

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (EAC)
November 6, 2014

MINUTES

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE. A RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG’S OFFICE.

The Executive/Administration Committee (EAC) held its November 6, 2014 meeting at the SCAG Offices, in Los Angeles, California. The meeting was called to order by Hon. Carl Morehouse, President, San Buenaventura, District 47, at 9:10 a.m. There was a quorum.

Members Present

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| Hon. Carl Morehouse, President | District 47 |
| Hon. Michele Martinez, Santa Ana, 2 nd Vice-President | District 16 |
| Hon. Greg Pettis, Cathedral City, Imm. Past President | District 2 |
| Hon. Margaret Finlay, Duarte | District 35 |
| Hon. Bill Jahn, Big Bear Lake | District 11 |
| Mr. Randall Lewis, Ex-Officio | Lewis Group of Companies |
| Hon. Larry McCallon, Highland | District 7 |
| Hon. Carmen Ramirez, Oxnard | District 45 |
| Hon. Alan Wapner, Ontario | SANBAG |

Members Not Present

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| Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro, 1 st Vice-President | District 1 |
| Hon. Glen Becerra, Simi Valley, | District 46 |
| Hon. Tom LaBonge, Los Angeles | District 51 |
| Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr. | Pechanga Band of Luiseno
Indians |
| Hon. Barbara Messina, Alhambra | District 34 |
| Hon. Pam O’Connor, Santa Monica | District 41 |
| Hon. Julio Rodriguez, Perris | District 69 |
| Hon. Deborah Robertson, Rialto | District 8 |

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Hon. Carl Morehouse, President, called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m., and asked all to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public comments.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

There was no reprioritization of the agenda.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director, provided an update of the 5th Annual Economic Summit which is being held on Thursday, December 4, 2014 at the Bonaventure Hotel, Downtown Los Angeles. He noted that the focus of the Summit will be a follow-up discussion from the August 20, 2014 Poverty Summit, which will also include potential solutions that were developed by SCAG's business advisory group, stakeholders and from members of the GLUE Council. In addition, SCAG's team of Economist will provide and update on the state of the region's economy and on key economic issues. Mr. Ikhata encouraged everyone to attend.

Mr. Ikhata provided an update on the State's Cap-and-Trade Funding program. He reported that in lieu of today's Policy Committee meetings, a Joint Committee meeting will take place to discuss the funding program and provide updates from representatives of state agencies. As previously reported, there is approximately \$872 million dollars available to help local jurisdictions and SCAG's partners implement projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, which include projects for the 2012-2035 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (2012 RTP/SCS) program.

Additional highlights, including the SB 375 Target Update Process, can be found in the Executive Director's Report previously distributed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hon. Carl Morehouse, Chair, congratulated the EAC members that were reelected and noted that they will be acknowledged at the Regional Council meeting later today.

Hon. Morehouse provided a recap of the California Poly University tour, which was taken as part of an effort to partner with universities. He thanked Mr. Randall Lewis for his efforts in bringing all the parties together.

ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. 2014 Investment Policy

Basil Panas, CFO, asked the EAC to approve the annual renewal of the 2014 Statement of Investment Policy, as amended.

A MOTION was made (Finlay) and SECONDED (Ramirez) to recommend to the Regional Council approval of the 2014 Statement of Investment Policy, as amended. The motion was passed by the following vote:

AYES: Morehouse, Finlay, Martinez, McCallon, Pettis, Ramirez, and Wapner
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

2. Final Report related to the California Strategic Growth Council's 2011 Sustainable Communities Planning Grant and Incentive Program

Basil Panas, CFO, requested the EAC to recommend that the Regional Council adopt Resolution No. 14-564-2, certifying SCAG's Final Report related to the California Strategic Growth Council's 2011 Sustainable Communities Planning Grant and Incentive Program.

A MOTION was made (McCallon) and SECONDED (Finlay) to approve staff's recommendation. The motion was passed by the following vote:

AYES: Morehouse, Finlay, Martinez, McCallon, Pettis, Ramirez, and Wapner
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

3. Minutes of the October 2, 2014 Meeting

A MOTION was made (McCallon) and SECONDED (Martinez) to approve the October 2, 2014 EAC Minutes. The motion was passed by the following vote:

AYES: Morehouse, Finlay, Martinez, McCallon, Pettis, and Wapner
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: Ramirez

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval Items

4. Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: Contract No. 15-004-C1, Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for the 2016-2040 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (2016 RTP/SCS)
5. Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: Contract No. 15-005-C1, Scenario Planning Services
6. Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: Contract Nos: 15-009-C1 through 15-009-C10, On Call Modeling and Technical Support Services

Hon. Alan Wapner pulled Item No. 6 in order to abstain from the vote separately.

A MOTION was made (Finlay) and SECONDED (Ramirez) to approve staff's recommendation for Contract Nos: 15-009-C1 through 15-009-C10, On Call Modeling and Technical Support Services. The motion was passed by the following vote:

AYES: Morehouse, Finlay, Martinez, McCallon, Pettis, and Ramirez
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: Wapner

7. SCAG Sponsorships and Memberships

Receive & File

8. SCAG Sustainability Planning Grants Program – Monthly Update
9. FY 2015-16 Comprehensive Budget Development Schedule
10. Purchase Orders \$5,000 but less than \$200,000; Contracts \$25,000 but less than \$200,000; and Amendments \$5,000 but less than \$75,000
11. November 2014 State and Federal Legislative Update

A MOTION was made (Martinez) and SECONDED (Finlay) to approve the Consent Calendar, Items 4-5 and 7 through 11. The motion was passed by the following vote:

AYES: Morehouse, Finlay, Martinez, McCallon, Pettis, Ramirez and Wapner
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

CFO MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Basil Panas, CFO, provided highlights of the CFO Monthly Financial Report. He provided an update of the current membership dues status and noted that the due to the unfortunate circumstances occurring at the city of San Bernardino, SCAG staff will be requesting an action to waive their membership dues at the next EAC meeting.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEM

There were no future agenda items made.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements made.

CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Joe Silvey, General Counsel, announced that the EAC would proceed into Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (c) (Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation).

At the conclusion of the Closed Session, Mr. Silvey reported that staff briefed the EAC regarding the case of *Center for Biological Diversity et al. v. the Department of Fish and Wildlife* (Case No. S217763) which is currently pending before the California Supreme Court and involved the Newhall Ranch development. It was noted by staff that one of the issues before the Court involves agency discretion for assessing greenhouse gas impacts under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This is an issue which SCAG had previously participated in amicus efforts in other cases and therefore, staff sought direction from the EAC about possibly joining in the filing of an amicus brief in this case. On a motion by member McCallon, seconded by member Pettis, voted 5 in favor; 1 opposed; and 2 abstentions, the EAC moved to authorize the SCAG Executive Director or staff Legal Counsel to further review the matter, including determining if the League of California Cities would be filing an amicus brief in the case, and thereafter to file or join in the filing of such amicus brief with the League of California in support of the ruling by the Appellate Court in this matter but only on the issue concerning the analysis of greenhouse gas emissions under CEQA. The votes are identified as follows:

AYE/S: Finlay; McCallon; Wapner; Pettis; and Martinez.

NOE/S: Ramirez.

ABSTAIN: Morehouse and Jahn.

ADJOURNMENT

The EAC adjourned its meeting at 9:49 a.m. In lieu of a regular Executive/Administration Committee (EAC) meeting, the 5th Annual Economic Summit will be held on Thursday, December 4, 2014, from 9AM to 2PM, at the Westin Bonaventure Hotel, Downtown Los Angeles.

There will be no EAC meeting in January 2015 (dark).

The next regular meeting of the EAC is scheduled for Thursday, February 5, 2015, at the SCAG Los Angeles Office.

Approved by:



Lillian Harris-Neal, CMC
Clerk of the Board

EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

Member (including Ex-Officio) LastName, FirstName	Representing	X = County Represented											
		IC	LA	OC	RC	SB	VC	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN
Morehouse, Carl, 1st VP	San Buenaventura						X	X	X	X	X		
Walker-Viegas, Cheryl, 2nd VP	El Centro	X						X	X	X			
Martinez, Michele	Santa Ana			X				X		X	X		
Pettis, Gregory, Chair	Cathedral City				X			X	X	X	X		
Becerra, Glen, Imm. Past President	Simi Valley						X						
Finlay, Margaret	Duarte		X						X	X	X		
Jahn, Bill	Big Bear Lake					X		X		X	X		
LaBonge, Tom	Los Angeles		X										
Lewis, Randall, Ex Officio	Lewis Op. Corp.								X	X	X		
Masiel, Andrew, Sr.	Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians				X			X					
McCallon, Larry	Highland					X		X	X	X	X		
Messina, Barbara	Los Angeles		X					X	X				
O'Connor, Pam	Santa Monica		X										
Ramirez, Carmen	Ventura						X	X	X		X		
Robertson, Deborah	San Bernardino County					X			X				
Rodriguez, Julio	Riverside				X			X	X	X			
Wapner, Alan	Ontario					X		X		X	X		
Totals		1	4	1	3	4	3						