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Los Angeles, CA 90017
October 6, 2022

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2022

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

Hon. Clint Lorimore, Imm. Past President

Supervisor Luis Plancarte

Supervisor Kathryn Barger

Supervisor Karen Spiegel

Supervisor Curt Hagman

Hon. Maria Nava-Froelich

Hon. Brian Goodell

Hon. Alan Wapner

Hon. Peggy Huang

Hon. Mike T. Judge

Hon. Ben Benoit

Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker

Hon. Kathleen Kelly

Hon. Rey Santos

Hon. Frank Navarro

Hon. Larry McCallon

Hon. Deborah Robertson

Buena Park

Eastvale

El Centro

Palm Desert

Beaumont

Colton

Highland

Rialto

RCTC

District 21

District 4

Imperial County

Los Angeles County

Riverside County

San Bernardino County

ICTC

OCTA

SBCTA

TCA

VCTC

Air District Representative

District 1

District 2

District 3

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. Fred Minagar	<i>Laguna Niguel</i>	District 12
Hon. Wendy Bucknum	<i>Mission Viejo</i>	District 13
Hon. Tammy Kim	<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. Marty Simonoff	<i>Brea</i>	District 22
Hon. Frank Yokoyama	<i>Cerritos</i>	District 23
Hon. Ray Hamada	<i>Bellflower</i>	District 24
Hon. Denise Diaz	<i>South Gate</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. 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. 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. Laura Hernandez	<i>Port Hueneme</i>	District 45
Hon. Claudia Bill-de la Peña	<i>Thousand Oaks</i>	District 46
Hon. Lorrie Brown	<i>Ventura</i>	District 47
Hon. Nithya Raman	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 51
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. Patricia Lock Dawson	<i>Riverside</i>	District 68
Hon. Marisela Nava	<i>Perris</i>	District 69



Ms. Lucy Dunn
Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.

Pechanga Dev. Corp.

Business Representative
Tribal Gov't Reg'l Planning Brd.

Members Not Present

Supervisor Hilda Solis
Supervisor Don Wagner
Hon. Zak Schwank
Hon. Rex Richardson
Hon. Steve De Ruse
Hon. Steve Tye
Hon. Tim Sandoval
Hon. Jess Talamantes
Hon. Gilbert Cedillo
Hon. Paul Krekorian
Hon. Bob Blumenfield
Hon. Paul Koretz
Hon. Nury Martinez
Hon. Monica Rodriguez
Hon. Marqueece Harris-Dawson
Hon. Curren D. Price, Jr.
Hon. Mike Bonin
Hon. John Lee
Hon. Mitch O'Farrell
Hon. Kevin de León
Hon. Joe Buscaino
Hon. Steve Manos
Hon. Megan Beaman Jacinto
Hon. Eric Garcetti

Members Not Present

Temecula
Long Beach
La Mirada
Diamond Bar
Pomona
Burbank
Los Angeles
Los Angeles
Los Angeles
Los Angeles
Los Angeles
Los Angeles
Los Angeles
Los Angeles
Los Angeles
Los Angeles
Los Angeles
Los Angeles
Los Angeles
Lake Elsinore
Coachella
Los Angeles

Members Not Present

Los Angeles County
Orange County
District 5
District 29
District 31
District 37
District 38
District 42
District 48
District 49/Public Transit Rep.
District 50
District 52
District 53
District 54
District 55
District 56
District 58
District 59
District 60
District 61
District 62
District 63
District 66
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
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
Ruben 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 12:35 p.m. and asked Regional Councilmember Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro, District 1, 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), President Harnik 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.

Ruben Duran, Board Counsel, acknowledged there were no written public comments received by email before or after the deadline for items not listed on the agenda.

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

PRESENTATION

Recognition of First Vice President Carmen Ramirez, Ventura

The following members of the public provided comment and paid tribute to the late First Vice President Carmen Ramirez: Supervisor Linda Parks, Michele Martinez, Steve Nash, David Pollock, Jorge Alvarado, Janna Minsk, Pam O'Connor, and Maria Elena Ramirez.

The following Regional Council members provided comment and paid tribute to First Vice President Ramirez: Peggy Huang, Deborah Robertson, Claudia Bill-de la Peña, Art Brown, Karen Spiegel, Lorrie Brown, Laura Hernandez, Joe Kalmick, and Margaret Finlay.

President Harnik recognized First Vice President Ramirez’s family and dedicated staff from the Ventura County Board of Supervisors District 5 who were present and announced them as follows:

- Maria Ramirez, sister of Carmen Ramirez
- Roni Miranda, Ventura County Community Leader & Friend of Carmen
- Robert O’Riley, Chief of Staff
- Angel Garcia, Executive Aide
- Steven Auclair, Equity & Inclusion Coordinator
- Dr. Sevet Johnson, Ventura County CEO

First Vice President Ramirez’s family and the Ventura County Board of Supervisors District 5 staff were presented with a proclamation honoring Carmen Ramirez.

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

President Harnik opened the Public Comment Period.

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

A MOTION was made (Marquez) that the Regional Council (RC): (1) ratify the prior actions of the Executive/Administration Committee taken at its August 3, 2022 and August 31, 2022 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 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 (Finlay). The motion passed by the following roll call votes:

AYES: Allen, Bacerra, Barger, Becerra, Benoit, Boyer, Boyles, A. Brown, L. Brown, Carrillo, L. Clark, M. Clark, Diaz, Dixon, Eich, Finlay, Fisch, Gazeley, Goodell, Hagman, Hamada, Harnik, Henderson, Huang, Judge, J. Kalmick, Kelly, Kim, Lock Dawson, Lorimore, Marquez, McCallon, McLean, Michael, Minagar, Nava, Nava-Froelich, Navarro, Plancarte, Posey, Putz, Raman, Robertson, Saleh, Santos, Solache, Spiegel, Viegas-Walker, Wapner and Yokoyama (50)

NOES: NONE (0)

ABSTAIN: NONE (0)

In the interest of time, action on Items 2, 3 and the Consent calendar were acted upon together. The roll call vote is reflected below.

2. Digital Equity Call to Action to Increase Access to Affordable Broadband

President Harnik opened the Public Comment Period.

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

Kome Ajise, Executive Director, called on Sunne McPeak, CEO and President, California Emerging Technology Fund, to provide the presentation.

Ms. McPeak expressed that she was very impressed with how the SCAG team had come together around getting everyone online and particularly focusing on the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP). She commended SCAG for the request for qualifications for prospective partnership proposal process that they were in. She stated that now that SCAG had the results, they could move on to working in partnership with public and private entities to actually put together project applications to reach the hardest to reach rural, remote, high urban, high poverty or urban areas. She reported that they had over six million households in the six counties and out of those six million, 48% qualified for the ACP. She stated they had about 30% of eligible households online and noted that the SCAG region makes up about 48% of all eligible households statewide. She reported that the California Emerging Technology Fund has had the opportunity to work with many of SCAG's cities and counties. She stated that in partnership they had developed the tools with SCAG that are going to be available to all local jurisdictions to use collateral in terms of information about the ACP, which provides a \$30 a month subsidy for qualifying households. She clarified that it was actually \$75 if they reside on a tribal land and that there was also \$100 credit available for a computing device if the internet service provider offers it. She explained that building on the SCAG Go Human campaign they were working on getting everyone enrolled in the SCAG territory in the ACP and had a whole series of outreach efforts and collaterals already developed. She stated they had just

finished doing in person enrollment throughout 25 locations in California. She explained that the California Broadband Council had established a goal of getting 90% of all eligible households online by 2024 and had decided to use the slogan Get Connected California. She noted that there will be another mobilization throughout the month and that October 8 was the next time they would be doing in person enrollments.

Hannah Brunelle, Senior Planner, introduced the resolution before them in support of a digital equity call for action. She noted that SCAG was pleased to announce their partnership with the California Emerging Technology Fund. Ms. Brunelle explained that this resolution commits SCAG to supporting and playing a strong leadership role in fostering collaboration with our local jurisdictions across the region with broadband providers and with other organizations to expand support for the ACP, invites SCAG cities and counties within the region to partner with SCAG and support outreach, calls on internet service providers to contribute to the campaign and assist with these important efforts, and directs staff to pilot engagement efforts modeled after the successful Go Human Program and engagement models to expand support for the ACP in issuing the digital equity call for action to local agencies and partners across the region.

3. REAP 2021 Subregional Partnership 2.0 Program Guidelines

Sarah Jepson, Director of Planning, provided a brief update on the REAP 2021 Subregional Partnership 2.0 Program Guidelines and noted that they were asking for consideration and approval from the Regional Council. She reported that the guidelines were developed with the input of their subregional council of government partners and recommended for Regional Council approval by the Community, Economic and Housing Development Committee in July. She noted that this was the first set of guidelines they were asking the Regional Council to approve for the REAP 2.0 program and that there was an additional set of guidelines that would be brought forward based off their direction in the program development framework in July that would help lay out how they are looking to develop the funding proposal for their full allocation of funding.

President Harnik opened the Public Comment Period.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval Items

4. Minutes of the Meeting – July 7, 2022

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5. Amend Previous Approval of Participation in the Vienna Social Housing Field Study, Occurring Sept 11-17, 2022 to Confirm and Identify SCAG Delegates for Attendance
 6. SCAG Staff Participation in the 69th Annual North American Regional Science Conference
 7. Resolution No. 22-646-1 Approving Amendment 1 to the FY 2022-23 Overall Work Program (OWP)
 8. Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: Contract No. 22-57-C01, Regional Data Platform Phase 2
 9. Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: Contract No. 22-052-C01, Connect SoCal 2024 Public and Stakeholder Engagement
 10. Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: Contract No. 22-055-C01 through 22-055-C09, Economic Advisory and Analysis Services Supporting Annual Economic Summit and SCAG Quarterly Indicators Dashboard (SQID)
 11. Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: Contract No. 22-061-C01, Streamlining Services for SCAG's Broadband Program
 12. Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: Contract No. 22-062-C01, Strategic Services for SCAG's Broadband Program
 13. Contract Amendment Greater than \$75,000 and 30% of the Contract's Original Value: Contract No. 22-064-C01, Amendment No. 1, Computing and Storage Services (On-Demand Availability of Scalable Computing Resources and Storage Over the Internet) Provided by Amazon Web Services (AWS)
 14. Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: Contract No. 22-066-C01, Industry Forum: Tribal Engagement and General Outreach
 15. SCAG Memberships and Sponsorships

Receive and File

16. September 2022 State and Federal Legislative Update
 17. 2022 Federal Certification Review
 18. CEQA Initiation for the Connect SoCal 2024 Program Environmental Impact Report
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19. Connect SoCal CEQA Addendum No. 3 to Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (State Clearinghouse No. 2019011061)
20. Equity Analysis Update (formerly Environmental Justice Analysis) - Performance Measures
21. Purchase Orders \$5,000 - \$199,999; Contracts \$25,000 - \$199,999 and Amendments \$5,000 - \$74,999
22. CFO Monthly Report

President Harnik asked if there was any Public Comment on the Consent Calendar.

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

A MOTION was made (Finlay) to approve: Item 2: Resolution No. 22-646-2 to set forth a digital equity Call for Action to increase access to affordable broadband throughout Southern California and invite cities and counties within the SCAG region to partner with SCAG to support regional engagement; Item 3: Adopt the REAP 2021 Subregional Partnership 2.0 Program Guidelines and authorize the SCAG Executive Director or his designee to revise the Guidelines as needed for compliance with the state REAP 2.0 program and/or feedback from the State's REAP 2.0 program team, and to enter into agreements with the designated subregional partners under this program and execute all documents incident to the agreements, including issuance of conditional award letters; and Consent Calendar Items 4 through 15 and Receive and File Items 16 through 22. Motion was SECONDED (Plancarte). The motion passed by the following roll call votes:

AYES: Allen, Barger, Becerra, Benoit, Boyer, A. Brown, L. Brown, Carrillo, L. Clark, M. Clark, Diaz, Dixon, Eich, Finlay, Fisch, Gazeley, Goodell, Hagman, Hamada, Harnik, Henderson, Huang, Judge, J. Kalmick, Kelly, Lock Dawson, Lorimore, Marquez, McCallon, McLean, Michael, Minagar, Nava, Nava-Froelich, Navarro, Plancarte, Posey, Putz, Raman, Robertson, Saleh, Santos, Shapiro, Solache, Spiegel, Viegas-Walker, Wapner and Yokoyama (48)

NOES: NONE (0)

ABSTAIN: NONE (0)

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

Ms. Lucy Dunn, Business Representative, reported that their last GLUE Council meeting on August 8th was robust and successful. She offered condolences on behalf of the GLUE Council for the late Carmen Ramirez. She reported that the California Business Roundtable had released a report on CEQA analysis that found that almost 50,000 housing units in 2020 were targets of CEQA lawsuits and thousands more were litigated based upon cities trying to up zone and comply with housing elements. She noted there was housing legislation coming out of Sacramento and that there still had to be work on CEQA or they would be struggling with it. She also reported that the next meeting [of the GLUE Council] was scheduled for October 10 and they would have presenters on energy to prepare for Connect SoCal.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Harnik announced next steps to fill the 2nd Vice President vacancy and noted that effective immediately, 2nd Vice President, Art Brown, would assume the role of First Vice President. She welcomed new Regional Council Member Gary Boyer from Glendora, District 33. She thanked all the members that expressed interest in serving on Connect SoCal Subcommittees. She asked members to check their email for the assignments to the subcommittees. President Harnik also announced the launch "Money Monday", a resource that highlights grant opportunities available to agencies in the SCAG region. She also reminded the members about the survey on the Regional Council and Policy Committee meeting schedule. Lastly, she announced that the next Regional Council meeting was scheduled for October 6, 2022 at 12:30 p.m.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Kome Ajise noted that in the interest of time he would email his report.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEM/S

There were no future agenda items.

ANNOUNCEMENT/S

There were no announcements.

CLOSED SESSION

President Harnik opened the Public Comment Period.

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

Ruben Duran, Board Counsel, announced two Closed Session discussion items on:

- Public Employment: Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957(b)(1), Public Employee Performance Evaluation - Title: Executive Director; and
- Public Employment: Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957.6, Conference with Labor Negotiators, Agency designated representatives: Ruben Duran, Board Counsel - Unrepresented employee: Executive Director.

President Harnik recessed the Regional Council into Closed Session.

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS

President Harnik reconvened the meeting of the Regional Council.

Board Counsel Duran reported that on the next regular open session agenda there would be a request for amendments to the Executive Director's contract in conformance with direction in closed session. He noted these items would be available for public inspection and public comment at that time.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Harnik adjourned the Regional Council meeting at 3:14 p.m.

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