



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (CEHD)
THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 2024

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (CEHD). A VIDEO AND AUDIO RECORDING OF THE FULL MEETING IS AVAILABLE AT: <http://scag.iqm2.com/Citizens/>.

The Community, Human and Development Committee (CEHD) 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. Frank Yokoyama, Chair	<i>Cerritos</i>	District 23
Hon. David Shapiro, Vice Chair	<i>Calabasas</i>	District 44
Hon. Cindy Allen	<i>Long Beach</i>	District 30
Hon. Valerie Amezcua	<i>Santa Ana</i>	District 16
Hon. Gary Boyer	<i>Glendora</i>	District 33
Hon. Drew Boyles	<i>El Segundo</i>	District 40
Hon. Wendy Bucknum	<i>Mission Viejo</i>	District 13
Hon. Don Caskey	<i>Laguna Hills</i>	OCCOG
Hon. Tanya D. Doby	<i>Los Alamitos</i>	OCCOG
Hon. Debra Dorst-Porada	<i>Ontario, Pres. Appt.</i>	Member at Large
Ms. Lucy Dunn		Ex-Officio
Hon. Keith Eich	<i>La Cañada Flintridge</i>	District 36
Hon. Bob Engler	<i>Thousand Oaks</i>	VCOG
Hon. Rose Espinoza	<i>La Habra</i>	OCCOG
Hon. Claudia M. Frometa	<i>Downey</i>	District 25
Hon. Marshall Goodman	<i>La Palma</i>	District 18
Hon. Mark Henderson	<i>Gardena</i>	District 28
Hon. Cecilia Hupp	<i>Brea</i>	OCCOG
Hon. Lynda Johnson	<i>Cerritos</i>	GCCOG
Hon. Kathleen Kelly	<i>Palm Desert</i>	District 2
Sup. Matt LaVere	<i>Ventura County</i>	CoC
Hon. Carlos Leon	<i>Anaheim</i>	District 19
Hon. Anni Marshall	<i>Avalon</i>	GCCOG
Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.	<i>Tribal Gov't Reg'l Planning Rep.</i>	



Hon. Casey McKeon	<i>Huntington Beach</i>	District 64
Hon. John Mirisch	<i>Beverly Hills, Pres. Appt.</i>	Member at Large
Hon. Geneva Mojado	<i>Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians</i>	
Hon. Joseph Morabito	<i>Wildomar</i>	WRCOG
Hon. Zizette Mullins	<i>Burbank</i>	AVCJPA
Hon. George A. Nava	<i>Brawley</i>	ICTC
Hon. Ariel Pe	<i>Lakewood</i>	GCCOG
Hon. Freddy Puza	<i>Culver City</i>	WCCOG
Hon. Rocky Rhodes	<i>Simi Valley</i>	District 46
Hon. Sonny Santa Ines	<i>Bellflower</i>	GCCOG
Hon. Becky Shevlin	<i>Monrovia</i>	SGVCOG
Hon. Mary Solorio	<i>San Fernando</i>	SFVCOG
Hon. Mark Waronek	<i>Lomita</i>	SBCCOG
Hon. Acquanetta Warren	<i>Fontana</i>	SBCTA
Hon. Frank Zerunyan	<i>Rolling Hills Estates</i>	SBCCOG

Members Not Present

Hon. Al Austin, II	<i>Long Beach</i>	GCCOG
Hon. Bobby Duncan	<i>Yucaipa</i>	SBCTA
Hon. Waymond Fermon	<i>Indio</i>	CVAG
Hon. Margaret E. Finlay	<i>Duarte</i>	District 35
Hon. John Gabbard	<i>Dana Point</i>	District 12
Hon. Camilo Garcia	<i>Imperial County</i>	CoC
Hon. Tammy Kim	<i>Irvine</i>	District 14
Hon. Lauren Kleiman	<i>Newport Beach</i>	District 15
Hon. Marisela Nava	<i>Perris</i>	District 69
Hon. Misty Perez	<i>Port Hueneme, Pres. Appt.</i>	Member at Large
Hon. Nithya Raman	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 51
Hon. Gabriel Reyes	<i>San Bernardino County</i>	CoC
Hon. Andrew Sarega	<i>La Mirada</i>	District 31
Hon. Helen Tran	<i>San Bernardino</i>	SBCTA
Hon. Tony Wu	<i>West Covina</i>	SGVCOG

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable Frank Yokoyama called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. and asked Councilmember Marshall Goodman, La Palma, District 18, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Chair Yokoyama provided detailed instructions and general information on how to provide public comments. Additionally, he noted that public comments received via email to CEHDPublicComment@scag.ca.gov after 5pm on Wednesday, January 3, 2024, would be announced and included as part of the official record of the meeting.

Chair Yokoyama opened the public comment period and noted this was the time for members of the public to offer comment for matters that are within SCAG’s jurisdiction but are not listed on the agenda.

SCAG staff noted there were no written public comments received via email before or after the 5pm deadline on 5pm on Wednesday, January 3, 2024. SCAG staff also noted that there were no public comments for matters not listed on the agenda.

Chair Yokoyama closed the public comment period for matters not listed on the agenda.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no reprioritizations made.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval Items

1. Minutes of the November 2, 2023 Meeting

Receive and File

2. CEHD Agenda Outlook and Future Agenda Items

A MOTION was made (Bucknum) to approve Consent Calendar Items 1; and Receive and File Item 2. Motion was SECONDED (Shapiro). The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Amezcua, Boyer, Bucknum, Caskey, Doby, Eich, Engler, Espinoza, Frometa, Goodman, Hupp, Johnson, Kelly, LaVere, Leon, Marshall, Masiel, McKeon, Mirisch, Mojado, Morabito, Mullins, G. Nava, Pe, Puza, Santa Ines, Shapiro, Shevlin, Solorio, Waronek, Warren, Yokoyama and Zerunyan (33)

NOES: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

There were no public comments on this item.

ACTION ITEMS

3. REAP 2.0 – Regional Utilities Supporting Housing (RUSH) Funding Awards

Members of the Public Comments:

Mr. Isaiah Vivanco, Soboba Tribal Chair, Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians Tribe, expressed gratitude and appreciation for the opportunity to be considered for a grant of such magnitude. He provided background information on the environmental factors that impacts storm runoff and flooding within their community, and the lack of resources from FEMA.

Chair Yokoyama provided brief remarks noting that the staff report provides additional background information of the RUSH Pilot Program, Call for Application Process, and recommended projects for funding. He asked Ms. Ma'Ayn Johnson, and Ms. Jessica Reyes Juarez, SCAG staff, to provide an overview of the RUSH Pilot Program and the funding recommendations for approval.

Ms. Johnson and Ms. Jaurez' presentation included background information and details of the RUSH Pilot Program which is one of three funding areas in the Programs to Accelerate Transformative Housing (PATH) program, and part of the REAP 2.0 funding. The presentation also included the following overview:

- RUSH Program Eligibility and Call for Applications
- RUSH Project Categories and Projects Review
- Types of Projects Recommended & RUSH Funding Award Recommendations
- Milestones and Next Steps

Staff responded on the comments and questions expressed by the committee members including responses for additional funding for stormwater runoff projects for the Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians Tribe and the ineligibility of projects that were not approved.

A MOTION was made (Masiel) to approve staff's recommendation: that the Regional Council approve the Regional Utilities Supporting Housing (RUSH) funding awards as presented in the staff report. Motion was SECONDED (Mirisch). The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Amezcua, Boyer, Boyles, Bucknum, Caskey, Doby, Eich, Engler, Espinoza, Frometa, Goodman, Henderson, Hupp, Johnson, Kelly, LaVere, Leon, Marshall, Masiel,

McKeon, Mirisch, Morabito, Mullins, G. Nava, Pe, Puza, Santa Ines, Shapiro, Shevlin, Waronek, Warren, Yokoyama and Zerunyan (33)

NOES: (0)

ABSTAIN: Mojado (1)

The comprehensive staff report and PowerPoint presentation – RUSH Proposed Funding Recommendation, was provided in the agenda packet.

INFORMATION ITEMS

4. Update on Work from Home Trends and Integration into Connect SoCal

Chair Yokoyama provided remarks and asked Kevin Kane, SCAG staff, to provide an overview of the Update on Work from Home Trends presentation.

Mr. Kane's presentation included an overview of the latest data and work-from-home trends and its integration into draft Connect SoCal 2024 plan. Mr. Kane provided details of the survey data, specifically the American Community Survey and the National Household Travel Survey. Additional topics focused on the state's targets, vehicle miles traveled data, and the Connect SoCal 2024 model – Work-from-Home assumptions - Policies & Strategies.

Staff responded on the comments and questions expressed by the committee members including responses to suggestions for a 45 or 90-minute communities' program, safe-routes to school strategies, improved broadband strategies and the potential impact of AI on future work trends. Solutions for GHG emissions and alternative transportation efforts around school zones.

The comprehensive staff report and PowerPoint presentation was provided in the agenda packet.

There were no public comments on this item.

5. Connect SoCal 2024: Implementation Strategies

Chair Yokoyama made opening remarks and asked Elizabeth Carvajal, Deputy Director, to present an overview of the Connect SoCal 2024 Implementation Strategies.

Ms. Carvajal's presentation focused on a high-level overview of the draft implementation strategies for Connect SoCal 2024 plan and its various elements. She noted that the plan aims to articulate priorities for SCAG's implementation of the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities

Strategy. Some examples highlighted were goals for mobility, communities, environment, and economy implementation strategies. Ms. Carvajal noted that the plan and public comments could be accessed on the project website, with public comments due by January 12, 2024. She noted the plan is expected to come back to the policy committees in March for action, with a plan for adoption by the Regional Council in April.

The comprehensive staff report and PowerPoint Presentation – Connect SoCal Implementation Strategies was provided in the agenda packet.

There were no public comments are additional comments from the CEHD on this item.

6. REAP 1.0 Bi-Annual Program Update

Chair Yokoyama made opening remarks and asked Ma'Ayn Johnson, SCAG staff, to provide an update on the REAP program implementation activities and progress made since the last update was presented to the CEHD Committee at its July 6, 2023 meeting.

Ms. Johnson noted that the goal and purpose of the REAP 1 program was to award \$47 million in grant funding to support local jurisdictions in their efforts to increase housing supply and to help accelerate housing production regionally. She noted the SCAG deadline for completed projects is June 30, 2024.

Ms. Johnson's presentation provided a recap of the program's primary areas of focus. Highlights included the following topics:

- REAP Program Areas
- Completed projects implemented under the Subregional Partnership Program
- Regional Housing Policy Solutions
- REAP Partnership and Outreach Program
- 2020 Sustainable Communities Program (SCP) – Housing and Sustainable Development (HSD)
- Transit Oriented Development Work Program
- Priority Growth Area (PGA) Analysis and Data Tools

Staff responded on the comments and questions expressed by the committee members including responses to transit-oriented development programs for smaller cities and the eligibility or criteria for the projects selected.

The comprehensive staff report and PowerPoint presentation – REAP Biannual was provided in the agenda packet.

There were no public comments on this item.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Yokoyama welcomed Councilmembers Carlos A. Leon, (Anaheim) and Bobby Duncan (Yucaipa), to the CEHD Committee. He also thanked Councilmembers Ashleigh Aitken (Anaheim) and Sylvia Robles, (Grand Terrace), for their work as recent members of the CEHD Committee.

Chair Yokoyama congratulated Mayor Helen Tran and Mayor Pro Tem Marisela Nava on welcoming new additions to their individual families.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Yokoyama reported that more than 500 attendees joined SCAG for the 14th Annual Southern California Economic Summit on December 7, 2023. He noted that highlights included the presentation and publication of the "Regional Briefing Book" which details the current state of the region's economy with benchmarks to track throughout the region in the coming year and noted that photos and resources from the 14th Annual Southern California Economic Summit are available in the news brief on the SCAG website.

Nominations for the 2024 SCAG Sustainability Awards will be accepted through January 12, 2024 and winners will be announced at the SCAG 2024 General Assembly. The Sustainability Awards are open to governmental agencies, non-governmental agencies, community-based organizations, non-profits, universities and more.

STAFF REPORT

Ivette Macias, Senior Government Affairs Officer, provided updates to the staff report. She reported that staff concluded 15 SCAG hosted briefings with elected officials in Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino and Ventura counties. In all, 229 local elected officials, city and county staff and stakeholders participated in the briefings, where SCAG leadership shared details of the draft Connect SoCal 2024 and discussed implementing the plan's vision for a more resilient and equitable future. She noted that the comment period closes on January 12, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Yokoyama noted that the next CEHD Committee would be held on Thursday, February 1, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. There being no further business, Chair Yokoyama adjourned the meeting of the Community, Economic and Human Development Committee at 11:19 a.m.



Respectfully submitted by:

Carmen Summers
Community, Economic and Human Development Committee Clerk

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COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

2023-24

MEMBERS	Representing	2023-24												Total Mtgs Attended To Date
		Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	
Allen, Cindy	Long Beach, District 30		1	1			1		1					4
Amezcuca, Valarie	Santa Ana, District 16	1	1	1					1					4
Austin, II, Al	Long Beach, GCCOG													
Boyer, Gary	Glendora, RC District 33	1	1	1		1	1		1					6
Boyles, Drew	El Segundo, RC District 40			1			1		1					3
Bucknum, Wendy	Mission Viejo, RC District 13	1	1	1		1	1		1					6
Caskey, Don	Laguna Hills, OCCOG	1		1			1		1					4
Doby, Tanya D.	Los Alamitos, OCCOG		1	1			1		1					4
Dorst-Porada, Debra	Ontario, Pres. Appt.					1	1							2
Duncan, Bobby	Yucaipa, SBCTA								1					1
Dunn, Lucy	Ex-Officio, Business Representative	1	1	1		1	1		1					6
Eich, Keith	La Cañada Flintridge, RC District 36	1		1		1	1		1					5
Engler, Bob	Thousand Oaks, VCOG	1		1		1	1		1					5
Espinoza, Rose	La Habra, OCCOG	1	1	1		1	1		1					6
Fermon, Waymond	Indio, CVAG	1	1	1										3
Finlay, Margaret E.	Duarte, RC District 35		1			1	1							3
Frometa, Claudia M.	Downey, RC District 25	1							1					2
Gabbard, John	Dana Point, District 12		1	1										2
Garcia, Camilo	Imperial County, CoC		1			1	1							3
Goodman, Marshall R.	LaPalma, RC District 18	1		1					1					3
Henderson, Mark E.	Gardena, RC District 28	1	1	1		1	1		1					6
Hupp, Cecilia	Brea, OCCOG	1	1	1			1		1					5
Johnson, Lynda	Cerritos, GCCOG	1	1	1		1	1		1					6
Kelly, Kathleen	Palm Desert, RC District 2	1	1	1		1	1		1					6
Kim, Tammy	Irvine, RC District 14		1	1		1	1							4
Kleiman, Lauren	Newport Beach, RC District 15	1	1	1		1	1							5
LaVere, Matt	Ventura County, CoC	1		1		1	1		1					5
Leano, Jed	Claremont, SGVCOG	1	1	1		1	1							5
Leon, Carolos	Anaheim, RC District 19								1					1
Marshall, Anni	Avalon, GCCOG	1	1	1		1	1		1					6
Masiel, Sr., Andrew	Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians	1		1		1			1					4
McKeon, Casey	Huntington Beach, RC District 64	1	1	1			1		1					5
Mirisch, John	Beverly Hills, Pres. Appt.	1	1	1		1	1		1					6
Mojado, Geneva	Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians					1	1		1					3
Mullins, Zizette	Burbank, AVCJPA						1		1					2
Morabito, Joseph	Wildomar, WRCOG	1	1	1		1	1		1					6
Nava, George A.	ICTC			1		1	1		1					4
Nava, Marisela	Perris, RC District 69	1	1	1		1								4
Pe, Ariel "Ari"	Lakewood, GCCOG	1	1	1		1			1					5
Perez, Misty	Port Hueneme, Pres. Appt.		1											1
Puza, Freddy	Culver City WCCOG					1	1		1					3
Raman, Nithya	Los Angeles, District 51													
Reyes, Gabriel	San Bernardino County CoC						1							1
Rhodes, Rocky	Simi Valley, RC District 46	1	1	1		1	1		1					6
Santa Ines, Sonny	Bellflower, GCCOG	1	1	1					1					4
Sarega, Andrew	La Mirada, District 31	1	1	1										3
Shapiro, David J.	Calabasas, RC District 44	1	1	1		1	1		1					6
Shevlin, Becky A.	Monrovia, SGVCOG	1	1	1		1	1		1					6
Solorio, Mary	San Fernando, SFVCOG		1			1			1					3
Tran, Helen	San Bernardino, SBCTA	1	1	1			1							4
Waronek, Mark	Lomita, SBCCOG	1		1		1			1					4
Warren, Acquanetta	Fontana, SBCTA		1				1		1					3
Wu, Tony	West Covina, SGVCOG		1	1										2
Yokoyama, Frank Aurelio	Cerritos, RC District 23	1	1	1		1	1		1					6
Zerunyan, Frank	Rolling Hills Estates, SBCCOG	1	1	1		1			1					5
TOTAL ATTENDANCE		34	36	40		32	36		39					

Attachment: CEHD Attendance Sheet FY 2023-24 (Minutes of the January 4, 2024 Meeting)