

**MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE
REGIONAL COUNCIL AND
COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT (CEHD) COMMITTEE;
ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE (EEC); AND THE
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (TC) OF THE
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
NOVEMBER 7, 2013**

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS AND/OR DISCUSSIONS THAT OCCURRED AT THE JOINT MEETING. A VIDEO RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE AT <http://scag.ca.gov/NewsAndMedia/Pages/SCAGTV.aspx>

EEC Members Present:

Representing

Chair*	1. Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker	<i>El Centro</i>	District 1
Vice-Chair*	2. Hon. James Johnson	<i>Long Beach</i>	District 30
	3. Hon. Denis Bertone	<i>San Dimas</i>	SGVCOG
	* 4. Hon. Margaret Clark	<i>Rosemead</i>	District 32
	5. Hon. Jordan Ehrenkranz	<i>Canyon Lake</i>	WRCOG
	6. Hon. Larry Forester	<i>Signal Hill</i>	GCCOG
	7. Hon. Laura Friedman	<i>Glendale</i>	Arroyo-Verdugo Cities
	8. Hon. Sandra Genis	<i>Costa Mesa</i>	OCCOG
	* 9. Hon. Ed Graham	<i>Chino Hills</i>	District 10
	10. Hon. Linda Krupa	<i>Hemet</i>	WRCOG
	* 11. Hon. Mike Munzing	<i>Aliso Viejo</i>	District 12
	12. Hon. David Pollock	<i>Moorpark</i>	VCOG
	* 13. Hon. Carmen Ramirez	<i>Oxnard</i>	District 45
	* 14. Hon. Deborah Robertson	<i>Rialto</i>	District 8
	15. Hon. Stephen Sammarco	<i>Redondo Beach</i>	SBCCOG
	* 16. Hon. Jack Terrazas		Imperial County
	17. Hon. Diane Williams	<i>Rancho Cucamonga</i>	SANBAG

TC Members Present:

Representing

Chair *	1. Hon. Keith Millhouse	<i>Moorpark</i>	VCTC
	* 2. Hon. Michael D. Antonovich		Los Angeles County
	3. Hon. John Addleman	<i>Rolling Hills Estates</i>	SBCCOG
	* 4. Hon. Bruce Barrows	<i>Cerritos</i>	District 23
	5. Hon. Lisa Bartlett		TCA
	* 6. Hon. Glen. T. Becerra	<i>Simi Valley</i>	District 46
	7. Hon. Russell Betts	<i>Desert Hot Springs</i>	CVAG

* 8.	Hon. Art Brown	<i>Buena Park</i>	District 21
* 9.	Hon. Gene Daniels	<i>Paramount</i>	District 24
* 10.	Hon. Jeff DeGrandpre	<i>Eastvale</i>	District 4
* 11.	Hon. Roy Francis	<i>La Habra Heights</i>	District 31
* 12.	Hon. Mario Guerra	<i>Downey</i>	GCCOG
13.	Hon. Bert Hack	<i>Laguna Woods</i>	OCCOG
* 14.	Hon. Matthew Harper	<i>Huntington Beach</i>	District 64
* 15.	Hon. Carol Herrera	<i>Diamond Bar</i>	District 37
16.	Hon. Bill Hodge	<i>Calexico</i>	ICTC
* 17.	Hon. Jim Hyatt	<i>Calimesa</i>	District 3
18.	Hon. Trish Kelley	<i>Mission Viejo</i>	OCCOG
19.	Hon. James Ledford	<i>Palmdale</i>	North L.A. County
* 20.	Hon. Ryan McEachron	<i>Victorville</i>	SANBAG
* 21.	Hon. Marsha McLean	<i>Santa Clarita</i>	North L. A. County
* 22.	Hon. Barbara Messina	<i>Alhambra</i>	District 34
* 23.	Hon. Leroy Mills	<i>Cypress</i>	District 18
* 24.	Hon. Brett Murdock	<i>Brea</i>	District 22
* 25.	Hon. R. Shawn Nelson		Orange County
* 26.	Hon. Pam O'Connor	<i>Santa Monica</i>	District 41
27.	Hon. Micheal O'Leary	<i>Culver City</i>	WSSCOG
* 28.	Hon. Linda Parks		VCOG
* 29.	Hon. Gregory Pettis	<i>Cathedral City</i>	District 2
* 30.	Hon. Ronald Roberts	<i>Temecula</i>	District 5
* 31.	Hon. Mark Rutherford	<i>Westlake Village</i>	District 44
32.	Hon. Teresa Real Sebastian	<i>Monterey Park</i>	SGVCOG
33.	Hon. David Spence	<i>La Cañada/Flintridge</i>	Arroyo-Verdugo Cities
34.	Hon. Tim Spohn	<i>City of Industry</i>	SGVCOG
* 35.	Hon. Jess Talamantes	<i>Burbank</i>	District 42
36.	Hon. Brent Tercero	<i>Pic Rivera</i>	GCCOG
* 37.	Hon. Donald Voss	<i>La Cañada/Flintridge</i>	District 36

CEHD Members Present:

Representing

Chair*	1. Hon. Margaret E. Finlay	<i>Duarte</i>	District 35
Vice-Chair*	2. Hon. Bill Jahn	<i>Big Bear Lake</i>	District 11
	3. Hon. Don Campbell	<i>Brawley</i>	ICTC
	4. Hon. Carol Chen	<i>Cerritos</i>	GCCOG
*	5. Hon. Steven Choi	<i>Irvine</i>	District 14
	6. Hon. Rose Espinoza	<i>La Habra</i>	OCCOG
	7. Hon. Debbie Franklin	<i>Banning</i>	WRCOG

8.	Hon Chris Garcia	<i>Cudahy</i>	GCCOG
9.	Hon. Ron Garcia	<i>Brea</i>	OCCOG
* 10.	Hon. James Gazeley	<i>Lomita</i>	District 39
* 11.	Hon. Carl Morehouse	<i>Ventura</i>	District 47
12.	Hon. Ray Musser	<i>Upland</i>	SANBAG
13.	Hon. Edward Paget	<i>Needles</i>	SANBAG
14.	Hon. Sonny Santa Ines	<i>Bellflower</i>	GCCOG
15.	Hon. Beck Shevlin	<i>Monrovia</i>	SGVCOG
* 16.	Hon. Tri Ta	<i>Westminster</i>	OCCOG

*Regional Council Member

Staff Present

Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director
 Sharon Neely, Chief Deputy Executive Director
 Debbie Dillon, Deputy Executive Director, Administration
 Joe Silvey, General Counsel
 Joann Africa, Chief Counsel
 Basil Panas, Acting Chief Financial Officer
 Huasha Liu, Director of Land Use & Environmental Planning
 Darin Chidsey, 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, Cathedral City, District 2, called the meeting to order at approximately 10:30 a.m. Hon. Russell Betts, TC Member, representing CVAG, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

President Pettis opened the Public Comment Period.

Autumn Bernstein, Director, Climate Plan, commented regarding land use decisions that affect the climate; stated support for the implementation of SCS; and urged prioritization of investments and programs that will benefit the climate and the community.

Gloria Ohland, Director, Policy and Communications, Move L.A., commented regarding Measure R; groundbreaking efforts to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and impacts of climate change.

Pauline Chow, Southern California Regional Policy Manager, Safe Routes to School National Partnership (SRTSNP), stated that SRTSNP focuses on programs and policies to decrease childhood obesity; improve the well-being of children; and foster the creation of livable and sustainable communities. She acknowledged SCAG for the implementation of the 2012 RTP/SCS.

Katherine Lee, American Lung Association in California (ALAC), stated that ALAC supports efforts to reduce all emissions that contribute to climate change—a threat in the 21st century—and complimented

SCAG for its leadership to address climate change by supporting policies to reduce fossil fuel use and promote active transportation.

Jonathan Parfrey, Executive Director, Climate Resolve, commented regarding the importance of an operating transmission/distribution grid and suggested modernizing micro grids that can continue to deliver electricity even during days of extreme heat.

Christian Flores, student, California State University of San Bernardino (CSUSB), commented regarding climate change and the importance and accessibility of mobile phone applications to reach-out to communities especially on issues related to public health.

Cornell Lewis, student, California State University of San Bernardino (CSUSB), commented regarding climate change.

Ivan Aguayo, student, California State University of San Bernardino (CSUSB), commented regarding the impact of climate change and the health effects of air pollution in San Bernardino County.

John Longville, Board of Trustees, San Bernardino Community College District, shared his perspective, as a former SCAG President (1992-1993), in drafting the original SCAG Bylaws and the impact of the Regional Councilmembers' leadership in addressing issues in Southern California regarding climate change.

President Pettis closed the Public Comment Period.

ACTION ITEM

1. Minutes of the June 6, 2013 Joint Meeting of the Regional Council and Policy Committees

A motion was made (M. Martinez) to approve the Minutes of the June 6, 2013 Joint Meeting of the Regional Council and Policy Committees. Motion was SECONDED (Robertson) and approved by a MAJORITY VOTE with two (2) ABSTENTIONS (Rush and Ta).

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. AB 32 Scoping Plan First Update - Discussion Draft for Public Review and Comment

Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director, reported that the California Air Resources Board (ARB) released the public discussion draft of the AB 32 Scoping Plan Update which highlights California's progress in meeting the "near-term" 2020 GHG emission reduction goals. Mr. Ikhata stated that a panel of speakers for Agenda Item No. 3 will present and discuss a wide range of views on climate change as it relates to AB 32's direct requirements and the responsibilities for SCAG to incorporate climate change considerations in transportation planning.

3. Panel Discussion Regarding Climate Change

President Pettis welcomed and introduced Dr. Louise Bedsworth, Deputy Director, Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR), as the first speaker on the panel.

Dr. Bedsworth gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding, "*California's Climate Future: The Governor's Environmental Goals and Policy Report (EGPR)*." She discussed the state statute requirements on the

EGPR; its goals and context; the changing demographics in California by location and age group; the challenges of climate change; California's future as it relates to meeting the 2020 GHG targets while integrating climate-readiness and adaptation into planning and investment; and EGPR's vision and cross-cutting goals. In closing, Dr. Bedsworth discussed the EGPR's 'next steps' through public workshops, and regional/topical/sectoral conversations.

President Pettis welcomed and introduced the second speaker on the panel, Warren Duffy, talk show host, columnist and author of the book entitled, *"The Green Tsunami – A tidal wave of eco-babble that is drowning us all."*

Mr. Duffy presented an alternative perspective regarding climate change. He discussed the United Nations International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)'s release of the Fifth Assessment Report, specifically relating to its conclusion on the warming of the earth's climate and human influence on warming. He quoted an excerpt from a recent article in the German newspaper, *Die Welt*, written by climate scientist and United Nations IPCC lead author, Hans Von Storch. In conclusion, Mr. Duffy stated that he has been educating people on "common sense environmentalism."

President Pettis welcomed and introduced the final speaker on the panel, Dr. Robert Lempert, Director, RAND Pardee Center for Longer Range Global Policy & the Future Human Condition.

Dr. Lempert provided background information on RAND, an independent non-partisan research institution, and presented information on the atmospheric changes of the earth's climate, global effects and the iterative risk management that provides a framework for solutions in addressing these changes. He also discussed the IPCC's Fifth Assessment Report as summarized by the three (3) Working Groups where he is one of the scientists in Working Group 2. In summary, Dr. Lempert reported that there is evidence that climate change is occurring and has significant effects in Southern California. He stated that an emerging body of best practices can help the region to prudently manage these risks.

Discussion ensued and comments/questions were made related to having an impartial perspective on global warming; equity in regulations including in developing countries; range and change of atmospheric conditions that affect global warming; the U.S. Navy's declaration of the shift of global climate as a national security threat; effects of global vegetation and climate change due to increase in carbon dioxide; the City of Santa Monica's recent development of a Climate Action Plan—an action-oriented plan with measures to achieve the community's greenhouse gas emission reduction goal; and the need for global solutions (Munzing, Clark, Rutherford, Ramirez, Harper, O'Connor, and O'Leary).

On behalf of the Regional Council and Policy Committee members, Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director, acknowledged the panel of speakers and presented each of them with a token of appreciation.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Joint Meeting of the Regional Council and Policy Committees adjourned at 12:08 p.m.



Lillian Harris-Neal, Clerk of the Board