



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**  
**EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (EAC)**  
**WEDNESDAY, MAY 31, 2023**

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.ig2.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**

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| <b>Hon. Art Brown, President</b>                       | <i>Buena Park</i> | <b>District 21</b>           |
| <b>Sup. Curt Hagman, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President</b> |                   | <b>San Bernardino County</b> |
| <b>Hon. Cindy Allen, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President</b> | <i>Long Beach</i> | <b>Los Angeles County</b>    |
| <b>Hon. Jan Harnik, Imm. Past President</b>            | <i>RCTC</i>       | <b>Riverside</b>             |
| Hon. Frank Yokoyama, Chair, CEHD                       | <i>Cerritos</i>   | District 23                  |
| Hon. David J. Shapiro, Vice Chair, CEHD                | <i>Calabasas</i>  | District 44                  |
| Hon. Deborah Robertson, Chair, EEC                     | <i>Rialto</i>     | District 8                   |
| Hon. Luis Plancarte, Vice Chair, EEC                   |                   | Imperial County              |
| Hon. Tim Sandoval, Chair, TC                           | <i>Pomona</i>     | District 38                  |
| Hon. Mike Judge, Vice Chair, TC                        | <i>VCTC</i>       | Ventura County               |
| Hon. Patricia Lock Dawson, Chair, LCMC                 | Riverside         | District 68                  |
| Hon. Jose Luis Solache, Vice Chair, LCMC               | Lynwood           | District 26                  |
| Hon. Clint Lorimore, President’s Appt.                 | Eastvale          | District 4                   |
| Hon. Marshall Goodman, President’s Appt.               | <i>La Palma</i>   | District 18                  |
| Hon. Larry McCallon, President’s Appt.                 | <i>Highland</i>   | District 7                   |
| Hon. Lucy Dunn   |                   | Business Representative      |

**Members Not Present**

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| Hon. Tim McOsker, President’s Appt | <i>Los Angeles</i>         | District 62         |
| Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.            | <i>Pechanga Dev. Corp.</i> | TGRP Representative |

**Staff Present**

Kome Ajise, Executive Director

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Darin Chidsey, Chief Operating Officer  
Debbie Dillon, Chief Strategy Officer  
Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer  
Sarah Jepson, Chief Planning Officer  
Javiera Cartagena, Chief Government and Public Affairs Officer  
Carmen Flores, Chief Human Resources Officer  
Julie Shroyer, Chief Information Officer  
Michael Houston, Chief Counsel/Director of Legal Services  
Ruben Duran, Board Counsel  
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 3:01 p.m. President Brown asked Regional Council Member Mike Judge, VCTC, 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](mailto:ePublicComment@scag.ca.gov).

Ruben Duran, Board Counsel, acknowledged there 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.

**ACTION ITEM**

1. Adoption of Amended SCAG Conflict of Interest Code

There were no public comments on this item.

Michael R.W. Houston, Chief Counsel and Director of Legal Services, reported that every public agency in the state of California was required to adopt a Conflict of Interest Code that identifies positions within the agency that file statements of economic interests, known as Form 700. He indicated that the Fair Political Practices Commission reviews and approves SCAG's Conflict of Interest Code once it becomes active. Additionally, state law requires on a biennial basis in every even numbered year, that each agency review its Conflict of Interest Code to determine if amendments are necessary. He explained that In 2020, SCAG conducted its biennial review of the Conflict of Interest Code which was last amended in 2016, and that due to significant changes in staffing and job classifications, including the 2022 classification and compensation study, legal counsel and FPCC determined it was necessary to amend and update the Conflict of Interest Code. He reported that the Conflict of Interest Code was posted and noticed for a 45-day public review period, as required by state law, from April 4 to May 19. He noted that no comments were received during or after the public review period and that the proposed amendments would add new staff positions and revise the titles of existing positions to reflect organizational changes. He further noted that following the Regional Council's adoption of the amendments, the adoption would be forwarded to the FPCC for approval and that the Conflict of Interest Code would become effective after 30 days upon FPCC approval.

The comprehensive staff report was included in the agenda packet and posted on the SCAG website. The meeting audio is also available on the SCAG website.

A MOTION was made (Robertson) that the Executive/Administration Committee (EAC) recommend that Regional Council (RC) adopt amendments to the Conflict of Interest Code of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG). Motion was SECONDED (Judge) and passed by the following votes:

**AYES:** Allen, Brown, Goodman, Hagman, Harnik, Judge, Lock Dawson, Lorimore, McCallon, Plancarte, Robertson, Sandoval, Shapiro, Solache, and Yokoyama (15)

**NOES:** None (0)

**ABSTAIN:** None (0)

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

There were no public comments on the Consent Calendar.

#### Approval Items

2. Minutes of the Meeting – May 3, 2023

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3. Contract Amendment: Contract No. 20-002-C01, Board Counsel Services – Term Extension
  4. Contracts \$500,000 or Greater: Contact No. 23-024-C01, Lennox Community Pedestrian Plan
  5. Housing and Transportation Bills of Interest Follow-Up
  6. 2023 Sacramento Summit Legislation Follow-Up
  7. Safety, Resilience, and Housing Bills – Support
  8. SCAG Memberships and Sponsorships

Receive and File

9. SCAG Regional Travel Demand Model (ABM) Peer Review Meeting
10. Purchase Orders, Contract and Amendments below Regional Council Approval Threshold
11. CFO Monthly Report

Immediate Past President Jan Harnik, RCTC, reported that on Item 5 (page 47 of the agenda packet, AB 1525 - Assembly Member Mia Bonta, a two-year bill) RCTC also had significant questions about the positive and negative aspects of bill and appreciated the position that had been taken. She indicated that at their meeting there was one member that wanted an analysis done about how it may impact Riverside County and the Coachella Valley. She indicated that the analysis had been done and if it might be a resource for them, she was sure that RCTC would be happy to prepare it.

A MOTION was made (Harnik) to approve the Consent Calendar Item 2 through 8; and Receive and File Items 9 through 11. Motion was SECONDED (Plancarte) and passed by the following votes:

**AYES:** Allen, Brown, Goodman, Hagman, Harnik, Judge, Lock Dawson, Lorimore, McCallon, Plancarte, Robertson, Sandoval, Shapiro, Solache, and Yokoyama (15)

**NOES:** None (0)

**ABSTAIN:** None (0)

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### Information Item

#### 12. Status Report on SCAG's Racial Equity Early Action Plan

Kome Ajise, Executive Director, reported that the Regional Council adopted a resolution in July 2020 calling for an ad-hoc subcommittee to develop SCAG's response to advance equity. The subcommittee put forth an early action plan, which the Regional Council adopted in March 2021. He listed the updates on the progress of work in the plan by stating one-third of the work had been completed, approximately 10 items; about half of the items in the plan were in progress, approximately 17 items; while the remaining items were in planning stages, approximately 5 items. He stated the Racial Equity and Regional Planning subcommittee convened between September of last year and January 2023 and the white paper based on the subcommittee's input and findings was presented at the March Joint Policy Committee meeting as part of the Connect SoCal plan development process. Lastly, he stated there was an error on the notes under the Activate and Amplified section and it would be corrected.

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### **CFO REPORT**

Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer, reported that the 2024 work program had been submitted to Caltrans for approval. She indicated that approval was anticipated to be received by end of June. She also reported that staff was awarding funding to successful applicants of Go Human Community Hubs Call for Projects and that eligible applicants included CBO's, non-profits, and social enterprises. She noted that the total amount awarded was \$400,00 for 12 projects and MOU's were currently being prepared.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Brown reported that the EAC retreat would be in Buena Park on June 29 through June 30 and more details about the retreat would be available soon. He stated the 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Regional Conference & General Assembly in Palm Desert last month was a success and that there were more tickets sold, sponsors and sponsorship dollars, and media coverage than in past years. He indicated that details were available in the staff report to the Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee last month. He reported that he and Executive Director Kome Ajise and Regional Council members Suely Saro and Mark Henderson attended a workshop in Long Beach on May 20 that was hosted by SCAG, the California Department of Technology and the California Public Utilities Commission. He indicated that the workshop gathered input on the development of the State Digital Equity Plan and the Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment Five-Year Action Plan. He also reported that he attended the annual Future Ports conference in Lakewood along with Executive Director Ajise and Chief Planning Officer Sarah Jepson. He reported that Mario Cordero

from the Port of Long Beach was in attendance, along with stakeholders across the goods movement industry. He indicated that panels featured discussions on automation, competitiveness and decarbonizing the supply chain. Lastly, he stated that the next regular meeting of the EAC was scheduled for Wednesday, July 5, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

Executive Director Ajise reported that SCAG concluded the in-person and virtual workshops for Connect SoCal held throughout the region over the last two months. He indicated that members of the public were able to contribute to Connect SoCal by taking a brief survey at ConnectSoCal.org before June 4. He noted that SCAG would present the highlights and findings from Connect SoCal outreach to the Regional Council next month and would also ask the EAC and Regional Council to approve an update to the Connect SoCal Policy Development Framework based on feedback received at the May Policy Committee meetings. He reported that the California Department of Housing and Community Development was crafting recommendations to reform the Regional Housing Needs Assessment process, which would be provided in a report to the California State Legislature by December 31. He indicated that SCAG would seek input from jurisdictions and stakeholders on the draft RHNA reform recommendations through a brief public survey and listening session on June 22. He reported that SCAG was in the process of finalizing the SoCal Greenprint Technical Advisory Committee, which would advise staff on the development of the Greenprint tool and ensure its alignment with the approved RAMP policy framework. He indicated that staff was reviewing applications and working to fill gaps to ensure regional representation. And that once the membership had been finalized, SCAG would schedule meetings with the TAC this summer. He also reported that the second phase of SCAG’s Regional Early Action Planning program – REAP 2.0 – had released four Calls for Applications to date, making \$116 million in funds available for local agencies in multiple program areas related to increasing housing production. He noted that SCAG had submitted the full funding application to state partners last December and that the state had provided feedback on five of the six proposed uses, with final feedback and approval anticipated by the end of June. Lastly, he stated he participated in the inaugural board meeting for the Los Angeles County Affordable Housing Solutions Agency (LACAHS) on May 17.

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no future agenda items.

Regional Council Member Deborah Robertson, Rialto, District 8, reported that she would not be attending the Regional Council Meeting as she would be traveling to the annual U.S. Conference of Mayors in Columbus Ohio. She indicated that they would be considering various resolutions and wanted to bring their attention to Resolution 42 which was asking the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to look at their analysis regarding Perfluorooctane Sulfonate (PFOS) and Perfluorooctanoic Acid (PFAS), which was basically a cost factor that the EPA wants to impose. She



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expressed that she was hoping they could bring this to the Energy and Environment Committee in so that SCAG can provide a letter of support to the U.S. Conference of Mayors efforts to ask the EPA to reconsider the formulas that they are going to use to try determine how they will have to address pfos and pfoa as it relates to drinking water.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, President Brown adjourned the Meeting of the Executive Administration Committee at 3:34 p.m.

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Executive / Administration Committee Attendance Report

| 2022-23                                     |                               |   |        |        |        |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |                             |
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| MEMBERS                                     | CITY                          | Representing                              | 31-May | 29-Jun | 30-Jun | JULY | AUG | OCT | NOV | DEC | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | Total Mtgs Attended To Date |
| Hon. Art Brown, President, Chair            | Buena Park                    | District 21                               | 1      |        |        |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 1                           |
| Hon. Curt Hagman, 1st Vice Chair            |                               | San Bernardino County                     | 1      |        |        |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |                             |
| Hon. Cindy Allen, 2nd Vice Chair            | Long Beach                    | District 30                               | 1      |        |        |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 1                           |
| Hon. Jan Harnik, Chair, Imm. Past President |                               | RCTC                                      | 1      |        |        |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 0                           |
| 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                                | 1      |        |        |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 1                           |
| Hon. Luis Plancarte, Vice Chair, EEC        |                               | Imperial County                           | 1      |        |        |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 1                           |
| Hon. Tim Sandoval, Chair, TC                | Pomona                        | District 38                               | 1      |        |        |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 1                           |
| Hon. Mike Judge, Vice Chair, TC             |                               | VCTC                                      | 1      |        |        |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 1                           |
| Hon. Patricia Lock Dawson, Chair, LCMC      | Riverside                     | District 68                               | 1      |        |        |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 1                           |
| Hon. Jose Luis Solache, Vice Chair, LCMC    | Lynwood                       | District 26                               | 1      |        |        |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 1                           |
| Hon. Marshall Goodman, President's Appt.    | La Palma                      | District 18                               | 1      |        |        |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 1                           |
| Hon. Clint Lorimore, President's Appt.      | Eastvale                      | District 4                                | 1      |        |        |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 1                           |
| Hon. Larry McCallon, President's Appt.      |                               | Air District Representative               | 1      |        |        |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 1                           |
| Hon. Tim McOsker, President's Appt.         | Los Angeles                   | District 62                               |        |        |        |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 0                           |
| Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.                     | Pechanga Dev. Corporation     | Tribal Government Regional Planning Board |        |        |        |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 0                           |
| Ms. Lucy Dunn, Ex-Officio Member            | Lucy Dunn Strategic Issues Ma | Business Representative                   | 1      |        |        |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 1                           |
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