



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (EAC)
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2024**

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). A quorum was present.

Members Present

Hon. Art Brown, President
Sup. Curt Hagman, 1st Vice President
Hon. Cindy Allen, 2nd Vice President
Hon. Jan Harnik, Imm. Past President
Hon. Frank Yokoyama, Chair, CEHD
Hon. David J. Shapiro, Vice Chair, CEHD
Hon. Deborah Robertson, Chair, EEC
Hon. Luis Plancarte, Vice Chair, EEC
Hon. Mike Judge, Vice Chair, TC
Hon. Patricia Lock Dawson, Chair, LCMC
Hon. Jose Luis Solache, Vice Chair, LCMC
Hon. Clint Lorimore, President’s Appt.
Hon. Marshall Goodman, President’s Appt.
Hon. Larry McCallon, President’s Appt.
Hon. Lucy Dunn

Buena Park

Long Beach
RCTC
Cerritos
Calabasas
Rialto

VCTC
Riverside
Lynwood
Eastvale
La Palma

District 21
San Bernardino County
Los Angeles County
Riverside
District 23
District 44
District 8
Imperial County
Ventura County
District 68
District 26
District 4
District 18
Air District Representative
Business Representative

Members Not Present

Hon. Tim Sandoval, Chair, TC
Hon. Tim McOsker, President’s Appt
Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.

Pomona
Los Angeles
Pechanga Dev. Corp.

District 38
District 62
TGRP Representative

Staff Present

Darin Chidsey, Chief Operating Officer
Erika Bustamante, Deputy Director of Finance
Sarah Jepson, Chief Planning Officer
Javiera Cartagena, Chief Government and Public Affairs Officer
Ruben Duran, Board Counsel
Jeffery Elder, Chief Counsel/Director of Legal Services
Maggie Aguilar, Clerk of the Board
Cecilia Pulido, Deputy Clerk of the Board

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable Art Brown called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. President Brown asked Regional Council Member Frank Yokoyama, Cerritos, District 23, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

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

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

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

There was no prioritization of agenda items.

CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no public comments on the Consent Calendar.

Approval Items

1. Minutes of the Meeting – January 3, 2024

2. AB 761 (Friedman) – Enhanced Infrastructure Financing Districts in Los Angeles County
3. Contracts \$500,000 or Greater: Contract No. 24-010-C01, SCAG’s Regional Household Travel Study

Receive and File

4. Purchase Orders, Contract and Amendments below Regional Council Approval Threshold
5. CFO Monthly Report

A MOTION was made (McCallon) to approve the Consent Calendar Items 1 through 3; and Receive and File Items 4 through 5. Motion was SECONDED (Plancarte) and passed by the following votes:

AYES: Brown, Goodman, Hagman, Harnik, Judge, Lock Dawson, Lorimore, McCallon, Plancarte, Robertson, Shapiro, Solcache and Yokoyama (13)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

INFORMATION ITEM

6. Governor's Budget Update: Regional Early Action Planning Grant 2021 (REAP 2.0)

Darin Chidsey, Chief Operating Officer, provided a report on Item 6. He discussed the Governor’s proposed State budget and how revenue projections were not meeting what previous expectations had been. He shared that while there was some discussion and debate about how close the final revenue will come into the Governor's budget, there were impacts that were felt throughout the state. Furthermore, he provided members with background on SCAGs Regional Early Action Plan (REAP 2.0) program explaining how four years ago the state started to fund SCAG to do a variety of housing planning work. He informed members that since SCAG was awarded \$237 million, they had been working towards creating a program that ensured the vast majority of those funds got out into the region and activated housing production throughout its member cities and counties. He stated SCAG had awarded \$192 million to 118 projects across the region. Additionally, he informed the committee that unfortunately, there was about \$1.3 billion in housing money that was cut from the budget. He explained that about \$300 million from the REAP program was cut at the state level, cutting the program about in half. He shared they heard from HCD that they were expecting those cuts be made equally across MPOs throughout the state, which was an important to discuss as they

thought about their advocacy strategy. He explained this meant that if the Governor's budget was adopted, the program would be cut in half, putting them in a great moment of uncertainty as they had developed a program assuming funding was going to be at a certain level. He reported that given this uncertainty SCAG staff had been reaching out to all the grantees, some of which they had memorandums of understanding with, to request and actually issue a stop-order. He shared they wanted to bring members up to speed on this and ensure they were aware of how they were moving through this time of uncertainty. He stated it was challenging for everyone and they understood the stress this put on their partner and member agencies throughout the region, as they were not exactly sure when and how these projects would move forward. He explained that given that they were not sure what the final funding amount would look like, he thought it was critical they maintain flexibility about how they might need to rework the program should the dollar amounts come in lower. He stated it was not a program that was designed to be cut in half, as they did not think this would have the impact the state was looking for them to achieve as part of this program. He stated they knew there were a lot of budget cuts throughout the Governor's budget that were being proposed, however, they were working to raise awareness, not just with the budget committee that met last week, but with legislators from throughout the region and working with the Governor's office to ensure they realized how important these projects were to Southern California and to the region. He shared SCAG would continue to engage member and partner organizations to grow the coalition supporting REAP 2.0 programs and continue to advocate to protect these funds at the Sacramento Summit and additional meetings leading up to the May Budget Revision. He stated they had prepared a toolkit that members could use to assist SCAG in this advocacy which would be distributed after the Regional Council meeting the following day.

CFO REPORT

Erika Bustamante, Deputy Director of Finance, stated the CFO report included quarterly charts of SCAGs financial activities through December 31, 2023. She highlighted the report included an update from the Chief Planning Officer on the various active completed projects throughout the region. Furthermore, she reported that on January 25, SCAG hosted the annual overall work program development and coordination meeting with SCAGs funding partners at Caltrans, FTA and FHWA. She shared that the feedback received was supportive of the work that was presented, and that SCAG remained on schedule to bring members the proposed budget for fiscal year 2025 for approval the following month. Given the COOs report on the Governor's proposed budget and the impacts on the REAP 2.0 program, she noted that the proposed budget would include SCAGs full REAP funding, however, there would be an opportunity to amend the budget in November once there was greater certainty around the state budget. Finally, she reported SCAG had collected 99% of its membership dues for fiscal year 2024. She shared there were three agencies that had expressed their desired to not join and therefore SCAG was not expecting to collect from them.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Brown reported SCAG was accepting applications for the 2024-2025 SCAG Officer positions and application forms were due by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 15, 2024. He stated that after review of the applications, the Nomination Committee would forward its recommendations to the Regional Council for consideration at the April 4, 2024 meeting. He also stated the slate of SCAG Officers elected by the Regional Council would be presented at the General Assembly meeting scheduled for May 2, at the JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort & Spa in Palm Desert. Furthermore, President Brown reported the Inland Empire Economic Partnership had recognized SCAG with the "2023 Public Agency Award." He stated Executive Director Kome Ajise accepted the award at the Inland Empire Economic Partnership's 2023 Annual Dinner and Awards Reception earlier in the month and that Chief Operating Officer Darin Chidsey, Regional Council Member Karen Spiegel and Policy Committee members Thomas Wong and Aquanetta Warren were also in attendance. Lastly, he stated the next regular meeting of the EAC was scheduled for Wednesday, March 6, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Darin Chidsey, Chief Operating Officer, highlighted the Presidential Priorities discussion they would be having at the Regional Council meeting the following day. He explained that when they met with the President early on in his presidency, he oversaw the organization during SCAGs development of their Connect SoCal Plan and as part of that plan they were looking to highlight various aspects of SCAGs regional transportation system. Mr. Chidsey explained the President was interested in discussing SCAGs electric vehicle work and their transition in their transportation system to a cleaner transportation network. He also wanted to discuss where transit ridership was in the region and what SCAG was doing to convene transportation leaders to think and explore those options on the transit system and goods movement. He shared the previous month they had an informational session on clean transportation during the Regional Council meeting and they would be having the second part of that series the following day which would focus on transit ridership. He stated there would be four panelists who would discuss various aspects of transit ridership, the role transit plays in the transportation infrastructure system and challenges around funding and maintaining the system. Additionally, he shared the Regional Council would consider adoption of the SoCal Greenprint Recommended Data Standards. He shared how over the last six months, they had put together a special technical advisory committee to find some areas of consensus to bring this important valuable tool to the region. He expressed how proud they were of the work that SCAG and the committee had done to bring all the stakeholders to a place which they hoped would be a consensus that this was the right direction for the organization. Furthermore, Mr. Chidsey discussed the Proposed EPA Consent Decree. He explained a lawsuit had been filed by South Coast AQMD, to the EPA to take action on AQMDs 2019 contingency measure plan for the 1997 federal ozone

standard. He stated the lawsuit had moved into the process of a Consent Decree that was issued and published in the Federal Register on January 18 that provided several different options which the EPA could take to move forward. He explained that while they were unsure as to which option they were going to choose, they did know that if they disapproved it, there was the possibility the region could be put under highway sanctions. He explained this meant that if they were unable to resolve the issue within 24 months, that could put many, if not all of SCAGs major roadway projects at risk of not being able to move forward or have any adjustments to them. He shared they were meeting with AQMD staff on February 2, and they would continue to keep members updated as this process moved forward. Mr. Chidsey also shared with members that the California Transportation Commission (CTC) had a meeting and discussed the I-15 Express Lanes and Freight Improvement project. He stated the project had been part of SCAGs regional transportation plan and a critical component of their Expressway network. He stated it was also a project that was a transportation control measure, which meant it made a commitment to how they were improving the air quality in the region. He shared that after hours of public comment, the CTC voted to allocate the \$202.5 million in funding and the project was moving forward. Lastly, he reported that the public comment period for Connect SoCal ended on January 12. He stated that during the comment period they hosted 15 elected official briefings and three public hearings throughout the region. He shared SCAG received 47 comment letters on the draft plan totaling 1,742 comments overall. He informed the members that the Policy Committees would join together in a joint Policy Committee meeting in March to review those comments, hear staff feedback on the comments and any proposed revisions of the plan.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no future agenda items.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Regional Council Member Patricia Lock Dawson, Riverside, District 68, announced that the Cities of Rialto and Riverside were co-hosting a joint public private partnership meeting with the Conference of Mayors on February 8 and extended an invitation to members to attend.

Immediate Past President Jan Harnik, RCTC, asked who should attend the event.

Regional Council Member Patricia Lock Dawson, indicated Mayors, staff, decision makers, planning development and city management should attend.



ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Brown adjourned the Meeting of the Executive Administration Committee at 3:28 p.m.

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Executive / Administration Committee Attendance Report

2023-24																Total M Attend To Da
MEMBERS	CITY	Representing	31-May	29-Jun	30-Jun	JULY	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	
Hon. Art Brown, President, Chair	Buena Park	District 21	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				10
Hon. Curt Hagman, 1st Vice Chair		San Bernardino County	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1				9
Hon. Cindy Allen, 2nd Vice Chair	Long Beach	District 30	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	1				8
Hon. Jan Harnik, Chair, Imm. Past President		RCTC	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				10
Hon. Frank Yokoyama, Chair, CEHD	Cerritos	District 23	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				10
Hon. David J. Shapiro, Vice Chair, CEHD	Cerritos	District 44	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				10
Hon. Deborah Roberston, Chair, EEC	Rialto	District 8	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1				6
Hon. Luis Plancarte, Vice Chair, EEC		Imperial County	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				8
Hon. Tim Sandoval, Chair, TC	Pomona	District 38	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	0				7
Hon. Mike Judge, Vice Chair, TC		VCTC	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				10
Hon. Patricia Lock Dawson, Chair, LCMC	Riverside	District 68	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	1				8
Hon. Jose Luis Solache, Vice Chair, LCMC	Lynwood	District 26	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	1				7
Hon. Marshall Goodman, President's Appt.	La Palma	District 18	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				10
Hon. Clint Lorimore, President's Appt.	Eastvale	District 4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				10
Hon. Larry McCallon, President's Appt.		Air District Representative	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				8
Hon. Tim McOsker, President's Appt.	Los Angeles	District 62	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0				3
Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.	Pechanga Dev. Corporation	Tribal Government Regional Planning Board	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0				5
Ms. Lucy Dunn, Ex-Officio Member	Lucy Dunn Strategic Issues Ma	Business Representative	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				10
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Attachment: EAC Attendance Sheet 2023-24 (Minutes of the Meeting - January 31, 2024)