



Southern California Association of Governments
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August 3, 2022

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (EAC)
WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, 2022

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES IS A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (EAC). AN AUDIO RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE AT: <http://scag.igam2.com/Citizens/>.

The Executive/Administration Committee (EAC) of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) held its regular meeting both in person and virtually (telephonically and electronically), given the declared state of emergency (pursuant to State of Emergency Proclamation dated March 4, 2020) and local public health directives imposing and recommending social distancing measures due to the threat of COVID-19, and pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e)(1)(A). A quorum was present.

Members Present

Hon. Jan Harnik, President		RCTC
Hon. Carmen Ramirez, 1st Vice President		Ventura County
Hon. Art Brown, 2nd Vice President	Buena Park	District 21
Hon. Clint Lorimore, Imm. Past President	Eastvale	District 4
Hon. Frank Yokoyama, Chair, CEHD	<i>Cerritos</i>	District 23
Hon. David J. Shapiro, Vice Chair, CEHD	<i>Calabasas</i>	District 44
Hon. Deborah Robertson, Chair, EEC	<i>Rialto</i>	District 8
Hon. Luis Plancarte, Vice Chair, EEC		Imperial County
Hon. Ray Marquez, Chair, TC	<i>Chino Hills</i>	District 10
Hon. Peggy Huang, Chair, LCMC		TCA
Hon. Margaret Finlay, President’s Appt.	<i>Rosemead</i>	District 35
Hon. Kathleen Kelly, President’s Appt.	<i>Palm Desert</i>	District 2
Hon. Larry McCallon, President’s Appt.	<i>Highland</i>	District 7
Hon. Nithya Raman, President’s Appt.	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 51
Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.	<i>Pechanga Dev. Corp.</i>	TGRP Representative
Hon. Lucy Dunn		Business Representative

Members Not Present

Hon. Tim Sandoval, Vice Chair, TC	<i>Pomona</i>	District 38
Hon. Jose Luis Solache, Vice Chair, LCMC	<i>Lynwood</i>	District 26

Staff Present

Kome Ajise, Executive Director
Darin Chidsey, Chief Operating Officer
Debbie Dillon, Chief Strategy Officer
Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer
Sarah Jepson, Director of Planning
Javiera Cartagena, Director of Government and Public Affairs
Julie Shroyer, Chief Information Officer
Michael Houston, Chief Counsel, Director of Legal Services
Ruben Duran, Board Counsel
Maggie Aguilar, Clerk of the Board
Cecilia Pulido, Deputy Clerk of the Board

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable Jan Harnik called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. President Harnik asked Regional Council Member Ray Marquez, Chino Hills, District 10, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

President Harnik opened the Public Comment Period and outlined instructions for public comments. She noted this was the time for persons to comment on any matter pertinent to SCAG's jurisdiction that were not listed on the agenda. She reminded the public to submit comments via email to ePublicComment@scag.ca.gov.

Ruben Duran, Board Counsel, acknowledged there no written public comments for items not listed on the agenda.

Seeing no public comment speakers, President Harnik closed the Public Comment Period.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

There was no prioritization of agenda items.

ACTION ITEM

1. Findings to Continue Holding Virtual Regional Council and Committee Meetings under AB 361

President Harnik opened the Public Comment Period.

Seeing no public comment speakers, President Harnik closed the Public Comment Period.

A MOTION was made (McCallon) that the Executive Administration Committee (EAC): (1) make the following findings required by Government Code Section 54953(e)(3) on the basis of the staff report, which is incorporated by this reference, that (i) a proclaimed state of emergency remains active in connection with the COVID-19 public health crisis, (ii) the EAC has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency and (iii) state and local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing in relation to the COVID-19 public health crisis and, further, (2) authorize all legislative bodies of the Southern California Association of Government (SCAG), including the EAC, RC and all committees and task forces established by the RC or SCAG's Bylaws, to utilize remote teleconference meetings pursuant to and in compliance with Brown Act provisions contained in Government Code Section 54953(e). Motion was SECONDED (Finlay) and passed by the following votes:

AYES: Brown, Finlay, Harnik, Huang, Kelly, Lorimore, Marquez, Masiel, McCallon, Plancarte, Ramirez, Robertson, Shapiro, and Yokoyama (14)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

CONSENT CALENDAR

President Harnik opened the Public Comment Period.

Seeing no public comment speakers, President Harnik closed the Public Comment Period.

First Vice President Ramirez asked for a brief presentation on Agenda Item No. 3 as it would authorize international travel for the President, First Vice President and one SCAG staff to participate in the Vienna Social Housing Field Study from September 11-17, 2022.

Darin Chidsey, Chief Operating Officer, reported that SCAG was invited to participate in a trip to Vienna for a social housing field study. He indicated that this was an opportunity to learn, understand and bring back practices to address the housing issues they have in Southern California.

President Harnik recused herself on Item No. 4 due to a potential (appearance of a conflict) financial conflict and stated she would register an abstention on the item.

Approval Items

2. Minutes of the Regular Meeting – June 1, 2022
3. Approve Two Regional Council Members’ (President and First Vice President) and SCAG One Staff Member’s Participation in the Vienna Social Housing Field Study, September 11-17, 2022
4. Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: Contract No. 21-047-MRFP- 24, Palmdale Housing Project
5. Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: Contract No. 21-047-MRFP-29, Objective Development Standards Bundle (Non-Los Angeles County)
6. Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: Contract No. 22-034-C01, Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) Wilshire Center/Koreatown Network Visioning & Quick Build Implementation
7. Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: Contract No. 22-042-C01, SCP Call 3 - GoSGV Engagement & Evaluation
8. Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: Contract No. 22-050-C01, City of Banning Comprehensive Active Transportation Plan & City of Lynwood Safe Routes to School Plan
9. Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: Contract No. 22-059-C01, Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for the 2024 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) (the 2024 RTP/SCS)
10. Housing Bills of Interest
11. Transportation Bills of Interest

Receive and File

12. Purchase Orders \$5,000 - \$199,999; Contracts \$25,000 - \$199,999 and Amendments \$5,000 - \$74,999
13. CFO Monthly Report

A MOTION was made (Brown) to approve Consent Calendar, Items 2 through 11; Receive and File Items 12 through 13. Motion was SECONDED (Plancarte) and passed by the following votes:

AYES: Brown, Harnik, Huang, Kelly, Lorimore, Marquez, Masiel, McCallon, Plancarte,

Raman, Ramirez, Robertson, Shapiro, Solache, and Yokoyama (15)

NOES: Raman (1) No on Items 10 and 11

ABSTAIN: Harnik (1) Abstained on Agenda Item 4

CFO REPORT

Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer, reported that fiscal year 2022 had come to an end and with it came a significant amount of work for the accounting department which took the lead on the year end audit as well as the preparation of the annual comprehensive financial report. She also reported that the Budget and Grants department was working on preparing the completion of year end required grant reporting and were also starting their internal process for the preparation of the fiscal year 2024 budget and workplan. On the procurement side, Ms. Giraldo briefly discussed the success of the board approved procurement process. She reminded the EAC that in effort to improve their procurement efficiency, staff created a bench for anticipated on-call REAP services, and the Regional Council granted staff authority to execute up to \$10 million in contracts against that bench. She noted that they were at about \$7.1 million of that threshold. Overall, this bench coupled with the granted authority had contributed significantly to their efficiency and the execution of the REAP 1.0 program. She indicated that it had also proven to be a great resource for the sub regional partners. With REAP 1.0 procurements wrapping up, she stated that they were capturing lessons learned and harvesting the best practices moving forward, and as they continue to develop new programs for REAP 2.0, this will likely be a model that they will once again pursue should Board approval be granted.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Harnik reported they met with Assemblymember Laurie Davies, from South Orange County, a member of the influential transportation and appropriations committees, for a discussion on public safety, RHNA reform, and funding equity for Southern California, especially as it relates to goods movement. She thanked First Vice President Carmen Ramirez, Second Vice President Art Brown, Immediate Past President Clint Lorimore, LCMC Chair Peggy Huang, as well as RC Members Wendy Bucknum, Fred Minagar and Don Wagner for joining her in the meeting. She indicated that the California legislature recently approved a \$79 million budget allocation to build a new Student Center Building at the Cal State San Bernardino Palm Desert Campus. She thanked Assemblymembers Chad Mayes and Eduardo Garcia for their efforts. President Harnik also thanked everybody who participated in the EAC retreat as she thought they did some really great work, and it was positive. Lastly, she reported that the next meeting of the EAC was scheduled for Wednesday, August 3, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. by remote participation.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Kome Ajise provided an update on the CARB 2022 Climate Change Scoping Plan and noted that SCAG sent a letter before the June 24 deadline and that a final draft of the Scoping Plan would be released in the fall for public comment followed by a final CARB hearing and vote later in the fall. On the Local Data Exchange (LDX), he reported that they were scheduling one on one meetings with all 197 local jurisdictions to provide background on the development of Connect SoCal 2024 and provide training on available tools on the Regional Data Platform (RDP). With respect to RAMP, Mr. Ajise reported that they had been regularly providing updates on the Greenprint tool and the work of the 5-member advisory task group (ATG), focused on Regional Advance Mitigation Planning. He indicated that as directed by the Regional Council the previous year, the ATG was developing a policy framework for advanced mitigation in the region to ensure the future Greenprint tool was aligned with policy objectives. He noted they had completed five meetings of the ATG and received comments on the draft policy framework and were considering the comments and would be reporting soon on next steps. He also reported that AB 197, the bill that extends rezoning deadlines for housing elements, was approved. He explained that SCAG jurisdictions that missed the February deadline but adopt a compliant housing element by October 15, 2022 will be able to have until February 2025 to rezone. He also noted that AB 197 also extends a few other deadlines like RHNA Reform. Basically, the deadline for the State's report on RHNA reform to the Legislature has been extended from the end of this year to December 31, 2023. This will also change some of SCAG's own RHNA reform timeline. He noted that the scheduled August CEHD meetings would be postponed until sometime next year. He also reported that AB 197 also extended the REAP 1.0 expenditure deadline by another year and funds must be expended by December 2024. Furthermore, he also provided an update on the Housing Production Grant Writing Technical Assistance Program and stated that they were still holding a call for applications for the program. He noted that jurisdictions and Tribal Governments who need expert assistance in applying for grants from HCD and other public agencies to accelerate housing production were encouraged to apply and that applications for technical assistance were now accepted on a rolling basis and recipients would be notified starting in August.

Mr. Ajise also provided an update on accomplishments noting that AB 2237 by Assemblymember Laura Friedman was held by Chair Gonzalez of the Senate Transportation Committee. This bill would have injected new state authority over local sales tax measures and prohibited state funds from being used on many infrastructure projects that increase "single occupancy vehicle capacity". He stated they anticipated there may be legislative hearings and SCAG was ready to work with the legislature on implementing the Sustainable Communities Strategy. He also shared SCAG attended the NARC annual conference in Columbus, Ohio and had shared SCAG's Regional Data Platform. He noted that SCAG received an Achievement Award for the Housing Policy Leadership Academy. Additionally, he reported that SCAG joined Mobility21's annual trip to Washington, D.C., to support our region's applications for federal funding and met with several legislators like Congressman Pete



Aguilar, Congresswoman Linda Sanchez from Cerritos, Senator Alex Padilla, and Charles Small, the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Intergovernmental Affairs at the Department of Transportation. Lastly, he welcomed Ana Vallianatos who had joined SCAG as the new Department Manager of Communication and Public Affairs.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no future agenda items.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Regional Council Member Larry McCallon, Highland, District 7, reported that the Southcoast AQMD had a draft 2022 Air Quality Management Plan out for comment. He noted that the plan will outline in broad details what the rulemaking activity for AQMD will be over the next several years. He indicated they had received 224 pages of comments from the Sierra Club and several comments from several business sectors. He noted that in the plan there were some rulemaking activities that would have some impact on the cost of new housing and retrofit housing that could affect some of their most vulnerable communities. He encouraged people to take a look at the plan and submit comments, if any.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Harnik adjourned the Regular Meeting of the Executive Administration Committee at 3:42 p.m.

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Executive / Administration Committee Attendance Report

MEMBERS	CITY	Representing	2022-23													Total Mtg Attended To Date		
			JUN	30-Jun	1-Jul	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR		MAY	
Hon. Jan Harnik, Chair, President, Chair		RCTC	1	1	1	1											4	
Sup. Carmen Ramirez, 1st Vice Chair		Ventura County	1	1	1	1											4	
Hon. Art Brown, 2nd Vice Chair	Buena Park	District 21	1	0	0	1											2	
Hon. Clint Lorimore, Imm. Past President	Eastvale	District 4	1	0	1	1											3	
Hon. Frank Yokoyama, Chair, CEHD	Cerritos	District 23	1	1	1	1											4	
Hon. David J. Shapiro, Vice Chair, CEHD	Cerritos	District 44	1	1	1	1											4	
Hon. Deborah Roberston, Chair, EEC	Rialto	District 8	0	1	1	1											3	
Hon. Luis Plancarte, Vice Chair, EEC		Imperial County	1	1	1	1											4	
Hon. Ray Marquez, Chair, TC	Chino Hills	District 10	1	1	1	1											4	
Hon. Tim Sandoval, Vice Chair, TC	Pomona	District 38	0	1	0	0											1	
Hon. Peggy Huang, Chair, LCMC		TCA	1	1	0	1											3	
Hon. Jose Luis Solache, Vice Chair, LCMC	Lynwood	District 26	1	1	0	0											2	
Hon. Margaret Finlay, President's Appt.	Duarte	District 35	1	1	1	1											4	
Hon. Kathleen Kelly, President's Appt.	Palm Desert	District 2	1	1	1	1											4	
Hon. Larry McCallon, President's Appt.	Highland	District 7	1	1	1	1											4	
Hon. Nithya Ramen, President's Appt.	Los Angeles	District 51	1	1	1	1											4	
Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.	Pechanga Dev. Corporation	Tribal Government Regional Planning Board	0	1	1	1											3	
Ms. Lucy Dunn, Ex-Officio Member	Lewis Group of Companies	Business Representative	1	1	1	1											4	
			15	16	14	16		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6

Attachment: EAC Attendance Sheet 2022-23 jul (Minutes of the Meeting - July 6, 2022)