



NO. 650
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 2023

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 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. Art Brown, 1st Vice President	<i>Buena Park</i>	District 21
Supervisor Curt Hagman, 2nd Vice President		San Bernardino County
Hon. Clint Lorimore, Imm. Past President	<i>Eastvale</i>	District 4
Supervisor Luis Plancarte		Imperial County
Supervisor Don Wagner		Orange County
Supervisor Karen Spiegel		Riverside County
Supervisor Vianey Lopez		Ventura County
Hon. Maria Nava-Froelich		ICTC
Hon. Brian Goodell		OCTA
Hon. Alan Wapner		SBCTA
Hon. Mike T. Judge		VCTC
Hon. Kathleen Kelly	<i>Palm Desert</i>	District 2
Hon. Frank Navarro	<i>Colton</i>	District 6
Hon. Larry McCallon	<i>Highland</i>	District 7
Hon. Deborah Robertson	<i>Rialto</i>	District 8
Hon. L. Dennis Michael	<i>Rancho Cucamonga</i>	District 9
Hon. Ray Marquez	<i>Chino Hills</i>	District 10
Hon. Randall Putz	<i>Big Bear Lake</i>	District 11
Hon. Tammy Kim	<i>Irvine</i>	District 14

Hon. Leticia Clark
 Hon. Kim B. Nguyen
 Hon. Ashleigh Aitken
 Hon. Joe Kalmick
 Hon. Marty Simonoff
 Hon. Ray Hamada
 Hon. Frank Yokoyama
 Hon. Ali Saleh
 Hon. Mark E. Henderson
 Hon. Cindy Allen
 Hon. Margaret Clark
 Hon. Steve De Ruse
 Hon. Margaret E. Finlay
 Hon. Keith Eich
 Hon. Steve Tye
 Hon. Tim Sandoval
 Hon. James Gazeley
 Hon. Drew Boyles
 Hon. David J. Shapiro
 Hon. Laura Hernandez
 Hon. Steve Manos
 Hon. Casey McKeon
 Hon. Elizabeth Becerra
 Hon. Marsha McLean
 Hon. Patricia Lock Dawson
 Hon. Marisela Nava

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Garden Grove
Anaheim
Seal Beach
Brea
Bellflower
Cerritos
Bell
Gardena
Long Beach
Rosemead
La Mirada
Duarte
La Cañada Flintridge
Diamond Bar
Pomona
Lomita
El Segundo
Calabasas
Port Hueneme
Lake Elsinore
Huntington Beach
Victorville
Santa Clarita
Riverside
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Members Not Present

Hon. Jan Harnik, President
 Supervisor Kathryn Barger
 Supervisor Hilda Solis
 Hon. Zak Schwank
 Hon. Benjamin Vazquez
 Hon. José Luis Solache
 Hon. Rex Richardson
 Hon. Gary Boyer
 Hon. Adele Andrade-Stadler
 Hon. Eunisses Hernandez
 Hon. Paul Krekorian
 Hon. Bob Blumenfield

Members Not Present

Temecula
Santa Ana
Lynwood
Long Beach
Glendora
Alhambra
Los Angeles
Los Angeles
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Members Not Present
RCTC

Los Angeles County
 Los Angeles County
 District 5
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 District 48
 District 49/Public Transit Rep.
 District 50



Hon. Nithya Raman	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 51
Hon. Katy Young Yaroslavsky	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 52
Hon. Monica Rodriguez	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 54
Hon. Marqueece Harris-Dawson	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 55
Hon. Curren D. Price, Jr.	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 56
Hon. Heather Hutt	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 57
Hon. Traci Park	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 58
Hon. John Lee	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 59
Hon. Hugo Soto-Martinez	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 60
Hon. Kevin de León	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 61
Hon. Tim McOsker	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 62
Hon. Karen Bass	<i>Los Angeles</i>	Member-at-Large
Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.	<i>Pechanga Dev. Corp.</i>	Tribal Gov't Reg'l Planning Brd.
Ms. Lucy Dunn		Business Representative

Staff Present

- 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
- James Ramirez, Director of Human Resources (Acting)/Risk Management and Safety Officer
- Julie Shroyer, Chief Information Officer
- Michael Houston, Chief Counsel, Director of Legal Services
- Jeffery Elder, Deputy Legal Counsel
- Michael Maurer, Assistant Board Counsel
- Maggie Aguilar, Clerk of the Board
- Cecilia Pulido, Deputy Clerk of the Board

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

First Vice President Brown called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m. and asked Regional Councilmember Larry McCallon, Highland, District 7, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

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), First Vice President Brown announced the meeting was being held both in person and virtually (telephonically and electronically).

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

First Vice President Brown 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.

The Clerk of the Board acknowledged there no written public comments received before or after the deadline.

Seeing no public comment speakers, First Vice President Brown closed the Public Comment Period.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no requests to prioritize agenda items.

ACTION ITEM

In the interest of time, action on Items 1 and 2 were acted upon together. The roll call vote is reflected below.

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

There were no public comments speakers for Item No. 1.

The comprehensive staff report was included in the agenda packet and posted on the SCAG website. The meeting video is also available on the SCAG website.

2. Pedestrian Safety Month: Highlighting Go Human's 2022 Outcomes

There were no public comment speakers for Item No. 2.

The comprehensive staff report was included in the agenda packet and posted on the SCAG website. The meeting video is also available on the SCAG website.

A MOTION was made (Hagman) to approve **Item No. 1**: that the Regional Council (RC): (1) ratify the prior actions of the Executive/Administration Committee taken at its November 2, 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, subcommittees 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); and **Item 2:** that the Regional Council approve the Sustainable Communities Program – Civic Engagement, Equity, and Environmental Justice (CEEEJ) Call for Applications Guidelines and authorize staff to release the Call for Applications, upon approval of SCAG's full Regional Early Action Planning Grant (REAP 2.0) application by the State Partners. Authorize the SCAG Executive Director or his designee to revise the Guidelines as needed for compliance with the REAP 2.0 program and/or feedback from the State Partners, and to enter into agreements with awarded subregional partners under this program and execute all documents incident to the agreements, including issuance of conditional award letters. Motion was SECONDED (McCallon). The motion passed by the following roll call votes:

AYES: Aitken, Becerra, Boyles, Brown, M. Clark, De Ruse, Eich, Finlay, Gazeley, Goodell, Hagman, Hamada, Judge, J. Kalmick, Kelly, Lock Dawson, Lopez, Lorimore, Marquez, McCallon, McLean, Michael, Nava, Nava-Froelich, Nguyen, Plancarte, Putz, Saleh, Shapiro, Simonoff, Spiegel, Wapner and Yokoyama (33)

NOES: NONE (0)

ABSTAIN: McKeon (1)

CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no public comments on the Consent Calendar.

Approval Items

3. Minutes of the Regular Meeting – November 3, 2022
4. Contracts \$500,000 or Greater: Contract No. 23-016-C01, Strategic Media Relations Services
5. Release of Transportation Conformity Analysis of Draft Connect SoCal 2020 Amendment #3 and 2023 Federal Transportation Improvement Program Consistency Amendment #23-03 for Public Review and Comment

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6. Draft Connect SoCal 2020 Amendment 3 and 2023 FTIP Consistency Amendment #23-03 - Release for Public Review
 7. 2023 Go Human Community Hubs Program Guidelines
 8. SCAG Memberships and Sponsorships
 9. 2023 State and Federal Legislative Platform

Receive and File

10. January 2023 State and Federal Legislative Update
11. 2022-2023 Executive Administration Committee Strategic Work Plan
12. Status Report on SCAG's Racial Equity Early Action Plan
13. REAP 1.0 Biannual Program Update
14. Purchase Orders, Contract and Amendments below Regional Council Approval Threshold
15. CFO Monthly Report

A MOTION was made (Finlay) that the Regional Council approve Consent Calendar Items 3 through 9 and Receive and File Items 10 through 15. Motion was SECONDED (Plancarte). The motion passed by the following roll call votes:

AYES: Aitken, Becerra, Boyles, Brown, M. Clark, De Ruse, Eich, Finlay, Gazeley, Goodell, Hagman, Hamada, Judge, J. Kalmick, Kelly, Lock Dawson, Lopez, Lorimore, Marquez, McCallon, McLean, Michael, Nava, Nava-Froelich, Nguyen, Plancarte, Putz, Shapiro, Simonoff, Spiegel, Wagner, Wapner and Yokoyama (33)

NOES: NONE (0)

ABSTAIN: McKeon (1); and Spiegel (Abstained on Item 3)

INFORMATION ITEM

16. Final 2022 Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP)
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There were no public comment speakers for Item No. 16.

Kome Ajise, Executive Director, welcomed and introduced Dr. Sarah Rees, Deputy Executive Officer of the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD), to make a presentation on the Final 2022 Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP). He noted the Final 2022 AQMP was a very relevant air plan for SCAG, because SCAG provides the foundation data for the plan and that our adopted regional transportation plan and programs-the Connect SoCal 2020- are an integral part of the AQMP. He stated that the AQMP establishes new transportation conformity budgets that our future regional transportation plan and program will need to meet. He thanked Dr. Rees and her staff for their close collaboration with SCAG staff in preparing the 2022 AQMP. He also thanked Wayne Nestri, Executive Director of the South Coast AQMD and Dr. Rees of their great leadership and the tremendous effort of their staff in addressing the regional transportation conformity lockdown.

Dr. Rees provided brief remarks on the 2022 AQMP which was adopted by the AQMD Board in December 2022. She noted that this was a very comprehensive plan and for the first time ever they were expressly pivoting to adoption of zero emission technologies wherever and whenever feasible across all sectors in order to be able to meet the federal ozone standards. She explained that they were required under the federal Clean Air Act to develop plans showing how they were going to meet federal air quality standards. Her presentation included information on the key components of the 2022 AQMP, the 3-year process with public participation, ozone trends in the South Coast Air Basin, health impacts, NOx baseline emissions by source category, the need to reduce NOx emissions and address federal sources, innovative approaches needed to reduce emissions, an overview of AQMD and California Air Resources Control Board (CARB) Mobile Source Controls, and the public health benefits realized as a result of the implementation of the plan. Lastly, she noted that next steps were for CARB to consider the plan for adoption on January 26, shortly thereafter the plan would be submitted to the Environmental Protection Agency for their review and approval, and then they would start the implementation with the public and other interested stakeholders.

Regional Council Member McCallon thanked Dr. Rees for her presentation and the great job by her staff.

Regional Council Member Kathleen Kelly, Palm Desert, District 2, echoed comments by Regional Council Member McCallon. She also asked if there was anything that could be done to remove NOx from the air. Dr. Rees stated that there was a lot of work being done by the greenhouse gas world in relation to carbon dioxide and noted that it was hard to reduce NOx because it forms when they burn things. She stated that she was not aware of technologies that would be needed to reduce or make the emission reductions needed to take it out of the atmosphere.

First Vice President Brown asked if there was any Public Comment on the remaining administrative items.

Seeing no public comment speakers, First Vice President Brown closed the Public Comment Period.

BUSINESS REPORT

Regional Council Member Lucy Dunn reported that on January 3, thanks to a \$100 million grant from Donald and Brigitte Bren, Caltech and SpaceX launched a satellite to develop solar energy from space. She explained that it was a solar power project and in Southern California they would be collecting solar power in space and transmitting the energy wirelessly to earth through microwaves which enables terrestrial power availability unaffected by weather or time of day. She noted that this would make solar power continuously available at little or no cost anywhere on earth. On the inflation side, she noted that business was very focused on inflation, though it was slowing, it still remained near record highs. She noted that the recession still seems to be in our near future and that food was up by 11%, energy was up by 13%, and housing was up by 7% or more all over the nation. She reported that the GLUE Council was going to meet on January 30 so that they met right before the Regional Council meetings to allow for sharing information in a timely fashion. She noted that they would be featuring at the GLUE Council meeting items like SCAG's legislative agenda and a presentation by George Tita of UCI's Livable Cities Lab who would be speaking about the connection between building affordable housing and increasing home values and decreasing crime. She also noted that the business community seemed to be lining up in strong support for the draft RAMP that would be coming before the Regional Council in February.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

First Vice President Brown provided a report on meetings now being open to the public. He also welcomed new Regional Council Members: Benjamin Vazquez, Santa Ana, RC District 16; Ashleigh Aitken, Anaheim, RC District 19; Casey McKeon, Huntington Beach, RC District 64; Eunisses Hernandez, Los Angeles, RC District 48; Katy Young Yaroslavsky, Los Angeles, RC District 52; Traci Park, Los Angeles, RC District 58; Hugo Soto-Martinez, Los Angeles, RC District 60; Tim McOsker, Los Angeles, RC District 62; and Mayor Karen Bass (Member-At-Large). First Vice President Brown also provided a report on SCAG hosting a series of virtual legislative outreach meetings with members of our region's legislative delegation to share top priorities, including continuation of the Infill Infrastructure Grant Program, continued funding for the Active Transportation Program, adding additional flexibility for local jurisdictions to meet their RHNA goals, and gaining continued support for REAP Grant Programs. He also provided a brief report on the Imperial Lithium Mobile Workshop in which President Harnik and SCAG staff visited Imperial County and attended a comprehensive tour of several major regional infrastructure and energy projects. He also provided a report on the vacancies and special elections that would be coming up as a result of election outcomes and retirements. He also issued a call for candidates who may be interested in serving on the Nominating Committee, the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee and the Scholarship Committee.



He also reported that preparation on appointments for the General Assembly Host Committee were underway and staff expected letters to go out later this month to appointees which would be announced next month. He also reported the Patricia Lock Dawson, RC District 68, had been appointed as Vice Chair to the Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee. Lastly, he reported that the next Regional Council meeting was scheduled on February 2, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Executive Director Ajise highlighted the action taken by the Regional Council on Item No. 2 and noted that there was \$5 million available for local agencies through the REAP 2.0 program to promote housing and reduce VMT. His report also included an update on the Transportation Conformity Lockdown, Connect SoCal and FTIP Amendment No. 3, the REAP Biannual Report, which was Receive and File Item No. 13 on the Consent Calendar, the Sustainability Awards Call for Nominations, the SoCal Transportation Safety Resource Hub, and events and appearances by SCAG staff throughout the region.

The detailed report can be viewed through the meeting video available on the SCAG website.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no future agenda items.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Vice President Brown announced that Regional Council Member McCallon was now the President of Metrolink. There were no further announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Harnik adjourned the Regional Council meeting at 1:05 p.m.

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