NO. 450

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

March 4, 2004

MINUTES

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

The Regional Council of the Southern California Association of Governments held its meeting at the SCAG Offices downtown Los Angeles. The meeting was called to order by the President, Councilmember Bev Perry, City of Brea. There was a quorum.

Members Present

Councilmember Bev Perry, Brea, President	District 22
Councilmember Ron Roberts, Temecula, 1st VP	District 5
Supervisor Hank Kuiper, Imperial County, 2nd VP	
Supervisor Paul Biane, San Bernardino County	
Supervisor Yvonne Burke, LA County	
Supervisor Judy Mikels, Ventura County	
Supervisor Chirs Norby, Orange County	
Councilmember Jo Shields, Brawley	District 1
Councilmember Bonnie Flickinger, Moreno Valley	District 3
Mayor Lee Ann Garcia, Grand Terrace	District 6
Councilmember Susan Longville, San Bernardino	District 7
Councilmember Deborah Robertson, Rialto	District 8
Mayor Bill Alexander, Rancho Cucamonga	District 9
Mayor Gary Ovitt, Ontario	District 10
Mayor Lawrence Dale, Barstow	District 11
Councilmember Cathryn De Young, Laguna Niguel	District 12
Councilmember Richard Dixon, Lake Forest	District 13
Councilmember Tod Ridgeway, Newport Beach	District 14
Councilmember Lou Bone, Tustin	District 17
Councilmember Alta Duke, La Palma	District 18
Councilmember Art Brown, Buena Park	District 21
Councilmember Paul Bowlen, Cerritos	District 23
Councilmember Gene Daniels, Paramount	District 24
Councilmember Keith McCarthy, Downey	District 25
Councilmember Frank Gurule, Cudahy	District 27
Mayor Pro Tem Bea Proo, Pico Rivera	District 31
Councilmember Margaret Clark, Rosemead	District 32
Councilmember Dick Stanford, Azusa	District 33

Members Present – Cont'd

Councilmember Paul Talbot, Alhambra	District 34
Councilmember Harry Baldwin, San Gabriel	District 35
Councilmember Tom Sykes, Walnut	District 37
Councilmember Llewellyn Miller, Claremont	District 38
Councilmember Paul Nowatka, Torrance	District 39
Mayor Pro Tem Sandra Jacobs, El Segundo	District 40
Councilmember Pam O'Connor, Santa Monica	District 41
Councilmember Dennis Washburn, Calabasas	District 44
Vice Mayor Toni Young, Port Hueneme	District 45
Councilmember Glen Becerra, Simi Valley	District 46
Councilmember Carl Morehouse, San Buenaventura	District 47
Councilmember Greig Smith, Los Angeles	District 59
Councilmember Debbie Cook, Huntington Beach	District 64
Councilmember Ted Burgnon, Town of Apple Valley	District 65
Councilmember Robin Lowe, Hemet	RCTC

Members Not Present

Supervisor Marion Ashley, Riverside County	
Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, LA County	
Councilmember Greg Pettis, Cathedral City	District 2
Mayor Ron Loveridge, Riverside	District 4
Councilmember Richard Chavez, Anaheim	District 19
Councilmember Ron Bates, Los Alamitos	District 20
Councilmember Isadore Hall, Compton	District 26
Councilmember Judy Dunlap, Inglewood	District 28
Councilmember Bonnie Lowenthal, Long Beach	District 29
Councilmember Tonia Reyes-Uranga, Long Beach	District 30
Councilmember Sid Tyler, Pasadena	District 36
Councilmember Bob Yousefian, Glendale	District 42
Councilmember Mike Dispenza, Palmdale	District 43
Councilmember Ed Reyes, Los Angeles	District 48
Councilmember Wendy Greuel, Los Angeles	District 49
Councilmember Dennis Zine, Los Angeles	District 50
Councilmember Tom LaBonge, Los Angeles	District 51
Councilmember Jack Weiss, Los Angeles	District 52
Councilmember Tony Cardenas, Los Angeles	District 53
Councilmember Alex Padilla, Los Angeles	District 54
Councilmember Bernard Parks, Los Angeles	District 55
Councilmember Jan Perry, Los Angeles	District 56
Councilmember Nate Holden, Los Angeles	District 57
Councilmember Cindy Miscikowski, Los Angeles	District 58
Councilmember Eric Garcetti, Los Angeles	District 60
Councilmember Antonio Villariagosa, Los Angeles	District 61

Councilmember Janice Hahn, Los Angeles	District 62
Mayor James Hahn, Los Angeles	At-Large
Mayor Bill Davis, Simi Valley	VCTC

Staff Present

Mark Pisano, Executive Director
Jim Gosnell, Deputy Executive Director
Bert Becker, Chief Financial Officer
Colin Lennard, General Counsel
Karen Tachiki, Chief Counsel
Hasan Ikrata, Director, Planning & Policy
Jim Sims, Director, Information Services
Shelia Stewart, Executive Assistant

1.0 CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Councilmember Lou Bone, City of Tustin.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Richard Robinson, private citizen, presented comments regarding his involvement in the development of a neighborhood watch as well a treatment services for the homeless downtown skid row. Additionally he asked for Regional Council assistance when implementation of a mobile assistance patrol for skid row has been developed.

3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

3.1 Approval Items

The following consent calendar items was MOVED (Brown), SECONDED (Mikels) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED:

3.1.1 Approve Minutes of Feb. 5, 2004

It was noted the Councilmember Pam O'Connor attended the meeting.

3.1.2 Approval of Contracts

3.1.3 Approve FAA Grant Authorization for $925,550 ($833,000 Federal Dollars)

3.1.4 Approve Proposed State Legislative Briefing in Sacramento

8 RC members were approved to participate at the legislative briefing in Sacramento instead of 16.

3.1.5 Approve Proposed Date, Location & Budget for SCAG's 2004 General Assembly

3.1.6 Approve Resolution #04-450-1 to add Pre-Tax Parking Reimbursement Plan for employee benefits

3.1.7 Approve Co-sponsorship of California Congressional Delegation Reception

3.1.8 Approve Proposed Cooperative Agreement With the Caltrans Storm Water Program

3.2 Receive & File

3.2.1 Contracts & PO between $5,000 - $25,000

3.2.2 Conflict of Interest Listing

3.2.3 Summary of Key Issues and Actions taken by the Policy Committees in February

3.2.4 State & Federal Legislative Matrix

3.3 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

3.3.1 Appointments

Regional Council Members appointed to Policy Committees
Hon Susan Longville, San Bernardino appointed to EEC

Regional Council Members

District 3	Hon. Bonnie Flickinger, Moreno Valley
District 63	Hon. Thomas Buckley, Lake Elsinore

Subregional Representatives to Policy Committees

From WRCOG	To TCC	Hon. Steven Adams, Riverside
	To CEHD	Hon. Charles White, Moreno Valley

Maglev Task Force
Hon. Frank Gurule, Cudahy

Water Policy Task Force
Hon. Shenna J. Moqeet, Calimesa

3.3.2 **Appointment of the Nominating Committee**

Supervisor Hank Kuiper, Imperial County, Chair

Supervisor Paul Biane, San Bernardino County
Supervisor Yvonne Burke, Los Angeles County
Councilmember Glen Becerra, City of Simi Valley
Councilmember Alta Duke, City of La Palma
Councilmember Robin Lowe, City of Hemet

3.3.3 Report on Native Americans

Councilmember Roberts reported on a follow-up meeting that was conducted at the Cabazon Band of Indians in cooperation with Tribal Alliances with the Sovereign Nations. He stated that the meeting was set to continue discussions regarding joining SCAG. In addition Councilmember Roberts also presented the roles & responsibilities of SCAG to the Alliance, that resulted in a lengthy discussion. He stated that the target date for a decision to join SCAG was tentatively set for the May meeting. However the May schedule probably want happen because of pending issues, one of which is the MOU with Cal-Nevada High Speed Rail.

3.5 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mark Pisano stated that last month a legislative summit was convened. There were 12 Legislators present including the Secretary of Business & Transportation, as well as labor and business leaders of southern California. The purpose of the summit was to discuss what could be a Bi-partisan structure for financing of infrastructure, particularly, transportation. He noted that the basic strategy contained within the RTP, was incorporated into strategy that was discussed. Mr. Pisano reported on the principals that were agreed upon at the summit by the Bi-partisan Caucus Leadership. In addition stated that he also reported on the necessity of making something happen, so that revenues could be obtained to make a finding of conformity this summer.

There was also a consensus trip to D.C. lead by President Perry. The delegation met with both Senators as well as key members of the House, particularly, on the Appropriations Committee.

4.0 ACTION ITEMS

4.1 Administration Committee Report

4.1.1 Draft FY 2004-2005 Overall Work Program (OWP)

Councilmember Dixon, Chair, stated that the Administration Committee recommended approving release of the Draft FY 2004-2005 OWP for review and comment.

It was MOVED (Dixon), SECONDED (Young) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

4.1.2 FY 2004-2005 General Fund Budget & Dues

It was MOVED (Dixon), SECONDED (Lowe, Kuiper) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED to approve Alternative #1 (1.8% CPI increase)

4.1.3 Revised FY 2003-2004 Agency-Wide Budget (including fringe & Indirect budgets) pursuant to B.A. 1

It was MOVED (Young), SECONDED (Kuiper) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

4.2 Transportation & Communications Committee (TCC) Report

4.2.1 FY 2005 Federal Transportation Appropriations Request

Each year in the spring, SCAG prepares its federal appropriations requests for funding in the next federal fiscal year beginning in October. The attached chart lists the region's priority projects.

To continue the work of the Delegation beyond the reauthorization, SCAG has encouraged the Delegation to consolidate its FY 2004-2005 federal transportation appropriations requests into a single document that could be mutually submitted to Congress. The show of agreement and support, it is hoped, would enhance the region's receipt of federal funds beyond what individual agencies could obtain.

If approved by the Regional Council, SCAG will work cooperatively with the county transportation commissions to secure the necessary funding for these projects in the federal FY 2004/2005 appropriations cycle.

The TCC recommended moving forward on the following: 1) Isle 17 Completion; 2) the East/West Corridor; and 3) Maglev Deployment Program. It was MOVED (Garcia) and SECONDED (Talbot)

Supervisor Burke stated that there were some projects that were not considered by MTA. She stated that there was need for clarification on some projects. A meeting will be scheduled with the staff over the next month. Therefore she would be abstain.

Vice Mayor Lowe stated that request for federal appropriations are due March. She felt splitting of projects is unfair to the rest of the region. She made a substitute motion to move the entire list of projects, and stated that

If MTA, wished to withdraw their programs specifically to deal with their concerns – that is left up to MTA.

It was MOVED (Lowe), SECONDED (Cook) with 2 ABSTENTIONS (Burke, Proo) to APPROVED to move the list forward.

4.3 **Energy & Environment Committee (EEC) Report**

4.3.1 S.1555 (Boxer) California Wild Heritage Act

Vice Mayor Young, Chair, stated that this bill designates 2.5 million acres and the free-flowing portions of 22 rivers as "wilderness" and "wild and scenic" respectively. These designations restrict some future uses of the land and rivers, but allow the continuation of most presently permissible uses. Presentations were made in support of and in opposition to the bill, staff recommended a support in concept position consistent with the Regional Comprehensive Plan and Guide's goals of Outdoor Recreation, Resource Protection and Resource Production.

The EEC recommended that the Regional Council approve a watch position.

It was MOVED (Young), SECONDED (Clark) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED to watch S.1555 (Boxer).

4.4 **Community, Economic & Human Development (CEHD) Report**

No report

4.5 **Communication Task Force Report**

Councilmember Proo, Chair, stated that the May 6th General Assembly will be held in Downtown Los Angeles. She reported that the Task Force is moving ahead on soliciting and reviewing nominations for the Hagman Award acknowledging the Regional Citizen of the Year. Last minute nominations should be submitted ASAP. Staff has created a Power Point Presentation on this year's State of the Region report for RC use

Outreach for the RTP - Staff is compiling information on all of the events and activities that occurred for the purpose of documenting that outreach to our Federal agencies. Several members have made presentations to city councils, district cities, and other stakeholder organizations. Staff has developed an on-line data needs survey for all our jurisdictions and other stakeholders. The responses will help SCAG prioritize its future data acquisition and analysis. RC members were encouraged to ask city and county staff to participate in this survey which is now on our web site at www.scag.ca.gov

Staff has also developed an Extranet Site for SCAG RC and policy committee members. This site can be accessed to view and update member contact information.

5.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

5.1 Monthly Financial Report

Bert Becker informed the Committee that the Budget Amendment #1 was approved on February 26 and staff currently is in the process of amending contracts as necessary.

Mr. Becker also presented an update with regards to cash flow. He stated that during January 2004, the Association received Line of Credit (LOC) advances of $1,510,500 compared to $1,324,000 in the prior year, an increase of $186,500. On a year to date basis, total LOC advances have decreased by $3,474,000 compared to the prior year. At January 31, 2004, the LOC liability was zero compared to $2,602,000 in the prior year, a decrease of $2,602,000.

6.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No items presented at this time.

7.0 LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

7.1 Closed Session

- Morrison Claim
  Conference with Legal Counsel – anticipated litigation
  Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to California
  Government Code Subdivision C §54956.9

  There was nothing to report out from the closed session at this time.

- HDR Appeal
  Conference with Legal Counsel – anticipated litigation
  Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to California
  Government Code Subdivision C §54956.9 (one potential case)

  No closed session on this item.

- SCAG v. HCD & BT&H
  Conference with Legal Counsel - existing litigation to be
  heard in closed session in pursuant to California
  Government Code Section §54956.9(a)

  No closed session on this item.

8.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Talbot announced that Councilmember Talmage Burke passed away on Monday, March 1, 2004. Councilmember Burke served on Alhambra City Council for fifty-two years. He was the longest serving Councilmember in the City of Alhambra. A memorial service is planned for the week of March 8th. Councilmember Washburn announced that the Calabasas city council closed in memory of Councilmember Burke.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the Regional Council closed in memory of Councilmember Burke. The next meeting is scheduled for April 1, 2004 at SCAG Offices.

Mark Pisano, Executive Director