

Southern California Association of Governments March 1, 2023

# MINUTES OF THE MEETING EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (EAC) WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 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: <u>http://scag.iqm2.com/Citizens/</u>.

The Executive/Administration Committee (EAC) of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) held its special 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		RCTC
Sup. Curt Hagman, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President		San Bernardino County
Hon. Clint Lorimore, Imm. Past President	Eastvale	District 4
Hon. Frank Yokoyama, Chair, CEHD	Cerritos	District 23
Hon. David J. Shapiro, Vice Chair, CEHD	Calabasas	District 44
Hon. Deborah Robertson, Chair, EEC	Rialto	District 8
Hon. Luis Plancarte, Vice Chair, EEC		Imperial County
Hon. Ray Marquez, Chair, TC	Chino Hills	District 10
Hon. Tim Sandoval, Vice Chair, TC	Pomona	District 38
Hon. Patricia Lock Dawson, Vice Chair, LCMC	Riverside	District 68
Hon. Margaret Finlay, President's Appt.	Duarte	District 35
Hon. Kathleen Kelly, President's Appt.	Palm Desert	District 2
Hon. Larry McCallon, President's Appt.	Highland	District 7
Hon. Jose Luis Solache, Chair, LCMC	Lynwood	District 26
Hon. Lucy Dunn		Business Representative
Members Not Present		
Hon. Art Brown, 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Buena Park	District 21
Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.	Pechanga Dev. Corp.	TGRPB Representative
Hon. Tim Sandoval, Vice Chair, TC	Pomona	District 38



Hon. Nithya Raman, President's Appt.

Los Angeles

District 51

REPORT

## **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 Cecilia Pulido, Deputy 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 Board Counsel, Ruben Duran, 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 <u>ePublicComment@scag.ca.gov</u>.

Ruben Duran, Board Counsel, acknowledged there no written public comments received before or after the deadline.

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



There were no public comments on this item.

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

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, subcommittees 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 (Marquez) and passed by the following votes:

- AYES: Finlay, Hagman, Harnik, Kelly, Lorimore, Marquez, McCallon, Plancarte, Robertson, Shapiro, Solache and Yokoyama (12)
- NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

2. STBG/CMAQ Compliance Action Plan

There were no public comments on this item.

Kome Ajise, Executive Director, reported that the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) found that SCAG met federal requirements except for one corrective action. He noted that this action pertains to SCAG's role in the prioritization and selection of projects funded with Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) and Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds. He indicated that in partnership with the County Transportation Commission, SCAG staff finalized a Compliance Action Plan to address the federal corrective plan. He noted that approval of this item would authorize SCAG to formally submit the plan to Caltrans and FHWA/FTA.

Annie Nam, Deputy Director of Planning, provided a brief presentation on the action plan. The presentation covered the following topics: key compliance issues raised by FHWA/FTA; what the Compliance Action Plan is; compliance approach; nomination targets; and (5) next steps.



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A MOTION was made (Finlay) that the Executive/Administration Committee (EAC) recommend that the Regional Council approve the STBG/CMAQ Compliance Action Plan for submittal to Caltrans and FHWA/FTA. Motion was SECONDED (Plancarte) and passed by the following votes:

- AYES: Finlay, Hagman, Harnik, Kelly, Lock Dawson, Lorimore, Marquez, McCallon, Plancarte, Robertson, Shapiro, Solache and Yokoyama (13)
- NOES: None (0)
- ABSTAIN: None (0)

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

There were no public comments on the Consent Calendar.

#### Approval Items

- 3. Minutes of the Meeting January 4, 2023
- 4. Contract Amendment Greater Than 30% of the Contract's Original Valuer: Contract No. 17-026-C1 Amendment 10, Professional Auditing Services
- 5. Contracts \$500,000 or Greater: Contract No. 23-003-C01 and 23-003-C02, Videography Services
- 6. Contracts \$500,000 or Greater: Contract No. 23-018-C01, SCAG's Analytical Platform
- 7. Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: Contract No. 23-027-C01, Go Human Safety Strategies
- 8. SCAG Memberships and Sponsorships

### Receive and File

9. Purchase Orders, Contract and Amendments below Regional Council Approval Threshold

### 10. CFO Monthly Report



A MOTION was made (Solache) to approve Consent Calendar, Items 3 through 8; Receive and File Items 9 through 10; and the corrected minutes reflecting attendance by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Curt Hagman and title update for Art Brown to 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President. Motion was SECONDED (Finlay) and passed by the following votes:

AYES: Finlay, Hagman, Harnik, Kelly, Lock Dawson, Lorimore, Marquez, McCallon, Plancarte, Robertson, Sandoval, Shapiro, and Yokoyama (13)

NOES: None (0)

**ABSTAIN:** Lock Dawson on item 3 (1)

### CFO REPORT

Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer, reported significant progress towards the preparation of the fiscal year 2024 budget had been made and that the annual comprehensive financial report had been completed. She also mentioned that on January 19, SCAG hosted the overall work program development and coordination meeting with Caltrans, FTA and FHWA. She indicated that feedback from the meeting was very favorable. She also reported that SCAG remains on track to bring the budget and work program back to the board next month. She also noted that the full REAP 2.0 application was submitted to HCD and that they were hopeful to hear back from HCD by the end of March. Lastly, she mentioned that the advanced application had already been approved and they were hoping to receive the standard agreement for those funds soon.

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Harnik reported that there were new members that recently joined the Regional Council and Policy Committees and that there would be an orientation for new members later this month, in addition to a new member orientation in April after local elections for regional council district seats. President Harnik also reported on the recent mobile tours with the Riverside Transit Agency Vine Street Hub, the California Air Resources Board Southern California Headquarters campus and the Los Angeles International Airport (LAX). She also reported on her attendance to the 2023 National Conference of Regions in Washington D.C. along with SCAG staff. She stated they had productive discussions outlining SCAG's federal legislative priorities for this year with staff from Senator Padilla's office and four of our delegation's congressional members: Young Kim of Fullerton, Robert Garcia of Long Beach, Ken Calvert of Corona and Mike Garcia of Santa Clarita. President Harnik also mentioned that this would be the last Regional Council meeting under COVID-19 emergency order and encouraged members to participate in person going forward. She reminded members that the Brown Act requires remote participants provide their location and allow it to be



accessible to the public. Lastly, she noted the next meeting of the EAC was scheduled for Wednesday, March 1, 2023, at 3 p.m.

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Kome Ajise provided an updated on the three subcommittees the were formed to look at emerging issues for the Connect SoCal 2024 plan. He reported that the Joint Policy Committee would meet on March 2 to consider the subcommittee recommendations for Connect SoCal 2024 and to inform on-going policy discussion at SCAG. He also reported that Chief Operating Officer Darin Chidsey attended the Mobility 21's annual Sacramento Delegation Trip and that the purpose of the trip was to advocate for the group's state legislative priorities for the upcoming legislative year. Lastly, he congratulated the Gateway Cities Council of Government on establishing a new Gateway Cities Affordable Housing Trust, which would fund housing projects for all affordable income categories and help the Gateway Cities meet their housing needs identified in the 6<sup>th</sup> cycle Regional Housing Needs Assessment.

#### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no future agenda items.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Harnik adjourned the Meeting of the Executive Administration Committee at 3:33 p.m.

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Executive / Administration Committee Attendance	Report
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2022-23																		
MEMBERS	CITY	Representing	JUN	30-Jun	1-Jul	JULY	AUG	15-Aug	31-Aug	ОСТ	NOV	30-Nov	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	Total M Attend To Da
Ion. Jan Harnik, Chair, President, Chair		RCTC	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				12
Ion. Art Brown, 1st Vice Chair	Buena Park	District 21	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0				9
Ion. Curt Hagman		San Bernardino County									1	1	1	1				4
Ion. Clint Lorimore, Imm. Past President	Eastvale	District 4	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1				10
Ion. Frank Yokoyama, Chair, CEHD	Cerritos	District 23	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				12
Ion. David J. Shapiro, Vice Chair, CEHD	Cerritos	District 44	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				12
Ion. Deborah Roberston, Chair, EEC	Rialto	District 8	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				11
Ion. Luis Plancarte, Vice Chair, EEC		Imperial County	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				12
łon. Ray Marquez, Chair, TC	Chino Hills	District 10	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				11
Ion. Tim Sandoval, Vice Chair, TC	Pomona	District 38	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0				2
ion. Jose Luis Solache, Chair, LCMC	Lynwood	District 26	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1				6
Ion. Patricia Lock Dawson, Vice Chair, LCMC	Riverside	District 68											1	1				2
Ion. Margaret Finlay, President's Appt.	Duarte	District 35	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	1				10
ion. Kathleen Kelly, President's Appt.	Palm Desert	District 2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				12
Ion. Larry McCallon, President's Appt.	Highland	District 7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				12
łon. Nithya Ramen, President's Appt.	Los Angeles	District 51	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0				7
łon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.		Tribal Government Regional Planning Board	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0				7
As. Lucy Dunn, Ex-Officio Member	Lucy Dunn Strategic Issues Mar	Business Representative	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1				10