

## Draft RAMP Policy Framework Stakeholder Engagement Summary

Since the April 26<sup>th</sup> meeting of the RAMP-ATG, SCAG staff have engaged with stakeholders in the business, environmental, and public sectors to receive feedback on the Draft RAMP Policy Framework

### Business and Development Stakeholders

SCAG executive staff conducted several meetings virtually and in person with stakeholders from the business and development community. They also provided written feedback in the form of a red-lined version of the Draft RAMP Policy Framework, which is included in the attachments. Specific feedback included:

- Remove references to SoCal Greenprint.
- Include caveat that RAMP is not intended to be considered “best available scientific data,” and remove other references to “best available scientific data.”
- Include new process for continued or new Advisory Task Group
- Limit RAMP and Greenprint to lands planned for agricultural or open space and mitigation for agricultural and biological resource impacts
- Remove language describing connection to Connect SoCal’s goal to support reduction of per capita vehicle miles travelled.
- Change Goal #3 to limit RAMP to mitigation for transportation related infrastructure.
- Change Goal #5 to limit potential gap assessment studies to requests from local lead agencies and partner agencies.
- Strike Goal #6: *“Pursue partnerships and collaborative resource development with state agencies and other MPOs to leverage funding and align efforts beyond SCAG’s jurisdictional boundaries.”*

Additionally, The Tejon Ranch Company sent a comment letter (attached) requesting exclusion of Antelope Valley Regional Conservation Investment Strategy (AVRCIS) data from the SoCal Greenprint. Short of exclusion, they request that the dataset would be prefaced with a May 3, 2022 letter from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife clarifying the role of the RCIS.

### Private Sector Meeting Attendees:

Name	Title	Agency
Adam Wood	Chief Administrator	Building Industry Legal Defense Foundation (BILD)
Carlos Rodriguez	Chief Executive Officer	Building Industry Association Baldy View Chapter
Chris Wilson	Senior Policy Manager	Los Angeles County Business Federation (BizFed)

Greg McWilliams	Chairman	California Business Properties Association
Jeff Montejano	Chief Executive Officer	Building Industry of Southern California
Jennifer Hernandez	Partner	Holland & Knight
Mike Roos	Founder and Chief Consultant	Mike Roos and Company
Richard Lambros	Managing Director	Southern California Leadership Council

### Environmental Stakeholders

On August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022, SCAG executive and planning staff met with stakeholders from the environmental field, representing conservation nonprofits, public agencies, and universities. Attendees provided the following feedback:

#### *RAMP White Paper and Policy Framework*

- Concerns about decision to create Policy Framework prior to the SoCal Greenprint. Data should be basis to build policy rather than let policy determine which data is relevant.
- Emphasized that housing and conservation are not competing interests, especially with infill development.
- RAMP would be a good option for LA Metro.
- RAMP and Greenprint allow for an alignment of efforts that leverages state and federal conservation dollars.

#### *RAMP Data Needs*

- Important to include data on lands not currently conserved, otherwise it would be redundant with existing maps and does not meet the requirements of the Connect SoCal Mitigation Measure.
- Inclusion of equity and environmental justice data is important because it is not currently easily available.
- Need accurate data to fulfill Executive Order N-82-20 to protect 30% of California's natural lands and coastal waters by 2030.
- The initial datasets that were posted were very promising, wide sweeping, and touched a lot of important topics.
- Recommendation to use 500-year floodplain data instead of 100-year flood data, and metric for impervious surface cover reduction.

*Stakeholder Engagement*

- Concerns that SCAG is prioritizing business community over other stakeholders.
- Encourage more engagement with tribal communities, AQMD, Coastal Commission, Municipal Water District and Caltrans.

*SoCal Greenprint*

- Concerns about the precedent that pausing or weakening the SoCal Greenprint could have on future sustainability initiatives, especially in the face of a climate emergency.
- SoCal Greenprint will help users integrate protection of habitat and open space into land use plans avoid potential litigation by addressing issues early in the process.

**Meeting Attendees:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Organization</b>
Aaron Echols	Restoration Ecologist	Inland Empire Resource Conservation District
Adrienne Calbreath	Public Programs Supervisor	LA Conservation Corps
Andy Shrader	Executive Director, Environmental Affairs, Health & Sustainability Policy	Office of LA Councilmember Paul Koretz
Arthur Levine	Applied Research Fellow	Robert Redford Conservancy at Pitzer College
Brad Jenkins	President	California Native Plant Society
Brenda Gallegos	Program Associate, Conservation	Hispanic Access
Brenda Rubio	Project Associate, Climate Initiative	Trust for Public Land
Chase Engelhardt	Housing and Transportation Specialist	Climate Resolve
Chris Chavez	Deputy Policy Director	Coalition for Clean Air
Claire Schlotterbeck	Executive Director	Hills for Everyone
Dan Silver	Chief Executive Officer	Endangered Habitats League
Daniel Rossman	Southern California Mountains Landscape Director	The Wilderness Society
Devon Provo	Policy Manager	Accelerate Resilience LA

Elizabeth Reid-Wainscoat	Urban Wildlands Campaigner	Center for Biological Diversity
Hugh Coxe	Project Manager	Trust for Public Land
Jack Eidt	Executive Director, Co-Founder	SoCal 350 Climate Action
John Howell	Chief Executive Officer	Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy
Julie Coffey	Staff Research Associate	UC Irvine Eco Preserve
Marcia Hanscom	Chapter Leader	Sierra Club Angeles Chapter
Marven Norman	Policy Coordinator	Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice
Melanie Schlotterbeck	Green Vision Coordinator	Friends of Harbors, Beaches and Parks
Melanie Winter	Director	The River Project
Patricia Martz	President	California Cultural Resources Preservation Alliance
Paul Waggoner	Community Engagement Coordinator	Banning Ranch Conservancy
Rebecca Crowe	Vice President	California Native Plant Society
Robin Smith	Chair	Sierra Club Angeles Chapter
Sarah Wright	Community Engagement Specialist	UC Riverside Center for Social Innovation
Susan Phillips	Professor of Environmental Analysis	Pitzer College
Susie Onate	Board Member	Newport Bay Conservancy
Travis Longcore	Professor	UCLA Institute of Environment and Sustainability
Victor Leipzig	Past President	Sea and Sage Audubon Society

### Public Sector Stakeholders

On October 12, 2022, SCAG executive and planning staff met with public sector stakeholders from transportation agencies, COGs, city and county planning departments, and federal resource agencies. Some staff from private entities attended as well, however they did not contribute to the discussion.

After the meeting, SCAG received a letter from Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) requesting the opportunity to review and comment on the final RAMP Policy Framework before submittal to the ATG, Energy and Environment Committee and Regional Council for approval. The letter is included in the attachments.

Attendees to the workshop provided the following feedback:

*RAMP White Paper and Policy Framework*

- Expand White Paper and Policy Framework to include how RAMP could be used towards development projects other than transportation, such as housing and energy infrastructure
- Show best practices and lessons learned from other RAMPS
- There needs to be a full understanding of mitigation needs in the region and what the conservation would go towards

*Proposed SoCal Greenprint Technical Advisory Committee*

- More than one city from each county should be included in the TAC
- Include appropriate representation from different subregions. For example, City of Los Angeles has multiple subregions within one jurisdiction
- The previously proposed TAC makeup looks equitable for the region, however including TCA would give Orange County an additional seat, which is not equitable for the other counties. Instead, TCA can provide feedback to OCTA via their local Technical Advisory Committee.
- The TAC should evaluate including broad scale vs. parcel scale data

*RAMP Data Needs*

- Some datasets in the Greenprint Proposed Data Layer List are old. There should be a policy to keep data updated and to evaluate if some should be replaced by alternate datasets
- Datasets that don't apply to the SCAG region should be eliminated
- Evaluate if datasets that deal with similar topics are conflicting or overlapping
- Some of the current data focuses on areas of analysis explored by state agencies. Need to evaluate if datasets are duplicative, or can rely on state data.

**Meeting Attendees**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Agency</b>
Aaron Hake	Deputy Executive Director	RCTC/RCA
Amanda Fagan	Director of Planning & Sustainability	VCTC
Amy Bodek	Director of Regional Planning	Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning

Angel Garfio	Associate Transportation Analyst	OCTA
Brianne Logasa	Management Analyst	SGVCOG
Chris Wilson	Senior Policy Manager	BizFed
Francis Appiah	Senior Environmental Planner	Caltrans, District 7
Frank Yokoyama	Councilmember, CEHD Chair	City of Cerritos
Gail Shiomoto-Lohr	Regional Planning Consultant	City of Mission Viejo
Irene Takako Farr	Associate	Better World Group
Jennifer Savage	Assistant to the City Manager	City of San Clemente
John Taylor	Fish and Wildlife Biologist	US Fish and Wildlife
Josh Lee	Deputy Director of Planning	SBCTA/SBCOG
Jude Miranda	Transportation Planner	Caltrans
Justin Equina	Senior Planner	City of Irvine
Lesley Hill	Project Manager	OCTA
Lori Huddleston	Transportation Planning Manager	Metro
Marnie Primmer	Executive Director	OCCOG
Mike Howard	Senior Biologist	Dudek
Peter Satin	Regional Planner	CVAG
Sally Brown	Fish and Wildlife Biologist	USFWS
Suzanne Peterson	Senior Analyst	WRCOG
Thuy Hua	Supervising Planner	Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning
Valarie McFall	Acting CEO	Transportation Corridor Agencies
Wayne Morell	Director of Planning	City of Santa Fe Springs