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**GENERAL ASSEMBLY - BUSINESS SESSION  
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
MAY 2, 2013**

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**THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. A VIDEO RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE ON THE SCAG WEBSITE: [www.scag.ca.gov/scagtv](http://www.scag.ca.gov/scagtv)**

The General Assembly—Business Session—held its May 2, 2013 meeting at the JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort & Spa, Desert Ballroom, 74855 Country Club Drive, Palm Desert, CA 92260. There was a quorum.

Representatives from the following Cities, Counties and County Transportation Commissions were in attendance:

**Imperial County:** Brawley, Calexico, El Centro, Imperial, Westmoreland; and Imperial County.

**Los Angeles County:** Alhambra, Artesia, Azusa, Bell Gardens, Bellflower, Beverly Hills, Burbank, Carson, Cerritos, Claremont, Commerce, Compton, Cudahy, Diamond Bar, Duarte, El Monte, Glendale, Glendora, Industry, Inglewood, La Cañada/Flintridge, La Habra Heights, La Mirada, Lomita, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Lynwood, Maywood, Monterey Park, Palmdale, Pomona, Paramount, Pasadena, Rancho Palos Verdes Estates, Rolling Hills Estates, Rosemead, San Fernando, Santa Clarita, Santa Fe Springs, Santa Monica, Signal Hill, South El Monte, South Pasadena, Temple City, Torrance, Walnut, West Covina, Whittier and Los Angeles County.

**Orange County:** Anaheim, Brea, Cypress, Dana Point, Fullerton, Huntington Beach, Irvine, La Habra, Laguna Niguel, Laguna Woods, Malibu, Mission Viejo, Redondo Beach, Santa Ana, and Westminster and Orange County.

**Riverside County:** Banning, Beaumont, Blythe, Calimesa, Canyon Lake, Cathedral City, Corona, Desert Hot Springs, Eastvale, Hemet, Indio, La Quinta, Lake Elsinore, Menifee, Murrieta, Norco, Palm Desert, Temecula, Wildomar, Riverside County and RCTC.

**San Bernardino County:** Adelanto, Apple Valley, Barstow, Big Bear Lake, Chino Hills, Chino, Colton, Grand Terrace, Hesperia, Highland, Loma Linda, Needles, Ontario, Rancho Cucamonga, Rialto, San Bernardino, Upland, Victorville, San Bernardino County, Twenty-nine Palms, and SANBAG.

**Ventura County:** Fillmore, Moorpark, Ojai, Oxnard, San Buenaventura, Simi Valley, Thousand Oaks, Ventura County and VCTC.

**Staff Present**

Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director  
Sharon Neely, Chief Deputy Executive Director  
Joe Silvey, General Counsel  
Debbie Dillon, Deputy Executive Director of Administration  
Joann Africa, Chief Counsel  
Basil Panas, Chief Financial Officer  
Catherine Chavez, Chief Information Officer  
Rich Macias, Director of Transportation Planning  
Huasha Liu, Director of Land Use & Environmental Planning  
Darin Chidsey, Director of Strategy, Policy and Public Affairs  
Lillian Harris-Neal, Clerk of the Board  
Tess Rey-Chaput, Office of Regional Council Support

**CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Glen Becerra called the meeting to order at approximately 11:08 a.m. First Vice President Greg Pettis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

President Glen Becerra opened the Public Comment period.

Brett Klein, Chair, Sustainability Commission, City of Palm Springs, expressed appreciation for the joint effort in the implementation of the Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) with Metro and the ongoing commitment to the state's public health; sustainability; and active transportation as part of the implementation of the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS. Mr. Klein also reported that the City of Palm Springs approved a 20-point sustainability plan that outlines green recommendations.

President Glen Becerra closed the Public Comment period.

**REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS**

There was no reprioritization of the agenda.

**ACTION ITEMS**

In voting on agenda items, President Glen Becerra asked the Delegates and Voting Alternates to utilize their voting cards by raising the green card for a "Yes" vote; a red card for a "No" vote; and a white card for an "Abstention." President Becerra stated that SCAG staff will collect the voting cards at the end of the meeting.

1. Minutes of the April 5, 2012 General Assembly Meeting
2. Minutes of the June 7, 2012 General Assembly Special Meeting

A MOTION was made (Millhouse) to approve Agenda Item Nos. 1 and 2. Motion was SECONDED (McCallon) and approved by a MAJORITY VOTE with twenty-eight (27) ABSTENTIONS (August, Menifee; Bailey, Riverside; Brown, Buena Park; Craton, Canyon

Lake; Evans, La Quinta; Eastman, Anaheim; Fitzgerald, Fullerton; Harnik, Palm Desert; Hwangbo, La Palma; Jahn; Big Bear Lake [for Agenda Item No. 2]; Kusumoto, Los Alamitos; McEachron, Victorville; Manos, Lake Elsinore; Martinez, Santa Ana; Ming, Laguna Niguel; Navarro, Colton; Nelson, Placentia; Paget, Needles; Parks, Desert Hot Springs; Ramirez; Oxnard; Roberts, Temecula; Robertson, Rialto [for Agenda Item No. 2]; Shevlin, Monrovia; Stanton, Apple Valley; Smith, Westmoreland; Thomas, Adelanto; Voss, La Cañada/Flintridge [for Agenda Item No. 2]; and Williams, Rancho Cucamonga.

### 3. Fiscal Year (FY) 2013/2014 General Fund Budget and Membership Assessment Schedule

President Becerra asked if there were any questions regarding the agenda item. City of Indio Delegate Lupe Ramos Watson asked how the funds or expenditures are identified and allocated to certain categories and cited the 'stipend expenditure' as an example.

Basil Panas, Chief Financial Officer, responded that budget adjustments were made for FY 13-14, specifically, expenditures related to the Regional Council. Councilmember Ramos Watson stated that she will seek further clarification with staff, if necessary.

A MOTION was made (Neal) to adopt the FY 2013/14 General Fund Budget and Membership Assessment Schedule and authorize the Executive Director and the Chief Financial Officer to make adjustments that may be necessary after adoption of the budget (i.e. changes in membership assessment revenue, allocated fringe benefit and indirect cost allocations, etc.). Motion was SECONDED (Morton) and approved by a MAJORITY VOTE with six (6) ABSTENTIONS (August, Menifee; Harris, Twenty-nine Palms; Ming, Laguna Niguel; Martinez, Santa Ana; McEachron, Victorville; and Navarro, Colton).

### 4. Consideration of Proposed Amendments to the SCAG Bylaws

Joseph Silvey, General Counsel, provided information on the substantial changes proposed for the SCAG Bylaws as indicated on the report, including providing more discretion to the Regional Council; addressed quorum inconsistencies and meeting date issues; and specifically an amendment on Article 5, Subsection A (4)(h), which now reads, "*Members of the Regional Council may make informational inquiries of the Executive Director or Association executive staff consistent with the official Association duties of such members; however, members of the Regional Council shall refrain from any actions or contacts within the Association that would interfere with the powers and duties of the Executive Director.*"

A MOTION was made (Brown) to review and approve the proposed amendments to the SCAG Bylaws as recommended by the Regional Council. Motion was SECONDED (Stone) and approved by a MAJORITY VOTE with four (4) ABSTENTIONS (August, Menifee; Harris, Twenty-nine Palms; McEachron, Victorville; and Page, Needles).

### 5. 2013-2014 SCAG Officers

A MOTION was made (DeGrandpre) to ratify the 2013-2014 Regional SCAG Officer positions as reviewed and approved by the Regional Council. Motion was SECONDED (Ramos Watson) and approved by a MAJORITY VOTE with three (3) ABSTENTIONS (August, Menifee; Harper, Huntington Beach; and Messina, Alhambra).

Immediate Past President Glen Becerra congratulated the new SCAG Officers: President Greg Pettis; First Vice President Carl Morehouse; and Second Vice President Cheryl Viegas-Walker.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

### **Year in Review**

Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director, thanked Immediate Past President Glen Becerra during his tenure as SCAG President. Mr. Ikhata introduced a video entitled, "2013 Year in Review" to show the accomplishments in the past year.

On behalf of the Regional Council, SCAG Board Officers presented Outgoing President Becerra with a token of appreciation. Immediate Past President Becerra made remarks.

### **Recognition of Chairs and Vice Chairs**

Awards were presented to the following for their dedication and service in the SCAG region as Chairs and Vice Chairs of the Policy Committees: Transportation Committee Chair - Keith Millhouse; Transportation Committee V-Chair - Alan Wapner; Community, Economic and Human Development Chair - Paula Lantz; Community, Economic and Human Development V-Chair - Margaret E. Finlay; Energy and Environment Committee Chair - Cheryl Viegas-Walker; and Energy and Environment Committee V-Chair - James Johnson.

### **Leadership Awards**

The President's Leadership Awards were presented to the following in recognition for their 'material and significant' impact in the region: Regional Partnership Leader Award: Jessie J. Knight, Jr.; Public Sector Leader Award: Arthur T. Leahy; Private Sector Leader Award: Fran Inman; and Sustainability Leader Award: Amanda Eaken.

### **Recognition of Past & Outgoing Members**

Plaques of Recognition were presented to the following for their dedication and service in the SCAG region as members of the Regional Council and Policy Committees: Hon. Ron Loveridge; Hon. Sukhee Kang; Hon. Paul Glaab; Hon. Joel Lautenschleger; Hon. Sharon Quirk-Silva; Hon. David Gafin; Hon. Darcy Kuenzi; Hon. Mary Craton; Hon. Tony Cardenás; Hon. Judy Dunlap; Hon. Ginger Coleman; Hon. Mario Hernandez; Hon. Mark Calac; Hon. Bryan MacDonald; Hon. Jerry Amante; Hon. Keith Hanks; Hon. Stan Carroll; Hon. Ed P. Reyes; Hon. Dennis Zine; Hon. Richard Alarcón; Hon. Jan Perry; Hon. Bill Rosendahl; Hon. Eric Garcetti; Hon. Frank Quintero; Hon. Andy Quach; Hon. Sylvia Ballin; Hon. Phil Luebben; Hon. Sam Toles; Hon. Mark Waldman; Hon. Don Robinson; Hon. Ryan Kelley; Hon. Jeff Cooper; Hon. Steven Ly; Hon. Elba Guerrero; Hon. Cathy Warner; Hon. Elaine Holmes; Hon. Laurie Ender; Hon. Gino Sund; Hon. Jose Barrios; and a Posthumous Recognition for Hon. Tom Glancy.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The next General Assembly meeting is scheduled for May 1 – 2, 2014.

  
Lillian Harris-Neal, Clerk of the Board