



NO. 651
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 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. Jan Harnik, President

Hon. Art Brown, 1st Vice President *Buena Park*

Supervisor Curt Hagman, 2nd Vice President

Hon. Clint Lorimore, Imm. Past President *Eastvale*

Supervisor Kathryn Barger

Supervisor Luis Plancarte

Supervisor Don Wagner

Supervisor Karen Spiegel

Hon. Maria Nava-Froelich

Hon. Brian Goodell

Hon. Alan Wapner

Hon. Mike T. Judge

Hon. Gil Rebollar

Hon. Kathleen Kelly

Hon. Linda Krupa

Hon. Zak Schwank

Hon. Frank Navarro

Hon. Larry McCallon

Hon. Deborah Robertson

Brawley

Palm Desert

Hemet

Temecula

Colton

Highland

Rialto

RCTC

District 21

San Bernardino County

District 4

Los Angeles County

Imperial County

Orange County

Riverside County

ICTC

OCTA

SBCTA

VCTC

District 1

District 2

District 3

District 5

District 6

District 7

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. Sandy Rains	<i>Laguna Niguel</i>	District 12
Hon. Wendy Bucknum	<i>Mission Viejo</i>	District 13
Hon. Tammy Kim	<i>Irvine</i>	District 14
Hon. Lauren Kleiman	<i>Newport Beach</i>	District 15
Hon. Benjamin Vazquez	<i>Santa Ana</i>	District 16
Hon. Leticia Clark	<i>Tustin</i>	District 17
Hon. Kim B. Nguyen	<i>Garden Grove</i>	District 18
Hon. Ashleigh Aitken	<i>Anaheim</i>	District 19
Hon. Joe Kalmick	<i>Seal Beach</i>	District 20
Hon. Marty Simonoff	<i>Brea</i>	District 22
Hon. Frank Yokoyama	<i>Cerritos</i>	District 23
Hon. Mark E. Henderson	<i>Gardena</i>	District 28
Hon. Cindy Allen	<i>Long Beach</i>	District 30
Hon. Margaret Clark	<i>Rosemead</i>	District 32
Hon. Gary Boyer	<i>Glendora</i>	District 33
Hon. Adele Andrade-Stadler	<i>Alhambra</i>	District 34
Hon. Margaret E. Finlay	<i>Duarte</i>	District 35
Hon. Keith Eich	<i>La Cañada Flintridge</i>	District 36
Hon. Tim Sandoval	<i>Pomona</i>	District 38
Hon. James Gazeley	<i>Lomita</i>	District 39
Hon. Drew Boyles	<i>El Segundo</i>	District 40
Hon. David J. Shapiro	<i>Calabasas</i>	District 44
Hon. Laura Hernandez	<i>Port Hueneme</i>	District 45
Hon. Rocky Rhodes	<i>Simi Valley</i>	District 46
Hon. Jenny Crosswhite	<i>Santa Paula</i>	District 47
Hon. Nithya Raman	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 51
Hon. Tim McOsker	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 62
Hon. Steve Manos	<i>Lake Elsinore</i>	District 63
Hon. Elizabeth Becerra	<i>Victorville</i>	District 65
Hon. Marsha McLean	<i>Santa Clarita</i>	District 67
Hon. Patricia Lock Dawson	<i>Riverside</i>	District 68
Hon. Marisela Nava	<i>Perris</i>	District 69
Ms. Lucy Dunn		Business Representative

Members Not Present
 Supervisor Hilda Solis
 Supervisor Vianey Lopez

Members Not Present

Members Not Present
 Los Angeles County
 Ventura County



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. Rex Richardson	<i>Long Beach</i>	District 29
Hon. Steve De Ruse	<i>La Mirada</i>	District 31
Hon. Steve Tye	<i>Diamond Bar</i>	District 37
Hon. Konstantine Anthony	<i>Burbank</i>	District 42
Hon. Ken Mann	<i>Lancaster</i>	District 43
Hon. Eunisses Hernandez	<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. 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. Casey McKeon	<i>Huntington Beach</i>	District 64
Hon. Oscar Ortiz	<i>Indio</i>	District 66
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.

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
Rube Duran, Board Counsel
Maggie Aguilar, Clerk of the Board
Cecilia Pulido, Deputy Clerk of the Board

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Harnik called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. and asked Regional Councilmember Drew Boyles, El Segundo, District 40, 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

President Harnik opened the Public Comment Period and outlined instructions for public comments. She noted this was the time for persons to comment on any matter pertinent to SCAG's jurisdiction that were not listed on the agenda. She reminded the public to submit comments via email to ePublicComment@scag.ca.gov.

The Clerk of the Board acknowledged there were 15 written public comments related to agenda Item No. 3 that were received before the 5 p.m. deadline and were posted on the website and transmitted to members. She also noted there were no public comments received after the 5 p.m. deadline.

Seeing no public comment speakers, President Harnik 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

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.

A MOTION was made (McCallon) that the Regional Council (RC): (1) ratify the prior actions of the Executive/Administration Committee taken at its February 1, 2023 meetings 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). Motion was SECONDED (Marquez). The motion passed by the following roll call votes:

AYES: Aitken, Allen, Andrade-Stadler, Barger, Becerra, Boyer, Boyles, Bucknum, M. Clark, Crosswhite, Finlay, Gazeley, Goodell, Hagman, Harnik, Henderson, L. Hernandez, Judge, Kelly, Kim, Krupa, Lorimore, Manos, Marquez, McCallon, McLean, McOsker, Michael, Nava-Froelich, Navarro, Plancarte, Putz, Rebollar, Rhodes, Robertson, Sandoval, Schwank, Shapiro, Simonoff, Spiegel, Vazquez, Wagner, Wapner and Yokoyama (44)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: Rains (1)

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

2. An Overview of Regional Transportation Safety Priorities and Recommendation to Adopt the 2023 Safety Targets

Kome Ajise, Executive Director, reported that on average, each year in Southern California, 1,450 people were killed, 5,500 were seriously injured, and 124,000 were injured in traffic collisions – and these numbers had been going up across the nation. He noted that to address these disturbing trends, SCAG continued to work closely with federal, state and local partners to develop comprehensive strategies and plans to reduce fatalities and serious injuries. He further noted that through partnerships, SCAG had also been able to develop a robust safety program to bring resources to our local communities that save lives and that many cities and counties have been recipients of educational resources or technical assistance through Go Human. He thanked the California Office of Traffic Safety for their ongoing support, especially Barbara Rooney, Director of the California Office of Traffic Safety under Governor Gavin Newsom. He explained that the education and planning work they pursue through Go Human is rooted in a data-driven approach,

which includes establishing annual safety targets for the region. He noted that the development of safety targets is also a federal requirement under MAP-21. He indicated that the Regional Council's action would approve the annual safety targets for the SCAG region. He noted that to provide context around the challenges and insights for achieving these targets, they had invited Ms. Rooney to provide some comments.

Ms. Rooney thanked staff and the Regional Council for their leadership and partnership. She also provided background information on the Office of Traffic Safety and noted that they work with about 300 state and local agencies on innovative evidence based behavioral safety programs. She mentioned that they were the state's voice for traffic safety and aimed to educate the public on safe driving habits and to be that primary source of information on traffic safety. She also reported that the most devastating issues they were experiencing right now was a crisis on roadway deaths. She explained that data for the city of Los Angeles showed 312 people were killed in traffic crashes last year, the highest total in 20 years, nearly a 30% increase from 2020. She indicated that of those killed in crashes, about half or 159 people, were pedestrians struck by car drivers, and 20 more people riding bikes were killed by drivers. She expressed that traffic safety deserved their undivided attention. She explained that the federal government had made significant investments in traffic transportation safety, and they were well positioned to take advantage of this historic level of funding. She mentioned that they were offering direct federal support to local agencies in California and highlighted that with the Office of Traffic Safety funds, SCAG's mini grant program completed 26 service projects and events to increase safety in historically disadvantaged areas most impacted by traffic deaths and injuries. She further stated that community engagement projects allow residents to identify and solve their unique traffic safety issues, improves active transportation safety in their communities, supports complete streets planning, and strengthens relationships with their local officials. She noted that this type of grassroots engagement with marginalized communities allows people to claim ownership of safe streets and public spaces and channeling that community support goes a long way in addressing equitable outcomes in Traffic Safety. She noted that engaging with underserved communities so they have a voice in crucial program planning decisions will drive behavior change and reduce racial disparities in traffic safety. She further explained that through the new public participation, engagement, and community collaboration requirements in federal law within IJA, there is a promise of gaining meaningful input from the public on how they are spending the federal funding. She indicated that funding will be prioritized to improve safety and communities identified as underserved who often face the highest rate of traffic deaths. She expressed that it was going to take a focus set of safety strategies to tackle the crisis with a sense of urgency. She explained that their collective focus on traffic safety was a shared responsibility where everyone has a role to play, and they must make the public aware that they are experiencing a crisis. She indicated that they must open societies eyes and have a call to action so that the public is more immersed and invested in the issues of their roads. She expressed that they should expect safety in every mode of transportation and all effective countermeasures were needed to ensure equitable enforcement practices that deter the most

dangerous driving behaviors; robust complete streets that slow down drivers and protect non vehicle road users; public education and awareness campaigns developed with community input; vehicle technology that accounts for driver mistakes; proactive safety data; and enhanced post-crash care that all work together to create these added layers of protection. She stated that it was about encouraging a fundamentally safer culture for drivers and bicyclists. Lastly, she stated she looked forward to seeing what they could achieve together.

Regional Council Member Margaret Finlay, Duarte, District 35, stated that in order to come up with strategies, they needed to know if the issue was people on their cell phones in cars or the pedestrians themselves. Ms. Rooney stated that it starts with problem identification and that was what they did when they looked at all traffic safety problems in the state. Regional Council Member Finlay also asked how COVID impacted traffic or accidents. Ms. Rooney indicated that they saw some very alarming trends through COVID and what they saw on the roads were the riskiest drivers who were speeding excessively. She stated that they planned to study the impact of the pandemic.

Regional Council Member Spiegel, Riverside County, asked what data they had on the those walking in crosswalks, in terms of injury and deaths. Ms. Rooney stated that a lot of the data they traditionally relied on to solve traffic safety issues was old and not in real time, so it made it very challenging when they were looking at fatalities and serious injuries. She stated she was personally really excited about the possibility of piloting and exploring the use of real time information that could help inform the potential for crashes to occur in certain areas. Regional Council Member Spiegel also expressed concern over the lack of enforcement on jaywalking. Ms. Rooney also expressed concern around the messaging related to the implementation of that statute, however, she stated it was still unlawful when there was imminent danger present when jaywalking.

Regional Council Member Marsha McLean, Santa Clarita, District 67, stated that her city was very concerned about traffic and road safety and that they diligently went after any dollars necessary in order to promote road safety and to get it fixed. She stated she was a bit alarmed that the Governor was proposing to cut \$2.5 billion from the budget for transportation and infrastructure programs and projects. She asked if she could let the Governor know that it's extremely important for their resident safety and for road safety. Ms. Rooney indicated that she would pass this along to their agency secretary who had frequent dialogue with the Governor. She stated this was the number one priority for their secretary of transportation.

Regional Council Member Dennis Michael, Rancho Cucamonga, District 9, asked what kind of data or information they had on homeless incidents where there is mental illness or just a disregard for their own safety crossing outside of crosswalks. Ms. Rooney stated this was information she could check with Caltrans, but it was not data she had. She stated it was something she could explore.

Dan Silver, private citizen, expressed concern about the digital billboards across the city since it distracts drivers. He asked what the state was doing about this.

Michael Gainor, Senior Regional Planner provided a brief overview of the Federal Transportation Safety performance management requirements PM 1 that established five specific transportation safety performance measures for which annual targets are required, that include: total number of fatalities, the rate of fatalities per 100 million VMT, the total number of serious injuries, the rate of serious injuries per 100 million VMT, and the total combined number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries. He indicated that this data was reported in five year rolling averages. He indicated that once Caltrans adopts its annual safety targets, SCAG has 180 days to establish a set of regional safety targets. FHWA then assesses whether significant progress has been made toward achieving statewide safety targets. He indicated that FHWA defines significant progress as having met four out five safety targets or the outcome is better than performance for the previous year. He briefly explained the steps taken in setting regional safety performance targets and provided the list of 2023 SCAG Regional Safety Targets. He also provided an overview of next steps once the Regional Council adopts the 2023 Regional Safety Targets.

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. 2: that the Regional Council adopt SCAG's calendar year 2023 transportation safety targets, which are supportive of the adopted statewide safety targets; and Consent Calendar Items 4 through 10; and Receive and File Items 11 through 16. Motion was SECONDED (Plancarte). The motion passed by the following roll call votes:

AYES: Aitken, Andrade-Stadler, Becerra, Boyer, Boyles, Bucknum, L. Clark, M. Clark, Crosswhite, Eich, Finlay, Gazeley, Goodell, Hagman, Harnik, Henderson, L. Hernandez, Judge, J. Kalmick, Kelly, Kim, Kleiman, Krupa, Lock Dawson, Lorimore, Manos, Marquez, McCallon, McLean, McOsker, Michael, Nava, Nava-Froelich, Navarro, Nguyen, Plancarte, Putz, Rains, Ramen, Rebollar, Rhodes, Robertson, Sandoval, Schwank, Shapiro, Spiegel, Vazquez, Wagner, Wapner and Yokoyama (50)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: Bucknum, Rains, Rhodes, and Vazquez (4) Item No. 4 - Minutes

3. Final Draft RAMP Policy Framework

Dan Silver, Endangered Habitats League, expressed support of the RAMP Policy Framework and also recommended including a nonprofit environmental representative on the Greenprint Technical Advisory Committee (TAC).

Ray Baca, Executive Director for the Engineering Contractors Association of Southern California, expressed support for the RAMP Policy Framework including the amendments made by the Energy and Environment Committee (EEC) last month.

Rich Lambros, Southern California Leadership Council, expressed strong support for the RAMP Policy Framework inclusive of the amendments that were made at the January EEC meeting. He also recommended the addition of one additional seat on the new Greenprint TAC for a business representative to add balance to the process.

KC Fockler, Surfrider Foundation North Orange County Chapter, expressed excitement to see the RAMP move forward. He noted that they recognized the importance of the Greenprint TAC and strongly supported the inclusion of at least one environmental representative.

Donna Duperon, Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce, strongly urged the adoption of the RAMP Policy Framework as currently proposed.

Connor Medina, Government Affairs Manager for the Orange County Business Council, expressed support for the proposed RAMP Policy Framework with the addition of the two amendments made by the EEC on January 5. He also recommended adding one more seat to the Greenprint TAC for a business community representative with experience in RAMP.

Oscar Garcia, California Environmental Voters, thanked the EEC for unanimously recommending to the Regional Council a seat from the conservation community and expressed support of the RAMP Policy Framework.

Benjamin Lopez, Policy Director for the Inland Empire Economic partnership, expressed support for the RAMP Policy Framework.

Jack Eidt, SoCal 350 Climate Action, expressed support of the RAMP and the environmental nonprofit representatives on the TAC.

Debbie Corlin, Los Angeles South Chamber of Commerce, expressed that she hoped that they [the Regional Council] consider the RAMP Policy Framework as proposed.

Nayiri Baghdassarian, Director of Public Policy at San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership, expressed support for the final proposed RAMP Policy Framework inclusive of the two amendments

that were made by the EEC last month. She also expressed support for the recommendation to add one more seat to the Greenprint TAC for a representative from the business community with experience on RAMP to ensure balance on the committee.

Melanie Schlotterbeck, Friends of Harbors, Beaches and Parks, expressed support for SCAG meeting its mitigation obligations and creating the RAMP. She noted that adopting the policy framework was a crucial first step towards meeting this legal obligation. She noted that they were grateful that the EEC understood the benefits of incorporating a single seat for a nonprofit environmental representative on the Greenprint TAC.

Michael Lewis, Construction Industry Air Quality Coalition, expressed support for the RAMP Policy Framework. He also suggested that since they added a seat for the environmental community on the TAC that they also add a business seat.

Francella Fierro, Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce, urged the adoption of the RAMP policy framework as currently proposed.

Elizabeth Reid-Wainscot, The Center for Biological Diversity, expressed support for the RAMP Policy Framework. She thanked the EEC for unanimously recommending to the Regional Council a seat for the conservation community on the Greenprint TAC. She also expressed support of the recommendation that the nonprofit environmental TAC representative be a conservation expert, preferably one with experience in RAMP to ensure the objectives of the Greenprint TAC.

Chris Wilson, Los Angeles County Business Federation, recognized and expressed appreciation for the amendment approved by the EEC in clarifying that elected officials may serve as public agency representatives on the Greenprint TAC. He stated that while they recognize and appreciate the second Amendment of adding a representative from the environmental community with experience in RAMP to the TAC, they would also like to ask for an amendment to include a representative from the business community with experience in RAMP. He noted that this would ensure a well-rounded and equitable conversation moving forward. He urged the Regional Council to approve the proposed RAMP Policy Framework as it was recommended by the EEC, with the amendment that they include a business representative on the Greenprint TAC.

C. Robin Smith, Diamond Bar Preservation Foundation, expressed support of the RAMP Policy Framework and also urged SCAG to appoint an environmental member that comes from the environmental nonprofit community and has demonstrated an interest in the RAMP Policy Framework via active participation in the ongoing outreach hearings and community involvement process.

Elizabeth Hansburg, People for Housing Orange County, expressed support for the RAMP Policy Framework.

Carlos Rodriguez, Building Industry Association of Southern California, urged the Regional Council's support of the final proposed RAMP Policy Framework inclusive of the two amendments that were made by the EEC on January 5. He also recommended adding one more seat to the Greenprint TAC for a representative from the business community with experience in RAMP.

Estela Pacheco, Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, stated she aligned her comments with that of the other business communities that had already spoken and urged the adoption of the RAMP Policy Framework as currently proposed.

Claire Schlotterbeck, Executive Director of Hills for Everyone, stated that the BIA and BizFed had already advocated for the inclusion of electeds in the Greenprint TAC, and business interests had gotten just about everything they had asked for. She expressed concern that SCAG won't meet its climate and environmental justice goals if they continue to follow their recommendations on environmental mitigation issues. She stated that if a business seat is added, they urged the Regional Council to adopt language with the same types of qualifications presented by the conservation community including that this individual must reside within the SCAG region, have a demonstrated experience with RAMP, and have a history of engagement in the 2020 Connect SoCal process.

Executive Director Ajise thanked everybody that was involved with this process, especially the stakeholders and the time they all committed over the last year. He also expressed appreciation for the members of the RAMP-ATG as well as for their leadership and their patience going through this. Finally, he also thanked SCAG staff because a lot was thrown their way and they came back all the time very responsive.

Immediate Past President Clint Lorimore, Eastvale, District 4, thanked the members of the RAMP-ATG and the Regional Council for approving this ATG to get this right. He expressed appreciation for everybody's hard work and the input from all of the interested parties. He stated that staff took all that information and created this document under ATG leadership and supervision, and they were able to come to this place where everybody was in agreement to adopt. He indicated that he was very pleased with this outcome and was looking forward to the next steps.

2nd Vice President Curt Hagman, San Bernardino, explained that approximately a year and a half ago there was practically fighting with no middle ground and with this subcommittee they were able to get to the point where they had both sides agreeing with the product, with the little exception of adding another member for balance, which he would support. He stated it was a testament to taking this document line by line with all the groups and coming out with a RAMP product that everyone seemed to be probably not thrilled but supportive of, and this was always a good place for

them as policy leaders where they can get pretty much 99% of the folks on board. He thanked Immediate Past President Lorimore for the opportunity. He also noted that Executive Director Ajise and staff still had work to do with the communities and that the next step was the TAC committee. He expressed that the ATG wanted to make sure that all voices were heard and as well as the policymakers on the Regional Council. He explained that each region would have a representative on the TAC that could be elected or an appointment from their regional area. He indicated that the EEC had added an environmental representative which he fully supported and proceeded to make the motion to approve the action with the addition of a business [representative] component.

Regional Council Member Deborah Robertson, Rialto, District 8, seconded the motion.

Regional Council Member Spiegel thanked the team and recognized that that they never get everybody happy on something but nonetheless they were on two ends of the spectrum and came together and worked together which she appreciated.

Regional Council Member Robertson thanked those who were involved and who continue to reach out. She echoed comments by 2nd Vice President Hagman and Immediate Past President Lorimore. She also thanked staff and expressed it had been a long journey and this was why she wanted to second the motion.

Regional Council Member Larry McCallon, Highland, District 7, asked if the TAC will need to operate under the Brown Act and will need to file Form 700.

Mike Houston, Chief Legal Counsel, stated that because this TAC was being directed by the Regional Council, his initial position was that this group would meet consistent with the Brown Act and file a Form 700.

Regional Council Member Jenny Crosswhite, Santa Paula, District 47, asked for clarification on the motion and whether the same qualifications would be required from the business representative which included living in the SCAG region and having a history of engagement and experience with RAMP.

2nd Vice President Hagman explained that his motion at this time was just adding a business member of the community. He stated he was fine with them living in the SCAG region but thought that as far as being the same technical stuff it brings a different perspective.

Executive Director Ajise clarified that there were no specific qualifications in the environmental position added by the EEC and thought it would be up to the nominations that come in and they would take their due diligence in appointing the right representative from both groups to TAC. He reiterated that there were no specific qualifications in the resolution that came out of the EEC.

Regional Council Member Margaret Clark, Rosemead, District 32, stated RAMP experience [was included as a qualification] as she had made the motion [at EEC].

Executive Director Ajise stated there was general recommendation of who they should pick but not specifics as was mentioned earlier in the meeting. He indicated that he wanted to make sure that they didn't pile on more to the motion because that was not part of the original motion.

A MOTION was made (Hagman) that the Regional Council approve: the RAMP Policy Framework and RAMP White Paper; and adding one more seat to the Greenprint Technical Advisory Committee for the business community. Motion was SECONDED (Robertson). The motion passed by the following roll call votes:

AYES: Aitken, Allen, Andrade-Stadler, Becerra, Boyer, Boyles, Bucknum, L. Clark, M. Clark, Crosswhite, Eich, Finlay, Gazeley, Goodell, Hagman, Harnik, Henderson, L. Hernandez, Judge, J. Kalmick, Kelly, Kim, Kleiman, Krupa, Lock Dawson, Lorimore, Manos, Marquez, McCallon, McOsker, Michael, Nava, Nava-Froelich, Navarro, Nguyen, Plancarte, Putz, Rains, Ramen, Rebollar, Robertson, Sandoval, Schwank, Shapiro, Spiegel, Vazquez, Wagner, Wapner and Yokoyama (49)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: McLean and Rhodes (2)

CONSENT CALENDAR

The Consent Calendar was acted upon with Item No. 2 above.

There were no public comments on the Consent Calendar.

Approval Items

4. Minutes of the Regular Meeting – January 5, 2023
5. Contract Amendment Greater Than 30% of the Contract's Original Valuer: Contract No. 17-026-C1 Amendment 10, Professional Auditing Services
6. Contracts \$500,000 or Greater: Contract No. 23-003-C01, Videography Services
7. Contracts \$500,000 or Greater: Contract No. 23-018-C01, SCAG's Analytical Platform

8. Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: Contract No. 23-027-C01, Go Human Safety Strategies
9. STBG/CMAQ Compliance Action Plan
10. SCAG Memberships and Sponsorships

Receive and File

11. February 2023 State and Federal Legislative Update
12. Status Update on Air Quality Planning and Transportation Conformity Challenges in SCAG Region
13. Connect SoCal 2024: Draft SCS Technical Methodology
14. Connect SoCal 2024 Program Environmental Impact Report (State Clearinghouse No.: 2022100337): Status Update on Notice of Preparation Comments
15. Purchase Orders, Contract and Amendments below Regional Council Approval Threshold
16. CFO Monthly Report

President Harnik asked if there was any Public Comment on the remaining administrative items.

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

BUSINESS REPORT

Regional Council Member Lucy Dunn thanked the Regional Council for the vote on RAMP and stated it was a good demonstration of what happens when the Glue Council and the business community comes together. She expressed appreciation for Jenna Hornstock who had been a great resource for them on the GLUE Council and was leaving SCAG for a wonderful opportunity to serve as Deputy Mayor to Karen Bass focusing on housing and homelessness. She also reported that they had economic quick hits on "Inform Connect SoCal" and that they talked about the small business community concerns. She also noted that banks were pulling back on capital for small business in anticipation of a recession and indicated that they were all watching how costs to small business were hitting mom and pop shops. She explained that there was a lot of discussion on utilities rates being so high. She indicated that it was important to watch the small business community particularly as they develop the next Connect SoCal plan because it's about 90% of the entire state's

economy. She reported that Doctor Wallace Walrod had been working on the Draper Innovation Index which shows California is actually falling from 11th most innovative state to 14th. She indicated that California's venture capital was still strong, but the state continues to be listed as 49th out of 50th in positive small business policy. She also reported that they received a presentation from George Tita of UCI's Livable Communities Lab who presented his findings on the recent study of affordable housing impacts on community crime and existing home values. She indicated there were a lot of great updates and comments by the business community on the Clean Transportation Technology Policy that SCAG staff was working on as well as Connect SoCal, the local data exchange, the legislative agenda, and housing updates. Lastly, she indicated that they were continuing to watch inflation.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Harnik reported that this would likely be their last Regional Council meeting under the COVID-19 emergency order. She stated that while she hoped that more of them would participate in the Regional Council and Policy Committee meetings in person, she understood that the emergency order had provided some much-needed flexibility during the past two years. She noted that the Brown Act requires that remote participants provide their location and allow it to be accessible to the public and stated that they were looking at making one regional office available for this purpose, but capacity was limited. She informed the members that more extensive information would be provided in an email. She also welcomed new and returning members, whose names were displayed at the meeting: Konstantine Anthony, Burbank; Wendy Bucknum, Mission Viejo; Jenny Crosswhite, Santa Paula; Lauren Kleiman, Newport Beach; Linda Krupa, Hemet; Ken Mann, Lancaster; Oscar Ortiz, Indio; Sandy Rain, Laguna Niguel; Gil Rebollar, Brawley; Rocky Rhodes, Simi Valley; Jenny Crosswhite, Santa Paula; and Ken Mann, Lancaster. She also provided an update on the recent mobile tours to the Riverside Transit Agency Vine Street Hub, the California Air Resources Board Southern California Headquarters campus, and the Los Angeles International Airport (LAX). She also reported that she attended the 2023 National Conference of Regions in Washington, D.C. late last month, where she was accompanied by SCAG Executive Director, Kome Ajise; Chief Government and Public Affairs Officer, Javiera Cartagena; and Legislative Affairs Manager, Kevin Gilhooley. She noted that while there, she led a productive discussion outlining SCAG's federal legislative priorities for this year with staff from Senator Padilla's office and four of our delegation's congressional members: Young Kim of Fullerton, Robert Garcia of Long Beach, Ken Calvert of Corona and Mike Garcia of Santa Clarita. She also announced that she had made appointments to several committees which were as follows: **General Assembly Host Committee:** Sup. Curt Hagman, Chair, San Bernardino County; Hon. Art Brown, Buena Park; Hon. Keith Eich, La Cañada Flintridge; Hon. Margaret Finlay, Duarte; Hon. Joe Kalmick, Seal Beach; Hon. Clint Lorimore, Eastvale; Hon. Ray Marquez, Chino Hills; Hon. Kim B. Nguyen, Garden Grove; Sup. Luis Plancarte, Imperial County; Hon. Deborah Robertson, Rialto; Hon. David J. Shapiro, Calabasas; Hon. Marty Simonoff, Brea; Hon. Jose Luis Solache, Lynwood; Hon. Alan Wapner, SBCTA Representative; and



Hon. Frank A. Yokoyama, Cerritos; **Bylaws and Resolution Committee:** Sup. Curt Hagman, Chair, San Bernardino County; Hon. Deborah Robertson, Rialto; Hon. Marty Simonoff, Brea; Hon. Wendy Bucknum, Mission Viejo; Hon. Steve Manos, Lake Elsinore; Hon. Jan Harnik, RCTC; Hon. Laura Hernandez, Port Hueneme; Sup. Vianey Lopez, Ventura County; Hon. Frank Yokoyama, Cerritos; Hon. Mark Henderson, Gardena; Hon. David Shapiro, Calabasas; Sup. Luis Plancarte, Imperial County; and Hon. Gil Rebollar, Brawley; **Nomination Committee:** Hon. Clint Lorimore, Chair, Eastvale; Hon. Margaret Finlay, Duarte; Hon. Ali Saleh, Bell; Hon. Larry McCallon, Highland; Sup. Luis Plancarte, Imperial County; Sup. Vianey Lopez, Ventura County; and Hon. Art Brown, Buena Park; **Scholarship Committee:** Hon. Margaret Finlay, Chair, Duarte; Hon. Kathleen Kelly, Palm Desert; Sup. Luis Plancarte, Imperial County; Hon. Deborah Robertson, Rialto; Hon. John S. Lee, Los Angeles; Hon. Ray Marquez, Chino Hills; Hon. David Shapiro, Calabasas; Hon. Margaret Clark, Rosemead; Hon. Margaret Finlay, Duarte; Hon. Adele Andrade-Stadler, Alhambra; Hon. Ali Saleh, Bell; Hon. Keith Eich, La Cañada Flintridge; Hon. Kim Nguyen, Garden Grove; and Hon. Mike Judge, Simi Valley. She also reported that there would not be individual Policy Committees in March, and instead there would be a Joint meeting of the Policy Committees (CEHD, EEC and TC), which was scheduled for Thursday, March 2 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. She noted that discussion would focus on the work of the Connect SoCal Subcommittees and their recommendations. Lastly, she reported that the next Regional Council meeting was scheduled on March 2, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Executive Director Ajise thanked the Regional Council for the action taken on agenda Item 9 which allows them to move forward with submitting the Compliance Action Plan to the state with regards to STBG-CMAQ program. He reported there would be a meeting of the Joint Policy Committees on March 2 to highlight the findings and recommendations coming out of the three subcommittees that were set up to look at emerging issues for Connect SoCal. He thanked Regional Council Member Keith Eich for allowing him to visit him and to see all the issues and opportunities in the city of La Cañada Flintridge. He also announced the departure of Jenna Hornstock who was leaving to join the City of LA as the Deputy Mayor of Housing.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no future agenda items.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Regional Council Member McLean asked if everybody that volunteered for a committee got appointed or if there was a process that they went through. President Harnik stated that there was a process, and it was about making sure that the entire SCAG region was represented well so they could do the best job for the entire region.



ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Harnik adjourned the Regional Council meeting at 2:02 p.m.

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