

NO. 551
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
AUGUST 1, 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. Michael D. Antonovich		Los Angeles County
Hon. Shawn Nelson		Orange County
Hon. Gary Ovitt		San Bernardino County
Hon. Jeff Stone		Riverside County
Hon. Jack Terrazas		Imperial County
Hon. Linda Parks		Ventura 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. Ronald Roberts	<i>Temecula</i>	District 5
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. 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. 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. Leroy Mills	<i>Cypress</i>	District 18
Hon. Kris Murray	<i>Anaheim</i>	District 19
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

Members Present - continued

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. Gene Murabito	<i>Glendora</i>	District 33
Hon. Barbara Messina	<i>Alhambra</i>	District 34
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. Carmen Ramirez	<i>Oxnard</i>	District 45
Hon. Mike Bonin	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 58
Hon. Karen Spiegel	<i>Corona</i>	District 63
Hon. Ryan McEachron	<i>Victorville</i>	District 65
Hon. Marsha McLean	<i>Santa Clarita</i>	District 67
Hon. Lisa Bartlett	<i>Dana Point</i>	TCA
Mr. Randall Lewis	<i>Lewis Group of Companies</i>	(Ex-Officio)

Members Not Present

Hon. Mark Ridley-Thomas		Los Angeles County
Hon. Jon Harrison	<i>Redlands</i>	District 6
Hon. Tri Ta	<i>Westminster</i>	District 20
Hon. Mario Guerra	<i>Downey</i>	District 25
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. 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. 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

Members Not Present - continued

Hon. Joe Buscaino	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 62
Hon. Matthew Harper	<i>Huntington Beach</i>	District 64
Hon. Lupe Ramos Watson	<i>Indio</i>	District 66
Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.	<i>Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians</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 approximately 12:17 p.m. Hon. Gene Daniels, Paramount, District 24, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

President Pettis opened the Public Comment period.

Arnold Sachs, resident of Lennox, expressed concerns regarding the elimination of public parking in Los Angeles County transit-oriented development (TOD) areas that are not designed to access public transportation and does not incorporate features to encourage transit ridership. Mr. Sachs also commented regarding the Call for Projects; electric vehicles; airport connectivity; and loss of redevelopment funding.

Cathleen Kiritz, The Grantsmanship Center, Inc. (TGCI), announced that TGCI and SCAG are co-hosting an “Essential Grants Skills Training” Workshop to be held on August 21-22, 2013. Ms. Kiritz encouraged participants to register online: www.tgci.com and to indicate SCAG member affiliation to receive a 10% discount.

President Pettis closed the Public Comment period.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

There was no reprioritization of the agenda.

BAY DELTA CONSERVATION PLAN (BDCP)

President Pettis introduced Dr. Jerry Meral, Deputy Secretary, California Natural Resources Agency. Dr. Meral stated that the California's water system rests in the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta (Delta), located east of the San Francisco Bay. He reported that a team of federal and state water experts, scientists, and public water agencies have worked for years to address the Delta's water reliability, source and supply. While the future of reliable, high-quality water supplies for Californians depends upon a healthy Delta ecosystem, he stated that much-needed upgrades to the Delta's water delivery infrastructure is critical as the Delta has been stretched to a breaking point. Dr. Meral stated that the resulting BDCP—a conservation plan with co-equal goals—will balance the needs of fish and wildlife with California's human and economic needs. In conclusion, Dr. Meral announced that the Draft Plan's formal release and public comment will be in early fall 2013 with adoption scheduled for spring 2014.

Discussion ensued regarding support of the plan; seismically-engineered tunnel plans; costs of investment and cost to ratepayers; language revision in the water bond; and significance of the Colorado River to California (Johnson, Parks, Murray, McLean, Medina, Daigle and Viegas-Walker).

On behalf of the Regional Council, President Pettis thanked Dr. Jerry Meral for his presentation and presented him with a token of appreciation.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Recognition of former Regional Councilmembers Ed P. Reyes and Dennis Zine

Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director, announced the departing City of Los Angeles Councilmembers Ed Reyes and Dennis Zine, who were both in the Regional Council and SCAG Policy Committees. President Pettis presented them with a Plaque of Appreciation and invited them to the 2014 Regional Conference and General Assembly for a formal recognition.

Recognition of Retiring SCAG Staff Rosemary Ayala

Mr. Ikhata announced the retirement of Rosemary Ayala, Manager of Federal Transportation Improvement Program Development, who has been employed at SCAG for over 32 years. President Pettis presented Ms. Ayala with a Plaque of Recognition for her service and dedication.

'Buy America' Update

Mr. Ikhata reported that SCAG held a 'Buy America' Executive Officers meeting on July 8, 2013, to discuss the issues surrounding the compliance requirements related to 'Buy America' and Federal requirements concerning utility relocation work on Federal-aid projects. He reported that transportation projects that undergo the federal environmental review process are now required to comply with 'Buy America' requirements for all utility relocations, thus threatening the delay of over \$6 billion worth of transportation projects in Southern California. Mr. Ikhata stated that the FHWA is providing utility companies a deadline extension through December 31, 2013, to take the necessary steps to ensure compliance. He will continue to update the Regional Council of further developments.

Mr. Ikhata reported that he, along with the Executive Directors of the large MPOs, attended a meeting in Sacramento, urging the California Air Resources Board (ARB) Executive staff to retain existing targets of SB 375 for 2020 and 2035.

Mr. Ikhata also reported that he, along with SCAG's Executive Team, attended the Imperial County's City Managers' meeting on July 10, 2013. He thanked SCAG 2nd Vice President Cheryl Viegas-Walker; Imperial County Supervisor Jack Terrazas; Calexico Mayor Bill Hodge; and Brawley Councilmember Don Campbell for participating in the meeting and for being gracious hosts. A future border infrastructure tour will be planned.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Pettis noted that the President's Monthly Report has been distributed to the Regional Council members.

President Pettis congratulated Corine Milner, SCAG employee, for 25 years of service and dedication.

President Pettis welcomed two (2) student interns from Long Beach City High School, Marina Rowen and Estephania Gallo, who are shadowing Councilmember James Johnson, Long Beach, District 30, to observe the meetings today.

He also welcomed City of Holtville Councilmembers James Predmore and Ginger Ward; and Planning Commissioner Georgina Camacho, who are in the audience today.

In regard to the fitness challenge with the Executive Director, President Pettis announced that a combined 39-pound weight loss has been achieved since May 2013.

President Pettis announced Governor Brown's recent appointment of Hon. Judy Mitchell, Rolling Hills Estates, District 40, to the Air Resources Board. Councilmember Mitchell made remarks.

Business Update

Randall Lewis, Lewis Group of Companies, reported that the Global Land Use Economic (GLUE) Council met on July 15, 2013 with discussions related to AB 32 Scoping Plan; various legislative bills; and the goal to have an educated workforce. Mr. Lewis expressed support for the upcoming SCAG Economic Summit in December 2013.

Lastly, President Pettis introduced Melaina Francis, Regional Risk Manager, California Joint Powers Insurance Authority (CJPIA). Ms. Francis presented a Plaque of Recognition to SCAG for being an award recipient in the CPJIA's 2013 Best Overall Performance in the Workers' Compensation Program category.

Committee Appointments

New Regional Councilmembers

Hon. Mike Bonin, Los Angeles, District 58

Hon. Bob Blumenfield, Los Angeles, District 50

Hon. Nury Martinez, Los Angeles, District 53

Hon. Felipe Fuentes, Los Angeles, District 54

Hon. Curren D. Price, Jr., Los Angeles, District 56

Hon. Mitch O'Farrell, Los Angeles, District 60

Hon. Gilbert Cedillo, Los Angeles, District 48

Hon. Eric Garcetti, Los Angeles, Member-at-Large

Appointments to the Energy and Environment Committee (EEC)

Hon. Sandra Genis, Costa Mesa, OCCOG

Hon. James Ramos, San Bernardino County, SANBAG

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

Hon. Jim Morton, Lynwood, District 26

Representatives to the District Evaluation Subcommittee

Los Angeles County: Hon. Barbara Messina, Alhambra, District 34

Orange County: Hon. Leroy Mills, Cypress, District 18

San Bernardino County: Hon. Larry McCallon, Highland, District 7

Riverside County: Hon. Ron Roberts, Temecula, District 5

Imperial County: Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro, District 1

Ventura County: Hon. Carl Morehouse, San Buenaventura, District 47

COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS**Executive/Administration Committee (EAC) Report**1. 2013-2014 State Budget and Trailer Bill Summary

Darin Chidsey, Acting Director, Strategy, Policy and Public Affairs, reported that Governor Brown signed a multi-year balanced budget, the 2013-2014 State Budget (AB 110). He provided a summary of the trailer bills, including AB 93. Mr. Chidsey stated that provisions of the bill would institute two new tax programs - a Sales and Use Tax (SUT) exemption for manufacturing and biotech equipment and similar purchases, and a hiring credit under the Personal Income Tax (PIT) and Corporation Tax (CT) for employment in specified geographic areas. The bill also provides for allocating income tax credits through the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz) to assist in retaining existing and attracting new business activity in the state. The tax incentive provisions (hiring tax credits) under AB 93 are applicable only to certain geographic areas as defined by AB 93. SCAG staff has prepared an initial analysis of these qualified areas. To determine if a specific address is located in the AB 93 qualified geographic area, Mr. Chidsey stated that an interactive mapping application is available online at: <http://maps.scag.ca.gov/AB93/index.html>

2. AB 1290 (Pérez): Transportation Planning – Update3. SB 731 (Steinberg): California Environmental Quality Act and Sustainable Communities Strategy - Work With Author – Update4. Proposed Aviation Task Force in Support of the 2016-2040 RTP/SCS

As Vice Chair of the Transportation Committee, Councilmember Alan Wapner, Ontario, SANBAG, reported that the TC made a recommendation to the Regional Council that an Aviation Task Force be created. However, due to budget concerns and refinement of the scope of work, Councilmember Wapner reported that the formation of the Aviation Task Force be deferred until January 2014.

A motion was made (Wapner) to approve the deferment of the formation of an Aviation Task Force until January 2014 to allow time to develop a Workplan; finalize the budget; and address other related matters. Motion was SECONDED (Millhouse) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Community, Economic and Human Development Committee (CEHD) Report

5. Bottom-up Local Input Process for 2016-2040 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) and Growth Forecast Development

As Chair of the CEHD Committee, Councilmember Margaret Finlay, Duarte, District 35, provided background information on this item as noted on the report. Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director, asked the Regional Council to approve the proposed process regarding submittal of information from SCAG jurisdictions which included option of adopting a resolution designating a position to represent the jurisdiction's input in the preparation for the 2016-2040 RTP/SCS and Growth Forecast Development.

A motion was made (McCallon) to approve the recommendations of the CEHD Committee: 1) A jurisdiction's City Manager, County Administrator, Subregional Executive Director (in the case where a Subregional organization is submitting the input on behalf of its member jurisdictions), or their respective designee provide approval on growth forecast and land use data. While not required as a method of submittal of information, SCAG jurisdictions may voluntarily choose to utilize the optional Data Verification and Approval Form. If another transmittal method of information is utilized, it should include the signature of the official designee; and 2) Local jurisdictions may also choose to adopt, while optional, a resolution designating a position representing the jurisdiction's input on the growth forecast and land use data for the 2016-2040 RTP/SCS. Other options for the designation may include formal action by the jurisdiction, the transmittal of a letter to SCAG, or meeting minutes. Motion was SECONDED (M. Martinez) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Energy and Environment Committee (EEC) Report

As Chair of the EEC, Councilmember James Johnson, Long Beach, District 30, provided an update regarding discussions at the TC meeting relating to sidewalks and the presence of tree roots that make sidewalks impassable; and the approval of an EEC Ex-officio appointment for recommendation to the Regional Council.

Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC) Report

As Chair of the LCMC, Councilmember Pam O'Connor Santa Monica, District 41, noted that Agenda Item No. 8, relating to the July 2013 State and Federal legislative report, had been distributed. Councilmember O'Connor reported that the survey results of the attendees and sponsors of the 2013 Regional Conference and General Assembly held last May were positive remarks including comments on the attendees' ability to network with regional partners and interact with elected officials were noted as highly important.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval Items

6. Minutes of the June 6, 2013 Meeting
7. SCAG Sponsorships

A motion was made (Finlay) to approve Agenda Item Nos. 6 and 7. Motion was SECONDED (Spiegel) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

INFORMATION ITEMS

8. July 2013 State and Federal Legislative Update

Receive & File

9. Purchase Orders \$5,000 but less than \$200,000; Contracts \$25,000 but less than \$200,000; Amendments \$5,000 but less than \$75,000; and Contracts Funded from the General Fund
10. CFO Monthly Report
11. 2013 Regional Council and Policy Committees Meeting Schedule

FUTURE AGENDA ITEM(S)

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director, announced that next month's Regional Council meeting is scheduled on the second Thursday, September 12, 2013.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Regional Council meeting adjourned at approximately 1:42 p.m.



Lillian Harris-Neal, Clerk of the Board