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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 5, 2022

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://scag.iqm2.com/Citizens/>

The Regional Council (RC) of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) held its regular meeting at the JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort and Spa, Sinatra Ballroom, 74-855 Country Club Drive, Palm Desert, CA 92260. A quorum was present.

Members Present

Hon. Clint Lorimore, President

Hon. Jan Harnik, 1st Vice President

Sup. Carmen Ramirez, 2nd Vice President

Supervisor Luis Plancarte

Supervisor Don Wagner

Supervisor Karen Spiegel

Hon. Maria Nava-Froelich

Hon. Alan Wapner

Hon. Peggy Huang

Hon. Mike T. Judge

Hon. Ben Benoit

Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker

Hon. Kathleen Kelly

Hon. Rey Santos

Hon. Zak Schwank

Hon. Frank Navarro

Hon. Larry McCallon

Hon. Randall Putz

Hon. Fred Minagar

Hon. Phil Bacerra

Eastvale

El Centro

Palm Desert

Beaumont

Temecula

Colton

Highland

Big Bear Lake

Laguna Niguel

Santa Ana

District 4

RCTC

Ventura County

Imperial County

Orange County

Riverside County

ICTC

SBCTA

TCA

VCTC

Air District Representative

District 1

District 2

District 3

District 5

District 6

District 7

District 11

District 12

District 16



Hon. Tammy Kim	<i>Irvine</i>	District 14
Hon. Kim Nguyen	<i>Garden Grove</i>	District 18
Hon. Trevor O’Neil	<i>Anaheim</i>	District 19
Hon. Joe Kalmick	<i>Seal Beach</i>	District 20
Hon. Art Brown	<i>Buena Park</i>	District 21
Hon. Marty Simonoff	<i>Brea</i>	District 22
Hon. Frank Yokoyama	<i>Cerritos</i>	District 23
Hon. Ray Hamada	<i>Bellflower</i>	District 24
Hon. José Luis Solache	<i>Lynwood</i>	District 26
Hon. Ali Saleh	<i>Bell</i>	District 27
Hon. Mark E. Henderson	<i>Gardena</i>	District 28
Hon. Cindy Allen	<i>Long Beach</i>	District 30
Hon. Jorge Marquez	<i>Covina</i>	District 33
Hon. Adele Andrade-Stadler	<i>Alhambra</i>	District 34
Hon. Jonathan Curtis	<i>La Cañada Flintridge</i>	District 36
Hon. James Gazeley	<i>Lomita</i>	District 39
Hon. Drew Boyles	<i>El Segundo</i>	District 40
Hon. Juan Carrillo	<i>Palmdale</i>	District 43
Hon. David J. Shapiro	<i>Calabasas</i>	District 44
Hon. David Pollock	<i>Moorpark</i>	District 46
Hon. Lorrie Brown	<i>Ventura</i>	District 47
Hon. Marqueece Harris-Dawson	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 55
Hon. Steve Manos	<i>Lake Elsinore</i>	District 63
Hon. Michael Posey	<i>Huntington Beach</i>	District 64
Hon. Megan Beaman Jacinto	<i>Coachella</i>	District 66
Hon. Patricia Lock Dawson	<i>Riverside</i>	District 68

Members Not Present

Hon. Rex Richardson, Imm. Past President
 Supervisor Kathryn Barger
 Supervisor Hilda Solis
 Supervisor Curt Hagman
 Hon. Deborah Robertson
 Hon. L. Dennis Michael
 Hon. Ray Marquez
 Hon. Wendy Bucknum
 Hon. Diane Dixon
 Hon. Leticia Clark
 Hon. Steve De Ruse

Members Not Present

Long Beach

Rialto
Rancho Cucamonga
Chino Hills
Mission Viejo
Newport Beach
Tustin
La Mirada

Members Not Present

District 29
 Los Angeles County
 Los Angeles County
 San Bernardino County
 District 8
 District 9
 District 10
 District 13
 District 15
 District 17
 District 31



Hon. Steven Ly	<i>Rosemead</i>	District 32
Hon. Margaret E. Finlay	<i>Duarte</i>	District 35
Hon. Steve Tye	<i>Diamond Bar</i>	District 37
Hon. Tim Sandoval	<i>Pomona</i>	District 38
Hon. Alex Fisch	<i>Culver City</i>	District 41
Hon. Paula Devine	<i>Glendale</i>	District 42
Hon. Laura Hernandez	<i>Port Hueneme</i>	District 45
Hon. Gilbert Cedillo	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 48
Hon. Paul Krekorian	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 49/Public Transit Rep.
Hon. Bob Blumenfield	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 50
Hon. Nithya Raman	<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. Monica Rodriguez	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 54
Hon. Curren D. Price, Jr.	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 56
Hon. Herb J. Wesson, Jr.	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 57
Hon. Mike Bonin	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 58
Hon. John Lee	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 59
Hon. Mitch O'Farrell	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 60
Hon. Kevin de León	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 61
Hon. Joe Buscaino	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 62
Hon. Elizabeth Becerra	<i>Victorville</i>	District 65
Hon. Marsha McLean	<i>Santa Clarita</i>	District 67
Hon. Marisela Nava	<i>Perris</i>	District 69
Hon. Eric Garcetti	<i>Los Angeles</i>	Member-at-Large
Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.	<i>Pechanga Dev. Corp.</i>	Tribal Gov't Reg'l Planning Brd.

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

President Lorimore called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m. and asked Regional Councilmember Ali Saleh, Bell, District 27 to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

President Lorimore opened the Public Comment Period and outlined instructions for public comments. He noted this was the time for persons to comment on any matter pertinent to SCAG's jurisdiction that were not listed on the agenda.

He reminded the public to submit comments via email to ePublicComment@scag.ca.gov. Board Counsel Ruben Duran announced that SCAG received one public comment and that it would be provided to the Regional Council members. He noted the public comment was from Anthony Garcia related to Sunlight Transit.

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

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no requests to prioritize agenda items.

ACTION ITEM

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

President Lorimore opened the Public Comment Period.

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

Board Counsel Duran reported this item would allow SCAG and its subordinate bodies to continue to meet virtually in the event they needed to do so given the COVID pandemic.

A MOTION was made (Posey) to (1) ratify the prior actions of the Executive/Administration Committee taken at its May 4, 2022 meeting relating to findings made pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e)(3); (2) 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 RC 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, (3) authorize all legislative bodies of the Southern California Association of Government (SCAG), including the RC, EAC 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 (Solache). The motion passed by the following roll call votes:

AYES: ANDRADE-STADLER, BACERRA, BEAMAN JACINTO, BENOIT, BOYLES, A. BROWN, L. BROWN, CARRILLO, CURTIS, GAZELEY, GOODELL, HAMADA, HARNIK, HENDERSON, HUANG, JUDGE, J. KALMICK, KELLY, KIM, LOCK DAWSON, LORIMORE, MANOS, J. MARQUEZ, R. MARQUEZ, MCCALLON, MINAGAR, NAVA-FROELICH, NAVARRO, NGUYEN, O'NEIL, PLANCARTE, POLLOCK, POSEY, PUTZ, RAMIREZ, SALEH, SANTOS, SCHWANK, SHAPIRO, SIMONOFF, SOLACHE, SPIEGEL, VIEGAS-WALKER, and WAGNER (44)

NOES: NONE (0)

ABSTAIN: HARRIS-DAWSON (1)

2. Resolution No. 22-643-1 Approving the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Final Comprehensive Budget

President Lorimore opened the Public Comment Period.

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

Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer, reported that collaboration with our member agencies, SCAG works to develop solutions for regional challenges, including transportation, housing and air quality. She stated that the fiscal year 2022-23 budget before them supports those goals and complies with its primary responsibilities to develop the sustainable community strategies, the Federal Transportation Improvement Program, the Annual Overall Work Program (OWP), and the transportation related local Air Quality Management Plans. She reported that on March 2nd and 3rd, the EAC and Regional Council, respectively approved the draft comprehensive budget which included the OWP and the General Fund budget. Additionally, staff was authorized to release the draft OWP for public comment and noted that the public comment period closed on April 4th and no public comments received. She reported that Table 1 showed the budget total of \$124.7 million, which was an increase of \$5.1 million from the draft comprehensive budget that was presented to them [the EAC and RC] back in March. She further explained that Attachment 3 to the staff report included a complete detail of every change contributing to that \$5.1 million increase, but as discussed in the staff report, the increase was predominantly attributable to the programing of \$6.8

million in Last Mile Freight Program grant funds, which was offset by a \$2.7 million reduction in FTA 5303 funding based on updated estimates received by Caltrans.

Board Counsel Duran reported that because of a technical challenge with the voting devices they were using, the first ballot to tabulate the vote on Item No. 2 did not result in a complete vote insofar as it appeared approximately 10 votes may not have been tabulated. As a result, he indicated that a revote should be taken so as to record accurately all votes in favor of the budget or against if that was the case. He stated that the Clerk had been asked to reset the voting, and asked the members if they could recast their vote for Item No. 2, assuming they had the same first and second motion makers.

A MOTION was made (Marquez) That the Regional Council: (1) Adopt Resolution No. 22-643-1 approving the Fiscal Year 2022-23 (FY 2022-23) Final Comprehensive Budget, subject to approval of the General Fund Budget and Membership Dues Assessment by the SCAG General Assembly; 2) Authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, to submit the FY 2022-23 Overall Work Program (OWP) to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and Federal Transit Administration (FTA); and 3) Authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, to submit the FY23 Indirect Cost Rate Proposal (ICRP) and the FY23 Fringe Benefits Cost Rate Proposal to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). Motion was SECONDED (Navarro). The motion passed by the following roll call votes:

AYES: ANDRADE-STADLER, BACERRA, BEAMAN JACINTO, BENOIT, BOYLES, A. BROWN, L. BROWN, CARRILLO, CURTIS, GAZELEY, GOODELL, HAMADA, HARNIK, HENDERSON, HUANG, JUDGE, J. KALMICK, KELLY, KIM, LOCK DAWSON, LORIMORE, MANOS, J. MARQUEZ, R. MARQUEZ, MCCALLON, MINAGAR, NAVA-FROELICH, NAVARRO, NGUYEN, O'NEIL, PLANCARTE, POLLOCK, POSEY, PUTZ, RAMIREZ, SALEH, SANTOS, SCHWANK, SHAPIRO, SIMONOFF, SOLACHE, SPIEGEL, VIEGAS-WALKER, WAGNER, and YOKOYAMA (45)

NOES: NONE (0)

ABSTAIN: NONE (0)

3. 2022 SCAG Scholarship Program

President Lorimore opened the Public Comment Period.

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



Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro, District 1, provided some background information on how the Scholarship program began and noted it was the 12th year of the program. She reported they had an amazing group who submitted applications and that SCAG received a total of 100 applications from throughout the SCAG region: 16 from Imperial County; 40 from Los Angeles County; 14 from Orange County; 6 from Riverside County; 15 from San Bernardino County; and 9 from Ventura County. She further reported that they were awarding 12 scholarships this year, 10 which would be funded through SCAG and two additional from the California Transportation Foundation who had once again partnered with SCAG. She noted that the California Transportation Foundation was founded in 1988 to create a charity that would support the Caltrans community, but later expanded to serve private sector and other public transportation agency employees as well. Lastly, she reported that after a short deliberation, the Committee asked member Dr. James Moore to select from the 12 recipients who would receive the California Transportation Foundation Scholarships and noted the recipients were from Imperial County, Arianna Venegas (Holtville) and from Los Angeles County, Alex Yu (Harbor City/Los Angeles).

A MOTION was made (Plancarte) to approve Scholarship Committee recommendations for the 2022 SCAG Scholarship Program Award. Motion was SECONDED (Nguyen). The motion passed by the following roll call votes:

AYES: ANDRADE-STADLER, BACERRA, BEAMAN JACINTO, BENOIT, BOYLES, A. BROWN, L. BROWN, CARRILLO, CURTIS, GAZELEY, GOODELL, HAMADA, HARNIK, HARRIS-DAWSON, HENDERSON, HUANG, JUDGE, J. KALMICK, KELLY, KIM, LOCK DAWSON, LORIMORE, MANOS, J. MARQUEZ, R. MARQUEZ, MCCALLON, MINAGAR, NAVA-FROELICH, NAVARRO, NGUYEN, O’NEIL, PLANCARTE, POLLOCK, POSEY, PUTZ, RAMIREZ, SALEH, SANTOS, SCHWANK, SHAPIRO, SIMONOFF, SOLACHE, SPIEGEL, VIEGAS-WALKER, WAGNER, and YOKOYAMA* (46)

NOES: NONE (0)

ABSTAIN: NONE (0)

*Note: Hon. Frank Yokoyama, Cerritos, District 23, asked for his vote to be noted as a yes on Item No. 3. The Clerk acknowledged the request.

CONSENT CALENDAR

President Lorimore opened the Public Comment Period.

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

4. Minutes of the Meeting – April 7, 2022
5. Approval for Additional Stipend Payment
6. Contract Amendment \$75,000 or Greater: Contract No. 22-020-C01, Go Human Safety Strategies
7. Transportation Control Measure (TCM) Substitution by Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA)
8. Housing Bills of Interest
9. SB 1410 (Caballero) – CEQA Transportation Impacts
10. SCAG Memberships and Sponsorship

Receive and File

11. CFO Monthly Report

A MOTION was made (Marquez) to approve Consent Calendar Items 4 through 10, Receive and File Item 11. Motion was SECONDED (Huang). The motion passed by the following roll call votes:

AYES: ANDRADE-STADLER, BACERRA, BEAMAN JACINTO, BENOIT, A. BROWN, CARRILLO, CURTIS, GAZELEY, GOODELL, HAMADA, HARNIK, HENDERSON, HUANG, JUDGE, J. KALMICK, KELLY, KIM, LOCK DAWSON, LORIMORE, MANOS, J. MARQUEZ, R. MARQUEZ, MCCALLON, MINAGAR, NAVA-FROELICH, NAVARRO, NGUYEN, O’NEIL, PLANCARTE, POLLOCK, POSEY, PUTZ, RAMIREZ, SALEH, SANTOS, SCHWANK, SHAPIRO, SIMONOFF, SOLACHE, SPIEGEL, VIEGAS-WALKER, WAGNER, and YOKOYAMA (43)

NOES: NONE (0)

ABSTAIN: NONE (0)

BUSINESS REPORT

Ms. Lucy Dunn reported they had the worst inflation in 40 years in America and in order to address inflation and curb the possibility of recession, the Fed raised interest rates by half a percentage point. She noted that there may be further raises but unknown at this time. She stated that this was

the first time in 22 years that the central bank had hiked rates this much and that what this meant for their constituents and for all of them was that it was now harder to buy a home. She reported that price pressures on food and energy were unlikely to abate anytime soon and that the cost of construction would rise. She explained that sometimes higher interest rates lower housing prices, but in California their supply constraint was so deep and pervasive that it was not likely to happen here. In regard to unemployment and the great resignation, she reported there were two job openings for every unemployed person and therefore, they were going to find it harder to hire people right now and that salary pressures would continue to rise. She reported that for the next several months there would be a strong demand for goods and that there would be supply chain disruptions. She noted that hospitality and leisure had not yet come back, but most industry sectors were back and pretty strong, which was a good sign. She reported that California's unemployment rate was still higher than the nation, but California was recovering the jobs that it lost during COVID. She suggested they continue to watch energy prices which would continue to rise. Lastly, she noted that in late 2022 they would see some industry specific labor supply problems improve, but long-term labor supply challenges would emerge.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Lorimore recognized the contributions by the outgoing Regional Council Members and Policy Committee Members. He noted the members as follows and provided a certificate of appreciation to those that were present (Policy Committee Members: Community, Economic and Human Development Committee member, Hon. Jan Pye, Desert Hot Springs, CVAG; Transportation Committee member, Hon. Christian Horvath, Redondo Beach, Pres. Appt.; and Transportation Committee member, Hon. Michelle Chambers, Compton, GCCOG. Regional Council Members: Hon. Michael Carroll, Irvine, RC District 14; Hon. Sean Ashton, Downey, RC District 25; Hon. Steven Ly, Rosemead, RC District 32; Hon. Jonathan C. Curtis, La Cañada Flintridge, RC District 36; Hon. Paula Devine, Glendale, RC District 42; Hon. David Pollock, Moorpark, RC District 46; Supervisor Holly Mitchell, Los Angeles County; Hon. Tim Shaw, OCTA Representative; and Mr. Randall Lewis, Business Representative.) Lastly, he reported the next Regional Council meeting was scheduled for June 2, 2022 at 12:30 p.m.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Ajise reported that on April 21, he participated in a panel at CoMotion Miami to discuss SCAG's equity work in the region and our role in increasing equitable transportation options in our nation. He also reported that in collaboration with our partners at ESRI and member city staff, he participated in a panel discussion at the National American Planning Association conference in San Diego focused on coordinating local planning initiatives and highlighted our Regional Data Platform.



FUTURE AGENDA ITEM/S

There were no future agenda items.

ANNOUNCEMENT/S

There were no future agenda items.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Lorimore adjourned the Regional Council meeting in at 9:45 a.m.

[MINUTES ARE UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED BY THE REGIONAL COUNCIL]

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