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# GENERAL ASSEMBLY HOST COMMITTEE

**Monday, March 14, 2022**  
**9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**

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To foster innovative regional solutions that improve the lives of Southern Californians through inclusive collaboration, visionary planning, regional advocacy, information sharing, and promoting best practices.

### OUR VISION

Southern California’s Catalyst for a Brighter Future

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## GENERAL ASSEMBLY HOST COMMITTEE AGENDA

Southern California Association of Governments  
Remote Participation Only  
**Monday, March 14, 2022**  
**9:30 AM**

The General Assembly Host Committee may consider and act upon any of the items on the agenda regardless of whether they are listed as Information or Action items.

### **CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** *(The Honorable Carmen Ramirez, Chair)*

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (Matters Not on the Agenda)**

This is the time for persons to comment on any matter pertinent to SCAG's jurisdiction that is *not* listed on the agenda. Although the committee may briefly respond to statements or questions, under state law, matters presented under this item cannot be discussed or acted upon at this time. Public comment for items listed on the agenda will be taken separately as further described below.

**General information for all public comments:** Members of the public are encouraged, but not required, to submit written comments by sending an email to: [ePublicComment@scag.ca.gov](mailto:ePublicComment@scag.ca.gov) by 5pm on Friday, March 11, 2022. Such comments will be transmitted to members of the legislative body and posted on SCAG's website prior to the meeting. Any writings or documents provided to a majority of the General Assembly Host Committee regarding any item on this agenda (other than writings legally exempt from public disclosure) are available at the Office of the Clerk, located at 900 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1700, Los Angeles, CA 90017 during normal business hours and/or by contacting the office by phone, (213) 630-1420, or email to [aguilarm@scag.ca.gov](mailto:aguilarm@scag.ca.gov). Written comments received after 5pm on Friday, March 11, 2022, will be announced and included as part of the official record of the meeting. Members of the public wishing to verbally address the General Assembly Host Committee in real time during the meeting will be allowed up to a total of 3 minutes to speak on items on the agenda, with the presiding officer retaining discretion to adjust time limits as necessary to ensure efficient and orderly conduct of the meeting. The presiding officer has the discretion to equally reduce the time limit of all speakers based upon the number of comments received. If you desire to speak on an item listed on the agenda, please wait for the chair to call the item and then indicate your interest in offering public comment by either using the "raise hand" function on your computer or pressing \*9 on your telephone. For purpose of providing public comment for items listed on the Consent Calendar (if there is a Consent Calendar), please indicate that you wish to speak when the Consent Calendar is called; items listed on the Consent Calendar will be acted upon with one motion and there will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member of the legislative body so requests, in which event, the item will be considered separately.



**REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Approval

1. Minutes of the Meeting – February 28, 2022

**INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEM**

2. Sponsorship Update  
*(Houston Laney, Lead – Internal & Website Communications)*

**ADJOURNMENT**



Southern California Association of Governments  
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**March 14, 2022**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**  
**GENERAL ASSEMBLY HOST COMMITTEE (GAHC)**  
**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2022**

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES IS A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HOST COMMITTEE (GAHC). A VIDEO AND AUDIO RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE AT: <http://scag.iqm2.com/Citizens/>.

The General Assembly Host Committee (GAHC) of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) held its meeting 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**

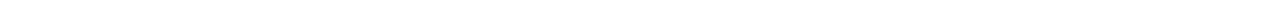
<b>Hon. Carmen Ramirez, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Chair</b>		<b>Ventura County</b>
Hon. Art Brown, Vice Chair, TC	<i>Buena Park</i>	District 21
Hon. Margaret E. Finlay	<i>Duarte</i>	District 35
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Hon. Alan D. Wapner, Chair, LCMC		SBCTA
Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, President’s Appt.	<i>El Centro</i>	District 1

**Members Not Present**

Hon. Sean Ashton, Chair, TC	<i>Downey</i>	District 25
Hon. Jan Harnik, 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President		RCTC
Hon. Peggy Huang, Vice Chair, LCMC		TCA
Hon. Clint Lorimore, President	<i>Eastvale</i>	District 4
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Hon. Mark Waronek	<i>Lomita</i>	SBCCOG
Hon. Frank Yokoyama, Vice Chair, CEHD	<i>Cerritos</i>	District 23

**Staff Present**

Javiera Cartagena, Director of Government and Public Affairs





Houston Laney, Lead – Internal Government and Public Affairs  
Margaret de Larios, Public Affairs Specialist III  
Maggie Aguilar, Clerk of the Board

**CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Honorable Carmen Ramirez called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Chair Ramirez asked Hon. Jorge Marquez, Covina, District 33 to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

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), Chair Ramirez announced the meeting was being held virtually (telephonically and electronically).

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Chair Ramirez opened the Public Comment Period and asked the Clerk to outline instructions for public comments. Chair Ramirez asked if there were any members of public who wished to speak.

The Clerk acknowledged there were no members of the public who wished to speak.

Seeing no public comment speakers, Chair Ramirez closed the Public Comment Period.

**REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS**

There was no prioritization of agenda items.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Approval

1. Minutes of the Meeting – February 14, 2022

A MOTION was made (Finlay) to approve Consent Calendar, Item 1. Motion was SECONDED (Marquez) and passed by the following votes:

**AYES:** Brown, Finlay, Marquez, Pollock, Ramirez, Viegas-Walker, Wapner and Yokoyama (8)

**NOES:** None (0)

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**ABSTAIN:** None (0)

## **INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEM**

### 2. Sponsorship Update

Houston Laney, Lead Internal and Website Communications, provided a brief update on the fundraising efforts. He noted recent sponsors as follows:

- San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority (Bronze Sponsor), \$1,000
- Inland Empire Regional Chamber of Commerce (Bronze Sponsor - In-Kind), to help do some promotions for SCAG and inform their membership.
- He also noted that ESRI and Kosmont Companies had agreed to sponsor but the dollar amount was still pending.

Mr. Laney reported that this brought the sponsorship total to \$138,900, which was 55.6% of their goal of \$250,000.

Hon. Margaret Finlay, Duarte, District 35, asked which were the big sponsors that had not committed in the \$25,000 or \$30,000 level. Mr. Laney reported that they had already received large commitments from Southern California Edison and SoCal Gas so that was not really the issue. He indicated that the main group of sponsors was actually at the \$5,000 level, which usually numbered around 20, but this year, only had six confirmed so far. He also reported that they had three \$10,000 level sponsors.

### 3. Program Update

Margaret de Larios, Lead – External Communications & Media, provided a brief update on the program for the General Assembly and noted that it was still in development but coming together. As far as the featured speakers, she stated that they had invitations out to many government VIP's including the Governor, U.S. Senators, and state legislative leadership, which was subject to availability. She also reported they were working on securing a keynote speaker. Regarding the panel sessions, she reported that on Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, they were going to have four breakout panels on: broadband and the digital divide; housing, specifically how jurisdictions can develop a new approach to meeting the goals; transportation electrification and the zero-emission transformation; and investments in Southern California, specifically about the funding infusion that's coming from state and federal sources. She also noted that there would be a student showcase session where they will be presenting some award-winning student projects that highlight different regional planning issues using the SCAG data, a long-standing tradition. Lastly, she reported that on Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, they would have a general session tying together the breakout

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sessions from the day before and bringing that all together for discussion of the 2024 Connect SoCal.

Chair Ramirez stated she was looking forward to finding out who the speakers would be.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Ramirez adjourned the Regular Meeting of the General Assembly Host Committee at 9:41 a.m.

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