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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, JULY 1, 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 Kathryn Barger | | Los Angeles 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 |
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| 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
<u>Members Present – continued</u>		
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. 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. Steven Ly	<i>Rosemead</i>	District 32
Hon. Jorge Marquez	<i>Covina</i>	District 33
Hon. Margaret E. Finlay	<i>Duarte</i>	District 35
Hon. Steve Tye	<i>Diamond Bar</i>	District 37
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. Alex Fisch	<i>Culver City</i>	District 41
Hon. Paula Devine	<i>Glendale</i>	District 42
Hon. Juan Carrillo	<i>Palmdale</i>	District 43
Hon. David J. Shapiro	<i>Calabasas</i>	District 44
Hon. Laura Hernandez	<i>Port Hueneme</i>	District 45
Hon. David Pollock	<i>Moorpark</i>	District 46



Members Present - continued

Hon. Paul Koretz	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 52
Hon. Steve Manos	<i>Lake Elsinore</i>	District 63
Hon. Michael Posey	<i>Huntington Beach</i>	District 64
Hon. Elizabeth Becerra	<i>Victorville</i>	District 65
Hon. Marsha McLean	<i>Santa Clarita</i>	District 67
Hon. Marisela Magana	<i>Perris</i>	District 69
Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.	<i>Pechanga Dev. Corp.</i>	Tribal Gov't Reg'l Planning Brd.
Mr. Randall Lewis	<i>Business Representative</i>	Ex-Officio Member

Members Not Present

Hon. Mike T. Judge		VCTC
Hon. Wendy Bucknum	<i>Mission Viejo</i>	District 13
Hon. Adele Andrade-Stadler	<i>Alhambra</i>	District 34
Hon. Jonathan Curtis	<i>La Cañada Flintridge</i>	District 36
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. 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. Megan Beaman Jacinto	<i>Coachella</i>	District 66
Hon. Patricia Lock Dawson	<i>Riverside</i>	District 68
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
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
Tom Philip, Acting Chief Financial Officer
Scott Campbell, Esq. (on behalf of Ruben Duran, Board Counsel, absent)
Maggie Aguilar, Clerk of the Board

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Lorimore called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. and asked 1st Vice President Jan Harnik, RCTC, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

President Lorimore reported that SCAG has received a fair amount of written public comments on Agenda Item 21 and anticipated several public comment speakers during the meeting for the item. He asked individuals wishing to speak on Agenda Item No. 21 to hold their comments until they arrived at the item on the agenda. He proceeded to open the Public Comment Period for Agenda Items numbers 1 through 20 and outlined instructions for public comments.

Board Counsel Scott Campbell reported that there were five public comments received after the 5:00 p.m. deadline and ten public comments received before the 5:00 p.m. deadline which were transmitted to members and posted on SCAG's website.

Staff announced the ten public comments received before the 5:00 p.m. deadline of Wednesday, June 30 for Agenda Item 21 - SoCal Greenprint Background & Status Update as follows:

- Dan Silver, Endangered Habitats League, support for the SoCal Greenprint;
- Michael Wellborn, Friends of Harbors Beaches and Parks, support for the SoCal Greenprint;
- Nick Cammarota, California Building Industry Association, opposed to the current process utilized in the creation of SoCal Greenprint;
- Assemblymember Laura Friedman, 43rd District, support for the SoCal Greenprint;
- Thomas E. Bowman, Bowman Change, Inc., support for the SoCal Greenprint;
- Hector Alessandro Negrete, East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice, support for the SoCal Greenprint;
- Mirella Deniz-Zaragoza, Warehouse Worker Resource Center, support for the SoCal Greenprint;
- Demi Espinoza, National Parks Conservation Association, support for the SoCal Greenprint;
- Manny Gonez, TreePeople, support for the SoCal Greenprint; and

- Mike Young, California League of Conservation Voters, support for the SoCal Greenprint.

Staff announced the five public comments received after the 5:00 p.m. deadline of Wednesday, June 30 for Agenda Item 21 - SoCal Greenprint Background & Status Update as follows:

- Will Wright, American Institute of Architects, Los Angeles Chapter, support for the SoCal Greenprint;
- Geary Hund and Susan Phillips, Mojave Desert Land Trust; Robert Redford Conservancy for Southern California Sustainability, support for the SoCal Greenprint;
- Sandy Barrows, Council of Mexican Federations, support for the SoCal Greenprint;
- OWLA Core Team: Heal the Bay, LAANE, LA Waterkeeper, Nature for All, NRDC, Pacoima Beautiful, SCOPE, The Nature Conservancy, TreePeople, OurWater LA, support for the SoCal Greenprint; and
- Tammy Martin, Friends of the Desert Mountains, support for the SoCal Greenprint.

Mr. Campbell confirmed that there was verbal public comment speaker by raised hand and acknowledged the speaker.

Rich Lambros, Southern California Leadership Council, commented on Agenda Item No. 1, Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategy (IERS) - Final Report and Recommendations, and expressed support for the item.

Due to timing constraints, President Lorimore allowed Jon Switalski, Executive Director of Rebuild SoCal Partnership, to address the Regional Council on Agenda Item No. 21.

Mr. Switalski commented on Agenda Item No. 21, SoCal Greenprint Background & Status Update, and asked the Regional Council to take a pause on the Greenprint and the adoption of the agreement.

Seeing no further public comment speakers, President Lorimore closed the Public Comment Period for Agenda Items 1 through 20.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

The agenda items were prioritized to address the Consent Calendar first, followed by Information Item No. 21, and lastly Action Item No. 1.

CONSENT CALENDAR**Approval Items**

2. Minutes of the Meeting – June 3, 2021
3. Approval of Additional Stipend Payments
4. Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: Contract No. 21-017-C01, Supporting Infrastructure for Zero Emission Heavy Duty Vehicles
5. Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: Contract No. 22-005-C01, Information Technology Research and Advisory Services
6. Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: Contract No. 22-007-C01, Primary Internet Connections
7. Contracts Amendment Greater Than \$75,000 and Greater Than 30% of the Contract's Original Value: Contract No. 19-006-C01, Amendment 6, OnBase Maintenance and Support Licenses
8. Amendment \$75,000 or Greater or 30% or more of the Original Contract's Value: Contract No. 17-024-C1 Amendment 10, High Quality Transit Area (HQTA) Analysis
9. Amendment \$75,000 or Greater or 30% or More of the Original Contract's Value: Contract No. 21-028-C01 Amendment 1, Safe and Resilient Streets Strategies and Mini-Grants
10. Transfer of Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Units from County of Orange to City of Placentia
11. 2020 Sustainable Communities Program -Smart Cities & Mobility Innovations Call for Applications - Proposed Project List
12. Release of Draft Connect SoCal (2020 RTP/SCS) Amendment No. 1 and 2021 FTIP Consistency Amendment No. 21-05 for Public Review and Comment
13. Release of Conformity Analysis of Draft Connect SoCal (2020 RTP/SCS) Amendment No. 1 and 2021 FTIP Consistency Amendment No. 21-05 for Public Review and Comment
14. SCAG Memberships and Sponsorships

Receive and File

15. July 2021 State & Federal Legislative Update
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16. California Air Resources Board (CARB) 2022 Scoping Plan Update
17. Overview of Regional Transportation Conformity
18. Regional Early Action Plan (REAP) Bi-Annual Status Report
19. Purchase Orders \$5,000 - \$199,999; Contracts \$25,000 - \$199,999 and Amendments \$5,000 - \$74,999
20. CFO Monthly Report

A MOTION was made (Robertson) to approve Calendar, Item numbers 2 through 14; Receive and File Item numbers 15 through 20. Motion was SECONDED (Shapiro). The motion passed by the following roll call votes:

AYES: ALLEN, ASHTON, BACERRA, BARGER, BECERRA, BENOIT, BOYLES, A. BROWN, CARRILLO, CLARK, DE RUSE, DEVINE, DIXON, FINLAY, FISCH, GAZELEY, HAGMAN, HAMADA, HARNIK, HENDERSON, HERNANDEZ, HUANG, KALMICK, KELLY, KORETZ, LORIMORE, LY, MAGANA, J. MARQUEZ, R. MARQUEZ, MCCALLON, MCLEAN, MICHAEL, MITCHELL, NAVA-FROELICH, NAVARRO, NGUYEN, O'NEIL, PLANCARTE, POLLOCK, POSEY, PUTZ, RAMIREZ, RICHARDSON, ROBERTSON, SALEH, SANDOVAL, SANTOS, SCHWANK, SHAPIRO, SHAW, SIMONOFF, SOLACHE, SPIEGEL, TYE, VIEGAS-WALKER, WAGNER, WAPNER and YOKOYAMA (59)

NOES: NONE (0)

ABSTAIN: NONE (0)

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

President Lorimore opened the Public Comment Period for Agenda Item No. 21, and outlined instructions for public comments.

Melanie Schlotterback, Friends of Harbors, Beaches, and Parks, commented on Agenda Item No. 21, SoCal Greenprint Background & Status Update, and expressed support for the SoCal Greenprint.

Dan Silver, Executive Director of Endangered Habitats League, commented on Agenda Item No. 21, SoCal Greenprint Background & Status Update, and expressed support for the SoCal Greenprint.

Chris Wilson, Los Angeles County Business Federation, commented on Agenda Item No. 21, SoCal

Greenprint Background & Status Update, and expressed concern on the SoCal Greenprint and requested a pause and a public hearing on the item.

Rich Lambros, Southern California Leadership Council, commented on Agenda Item No. 21, SoCal Greenprint Background & Status Update, and expressed that a pause and hearing seemed appropriate and that it was about making sure they get Greenprint right.

Jennifer Ward, Orange County Business Council, commented on Agenda Item No. 21, SoCal Greenprint Background & Status Update, and requested a pause on the SoCal Greenprint process to allow for a special meeting to take place.

Helen Higgins, Friends of Coyote Hills, commented on Agenda Item No. 21, SoCal Greenprint Background & Status Update, and expressed support for the SoCal Greenprint.

Elizabeth Hansberg, founder of YIMBY, commented on Agenda Item No. 21, SoCal Greenprint Background & Status Update, and express support for affordable housing and concerns about building in the wild.

Adam Wood, Building Industry Association and Building Industry of Legal Defense, commented on Agenda Item No. 21, SoCal Greenprint Background & Status Update, and expressed concern that the SoCal Greenprint would harm housing in the SCAG region and requested a pause to address environmental concerns.

Jennifer Hernandez, commented on Agenda Item No. 21, SoCal Greenprint Background & Status Update, and expressed concern that the SoCal Greenprint proposal had substantially deviated from what was previously proposed.

Seeing no further public comment speakers, President Lorimore closed the Public Comment Period for Agenda Item 21.

INFORMATION ITEM

21. SoCal Greenprint Background & Status Update

Executive Director Kome Ajise reported that when the Regional Council adopted Connect SoCal last September, it included 10 specific regional goals which focus on the region's economy, mobility, environment, and on healthy and complete communities. He stated one specific goal was to promote conservation of natural and agricultural lands and restoration of habitats. He indicated that to support achieving this goal, they had been developing the SoCal Greenprint, which will serve as a web-based tool and resource providing access to over 100 existing data sources. He noted that

Connect SoCal also includes a core vision centered on maintaining and better managing the transportation network, while expanding mobility choices by locating housing, jobs and transit closer together, and the Greenprint is intended to support implementation of this core vision, as well as the adopted Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS). He highlighted that the SCS promotes resource efficient development and less consumption of the region's resources, which helps reduce greenhouse gas emissions. He further reported that in February SCAG staff presented to the Energy and Environment Committee and Community, Economic and Human Development Committee with SCAG's consultant team, The Nature Conservancy and GreenInfo Network. He stated they provided an overview of the project's progress since it launched in early 2020, and identified deliverables and milestones for this year. Additionally, they also provided an update on the project to the Emerging Technologies Committee this past April. He noted that the Greenprint had been presented in public settings over the last few months and they will continue to stress an open process to the development of the Greenprint. He called on Jason Greenspan, SCAG's Manager of Sustainability, to provide an update on their stakeholder outreach process, information on the "rapid assessment" pilots they completed with their partner agencies, and to discuss the process for compiling and reviewing existing datasets that can be shared through the Greenprint.

Mr. Greenspan stated that the SoCal Greenprint will be the first conservation-focused data tool for all of SCAG's six counties and was being built with a wide range of stakeholders who are shaping the region's future. He indicated the SoCal Greenprint will convert existing data into interactive user-friendly maps, so decision makers can balance growth, while protecting biodiversity, and ultimately can serve as a discretionary tool and resource for SCAG member agencies and stakeholders to improve data driven decision making and sustainability. He noted that the SoCal Greenprint can reveal the economic and social benefits that parks, open space, and working lands provide the communities. He further noted, that it can help incorporate natural resource conservation early in the planning process and can supply planners with a one stop shop for natural resource data and assessments, provide a common analysis for opportunities and decisions, and raise awareness about nature and its benefits. He stated that by working with stakeholders and advisors they were very intentional about developing a specific project goal to protect, restore and enhance natural lands, public greenspace, working lands, and water resources, in addition to the benefits they provide people and nature throughout the SCAG region. He explained that while the SoCal Greenprint will be freely available to anyone, there are five key user groups that have been identified like infrastructure agencies, conservation practitioners, community-based organizations, developers, and planners, that they have engaged in extensive targeted outreach to gain input from. He further indicated that since they rely heavily on feedback from stakeholders to guide the project and tool development, strategic outreach has been key to project outcomes. Additionally, he reported that to ensure that the SoCal Greenprint meets key user needs they conducted several engagements with a diverse array of over 60 participating organizations over multiple sectors, including public agencies in cities and counties. He stated they organized a steering committee that meets monthly to review the project's progress and provide feedback. He noted that what really helped their outreach process was The Nature Conservancy facilitating eight rapid assessment

interviews with community-based organizations, transportation infrastructure agencies and the development community.

Although the SoCal Greenprint will not be available until later this year, Mr. Greenspan stated they have had some early successes to share from the project. Specifically, the SoCal Greenprint data contributed to the HELPR tool, which is an element of the regional data platform. He explained that this tool helps jurisdictions identify sites that can accommodate housing, consistent with the six-cycle Regional Housing Needs Assessment, to help jurisdictions make informed decisions about certain environmental concerns, such as growth in very high-risk wildfire areas. He also highlighted the three stages of the SoCal Greenprint data review process which include compilation, external review and internal review. He also explained how users will be able to view the data.

Lastly, Mr. Greenspan stated that they knew there were concerns about the ever-changing nature of local data and were therefore committing that the Greenprint tool will not include the Connect SoCal growth forecast or its constrained area layers. He indicated that the tool remains under development and the SoCal Greenprint is intended to implement Connect SoCal's goal of balancing regional growth with conservation, will address the lack of consistent regional data and tools to help prioritize lands for mitigation investments, and most importantly, want it to serve as a practical resource for SCAG member agencies and stakeholders.

President Lorimore asked what the timeline was for the Greenprint. Mr. Greenspan acknowledged the President's question and stated the goal of the project was for it to launch by the end of this year.

Immediate Past President Rex Richardson, Long Beach, District 29, thanked everybody who spoke during public comment. He stated that he hoped the SoCal Greenprint was tool to help implement and build housing to meet their goals. He stated he was hearing the concerns from people who build housing and if the tool was not going to be something that the cities can use or has confidence by the builders, then were out of alignment. He stated that he thought they were in the right place to get into alignment. Additionally, he asked for an update on the meeting they had with the proponents of the letter on the SoCal Greenprint.

Executive Director Ajise stated that the meeting with the BIA leadership was a good meeting. He reported that there were two issues they discussed, and one was on how open the process should be. He stated this was an easy one to come to terms with, which is why he asked staff to release all the data sources they were considering, so as to avoid any doubt about openness, and releasing a list of all the stakeholders that have been participating in the process. He stated the second issue was how do they make sure the tool does not have unintended consequences. He indicated this that he thought this one was a little more complicated because it dealt with how the tool is built and who is at the table. He noted that their commitment from that meeting was to continue to

engage and maybe begin to identify some basic markers of what that objective will look like. He stated they were still in the process of building the tool and were a lot of stakeholders around the table and wanted to make sure that they address ways to give comfort to individuals who feel like this could have unintended consequences.

Immediate Past President Richardson stated that in the past they had the Board Officers meet to have conversations on important matters, which helped to shape and understand the parameters of the issues. He indicated that they needed have more conversations like the one they had with the BIA. He suggested they needed sit down to understand some of the scope and have some direct conversations where they figure it out. He stated people just wanted to be heard.

President Lorimore stated he agreed and made a commitment to the stakeholders that have concerns on this.

Regional Council Member Donald Wagner, Orange County, echoed the comments of Immediate Past President Richardson. He stated there needed to be more engagement. He indicated they should have the special hearing that Supervisor Curt Hagman called for back in April, and do that in September or October, if they can be ready after the data has been published, but well in advance of this tool being finalized.

Regional Council Member Karen Spiegel, Riverside County, expressed support for a pause in the process and stated there is a need to continue conversations. She stated the process needed to be open for discussion and transparent and was glad to hear there were other parties that want to have that continued conversation, because people need to hear all sides before the document was completed.

Executive Director Ajise clarified that in terms of meeting the objective or making sure they build the tool right, they had to continue to work on it. He stated that a pause would just stop everything and that meant they we're not working together on it. He indicated that rather than do the pause, they should open this up into a larger conversation to understand the concerns and work together.

Regional Council Member Curt Hagman, San Bernardino County, stated the Greenprint was a very powerful tool. He expressed support for a separate hearing because there was a lot of different points of views. He stated they had to make sure it's aired out and that it has full transparency.

Second Vice President Carmen Ramirez, Ventura County, stated she did not support a pause on the Greenprint. She expressed support for continuing the dialogue, having people's questions answered and addressing their concerns addressed.

Regional Council Member David Shapiro, Calabasas, District 44, stated he was supportive of the

concept and doesn't want to see anything they do have unintended consequences that might affect local control or be an anti-housing. He expressed support for ongoing negotiations and bringing parties together. He stated he did not want to stop the process either.

Regional Council Member Alan Wapner, SBCTA, stated he was happy about the healthy policy discussion. He noted they had heard a lot of concerns from stakeholders and from their colleagues on the Regional Council, and that should support the suggestion of having a pause in the process.

Regional Council Member Mike Posey, Huntington Beach, District 64, expressed support for a pause in the process and stated it was worth having a vibrant discussion on this.

Regional Council Member Trevor O'Neill, Anaheim, District 19, echoed many of the concerns by his colleagues who support a pause. He stated he Chair's the Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG), and OCCOG staff continues to have concerns about the Greenprint in terms of releasing raw data that can be misinterpreted or used in unforeseen ways that will negatively impact their members. He stated that he thought it was great that they were continuing the dialogue with stakeholders and that the staff had made commitments to help address these concerns. He noted that despite this being a work in progress and based on the comments that had been made and the concerns expressed by several of their colleagues, he thought it was prudent for them as the policymaking body to officially provide direction to staff on how to proceed with the Greenprint order to effectuate those commitments. He stated he knew this item was agendized only as an informational item, but SCAG's Regional Policy Manual allowed for them to act on this if they wish. Specifically, he stated that Article VII (A) of the Regional Council Policy Manual read: "Although agendas may list agenda items separately as 'Action' or 'Discussion' or 'Information,' the SCAG legislative bodies may take action on any item or matter listed on an agenda." With this understanding, he moved a pause to delay on further implementation, hold a special public hearing and bring it back to a future Regional Council meeting for consensus by this body before moving forward.

The motion was seconded by Regional Council Member Elizabeth Becerra, Victorville, District 65.

President Lorimore stated they had a first and second on the motion by Regional Council Member O'Neil and would continue with discussions before taking an action.

Regional Council Member David Pollock stated that he thought bringing more information to the table was positive and did not see a reason to be delaying this.

Regional Council Member Fred Minagar, Laguna Niguel, District 12, noted that the SoCal Greenprint plan was a great idea. He requested special meeting to be held in September for discussion and action. He stated they had to think global by acting local when it comes down to housing and land

conservation policies. Lastly, he stated there were a couple of items in the Greenprint plan, which might have negative ramifications in their Regional Housing Needs Assessment numbers in Orange County.

Regional Council Member Alex Fisch, Culver City, District 41, stated they needed to move forward, and this should not be delayed. He indicated there was no need for a special hearing or a pause.

Regional Council Member Art Brown, Buena Park, District 21, expressed support of the Greenprint and that keep it moving forward.

Regional Council Member Holly Mitchell, Los Angeles County, asked if there were any case studies on how the tool can be used with the climate and environmental equity focus on identifying key areas of impact or concern for the entire region.

Mr. Greenspan stated they were going to be including equity in their equity environment themed climate change. He noted that climate adaptation was a theme that was going to be woven to the tool and will have data for example, on urban heat land and the disproportionate impact that it might have on certain communities.

Regional Council Member Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro, District 1, expressed appreciation for the robust discussion they were having in a very professional and respectful way. She stated that she thought they were getting hung up a little bit on semantics and that she thought that when they talked about a pause, they were talking about a pause in implementation. She indicated that what she was hearing was that they wanted to continue to move forward with the discovery process, making sure that all voices were being heard. She stated she didn't think it was a good idea to bring this in September for action and thought they needed to continue to hear, as staff as developing the plan, so that ultimately, they can get to where they all need to be, which is making data driven decisions. She was in support of a pause in implementation but moving forward on the plan and making sure that they were inviting everyone to the table.

Regional Council Member Marsha McLean, Santa Clarita, District 67, stated she was in favor of having this process move forward.

Regional Council Member Dennis Michael, Rancho Cucamonga, District 9, expressed appreciation for the robust conversation and thought it was very important. He stated he agreed with Regional Council Member O'Neil's motion about taking a pause, not stopping the process, and having a discussion as Supervisor Curt Hagman mentioned months ago about a special hearing on this matter.

Regional Council Member Mike Carroll, Irvine, District 14, stated they had a motion and a second on the table and was supportive of motion. He indicated that unless there was any further discussion, if they could have Legal Counsel repeat the motion and take a vote.

The Clerk read into the record comments submitted by Diane Dixon:

“I support more full discussion to fully understand the scope of the potential use of the data and the unintended consequences. I’m concerned that we have not fully explored the implications and benefits or potential problems. I support the motion.”

President Lorimore asked Regional Councilmember O’Neil to clarify what a pause meant to ensure it was clear and they understood what they were talking about.

Regional Council Member O’Neil stated that stopping discussions was clearly not a prudent way to settle concerns between stakeholders and the organization. He asked for a delay on the implementation, holding the public hearing that was requested, and continuing the dialogue among stakeholders. Additionally, he asked that they bring the item back to a future Regional Council meeting to essentially get the blessing of this body, to then continue with implementation, after hearing whether or not those concerns have been ameliorated.

Regional Council Member Becerra seconded the comments by Regional Council Member O’Neil.

Regional Council Member McLean stated she disagreed with the pause and indicated they needed to move forward.

First Vice President Jan Harnik, RCTC, asked if they were to go with the rate they were going with now, what did the timeline look like compared to what was being recommended by the motion.

Executive Director Ajise stated that he did not think the timeline affected them and would continue to engage all stakeholders. He indicated it would slow them down but that also allows them to be able to have another hearing, as the motion suggests, before the project comes to any point of being done. He further stated they had the opportunity to be able to redirect and hopefully with even more information about the work of working with the stakeholders.

First Vice President Harnik questioned why work should stop and stated the process should keep moving forward. She indicated they should have all the stakeholders at the table for a complete discussion. She expressed she didn’t think they needed a motion and did not know how to offer a substitute motion that says no motion. She stated they needed to make a concerted effort to make sure that all of their stakeholders and the BIA are at the table. She further stated that every one of their regions or subregions needed to be together to offer their input and to make sure that they have a product that is going to be an asset as they go forward trying to build the housing they need.

Scott Campbell, Board Counsel, clarified that when she was saying that she would like to make a motion to basically the opposite, that was the same their rules provided and was the same as saying no. He stated the motion would continue and when the motion comes up she would just be voting no on that motion.

First Vice President Harnik asked if she could offer another motion. Board Counsel Campbell stated she could offer a substitute motion. She offered a substitute motion that they continue the timeline they are on, making sure that all stakeholders are involved in the discussion and resulting product.

Second Vice President Ramirez seconded the motion by First Vice President Harnik.

President Lorimore stated they had a first and second on the motion and would continue with discussions before taking an action.

Regional Council Member Wapner stated he could not support what was being presented at this time. He noted if the process continued and a document or something comes about whether it's implemented, it was still there. He highlighted that if only collaboration occurs, then without this collaboration having an impact on the direction of that planning, they were really not accomplishing anything. He clarified that what he thought was meant by a pause was that they were going to pause completely to have this discussion and determine what direction to go. He stated he would not be able to support the pause as defined by the no motion maker.

President Lorimore asked if he meant the original motion.

Regional Council Member Wapner clarified that he supported a pause but once it was clarified that the pause continued the process and paused the implementation, he could not support that.

Board Counsel Campbell clarified that the motion before the body was the substitute motion, which was to continue forward. He stated this motion takes priority over the prior motion.

Regional Council Member Wapner stated his comment referred to the substitute motion and he opposed that as well.

Regional Council Member Brown indicated there was 20 public meetings held before this came up on the Greenprint. He stated that if one organization didn't desire to attend those meetings and tried to put a stop to it now, it was unacceptable to him. He noted they had plenty of time to attend those meetings and should have and expressed their concerns at all those meetings.

Regional Council Member Margaret Finlay expressed concern that they would be voting on something when it really wasn't agendaized for action, especially when so many had already left the meeting. She stated that if they needed to set up another meeting next week, they should do that so that people can be aware of what they are be doing.

Regional Council Member O'Neill stated that in his original motion he was not specific on the duration of a pause or a delay in implementation. He offered another substitute motion to pause the implementation process for specifically 30 days and to hold a public hearing on the issue, and then bring it back to this Council following that.

President Lorimore stated they were dark next month and asked Legal Counsel if they can do a substitute motion on top of the substitute motion.

Board Counsel Campbell clarified that they could do substitute motion on top of the substitute motion but had now reached their limit of three main motions. He stated that this substitute on the substitute was now the motion that was currently before them but hadn't been seconded.

Regional Council Member Becerra seconded the substitute motion on top of the substitute motion.

President Lorimore stated they had a first and second on the substitute, substitute motion and continued with discussion.

Regional Council Member Carroll expressed support for the second substitute motion for the 30-day pause.

President Lorimore asked the motion maker or legal counsel to repeat motion.

Mike Houston, Chief Counsel, repeated the motion made by Regional Council Member O'Neil and seconded by Regional Council Member Becerra as follows: to pause for 30-days, for the purpose of later holding a public hearing, and then to bring back to the Regional Council at later date for implementation action.

Regional Council Member O'Neil clarified to put a pause on implementation for 30-days, but within that 30-day period continue the discussion with stakeholders to address concerns.

Due to poor connection issues, Mr. Houston took the liberty of interpreting comments by Regional Council Member Jose Luis Solache, Lynwood, District 26. He clarified that if this substitute motion fails, then the motion on the table would be the prior substitute motion.

Board Counsel Campbell further clarified that if this motion failed, they would go to the first

substitute motion, and if that motion failed, they would go back to the original motion.

Regional Council Member Wapner stated that pausing implementation 30-days didn't really mean anything and suggested pausing the process for 30-days, which he could support.

Regional Council Member O'Neil stated they were talking about semantics and that pausing the process or delaying the implementation was the same thing to him.

President Lorimore stated they had some great discussion and that it was respectful.

Mr. Houston stated he wanted to understand Regional Council Member O'Neil's prior comment and clarified that this would be a pause to delay implementation for a period of at least 30-days, in the event that for whatever reason they are unable to return with a hearing or otherwise in that period, and there would be a public hearing held for the purposes of discussing this and potentially taking further action of the Regional Council.

Regional Council Member O'Neil stated yes and if that in any way differed from what he stated he would take that as part of the amendment.

Board Counsel Campbell stated it was a clarification because staff can't make amendments, therefore, it was a clarification to Regional Council Member O'Neil's motion.

A MOTION was made (O'Neil) to approve a pause to delay implementation for a period of at least 30-days, in the event that for whatever reason they are unable to return with a hearing or otherwise in that period, and there would be a public hearing held for the purposes of discussing this and potentially taking further action of the Regional Council. Motion was SECONDED (Becerra). The motion passed by the following roll call votes:

AYES: ASHTON, BACERRA, BECERRA, BENOIT, BOYLES, CARROLL, CLARK, DE RUSE, DEVINE, DIXON, GAZELEY, HAGMAN, HUANG, KALMICK, R. MARQUEZ, MCCALLON, MICHAEL, MINAGAR, NAVARRO, NGUYEN, O'NEIL, POSEY, SHAW, TYE, and WAPNER (25)

NOES: A. BROWN, CARRILLO, FINLAY, FISCH, HAMADA, HARNIK, HENDERSON, HERNANDEZ, KELLY, LORIMORE, MCLEAN, MITCHELL, NAVA-FROELICH, POLLOCK, RAMIREZ, ROBERTSON, SALEH, SANDOVAL, SANTOS, SCHWANK, SIMONOFF, SOLACHE, VIEGAS-WALKER, and YOKOYAMA (24)

ABSTAIN: NONE (0)

ACTION ITEMS

1. Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategy - Final Report and Recommendations

Regional Councilmember Kathleen Kelly, Palm Desert, District 2, asked for a shortened presentation on Agenda Item No. 1 in the essence of time.

First Vice President Harnik, stated this was an important presentation and asked for a detailed presentation in the future.

President Lorimore stated staff could showcase this item at a later meeting.

A MOTION was made (McCallon) to adopt the Final Report and Recommendations. Motion was SECONDED (A. Brown). The motion passed by the following roll call votes:

AYES: ASHTON, BECERRA, BENOIT, BOYLES, A. BROWN, CARRILLO, CARROLL, CLARK, DE RUSE, DEVINE, DIXON, FINLAY, FISCH, GAZELEY, HAGMAN, HAMADA, HARNIK, HENDERSON, HERNANDEZ, KELLY, LORIMORE, R. MARQUEZ, MCCALLON, MICHAEL, MINAGAR, *MITCHELL, NAVA-FROELICH, NAVARRO, NGUYEN, O'NEIL, POLLOCK, POSEY, RAMIREZ, ROBERTSON, SALEH, SANDOVAL, SANTOS, SCHWANK, SHAW, SIMONOFF, SOLACHE, TYE, VIEGAS-WALKER, WAPNER and YOKOYAMA (45)

NOES: NONE (0)

ABSTAIN: MCLEAN (1)

*Regional Councilmember Mitchell stated her vote was a yes for Agenda Item 1.

BUSINESS REPORT

In the essence of time, Mr. Randall Lewis, Business Representative, did not provide a report.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Lorimore highlighted the eleven SCAG Scholarship Program winners from this year's competitive pool. He commended the Scholarship Committee members for taking the time to participate in this process. He reported that Regional Councilmember Wapner attend the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) and received an award on behalf of SCAG for the GoHuman Campaign. Regional Councilmember Wapner praised staff for their work on this. He reported the EAC members held a strategic planning session and additional information would be provided at a later date. He announced that the first date of in-person meetings would be September 2nd with a hybrid approach, meaning both in-person and online. Lastly, he reported there would not be



Regional Council meeting in August and the next meeting was scheduled for Thursday September 2 at 12:30 p.m.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

In the essences of time, Executive Director Ajise indicated he would email his report to the members.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEM/S

There were no additional future agenda items requested.

ANNOUNCEMENT/S

Regional Councilmember O'Neill reported that the Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG), which he chairs, initiated litigation against the California Department of Housing and Community development (HCD) to challenge the regional determination for failing to follow the statutes outlined in state law, essentially the same claims and arguments that SCAG had raised in its 2019 objection letter to HCD, and for which this body ultimately decided not to pursue further action. He stated cities in the SCAG region were encouraged to join as additional petitioners to challenge HCD's failure to follow the law and assert that HCD crafts a reasonable allocation of housing units to the region. He indicated that any city interested in joining as a petitioner to OCCOG's writ should contact their legal counsel Fred Galante fgalente@awattorneys.com.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Lorimore adjourned the Regional Council meeting at 3:03 p.m.

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