FY) 2012-13 and 2013-14 Membership Dues for the City of San Bernardino**

A motion was made (Millhouse) to waive the City of San Bernardino's FY 2012-13 and 2013-14 membership dues amounting to \$36,399. Motion was SECONDED (Morehouse) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

2. Regional Council District Evaluation Process and Recommendations

As Vice Chair of the District Evaluation Subcommittee, Councilmember Leroy Mills, Cypress, District 18, reported that the Subcommittee concluded its review and recommended the following: 1) the approval of the proposed changes by the Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG) which would result in the addition of two (2) additional RC Districts; and 2) maintain the current composition of RC District No. 67 which is comprised of the cities of Santa Clarita and San Fernando; and not approve the proposal by the City of Santa Clarita to be its own single-city RC District.

Hon. Jesse Avila, Councilman from the City of San Fernando, commented that the City of San Fernando is in support of the recommendations by the District Evaluation Subcommittee.

Councilmember Marsha McLean, Santa Clarita, District 67, commented that the City of Santa Clarita should be its own single-city RC District on the basis of its growing population and its geographic community of interest. She requested that the Regional Council look into the matter in the future for further review and examination.

A motion was made (McLean) to: 1) approve the District Evaluation Subcommittee recommendations regarding the proposed changes by WRCOG and; 2) continue to examine and review the proposal by the City of Santa Clarita to be its own single-city RC District within the time period of two (2) years. Motion was SECONDED (Hofbauer).

Discussion ensued and questions/comments were made by Regional Council members regarding how the Subcommittee explored other options and review of placing San Fernando in another RC District; the frequency of the evaluation of RC Districts per the SCAG Bylaws; necessity for collaboration of cities within the RC Districts; and identifying the challenges and limitations of working within the districts (Finlay, Morehouse, Robertson, Hofbauer, Talamantes, Clark, Becerra, and Millhouse).

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was made (Mills) to approve the recommendations by the District Evaluation Subcommittee. Motion was SECONDED (Morehouse) and approved by a MAJORITY VOTE with four (4) IN OPPOSITION (McLean, Clark, Herrera, L. Parks).

3. 2013 Update to the SCAG Strategic Plan

President Pettis thanked the Strategic Plan Committee, chaired by Sup. Gary Ovitt, for their efforts.

A motion was made (O'Connor) to approve the changes to the 2009 SCAG Strategic Plan to be incorporated into the SCAG Regional Council Policy Manual. Motion was SECONDED (Rutherford) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

4. Amendment 2 of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2013-14 Overall Work Program (OWP)

A motion was made (Pettis) to adopt Resolution No. 13-554-1 approving Amendment 2 to the FY 2013-14 OWP and authorizing the Executive Director to submit the necessary administrative documentation to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans). Motion was SECONDED (Mills) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

5. University Partnership & Workforce Development

President Pettis announced that this item will be deferred until the January 2, 2014 Regional Council meeting.

6. SCAG Classification Salary Range Adjustments

Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director, introduced the item and reported on the Executive/Administration Committee (EAC) recommendations.

Debbie Dillon, Deputy Executive Director of Administration, responded to questions relating to the twelve (12) RC-approved comparison agencies; when the last time ranges were adjusted; background related to the salary survey methodology and results; benchmark results; and how the total costs of adjustments, if approved, are included within the FY 13-14 budget.

Questions/comments were made by Regional Council members regarding the surveyed agencies; cities who have had to layoff or place employees on furlough; the percentage of the salary range adjustments; suggestion to present the item to the Regional Council on a regular basis; the 75% benchmark against the marketplace; and consideration to compare jobs with that of the private sectors (Rutherford, Lantz, Clark, Choi, Mitchell, Viegas-Walker, Messina, DeGrandpre, Finlay; Munzing; Graham; and L. Parks).

A motion was made (Pettis) to approve the salary range adjustments for SCAG classifications pursuant to the SCAG Strategic Plan, Regional Council-adopted Compensation Philosophy, CalPERS requirements and SCAG Bylaws. Motion was SECONDED (Finlay) and approved by a MAJORITY VOTE with seven (7) IN OPPOSITION (Harper, Lantz, Choi, Munzing, Clark, Johnson, and Francis).

7. SCAG's Compliance with SB 751 (Yee): Meetings – Publication of Actions Taken

There were no discussions on this item.

Transportation Committee (TC) Report

As Chair of the TC, Councilmember Keith Millhouse, Moorpark, VCTC, reported that California High-Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) provided a presentation and update at the TC meeting.

Community, Economic and Human Development (CEHD) Committee Report

As Chair of the CEHD Committee, Councilmember Margaret E. Finlay, Duarte, District 35, reported that the committee will be recommending for approval of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Housing Element Reform Subcommittee Charter at the January 2, 2014 Regional Council meeting.

Energy and Environment Committee (EEC)

8. Approval of Ex-officio Member Appointment to EEC

As Chair of the EEC, Councilmember James Johnson, Long Beach, District 30, stated that with the support of the Presidents Council, the EEC recommended that the Regional Council approve the ex-officio member appointment to the EEC.

A motion was made (Johnson) that the Regional Council approve the appointment of Steve Schuyler as an Ex-Officio Member of EEC for a one (1) year term with the option for the current SCAG President to renew the appointment. Motion was SECONDED (Harper) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC)

As Chair of the LCMC, Councilmember Pam O'Connor, Santa Monica, District 41, noted that Agenda Item No. 14, related to the "November 2013 State and Federal Legislative Update," has been distributed. She reported that the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee's Panel on 21st Century Freight Transportation released its final report and bi-partisan recommendations to improve efficiency on goods movement.

CONSENT CALENDAR

President Pettis noted that the Conflict-of-Interest Declaration Form, related to Agenda Item No. 11, has been distributed for RC members who may be restricted from participating on matters involving contracts or amendments that require RC approval.

Approval Items

9. Minutes of the October 3, 2013 Meeting
10. Amendment to the Minutes of the June 6, 2013 Regional Council Meeting
11. Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: Contract No. 13-038-C1 and C2, Enterprise Records Management Program Consulting

A motion was made (Jahn) to approve Agenda Item Nos. 9 through 11. Motion was SECONDED (O'Connor) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Receive & File

12. 2013 Regional Council and Policy Committees Meeting Schedule
13. 2014 Regional Council and Policy Committees Meeting Schedule
14. November 2013 State and Federal Legislative Update
15. CFO Monthly Report
16. SCAG Comments on Proposed Federal Policy Guidance on Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Representation of Transit Providers
17. 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
18. Panel Discussion Regarding Climate Change
19. Plan First Update - Discussion Draft for Public Review and Comment

Agenda Item Nos. 12 through 19 were received and filed.

ANNOUNCEMENT/S

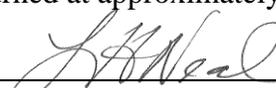
President Pettis announced that the 4th Annual Economic Recovery and Job Creation Summit is scheduled for December 5, 2013, at the Omni Hotel, Downtown Los Angeles.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEM/S

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Regional Council meeting adjourned at approximately 1:35 p.m.



Lillian Harris-Neal, Clerk of the Board