



Southern California Association of Governments
Hybrid (In-Person and Remote Participation)
900 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1700 - Policy B Meeting Room
Los Angeles, CA 90017
JUNE 1, 2022

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (EAC)
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 2022**

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES IS A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (EAC). AN AUDIO RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE AT: <http://scag.iqm2.com/Citizens/>.

The Executive/Administration Committee (EAC) 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. Carmen Ramirez, 1st Vice President

Hon. Art Brown, 2nd Vice President

Hon. Clint Lorimore, Imm. Past President

Hon. Frank Yokoyama, Chair, CEHD

Hon. David J. Shapiro, Vice Chair, CEHD

Hon. Luis Plancarte, Vice Chair, EEC

Hon. Ray Marquez, Chair, TC

Hon. Peggy Huang, Chair, LCMC

Hon. Jose Luis Solache, Vice Chair, LCMC

Hon. Margaret Finlay, President’s Appt.

Hon. Kathleen Kelly, President’s Appt.

Hon. Larry McCallon, President’s Appt.

Hon. Nithya Raman, President’s Appt.

Hon. Lucy Dunn

Buena Park

Eastvale

Cerritos

Calabasas

Chino Hills

Lynwood

Rosemead

Palm Desert

Highland

Los Angeles

RCTC

Ventura County

District 21

District 4

District 23

District 44

Imperial County

District 10

TCA

District 26

District 35

District 2

District 7

District 51

Business Representative

Members Not Present

Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.

Hon. Deborah Robertson, Chair, EEC

Hon. Tim Sandoval, Vice Chair, TC

Pechanga Dev. Corp.

Rialto

Pomona

TGRP Representative

District 8

District 38

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
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

The Honorable Jan Harnik called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. President Harnik asked Second Vice President Art Brown, Buena Park, District 21, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

President Harnik opened the Public Comment Period and outlined instructions for public comments. She noted this was the time for persons to comment on any matter pertinent to SCAG's jurisdiction that were not listed on the agenda.

She reminded the public to submit comments via email to ePublicComment@scag.ca.gov. The Clerk acknowledged there no written public comments for items not listed on the agenda.

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

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

There was no prioritization of 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 (McCallon) that the Executive Administration Committee (EAC): (1) 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 EAC 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, (2) authorize all legislative bodies of the Southern California Association of Government (SCAG), including the EAC, RC 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 (Brown) and passed by the following votes:

AYES: Brown, Finlay, Harnik, Huang, Kelly, Lorimore, Marquez, McCallon, Ramirez, Shapiro, Solache, and Yokoyama (12)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

2. Policy Development Framework for Connect SoCal 2024

President Harnik opened the Public Comment Period.

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

Kome Ajise, Executive Director, reported that in June 2021, President Lorimore convened a strategic planning session for the EAC and executive staff to establish high-level work goals and priorities for the year. He noted that the resulting EAC Strategic Plan identified elevating and expanding policy leadership as a central measure to advancing the EAC's goals and priorities. He explained that among the tasks assigned to staff to expand policy leadership opportunities was the development of a Policy Development Framework for Connect SoCal. He reminded the EAC that in March, staff shared the draft Policy Development Framework to the EAC for feedback. Subsequently, in April, SCAG staff presented the draft to each Policy Committee and members provided direction to staff on areas for further discussion. He noted that at this meeting staff would be asking the EAC for final review and approval of the Policy Development Framework to provide a roadmap for staff as they develop agenda outlooks with each of the Policy Committee Chairs for the upcoming year. He further noted that the Policy Development Framework would also serve as a starting point for further discussion at the EAC retreat on establishing additional subcommittees to provide direction

on emerging issues and policy priorities identified by the Board since the adoption of Connect SoCal in 2020.

Sarah Jepson, Director of Planning, reported that the goal was to develop a Policy Development Framework for 2024 Connect SoCal that identifies priority policy issues for deeper discussion and establishes a sub-committee structure for policy education, engagement, and consensus building to guide visionary policy development for the next plan. She noted that the Policy Development Framework includes three major components: 1) the draft, vision and goals for the plan; 2) policy priority areas; and 3) a leadership schedule and outlook for policy development. She explained that the vision statement was intended to capture what they all want the region to be like in the future and that for the plan they had developed four simplified goals that align around the themes of mobility, communities, environments, and economy. Within each of those goals, the framework outlined sub goals about how they would achieve those. She also clarified that the framework identifies some emerging issues to focus on for the 2024 plan around equity and how they bring equity and resilience into all the elements of the plan. She also provided of an overview of plan issue areas as organized by the Policy Committees which included: System Preservation and Resilience, Sustainable Development, Demand and System Management, Transit Backbone, Complete Streets and Good Movement. She also noted new areas that were added to the plan like Key Connections. She stated this included Smart Cities and Job Centers, Housing Supportive Infrastructure, Go Zones, Accelerated Electrification and Shared Mobility and Mobility as a Service. She reported that as part of the discussions there was feedback on looking more at broadband and opportunities for how telework could be incorporated into the strategies for the plan, focusing on sustainable development, smart cities and housing supportive infrastructure, issues related to water energy and the use of our natural lands and brownfields, accelerated electrification, and the different options for fuels including hydrogen and biofuels. She further reported that in addition to the regular standing meetings, the policy framework proposes that they establish three new subcommittees focused on: 1) next generation infrastructure; 2) resilience and conservation; and 3) racial equity and regional planning. She explained that the purpose of these subcommittees would be to have more time to dive deeper into the key areas and provide recommendations to the policy committees on how they would be addressed holistically through the plan. She indicated that staff anticipates that the subcommittees will be made up of members from each county with participation from invited business or civic leaders and practitioners and would be launched sometime in August with their work completed by February so that their recommendations can be considered by the policy committees. She concluded indicating that next steps would be to put a survey out to all of the members soliciting their interest in participating in serving on the subcommittees, have discussions with the President and the Executive Officers on establishment of the subcommittees, and preparing the more detailed outlooks for each of them.

Regional Councilmember Larry McCallon, Highland, District 8, commented on accelerated electrification and the expansion of other fuels which he thought were very important because in his view the real future for zero emission was in hydrogen fuel cell technology.

Regional Councilmember Peggy Huang, TCA, indicated that as they looked into electrification and hydrogen, recycling should be an element of what they look at in the subcommittees or within the environmental goals because it affected groundwater contamination as well as the mining practices for batteries. She asked what the role of the consultant would be in terms of the development of this plan. She suggested that in an effort to avoid any onboarding issues with the consultant and to ensure the members looked at this, staff should not place the item on the Consent Calendar.

Ms. Jepson reported they were currently in the process of procuring a consultant to help with the overall outreach for Connect SoCal. She stated they needed this additional support during this time period where they had a lot of intensive work, both gathering feedback from the elected officials as well as the extensive outreach process that they went through with the communities in the cities. She indicated that as the procurement moved forward, they would go through the appropriate approvals.

Executive Director Ajise stated they always had consultants as part of a plan development, specifically on the outreach since they just did not have enough capacity in house to do it. He explained that more than half of their budget went out to cities and counties and a lot of that was consulting work for cities and counties, and consulting work for plan development. He also noted that staff would be mindful to make sure that the Board was aware of the process of procuring consultants.

First Vice President Ramirez, Ventura County, expressed concern for the water issue and thought it was a critical issue for them to focus on and trying to get people over the hump of thinking they could not build any more housing.

President Harnik asked if they needed to call out in the plan something else other than accelerated electrification. She suggested including sustainable and green energy sources because hydrogen fuel cell technology certainly seemed to be part of the solution. She stated the water issue was huge and thought they needed to call it out so they made sure they were paying attention to the water issue.

Regional Council Member Kathleen Kelly, Palm Desert, District 2, expressed that the accelerated electrification bullet point should be broadened and stated her perception was the same as Regional Council Member McCallon. She indicated hydrogen fuel cell had great promise to avoid creating additional environmental problems. She stated effective planning would entail not being

overly committed to yesterday's solution or today's solution and suggested using some kind of phrasing that keeps them open to tomorrow's solution.

President Harnik asked for a motion and asked how they wanted to handle the changes that were discussed. She indicated that they talked about more inclusive rather than just accelerated electrification and calling out water as one of their issues.

First Vice President Ramirez, Ventura County, stated she supported this and made the motion. Regional Council Member McCallon seconded the motion.

A MOTION was made (Ramirez) that the Executive Administration Committee recommend that the Regional Council adopt the Policy Development Framework for Connect SoCal 2024 and include the suggested changes on accelerated electrification and water. Motion was SECONDED (McCallon) and passed by the following votes:

AYES: Brown, Finlay, Harnik, Huang, Kelly, Lorimore, Marquez, McCallon, Plancarte, Ramirez, Shapiro, Solache, and Yokoyama (13)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

3. REAP 2.0 Framework Update and Program Status Update

President Harnik opened the Public Comment Period.

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

Ms. Jepson provided an update on REAP 2.0 and asked EAC to consider recommending approval of the REAP 2.0 Program Development Framework for consideration by the Regional Council in July. She reminded the EAC that SCAG was eligible to apply for \$246M as part of the state's Regional Early Action Planning Grant Program for 2021 to support transformative and innovative projects that implement the region's sustainable communities strategy (SCP) and help achieve goals of more housing and transportation options that reduce reliance on cars. She explained that REAP 2.0 has a broader set of goals that aims to achieve and look at ways in which they can continue to promote housing and infill development and also brings in the elements of the SCP, including reducing vehicle miles traveled. She further explained that as part of putting the application together for REAP 2.0, SCAG is required and received funding from the state to conduct significant outreach to shape the development of the regional program. She stated they had developed an outreach and engagement strategy with feedback from Subregional agencies to gain feedback and facilitate the

preparation of their final application by the deadline of December 31, 2022. She noted that they had a really quick turnaround in that all the funds needed to be obligated by June 2024 and expended by June 2026. She explained that to facilitate early engagement with the board and stakeholders on the design of the REAP program for the SCAG region, staff prepared a Program Development Framework that includes core objectives, guiding principles, main programmatic areas, major milestones and a schedule for allocating the funding available to SCAG through REAP 2.0. She indicated that the Program Framework includes the addition of the Subregional Partnership Program 2.0 as part of the proposed Early Action Initiatives and that the partnership program was requested by the Subregional Councils of Governments to build upon the model from REAP 1.0 and provide resources to subregions to support cities and counties in implementing projects and programs identified in their draft and/or final Housing Elements. She clarified that with this addition to the early action items, they were proposing that the share of funds that goes towards this effort be increased from 10% to 15% of budget and the remaining 85% focus more on implementation activities that will be further outlined in the Guidelines for the Housing Supportive Infrastructure Program and the CTC Partnership Program. Lastly, she indicated that the Framework includes a schedule with major milestones and also calls out key outreach activities and timelines.

Regional Council Member McCallon expressed making sure that the cities are involved in the process because several cities in his area raised the issue of local control.

A MOTION was made (Brown) that the Executive Administration Committee recommend that the Regional Council adopt SCAG's REAP 2021 Program Development Framework (this item will be presented at the July Regional Council for approval). Motion was SECONDED (Solache) and passed by the following votes:

AYES: Brown, Finlay, Harnik, Huang, Kelly, Lorimore, Marquez, McCallon, Plancarte, Raman Ramirez, Shapiro, Solache, and Yokoyama (14)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

CONSENT CALENDAR

President Harnik opened the Public Comment Period.

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

First Vice President Ramirez asked for a brief presentation on Agenda Item 6.

Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer, reported that the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) was offered by the state treasury department and was meant as an option for local agencies to invest their funds while meeting the stringent required investment guidelines that are required by the state. She indicated that LAIF allowed them to operate efficiently while still earning some interest on those funds. She stated that currently they had a contract with Los Angeles County where they invest their funds. However, that program had not really been designed for other agencies to participate through them and because of that it was not conducive to a remote or digital work environment. She indicated that by switching over to LAIF, which was really designed for local agency participation, they would be able to operate more efficiently in their cash management, moving funds, earning a better yield, and improving their operations.

Approval Items

4. Minutes of the Regular Meeting – May 4, 2022
5. Proposed Amendments to Regional Council Policy Manual Regarding Stipend and Travel Expenses for Ex Officio Business Representative
6. Authorizing Investment of SCAG's Funds in the State of California Local Agency Investment Fund
7. Contracts Amendment Greater Than 30% of the Contract's Original Value: Contract No. 17-026-C1, Professional Auditing Services, Amendment No. 9
8. Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: Contract No. 21-048-C01 MRFP 05, Sustainable Communities Program - Curb Space Data Collection & Inventory Study
9. Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: Contract No. 22-033-C01, Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR)
10. SCAG Memberships and Sponsorships

Receive and File

11. 2020 Sustainable Communities Program (SCP) Call for Projects 1-4 Combined Update
12. Purchase Orders \$5,000 - \$199,999; Contracts \$25,000 - \$199,999 and Amendments \$5,000 - \$74,999
13. CFO Monthly Report

A MOTION was made (Brown) to approve Consent Calendar, Items 4 through 10; Receive and File Items 11 through 13. Motion was SECONDED (Plancarte) and passed by the following votes:

AYES: Brown, Harnik, Huang, Kelly, Lorimore, Marquez, McCallon, Plancarte, Raman Ramirez, Shapiro, Solache, and Yokoyama (13)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: Huang and Shapiro (2) Abstained on Agenda Item 4

CFO REPORT

Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer, reported SCAG had received \$3.5 million dollars from the State of California Workforce Development Board and stated that these grant funds would be used to support SCAG's Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategy. She also noted there was a lot of activity on the Go Human Mini-Grants program which dedicates \$250,000 for the award of mini-grants to community-based organizations who are seeking to increase the safety of active transportation. She reported that 26 subrecipients had been identified, and staff was hoping to finalize Memorandum of Understandings by the end of the month.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Harnik announced the EAC Presidential Appointments as follows: Margaret Finlay, Duarte, District 35; Kathleen Kelly, Palm Desert, District 2; Larry McCallon, Highland, District 7; and Nithya Raman, Los Angeles, District 51. She also reported that the EAC retreat had been confirmed for Thursday, June 30th through Friday, July 1st at the Hotel Paseo in Palm Desert and indicated they would spend some time together as a team working through a strategic discussion for planning the year ahead. Lastly, she reported that the next meeting of the EAC was scheduled for Wednesday, July 6, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Ajise provided a brief update on the 2020 Sustainable Communities Program (SCP) Call for Projects 1-4 and noted that the staff report in the agenda packet highlighted the equity-centered process and outcomes for the multiple Calls for Applications. He also provided an update on the Connect SoCal 2024: Local Data Exchange Launch and noted that on May 23, 2022, SCAG released important pieces of data for local jurisdictions to review as part of the Connect SoCal 2024 development. He indicated that this includes the preliminary forecast of household and job growth through 2050 at the jurisdiction and Transportation Analysis Zone (TAZ) levels and a planning survey. He explained that in the past cycles, jurisdictions had been asked to review and

approve data which staff subsequently aligned on the plan’s objectives but this time, based on feedback from the Technical Working Group, the policies from the last adopted plan had been integrated into the numbers so local jurisdictions could review them. He indicated this would give cities a better view of how regional policies may look at the local level—and a chance to refine them based on local knowledge and policies. He informed the EAC that over the next six months, SCAG would meet one-on-one with staff from all 197 local jurisdictions to discuss the review process, the projections, and other data. He also provided an update on the South Coast Air Quality Management District’s Notice of Intent to sue U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for failing to act on a previously submitted air plan. He indicated that the purpose of the NOI was to motivate EPA to develop a plan with the Air District to address the EPA’s role in regulating mobile sources of air pollution. He noted that SCAG was concerned because there were effects that they needed to be mindful of. He informed the EAC that he met with the Executive Officer of the Air District and would meet again to ensure the agencies are all coordinating.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no future agenda items.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Regional Council Member Brown reported that the Orange County Council of Governments had dropped their attempt to become their own MPO.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Harnik adjourned the Regular Meeting of the Executive Administration Committee at 4:11 p.m.

[MINUTES ARE UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED BY THE EAC]

//

Executive / Administration Committee Attendance Report

2022-23																Total M Attend To Dat
MEMBERS	CITY	Representing	JUN	JUN	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	
Hon. Jan Harnik, Chair, President, Chair		RCTC	1													1
Sup. Carmen Ramirez, 1st Vice Chair		Ventura County	1													1
Hon. Art Brown, 2nd Vice Chair	Buena Park	District 21	1													1
Hon. Clint Lorimore, Imm. Past President	Eastvale	District 4	1													1
Hon. Frank Yokoyama, Chair, CEHD	Cerritos	District 23	1													1
Hon. David J. Shapiro, Vice Chair, CEHD	Cerritos	District 44	1													1
Hon. Deborah Roberston, Chair, EEC	Rialto	District 8	0													0
Hon. Luis Plancarte, Vice Chair, EEC		Imperial County	1													1
Hon. Ray Marquez, Chair, TC	Chino Hills	District 10	1													1
Hon. Tim Sandoval, Vice Chair, TC	Pomona	District 38	0													0
Hon. Peggy Huang, Chair, LCMC		TCA	1													1
Hon. Jose Luis Solache, Vice Chair, LCMC	Lynwood	District 26	1													1
Hon. Margaret Finlay, President's Appt.	Duarte	District 35	1													1
Hon. Kathleen Kelly, President's Appt.	Palm Desert	District 2	1													1
Hon. Larry McCallon, President's Appt.	Highland	District 7	1													1
Hon. Nithya Ramen, President's Appt.	Los Angeles	District 51	1													1
Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.	Pechanga Dev. Corporation	Tribal Government Regional Planning Board	0													0
Ms. Lucy Dunn, Ex-Officio Member	Lewis Group of Companies	Business Representative	1													1
			15		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Attachment: EAC Attendance Sheet 2022-23 (Minutes of the Meeting - June 1, 2022)