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**NO. 637
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2021**

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 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. Clint Lorimore, President	<i>Eastvale</i>	District 4
Hon. Jan Harnik, 1st Vice President		RCTC
Sup. Carmen Ramirez, 2nd Vice President		Ventura County
Supervisor Holly Mitchell		Los Angeles County
Supervisor Don Wagner		Orange County
Supervisor Karen Spiegel		Riverside County
Supervisor Curt Hagman		San Bernardino County
Hon. Maria Nava-Froelich		ICTC
Hon. Alan Wapner		SBCTA
Hon. Peggy Huang		TCA
Hon. Mike T. Judge		VCTC
Hon. Ben Benoit		Air District Representative
Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker	<i>El Centro</i>	District 1
Hon. Kathleen Kelly	<i>Palm Desert</i>	District 2
Hon. Rey Santos	<i>Beaumont</i>	District 3
Hon. Zak Schwank	<i>Temecula</i>	District 5
Hon. Frank Navarro	<i>Colton</i>	District 6
Hon. Larry McCallon	<i>Highland</i>	District 7
Hon. Deborah Robertson	<i>Rialto</i>	District 8



Members Present – continued

Hon. Randall Putz	<i>Big Bear Lake</i>	District 11
Hon. Fred Minagar	<i>Laguna Niguel</i>	District 12
Hon. Wendy Bucknum	<i>Mission Viejo</i>	District 13
Hon. Michael Carroll	<i>Irvine</i>	District 14
Hon. Diane Dixon	<i>Newport Beach</i>	District 15
Hon. Phil Bacerra	<i>Santa Ana</i>	District 16
Hon. Leticia Clark	<i>Tustin</i>	District 17
Hon. Kim Nguyen	<i>Garden Grove</i>	District 18
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. Sean Ashton	<i>Downey</i>	District 25
Hon. José Luis Solache	<i>Lynwood</i>	District 26
Hon. Mark E. Henderson	<i>Gardena</i>	District 28
Hon. Cindy Allen	<i>Long Beach</i>	District 30
Hon. Steve De Ruse	<i>La Mirada</i>	District 31
Hon. Steve Tye	<i>Diamond Bar</i>	District 37
Hon. Tim Sandoval	<i>Pomona</i>	District 38
Hon. James Gazeley	<i>Lomita</i>	District 39
Hon. Alex Fisch	<i>Culver City</i>	District 41
Hon. Paula Devine	<i>Glendale</i>	District 42
Hon. David J. Shapiro	<i>Calabasas</i>	District 44
Hon. David Pollock	<i>Moorpark</i>	District 46
Hon. Joe Buscaino	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 62
Hon. Steve Manos	<i>Lake Elsinore</i>	District 63
Hon. Michael Posey	<i>Huntington Beach</i>	District 64
Hon. Elizabeth Becerra	<i>Victorville</i>	District 65
Hon. Megan Beaman Jacinto	<i>Coachella</i>	District 66
Hon. Marsha McLean	<i>Santa Clarita</i>	District 67
Hon. Patricia Lock Dawson	<i>Riverside</i>	District 68
Hon. Marisela Magana	<i>Perris</i>	District 69
Mr. Randall Lewis	<i>Business Representative</i>	Ex-Officio Member
Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.	<i>Pechanga Dev. Corp.</i>	Tribal Gov't Reg'l Planning Brd.

Members Not Present

Hon. Rex Richardson, Imm. Past President *Long Beach* District 29



Members Not Present

Supervisor Luis Plancarte
 Supervisor Kathryn Barger
 Hon. Tim Shaw
 Hon. L. Dennis Michael
 Hon. Ray Marquez
 Hon. Trevor O’Neil
 Hon. Ali Saleh
 Hon. Adele Andrade-Stadler
 Hon. Steven Ly
 Hon. Jorge Marquez
 Hon. Margaret E. Finlay
 Hon. Jonathan Curtis
 Hon. Drew Boyles
 Hon. Juan Carrillo
 Hon. Laura Hernandez
 Hon. Lorrie Brown
 Hon. Gilbert Cedillo
 Hon. Paul Krekorian
 Hon. Bob Blumenfield
 Hon. Nithya Raman
 Hon. Paul Koretz
 Hon. Nury Martinez
 Hon. Monica Rodriguez
 Hon. Marqueece Harris-Dawson
 Hon. Curren D. Price, Jr.
 Hon. Mark Ridley-Thomas
 Hon. Mike Bonin
 Hon. John Lee
 Hon. Mitch O’Farrell
 Hon. Kevin de León
 Hon. Eric Garcetti

Members Not Present

Rancho Cucamonga
Chino Hills
Anaheim
Bell
Alhambra
Rosemead
Covina
Duarte
La Cañada Flintridge
El Segundo
Palmdale
Port Hueneme
Ventura
Los Angeles
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Members Not Present

Imperial County
 Los Angeles County
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 District 10
 District 19
 District 27
 District 34
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 District 49/Public Transit Rep.
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 District 59
 District 60
 District 61
 Member-at-Large

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
Carmen Fujimori, Human Resources Director
Javiera Cartagena, Director of Government and Public Affairs
Julie Shroyer, Chief Information Officer
Michael Houston, Chief Counsel, Director of Legal Services
Jeffery Elder, Deputy Legal Counsel
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 12:31 p.m. and asked Regional Councilmember Rey Santos, Beaumont, District 3, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

President Lorimore opened the Public Comment Period and outlined instructions for public comments. He noted the total time period for all public comments related to items on the agenda and any other matter within the agency’s subject matter jurisdiction was five minutes and the public comment period would be held open for at least five minutes to afford the public the ability to comment on all items on this agenda.

He reminded the public to submit comments via email to ePublicComment@scag.ca.gov. Board Counsel Ruben Duran acknowledged there were no written public comments received by email before or after the deadline. The Public Comment period was open for five minutes.

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

Board Counsel Duran reported that they were asking the Regional Council to 1) ratify the prior action of the Executive/Administration Committee (EAC) taken at its November 3, 2021 meeting regarding the findings to continue holding virtual Regional Council and Committee meetings under AB 361; and 2) make similar findings as the EAC and as noted in the staff report.

A MOTION was made (Hagman) to (1) ratify the prior action of the Executive/Administration Committee taken at its November 3, 2021 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 for a period of thirty (30) days pursuant to and in compliance with Brown Act provisions contained in Government Code Section 54953(e). Motion was SECONDED (Ashton). The motion passed by the following roll call votes:

AYES: ALLEN, ASHTON, BACERRA, BEAMAN JACINTO, BECERRA, BENOIT, A. BROWN, BUCKNUM, BUSCAINO, CARROLL, CLARK, DE RUSE, DEVINE, DIXON, FISCH, GAZELY, HAGMAN, HAMADA, HARNIK, HENDERSON, HUANG, JUDGE, KALMICK, KELLY, LOCK DAWSON, LORIMORE, MCCALLON, MCLEAN, MINAGAR, NAVA-FROELICH, NAVARRO, NGUYEN, POLLOCK, POSEY, PUTZ, RAMIREZ, ROBERTSON, SANDOVAL, SANTOS, SCHWANK, SHAPIRO, SIMONOFF, SPIEGEL, TYE, VIEGAS-WALKER, WAGNER, WAPNER and YOKOYAMA (48)

NOES: MANOS (1)

ABSTAIN: NONE (0)

2. Last Mile Freight Program: Phase 1 Selected Projects & Contingency List

Annie Nam, Deputy Director of Transportation provided a brief update on how the Last Mile Freight Program was established through a partnership with the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee (MSRC).

Scott Strelecki, Senior Transportation Planner, provided a presentation on the Last Mile Freight Program: Phase 1 Call for Projects to which SCAG is serving as the implementor for the Last Mile component of the MSRC Goods Movement Program. His presentation included an update on the 40 applications received totaling \$46.5 million in funding award requests, and \$146.5 million in total project cost. He further noted that the MSRC Technical Advisory Committee Last Mile Subcommittee confirmed the Review Panel's determination and recommended that the Selected Projects be awarded \$10 million, and, further that the Contingency List Projects be considered for award should additional funding become available through the MSRC.

Regional Councilmember Larry McCallon, Highland, District 7, indicated he was the Chair of the MSRC and a member of the Air Quality Management District governing board. He stated he was very pleased with the response they had received and especially with the projects brought forward for funding. He noted that when this item was brought forward to the MSRC he would see if they could fund the rest of the project requests.

Regional Councilmember Ramirez, Ventura County, expressed support for Agenda Item 2 and stated they really needed cleaner vehicles.

A MOTION was made (McCallon) to approve the Last Mile Freight Program Phase 1 Selected Projects to be awarded \$10 million and, further, that the Contingency List Projects be considered for award should additional funding become available through the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee. Motion was SECONDED (Ramirez). The motion passed by the following roll call votes:

AYES: ALLEN, ASHTON, BACERRA, BEAMAN JACINTO, BECERRA, BENOIT, A. BROWN, CARROLL, CLARK, DE RUSE, DEVINE, DIXON, FISCH, GAZELY, HAGMAN, HAMADA, HARNIK, HENDERSON, HUANG, JUDGE, KALMICK, KELLY, LOCK DAWSON, LORIMORE, MANOS, MCCALLON, MCLEAN, NAVA-FROELICH, NAVARRO, POLLOCK, POSEY, PUTZ, RAMIREZ, ROBERTSON, SANDOVAL, SANTOS, SCHWANK, SHAPIRO, TYE, VIEGAS-WALKER, WAGNER, WAPNER and YOKOYAMA (43)

NOES: NONE (0)

ABSTAIN: NONE (0)

CONSENT CALENDAR

3. Minutes of the Special Meeting – October 7, 2021
4. Approval for Additional Stipend Payments
5. Resolution No. 21-637-1 Authorizing Acceptance of Funds from the CA Workforce Development Board for Implementation of the Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategy
6. Resolution No. 21-637-2 Connect SoCal CEQA Addendum No. 2 to Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (State Clearinghouse No. 2019011061)

7. Resolution No. 21-637-3 Adoption of Connect SoCal (2020 RTP/SCS) Amendment No. 1 and 2021 FTIP Consistency Amendment No. 21-05
8. Amending Contract Greater Than 30% of the Contract's Original Value: Bench Contract No. 19-052-C01 through C10 Information Technology (IT) Application Development and Support
9. Amending Contract Greater Than 30% of the Contract's Original Value and \$75,000: Contract No. 20-002-C01, with Best Best & Krieger LLP for Board Counsel Services and as Needed Litigation Services

Receive and File

10. November 2021 State and Federal Legislative Update
11. Orange County Equity Map and Social Progress Index
12. Purchase Orders \$5,000 - \$199,999; Contracts \$25,000 - \$199,999 and Amendments \$5,000 \$74,999
13. CFO Monthly Report

Board Counsel Duran noted for the record that pursuant to the Political Reform Act he had recused himself from any action related to Consent Calendar Item No. 9, which involved his law firm to which he was a partner. He further noted that he did not participate in the preparation of the item with staff or in any communications with any decision makers at SCAG.

A MOTION was made (Navarro) to approve Consent Calendar Items 3 through 9; Receive and File Items 10 through 13. Motion was SECONDED (Posey). The motion passed by the following roll call votes:

AYES: ALLEN, ASHTON, BACERRA, BEAMAN JACINTO, BECERRA, BENOIT, A. BROWN, CARROLL, CLARK, DE RUSE, DEVINE, DIXON, FISCH, GAZELY, HAGMAN, HAMADA, HARNIK, HENDERSON, HUANG, JUDGE, KALMICK, KELLY, LOCK DAWSON, LORIMORE, MANOS, MCCALLON, MCLEAN, NAVA-FROELICH, NAVARRO, NGUYEN, POLLOCK, POSEY, PUTZ, RAMIREZ, ROBERTSON, SANDOVAL, SANTOS, SCHWANK, SHAPIRO, TYE, VIEGAS-WALKER, WAGNER, WAPNER and YOKOYAMA (44)

NOES: NONE (0)

ABSTAIN: NONE (0)

INFORMATION ITEM**14. Assessing the Potential Impacts of Senate Bill 9 on Housing Supply**

Kome Ajise, Executive Director provided a brief update on SB 9, the duplex bill that allows for by-right lot split and duplex developments on single-family residential parcels, statewide. He noted that the bill was the subject of much discussion and debate at the Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC), EAC, and Regional Council and that SCAG originally took an oppose unless amended position back in May, but after their recommendations were not included in the bill, they updated that position to an outright oppose in September. He indicated that the LCMC recommended to the Regional Council that SCAG study SB 9's impacts and potential mitigation strategies, which the Regional Council approved last month. In response to this action, staff welcomed Dr. Ian Carlton, CEO and Co-Founder of MapCraft Labs to provide a presentation on the impacts of SB 9.

Dr. Ian Carlton of MapCraft Labs presented on research conducted by UC Berkeley's Turner Center for Housing Innovation on a study which used parcel-level data and an economic model to assess the potential impacts of SB 9's provisions on housing in the SCAG region. The presentation also noted that by assessing both physical constraints and market feasibility, the model estimates that a small percentage of the region's single-family parcels would meet the criteria for development under SB 9's provisions. Additionally, the model does not consider whether landowners would be willing to execute on feasible development sites.

Regional Councilmember Mike Posey, Huntington Beach, District 64, indicated that in Huntington Beach they took an oppose position of SB 9 and SB 10. He further noted they would have to learn from it, work with it and figure it out.

Regional Councilmember Ramirez asked Dr. Carlton if there had been any study on the trend of investors buying single family homes, not to split them up, but to turn them into rentals. She expressed concern that people would never be able to be homeowners, because if would be financially difficult. Dr. Carlton acknowledged the question and indicated he was not aware of any studies on this.

Regional Councilmember McLean, Santa Clarita, District 67, expressed concern over SB 9 and indicated that it was turning single family residences into downtown areas where there was overdevelopment and too many people living in one area. She stated that they needed to be very vigilant and not give in to Sacramento. Regional Councilmember Posey indicated he did not disagree with Regional Councilmember McLean and opposed SB 9 and 10.

President Lorimore stated that the presentation provided very helpful data to help contextualize what they were facing. He indicated there continued to be an infringement from Sacramento upon local control.

Regional Councilmember Alex Fisch, Culver City, District 41, stated he echoed Regional Councilmember Posey's comments about their responsibility and stated they need to step up and this was a great forum for it. He also asked Dr. Carlton if there was anything cities could do to sort of ease this to make investment more predictable for the financial and development communities, while they were still exercising their local control and shaping how it looks. Dr. Carlton acknowledged the question.

President Lorimore asked Dr. Carlton if they planned on doing a follow-up study on their predictions. Dr. Dr. Carlton acknowledged the question and noted they were not in the process of doing a follow-up analysis.

Regional Councilmember Peggy Huang asked Dr. Carlton if during their analysis they looked at the enforceability of the owner occupancy requirements. Dr. Carlton acknowledged the question.

BUSINESS REPORT

A business report was not provided.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Lorimore provided a brief update on the SoCal Greenprint and noted that he appointed the Advisory Task Group (ATG), which will consist of Councilmembers Ashton, Hagman, Huang, Pollock and himself. He indicated that they anticipated the first ATG meeting to take place in January 2022 and would meet approximately three times through Spring 2022 to fulfill the Regional Council's direction before concluding the work of the task force. He also announced that SCAG was hosting its 12th Annual Southern California Economic Summit virtually on Thursday, December 2 at 9:00 a.m. and this year's event would focus on supporting inclusive economic recovery and continuing to build strength and resilience in the region. President Lorimore extended heartfelt congratulations and a thank you to Mark Baza who was retiring from his role as Executive Director of the Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC). He indicated that Executive Director Kome Ajise would be presenting Mr. Baza with a proclamation at his retirement celebration. Lastly, he reported that there would not be a meeting of the Regional Council in December and that the next meeting of the Regional Council would be held on Thursday, January 6 at 12:30 p.m.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Executive Director Ajise announced that Javiera Cartagena had been appointed as the new Director of Government and Public Affairs, who previously served as the Manager of Regional Services. He reported there was a Swiss Transportation Seminar in which there would be an opportunity for up to 15 Regional Council and Policy Committee members to participate in a virtual tour and class on the Swiss public transportation system. He also highlighted that on this day the Regional Council adopted a resolution to accept a one-time funding earmark of \$3.5 million that was to implement key recommendations of the Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategy. He indicated that the grant funded work would kick off in early 2022 and would advise on the progress through the policy committees and special reports. He noted that on November 1, both President Lorimore and him, welcomed an audience of almost 300 to SCAG’s first Housing Policy Forum. Lastly, he provided an update on Pedestrian Safety month and SCAG’s Go Human Traffic Safety Pledge campaign.

President Lorimore suggested that the Regional Councilmembers should visit the San Pablo improvements in Palm Desert if they get a chance.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEM/S

There were no future agenda items requested.

First Vice President Harnik, RCTC provided a brief update on the background of the San Pablo improvements and CV link, which were part of a Go Human demonstration project.

ANNOUNCEMENT/S

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

President Lorimore announced that he would be adjourning the meeting in honor of Mayor Bryan Urias from the city of Duarte, who sadly passed away on October 24.

There being no further business, President Lorimore adjourned the Regional Council meeting in memory of Mayor Brian Urias of Duarte at 2:10 p.m.

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