SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
August 3, 2006

MINUTES

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. AUDIO CASSETTE TAPE OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

The Executive Committee of the Southern California Association of Governments held its teleconference meeting at SCAG offices downtown Los Angeles. The meeting was called to order by the Supervisor Yvonne Burke, County of Los Angeles. There was a quorum.

Committee Members Present

Supervisor Yvonne Burke	President
Supervisor Gary Ovitt	1st President
Councilmember Toni Young	Immediate Past President /Chair, Administration
Councilmember Paul Bowlen	Chair, CEHD
Councilmember Harry Baldwin	Chair, TCC
Councilmember Richard Dixon	2nd Vice President
Councilmember Dennis Washburn	Chair, EEC

Staff Present

Mark Pisano, Executive Director
Jim Gosnell, Deputy Executive Director
Wayne Moore, Chief Financial Officer
Karen Tachiki, Chief Counsel
Sylvia Patsaouras, Acting Director, Planning & Policy
Don Rhodes, Manager, Governmental Affairs
Debbie Dillon, Manager, Human Resources
Shelia Stewart, Executive Assistant

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no comments presented at this time.

3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

3.1 Approval Items

3.1.1 Minutes from July 27, 2006 Meeting

It was MOVED (Young) and SECONDED (Bowlen). A roll call vote was taken. There 4 AYES and 2 ABSENTIONS (Washburn, Dixon). The motion passed to approve the minutes of July 27, 2006.

4.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mark Pisano stated that his report was emailed to all members prior to the meeting. He gave a brief overview of the monthly activities that focused primarily on the RHNA, Goods Movement and the Regional Comprehensive Plan.

Status of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA)

It was reported that within the last two weeks a comprehensive communication program was put together for purposes of outlining actions taken by the Regional Council (RC). Mark Pisano stated that the program was designed to be used as a communication tool for members to better understand the action taken by the Regional Council. He noted that meetings have been held in Imperial County, Coachella Valley and Orange County. Additional meetings are being scheduled with Western Riverside and others. The program also identifies: 1) Meetings that should be scheduled with stakeholders /BT&H Administration, League of Cities, CSAC, Builders, and Housing Advocates) in Sacramento; 2) What role should key RC members play in the legislative effort; and 3) A proposed agenda and action steps.

Councilmember Dixon was concerned about the process. He stated that the RC had not had the opportunity to make comments, approve specific legislative language or authorized staff to proceed in Sacramento. He stated that the specific language should be reviewed by the RC before incorporating into legislation.

A relined version of the SCAG Proposed RHNA Pilot Program language was distributed to the EC. Karen Tachiki, Chief Counsel, was asked to present the recommended proposed changes. After the recommended proposed changes were presented, Councilmember Young recommended that the SCAG Proposed Pilot Program language be adopted. The motion was SECONDED by Councilmember Baldwin.

Councilmember Dixon expressed a concern with a portion of the language contained in Section (b) of the document, but indicated that the amendments outlined by Ms. Tachiki were okay.

President Burke asked for a motion to adopt the amended language as presented by Ms. Tachiki. It was MOVED (Young) and SECONDED (Baldwin).

President Burke asked for a role call vote. There were 6 AYES and 0 NOES. The motion was unanimously approved to adopt the proposed amended language.

Councilmember Young requested that the amended language be emailed to the RC as soon as possible.

Mark Pisano requested a restatement of direction for purposes of ensuing that staff appropriately reflect directions given by the RC with regard to RHNA legislation in Sacramento.

President Burke asked Ms. Tachiki to restate the action taken by the Regional Council at the July 6, 2006 meeting on the RHNA. Counsel stated the following: "The RC approved the CEHD's recommendation on the Pilot Program specifically pages 196-198 (which is the actual draft pilot program legislative language) of the staff's report. In addition staff was directed to use pages 196-198 as a basis to finalize the Senate Committee Consultants' report".

Councilmember Dixon raised questions regarding next steps. President Burke stated that staff would proceed moving forward with the approved amended language presented by Ms. Tachiki, as well as recommendations approved by the RC at the July 6th meeting. A motion was called.

It was MOVED (Young) and SECONDED (Baldwin).

Discussion

Mr. Dixon stated that he did not oppose to the specific language as presented by Ms. Tachiki, however he disagreed with moving forward with the specific language. He objected to the following: 1) Moving forward because the RC had not had an opportunity to approve this specific legislative language; 2) The OCCOG Technical Advisory Committee and other subregional Technical Advisory committees had not had an opportunity to review this specific language; and 3) The SCAG Planning & Programs Technical Advisory Committee also have not had an opportunity to review this specific language.

A roll call vote was requested. There were 5 AYES and 1 OBJECTION (Dixon) and APPROVED to moving with the language approved at the July 6, 2006 meeting as amended.

Councilmember Washburn requested that the approved recommendations, the implications of what might be received in way of response from others, as well as anticipated outreach efforts, be evaluated by the Communications Subcommittee prior to the next Regional Council meeting in which a report should be presented.

Reorganization

At the last meeting Mark Pisano reported that the CFO & Chief Counsel proposed changes within their departments. Wayne Moore, CFO, proposed that his department be comprised of three units instead of two and each supervised by a Manager.

Karen Tachiki, Chief Counsel, proposed a similar structure within her department. A tiered-structure within the manager classification was suggested.

At that time Councilmember Young opposed the recommendation of additional managers. It was felt that this created another level of bureaucracy. However after she discussed the issue with Mark Pisano, Karen Tachiki and Wayne Moore, she stated that her concerns were addressed and she had no problem moving forward with the reorganization. However she recommended that future reports and recommendations be presented in a more clear fashion. There were no objections. The report will be received and filed.

Welcome

Justin Brown, Australian Counsel General, was welcomed by President Burke and the Executive Committee.

5.0 ADJOURNMENT

The Executive Committee adjourned at 10:50 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for September 14, 2006 at SCAG downtown Los Angeles offices.

Mark Pisano, Executive Director