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NO. 633
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, JUNE 3, 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 of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) held its special meeting telephonically and electronically, given public health directives limiting public gatherings due to the threat of COVID-19 and in compliance with the Governor’s Executive Order N-29-20. A quorum was present.

Members Present

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| Hon. Clint Lorimore, President | <i>Eastvale</i> | District 4 |
| Hon. Jan Harnik, 1st Vice President | | RCTC |
| Sup. Carmen Ramirez, 2nd Vice President | | Ventura County |
| Hon. Rex Richardson, Imm. Past President | <i>Long Beach</i> | District 29 |
| Supervisor Luis Plancarte | | Imperial 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. Tim Shaw | | OCTA |
| 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 |



Members Present – continued

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. 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. Trevor O’Neil	<i>Anaheim</i>	District 19
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. Ali Saleh	<i>Bell</i>	District 27
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. Jorge Marquez	<i>Covina</i>	District 33
Hon. Adele Andrade-Stadler	<i>Alhambra</i>	District 34
Hon. Margaret E. Finlay	<i>Duarte</i>	District 35
Hon. James Gazeley	<i>Lomita</i>	District 39
Hon. Drew Boyles	<i>El Segundo</i>	District 40
Hon. Alex Fisch	<i>Culver City</i>	District 41
Hon. Juan Carrillo	<i>Palmdale</i>	District 43
Hon. David J. Shapiro	<i>Calabasas</i>	District 44
Hon. David Pollock	<i>Moorpark</i>	District 46
Hon. Steve Manos	<i>Lake Elsinore</i>	District 63
Hon. Elizabeth Becerra	<i>Victorville</i>	District 65
Hon. Megan Beaman Jacinto	<i>Coachella</i>	District 66



Members Present - continued

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

Members Not Present

Supervisor Kathryn Barger		Los Angeles County
Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.	<i>Pechanga Dev. Corp.</i>	Tribal Gov't Reg'l Planning Brd.
Hon. Steven Ly	<i>Rosemead</i>	District 32
Hon. Jonathan Curtis	<i>La Cañada Flintridge</i>	District 36
Hon. Steve Tye	<i>Diamond Bar</i>	District 37
Hon. Tim Sandoval	<i>Pomona</i>	District 38
Hon. Paula Devine	<i>Glendale</i>	District 42
Hon. Laura Hernandez	<i>Port Hueneme</i>	District 45
Hon. Lorrie Brown	<i>Ventura</i>	District 47
Hon. Gilbert Cedillo	<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. Nithya Raman	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 51
Hon. Paul Koretz	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 52
Hon. Nury Martinez	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 53
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. Mark Ridley-Thomas	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 57
Hon. Mike Bonin	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 58
Hon. John Lee	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 59
Hon. Mitch O'Farrell	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 60
Hon. Kevin de León	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 61
Hon. Joe Buscaino	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 62
Hon. Michael Posey	<i>Huntington Beach</i>	District 64
Hon. Eric Garcetti	<i>Los Angeles</i>	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 Flores, Human Resources Director
Javiera Cartagena, Acting Director of Policy and Public Affairs
Julie Shroyer, Chief Information Officer
Michael Houston, Chief Counsel, Director of Legal Services
Ruben Duran, Board Counsel
Maggie Aguilar, 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 Ray Marquez, Chino Hills, District 10, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

President Lorimore opened the Public Comment Period, and he outlined instructions for public comments.

Board Counsel Ruben Duran stated that there were no written public comments received by email after the deadline.

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 ITEMS

1. 2021 SCAG Scholarship Program

Scholarship Committee Chair Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro, District 1, suggested that in the interest of time, rather than go through a roll call vote twice, she would like to provide a report and then just add Agenda Item 1 with the Consent Calendar. She reported that there was a total of 75 applicants from throughout the SCAG region. She thanked the Committee members, especially Mr. Randall Lewis, Ms. So-Ra Baek, and Dr. James Moore. She explained that at the time that they came together as a Scholarship Committee to award the scholarships, there was still uncertainty as to whether the California Transportation Foundation (CTF) would fund one or two scholarships. She indicated that Dr. Moore personally made the commitment that if CTF did not fund the second scholarship that he would personally put up \$4,000 and merited a standing ovation for that. She



asked if staff could confirm if there would be press releases issued to each of the counties identifying SCAG was awarding scholarships. She stated it was a remarkable job by the committee and was grateful for the opportunity to chair that Committee.

Regional Councilmember Margaret Finlay, Duarte, District 35, expressed that in the future she would like to see the process for the Scholarship Committee started in February or March, and for SCAG to get name recognition on this cause. She suggested perhaps presenting the scholarships at a breakfast or dinner event in each county.

Executive Director Kome Ajise thanked Chair Viegas-Walker for the work they did on the Scholarship Committee and confirmed that the CTF Board voted unanimously to fund both scholarships.

President Lorimore reported that the EAC members, the day before, voted to recommend approval of Item 6 on the Regional Council agenda, with a modification to substitute the identified legal firm listed under the subconsultants with another firm to be selected and not to exceed the identified cost.

The Regional Council combined the votes for Agenda Item No. 1 and the Consent Calendar, as noted below.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval Items

2. Minutes of the Meeting – May 6, 2021
3. Approval of Additional Stipend Payments
4. Proposed Amendments to the Regional Council Policy Manual Relating to Teleconferenced Meetings
5. Contracts Amendment \$75,000 or Greater: Contract No. 18-028-C01, Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Implementation and Technical Assistance Services, Amendment No. 5
6. Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: Contract No. 21-042-C01, Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) Senate Bill 743 (SB 743) Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) Mitigation Assistance Program
7. Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: Contract No. 21-044-C01, Curb Space Management Study

8. Regional Transit Safety Target Setting
9. Transfer of Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Units from County of Orange to City of Santa Ana

Receive and File

10. Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI) Comment Letter
11. June 2021 State & Federal Legislative Update
12. CalEnviroScreen 4.0 Overview
13. Purchase Orders \$5,000 - \$199,999; Contracts \$25,000 - \$199,999 and Amendments \$5,000 - \$74,999
14. CFO Monthly Report

A MOTION was made (Navarro) to approve Agenda Item No. 1, the Scholarship Committee recommendations for the 2021 SCAG Scholarship Program Award, and Consent Calendar, Item No.s 2 through 9; Receive and File Item No.s 10 through 14. Motion was SECONDED (Solache). The motion passed by the following roll call votes:

AYES: ALLEN, ANDRADE-STADLER, ASHTON, BACERRA, BECERRA, BEAMAN JACINTO, BENOIT, BOYLES, A. BROWN, BUCKNUM, CARRILLO, CARROLL, CLARK, DE RUSE, DIXON, FINLAY, FISCH, GAZELEY, HAGMAN, HAMADA, HARNIK, HENDERSON, HUANG, JUDGE, KALMICK, KELLY, LOCK DAWSON, LORIMORE, MAGANA, MANOS, J. MARQUEZ, R. MARQUEZ, MCCALLON, MCLEAN, MICHAEL, MINAGAR, MITCHELL, NAVA-FROELICH, NAVARRO, NGUYEN, O'NEIL, PLANCARTE, POLLOCK, PUTZ, RAMIREZ, RICHARDSON, ROBERTSON, SANTOS, SCHWANK, SHAPIRO, SHAW, SIMONOFF, SOLACHE, SPIEGEL, VIEGAS-WALKER, WAGNER, WAPNER and YOKOYAMA (58)

NOES: NONE (0)

ABSTAIN: MINAGAR (Agenda Item No. 2) (1)

BUSINESS REPORT

Mr. Randall Lewis, Business Representative reported it is going to be a boom year according to all indications and alluded to everyone thinking that we are going to have an accelerated recovery. He reported the housing market continued to be crazy, especially in terms of western Inland Empire. He noted that the Orange County Register had a story indicating that houses in Southern California were going up \$1 every 2 minutes. He expressed that when you start measuring appreciation by the minute in Southern California, you knew something was wrong. On the supply side of the delivery sites, he reported there was still a lot of problems and lumber continued at record highs. He stated it was still over \$30,000 a house, more than building a typical house two years ago, and a lot of materials that were over 100%. He reported the other thing that was going on was interest rates were beginning to go up, even though they were still a phenomenal bargain, but when they go up over 3.1 or 3.2 it really has a big impact. For those with hotels in their cities, he suggested they do everything they can to support the efforts of those operators as the market was going to be strong. In terms of restaurants, he stated there was a lot of opportunities to do outdoor dining, and suggested cities take the chance to plan progressively to allow for outdoor dining, even at the expense of some parking in some cases. He really urged cities to look at this with their planning staff as people were eating out more, which would bring even more tax dollars to their community. He reported most economists were saying that we are going to have inflation, and we were seeing it on wages, oil prices, lumber, and other materials. He stated economists were reporting it as short term and that once we get into some supply chain issues the inflation would not be an issue. He expressed that he thought some of those economists were mistaken and inflation would continue for a while. He also reported on the number of single-family houses that were being built as rentals. He stated banking institutions nationally were either buying single family houses or partnering with home builders to build purpose-built single-family houses. Lastly, he indicated that California has not been a state for manufacturing in the last decade or so, and his sense was they were going to see some manufacturing come back to California. He stated that a lot of the businesses that offshored manufacturing because it was cheaper, can still do it, but he was hearing from a lot of companies that maybe those short-term gains were getting a slightly better price and were outweighed by supply chain uncertainty.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Lorimore welcomed incoming Regional Councilmember Marsha McLean, Santa Clarita, District 67. He announced the following Policy Committee Presidential appointments: John Marish to CEHD, Jesus Silva to EEC, Christian Horvath to TC, Jess Talamantes to TC, and Jeremy Smith to TC. He announced the LCMC appointments: Alan Wapner as Chair, Peggy Huang as Vice Chair, Sean Ashton, Curt Hagman, Margaret Finlay, Jan Harnik, Jose Luis Solache, Ray Marquez, Frank Navarro, Letitia Clark, David Pollock, Steve Manos, Deborah Robertson, Ali Saleh, Cheryl Viegas-Walker, and Donald Wagner. With respect to the Audit Committee appointments, he indicated that the Committee was getting a little bit large, and the intent was to narrow it down and create more ownership from the Committee members. He reported there would be one member from each

county, with second Vice President Carmen Ramirez (Ventura County) chairing the Committee. He announced the Audit Committee members: Cheryl Viegas-Walker from Imperial County, Edward Wilson from Los Angeles County, Marty Simonoff from Orange County, Steve Manos from Riverside County, and Alan Wapner from San Bernardino County.

He also reported that considering the June 15th reopening, staff was preparing for a return to in-person Regional Council and committee meetings and that it was anticipated that the first day of in-person meetings would be September 2 with a hybrid approach, meaning both in-person and remote video/videoconferencing participation. He stated additional details on this would be forthcoming to assist the Regional Councilmembers in their planning. Lastly, he reported the next meeting of the Regional Council meeting would be held on Thursday July 1 at 12:30 p.m.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Kome Ajise announced that staff was back in the office with some voluntary returns and that a third of the staff was working through different days of the week in the office. He indicated they were beginning to see some reporting out of the 2020 Census and one of the indications that they saw in the census was that California grew by about 6.1% in the 2010's, but slightly below the U.S. growth rate of 7.4%. He stated that during the year 2020, the state and SCAG lost about half of a percent of its population, attributable to the pandemic in some way. He reported the region managed to grow its housing stock by 0.7%, which was a lot better than what we had in 2019. He stated we had great opportunities to look more closely at long term sustainability and equity in our communities here in Southern California.

Lastly, he reported SCAG would be hosting the 32nd annual SCAG-USC Demographic workshop, which would again take place over two afternoons over ZOOM, on Tuesday June 8th and Tuesday June 15th. He indicated the theme for this year was the post pandemic city and that day one would feature a demographic checkup panel, which would dive into results from the 2020 Census and information on migration and population change, in addition to a collaborative panel with the USC's Schaeffer Center for Health Policy and Economics discussing the unequal impacts of COVID-19. Day two would include a keynote address by Tiffany Chu, founder of REMIX, and a panel on the future of the workforce, transportation, and housing. He further stated that each day would end with three roundtables for participants to learn more and sharpen their skills, and that this year's workshops would provide some insight as we launch into our 2024 Regional Plan.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEM/S

There were no additional future agenda items requested.

ANNOUNCEMENT/S

Regional Councilmember Mark Henderson, Gardena, District 28, asked for an update on the Racial Equity Committee because he wanted to make sure they do not lose sight of where they are going with it. Executive Director Ajise stated they were not losing sight of it and that the Regional Council took an action, and they had the early action plan. He indicated they would now work on how those strategies are being implemented and would bring them forward at either the Policy Committees or the Regional Council.

Patricia Lock Dawson asked for a presentation on the state budget and its implications for their regions. Executive Director Ajise stated staff could comeback with their take on how the budget affects them. Regional Councilmember Lock-Dawson stated there were some agreements made this week in the Senate and Assembly leadership regarding homelessness funding and its implication for affordable housing and thought it would be great to hear staff give their interpretation of what they think the implications would be.

President Lorimore stated they had several leaders in the immediate area of the Inland Empire that had recently passed away and shared their names and hoped that they could adjourn this meeting in their memory. Longtime Councilmember, Kathy Acevedo from the city of Norco, which was a huge loss to the community. He stated she had an ongoing fight with cancer and fought until the end. Also, close friend and mentor, Don Galleano, a personality larger than life, director of Western Municipal Water District and Metropolitan Water District. Lastly, Councilmember for the city of Eastvale, Ike Bootsma, who served more times as mayor in the history than anybody else in the city of Eastvale.

Regional Councilmember Karen Spiegel, Riverside County, reported the loss of Jordan Ehrenkranz from the city of Canyon Lake, who also served on SCAG's committees over the years. She indicated this weekend would be the celebration of life of the last female county supervisor. She stated representation was important and their job was to always mentor to replace themselves, and to make sure that their seats are with people that they have worked with, trained, and mentored. She stated SCAG was a great place to bring people to get an idea of what it is like in Southern California.

Regional Councilmember Alan Wapner, SBCTA, stated it was unfortunate to add to list but wanted to also acknowledge the passing of the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Sergeant who was killed last week and the Los Angeles County firefighter.



ADJOURNMENT

President Lorimore adjourned the Regional Council meeting at 1:17 p.m. in memory of those individuals that were mentioned and those that they lost during this past year.

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