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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2022

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE REGIONAL COUNCIL. A VIDEO RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE ON THE SCAG WEBSITE AT: <http://scag.iqm2.com/Citizens/>

The Regional Council (RC) of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) held its regular 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

Hon. Clint Lorimore, President	<i>Eastvale</i>	District 4
Hon. Jan Harnik, 1st Vice President		RCTC
Sup. Carmen Ramirez, 2nd Vice President		Ventura County
Supervisor Luis Plancarte		Imperial County
Supervisor Kathryn Barger		Los Angeles County
Supervisor Hilda Solis		Los Angeles County
Supervisor Don Wagner		Orange County
Supervisor Karen Spiegel		Riverside County
Supervisor Curt Hagman		San Bernardino County
Hon. Alan Wapner		SBCTA
Hon. Peggy Huang		TCA
Hon. Mike T. Judge		VCTC
Hon. Ben Benoit		Air District Representative
Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker	<i>El Centro</i>	District 1
Hon. Kathleen Kelly	<i>Palm Desert</i>	District 2
=on. Rey Santos	<i>Beaumont</i>	District 3
Hon. Zak Schwank	<i>Temecula</i>	District 5
Hon. Frank Navarro	<i>Colton</i>	District 6
Hon. Larry McCallon	<i>Highland</i>	District 7



Hon. Deborah Robertson	<i>Rialto</i>	District 8
Hon. L. Dennis Michael	<i>Rancho Cucamonga</i>	District 9
Hon. Ray Marquez	<i>Chino Hills</i>	District 10
<u>Members Present – continued</u>		
Hon. Randall Putz	<i>Big Bear Lake</i>	District 11
Hon. Fred Minagar	<i>Laguna Niguel</i>	District 12
Hon. Wendy Bucknum	<i>Mission Viejo</i>	District 13
Hon. Tammy Kim	<i>Irvine</i>	District 14
Hon. Diane Dixon	<i>Newport Beach</i>	District 15
Hon. Phil Bacerra	<i>Santa Ana</i>	District 16
Hon. Leticia Clark	<i>Tustin</i>	District 17
Hon. Trevor O’Neil	<i>Anaheim</i>	District 19
Hon. Joe Kalmick	<i>Seal Beach</i>	District 20
Hon. Art Brown	<i>Buena Park</i>	District 21
Hon. Marty Simonoff	<i>Brea</i>	District 22
Hon. Frank Yokoyama	<i>Cerritos</i>	District 23
Hon. Ray Hamada	<i>Bellflower</i>	District 24
Hon. Sean Ashton	<i>Downey</i>	District 25
Hon. José Luis Solache	<i>Lynwood</i>	District 26
Hon. Ali Saleh	<i>Bell</i>	District 27
Hon. Mark E. Henderson	<i>Gardena</i>	District 28
Hon. Cindy Allen	<i>Long Beach</i>	District 30
Hon. Steve De Ruse	<i>La Mirada</i>	District 31
Hon. Adele Andrade-Stadler	<i>Alhambra</i>	District 34
Hon. Margaret E. Finlay	<i>Duarte</i>	District 35
Hon. Steve Tye	<i>Diamond Bar</i>	District 37
Hon. Tim Sandoval	<i>Pomona</i>	District 38
Hon. Drew Boyles	<i>El Segundo</i>	District 40
Hon. Alex Fisch	<i>Culver City</i>	District 41
Hon. Paula Devine	<i>Glendale</i>	District 42
Hon. Juan Carrillo	<i>Palmdale</i>	District 43
Hon. David J. Shapiro	<i>Calabasas</i>	District 44
Hon. Laura Hernandez	<i>Port Hueneme</i>	District 45
Hon. David Pollock	<i>Moorpark</i>	District 46
Hon. Steve Manos	<i>Lake Elsinore</i>	District 63
Hon. Elizabeth Becerra	<i>Victorville</i>	District 65
Hon. Megan Beaman Jacinto	<i>Coachella</i>	District 66
Hon. Marsha McLean	<i>Santa Clarita</i>	District 67
Hon. Patricia Lock Dawson	<i>Riverside</i>	District 68



Hon. Marisela Nava

Perris

District 69

Members Not Present

Hon. Maria Nava-Froelich

Hon. Kim Nguyen

Hon. Rex Richardson, Imm. Past President

Hon. Steven Ly

Hon. Jorge Marquez

Hon. Jonathan Curtis

Hon. James Gazeley

Hon. Lorrie Brown

Hon. Gilbert Cedillo

Hon. Nithya Raman

Hon. Paul Koretz

Hon. Paul Krekorian

Hon. Bob Blumenfield

Hon. Nury Martinez

Hon. Monica Rodriguez

Hon. Marqueece Harris-Dawson

Hon. Curren D. Price, Jr.

Hon. Mark Ridley-Thomas

Hon. Mike Bonin

Hon. John Lee

Hon. Mitch O’Farrell

Hon. Kevin de León

Hon. Joe Buscaino

Hon. Michael Posey

Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.

Hon. Eric Garcetti

Members Not Present

Garden Grove

Long Beach

Rosemead

Covina

La Cañada Flintridge

Lomita

Ventura

Los Angeles

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Huntington Beach

Pechanga Dev. Corp.

Los Angeles

Members Not Present

ICTC

District 18

District 29

District 32

District 33

District 36

District 39

District 47

District 48

District 51

District 52

District 49/Public Transit Rep.

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District 64

Tribal Gov’t Reg’l Planning Brd.

Member-at-Large

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

Carmen Fujimori, Human Resources Director

Javiera Cartagena, Director of Government and Public Affairs

Julie Shroyer, Chief Information Officer



Michael Houston, Chief Counsel, Director of Legal Services
Jeffery Elder, Deputy Legal Counsel
Ruben Duran, Board Counsel
Maggie Aguilar, Clerk of the Board

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Lorimore called the meeting to order at 12:31 p.m. and asked Regional Councilmember David Pollock, Moorpark, District 46, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

President Lorimore opened the Public Comment Period and outlined instructions for public comments. He noted this was the time for persons to comment on any matter pertinent to SCAG's jurisdiction that were not listed on the agenda.

He reminded the public to submit comments via email to ePublicComment@scag.ca.gov. Board Counsel Ruben Duran acknowledged there were no written public comments received by email before or after the deadline for items not listed on the agenda.

Seeing no public comment speakers, President Lorimore closed the Public Comment Period.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no requests to prioritize agenda items.

President Lorimore noted that staff had advised him in advance that Consent Calendar Item Number 15, listed as Receive and File for the Last Mile Freight Program: Phase 1 Selected Contingency List Projects, included action by the Regional to approve the recommended grant amounts for the listed contingency projects appearing on attachment 1 of the staff report, which was on page 144 of the agenda packet. He reminded the Regional Council that at the November 4 meeting they unanimously approved the Last Mile Freight Program: Phase 1 Projects and that staff had noted that the contingency list would be considered for award should additional funding become available. He stated that this item was related to the approval of this contingency list as additional funding of \$6.5 million was awarded.

ACTION ITEM

1. Findings to Continue Holding Virtual Regional Council and Committee Meetings Under AB 361

President Lorimore opened the Public Comment Period.

Seeing no public comment speakers, President Lorimore closed the Public Comment Period.

A MOTION was made (McCallon) to (1) ratify the prior actions of the Executive/Administration Committee taken at its February 2, 2022 meeting relating to findings made pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e)(3); (2) 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 RC 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, (3) authorize all legislative bodies of the Southern California Association of Government (SCAG), including the RC, EAC and all committees 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 (Lock Dawson). The motion passed by the following roll call votes:

AYES: ALLEN, ANDRADE-STADLER, ASHTON, BACERRA, BARGER, BEAMAN JACINTO, BECERRA, BENOIT, BOYLES, A. BROWN, CARRILLO, CLARK, DE RUSE, DEVINE, DIXON, FINLAY, FISCH, GOODELL, HAGMAN, HAMADA, HARNIK, HENDERSON, HERNANDEZ, HUANG, JUDGE, J. KALMICK, KELLY, KIM, LOCK DAWSON, LORIMORE, MANOS, R. MARQUEZ, MCCALLON, MCLEAN, MICHAEL, MINAGAR, NAVA, O'NEIL, PLANCARTE, POLLOCK, PUTZ, RAMIREZ, ROBERTSON, SALEH, SANDOVAL, SANTOS, SCHWANK, SHAPIRO, SIMONOFF, SOLACHE, SOLIS, SPIEGEL, VIEGAS-WALKER, WAGNER, WAPNER and YOKOYAMA (56)

NOES: NONE (0)

ABSTAIN: NONE (0)

2. REAP 2.0 Application for Advance Funding

President Lorimore opened the Public Comment Period.

Greg Rodriguez, from the Office of Supervisor Perez and the county's collaborative effort with Life to Rise, stated he was calling as one who went through the first REAP process. He thanked SCAG staff for all the work that they did on REAP 1. He indicated that he wanted to highlight some of the challenges they experienced and hopefully through the implementation of REAP 2.0 they could address some of those. He noted timelines, flexibility, and regional equity. With respect to timelines, he stated that it would be nice to look at ways of possibly expediting that timeline,

especially for projects or initiatives that are shovel ready, much like the Catalyst Fund that Lift to Rise and the county are developing. He also noted flexibility on how they are allocating funds. With respect to regional equity, he stated that a lot of times the inland empire region did not get the revenue sources that many of the bigger metropolitan areas did. He stated that Riverside County was the fastest growing county in the state, and they really had the potential, the infrastructure, and groups like this collaborative effort in place to really advance the needs of affordable housing not only within the Coachella Valley, but also Riverside County as a whole.

Seeing no public comment speakers, President Lorimore closed the Public Comment Period.

Sarah Jepson, Planning Director provided an overview of the REAP 2.0 Application for advance funding process. She reported they were asking that the Regional Council authorized SCAG to apply for advanced funding of up to 10% of the total funding to be allocated to SCAG under their REAP grant program for 2021 and to authorize the hiring of limited term staff to support program development activities, and early implementation activities, if they are allowed by HCD. She noted that they had anxiously been awaiting the release of the advanced application so that they can begin the work of developing a comprehensive funding program to support local plans and programs that will both accelerate housing production and provide transportation options that reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT). She emphasized that these resources were intended for program development and the outreach work associated with that and noted they had an opportunity to apply for the full application. She provided a brief presentation on the background on this funding program, the draft program development framework that they had shared with the three policy committees back in October for feedback, and an overview of some of the activities that they would anticipate including in the early application to flesh out the fuller details of the draft program framework and support the development of the full application, which would be due by the end of the calendar year. Lastly, she stated they were asking the Regional Council to approve and authorize staff to apply for the early application funds and to hire the limited term staff necessary to carry forward the activities. She also noted that the Executive Administration Committee (EAC) at their meeting the day before directed staff to periodically apprise the EAC of the REAP 2 program progress, including how funds are to be allocated across the region, and therefore were asking for the Regional Council's additional authorization to move forward on this item.

The comprehensive staff report was included in the agenda packet. A recording of the meeting, including the presentations, can be found on SCAG's website.

Regional Councilmember Curt Hagman, San Bernardino County, stated he had a conversation with Kome Ajise, Executive Director about the staffing needs and asked staff to go through what their vision was to share some of that among the regional Council of Governments (COG).

Ms. Jepson stated that in the short term, as she had mentioned, the resources that they were going to get were going to be focused on outreach. She noted they would be looking at how they could support some of the COG staff time to be part of that outreach process. She emphasized that the work in the short term was on outreach, and they were trying to figure how to best do this in the short timeframe. She noted they were going to have more conversations with the COG's before they apply.

Kome Ajise, Executive Director stated that the states intent in allowing us to come in early is to give us the resources to actually build a program that will be intended to serve all the various jurisdictions within the region. He noted they were learning from their experiences with REAP 1 and were trying to get ahead of the curb and begin the work on outreach. He explained that the resources they were asking for was to get the program created so that they can apply for the rest of the money.

2nd Vice President Ramirez indicated they had a very lengthy conversation at the EAC and had several opinions, but they all came to a consensus about supporting both of the aspects of the recommendation. She noted that Regional Councilmembers Viegas-Walker and Harnik gave some very elucidating points about SCAG's staffing situation and what they need to do to get SCAG staff up to speed to handle this influx of money, which is actually going to take quite a lot. She asked Ms. Jepson to address concerns brought up by Mr. Rodriguez.

Ms. Jepson stated this was the advanced application and the opportunity to provide resources for us to develop a program. She stated that the activities that Mr. Rodriguez was requesting resources for were more in the implementation bucket and would be part of our full application. She stated that she understood the interest in getting those implementation dollars out there as soon as possible, so if they could get the application in before the end of the calendar year, then they would certainly try to do that to be able to move forward with implementation. She emphasized that SCAS was required by the state to do a very robust outreach process and stated that they anticipated going back and forth with the board on the particular programs that they were developing and the guidelines that will be put in place so that they are directing how the funding is allocated. She noted that all these things would take some time and did appreciate the comment that they needed to look at how the resources are distributed throughout the region. She explained that they anticipated having some robust policy conversations with the board to make sure that they were distributing those in a fair way and addressing the goals of the plan and the funding program.

Regional Councilmember Robertson, Rialto, District 8, expressed concern for three areas: 1) housing supportive infrastructure related to water infrastructure; 2) transportation relative to capacity; and 3) equity. She asked Ms. Jepson how they were going to address these things.

Ms. Jepson stated that on the housing supportive infrastructure they had heard the need about the utilities and are continuing to explore that as part of the program's development and are looking at ways they can provide resources in that area. She stated this would be part of the thinking as they develop the program. With respect to transportation, she stated that the program, REAP 2021, was focused on reducing VMT. She stated she did not know if this was the program that was going to support the broader policy goals that they have. She clarified that this was not an eligible use for this program but did recognize the tension that exists out there. On the equity piece, she stated that the first part of getting this right was to do a robust outreach process, and so this was part of the reason why the state had allowed for Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) to pursue these early resources, because the state wanted to make sure that MPO's were spending time understanding the needs and working with communities to figure out how to best address them. She noted they would continue to engage with the policy committees and the Regional Council as they do more of that outreach and learn from the communities about how to best address their needs.

Regional Councilmember Trevor O'Neil, Anaheim, District 19, asked Ms. Jepson if the COG directors would have the opportunity to review and provide input on the application before it is submitted. Ms. Jepson responded by indicating that staff would work with the COG's to make sure that their interests are addressed.

Regional Councilmember O'Neil asked Ms. Jepson to provide more detail on how funds will be used to support staffing at the COG level.

Ms. Jepson stated those were conversations they were going to have to work out with the COG's. She explained that they were trying to figure out how to spend federal dollars quickly and that a lot of time the COG's had more challenges in delivering those resources. She indicated that one of the things they had thought about was the success SCAG has had using some of the fellowship programs that are available, where you put planners into local communities to do planning work. She stated that some of the COG's had had success in doing this in the past. She explained that this might be one mechanism to continue to support those fellowship programs and put planners into the COG's to support the outreach that they would like to do. She emphasized they were trying to figure out how to be creative about this because they had a lot of work in a short period of time and many of times the mechanisms by which they transfer funds from one agency to the other take a long time. She highlighted that they were trying to be efficient with the resources and figure out the best way to engage, so they would continue those conversations with them moving forward.

Regional Councilmember O'Neil asked what the role of the technical working group be in the distribution of the funds of projects when they arrive at the point of implementation.

Executive Director Ajise stated that this would be directed by the Regional Council and noted that some of that work leading up to this would include input from the technical working group. He noted that the final say on how the funds are distributed will come from the Regional Council.

Regional Councilmember O'Neil asked if the input of the technical working group would be included before it goes to the committees and the Regional Council.

Executive Director Ajise stated it would be considered but could not promise that everything would be included. He stated that staff had to be responsible to the Regional Council and give them what they thought would be compliant with the grant funding source because SCAG was going to be the one responsible for reporting back to the state and to the federal government.

Regional Councilmember David Pollock, Moorpark, District 46, stated he appreciated all the discussion on this and noted they had a lengthy discussion at the EAC. He proceeded to move staff's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Regional Councilmember David J. Shapiro, Calabasas, District 44.

Regional Councilmember Barger, Los Angeles County, indicated that at the EAC meeting they requested reports on the staffing increases and asked how they were going to go about doing that as part of the motion.

Executive Director Ajise stated this was included as part of the motion and noted it was added to the recommendation.

A MOTION was made (Pollock) to approve staff recommendation, with addition of item 3: 1) Approve Resolution No. 22-640-1 and authorize SCAG to apply for advance funding of 10%, or up to \$24,602,408, the maximum eligible early funding allowed under the REAP 2021 Program; 2) Authorize SCAG to use available fund balances to commence the REAP 2021 allowable pre-award activities, including hiring required program limited-term staff, in advance of formal budget amendment; and 3) That staff periodically apprise the EAC of the REAP 2 program's progress, including how the allocations were being developed. Motion was SECONDED (Shapiro). The motion passed by the following roll call votes:

AYES: ALLEN, ANDRADE-STADLER, ASHTON, BACERRA, BARGER, BEAMAN JACINTO, BECERRA, BENOIT, BOYLES, A. BROWN, CARRILLO, CLARK, DE RUSE, DEVINE, DIXON, FINLAY, FISCH, GOODELL, HAGMAN, HAMADA, HARNIK, HENDERSON, HERNANDEZ, HUANG, JUDGE, J. KALMICK, KELLY, KIM, LORIMORE, MANOS, R. MARQUEZ, MCCALLON, MCLEAN, MICHAEL, NAVA, NAVARRO, O'NEIL, PLANCARTE, POLLOCK, PUTZ, RAMIREZ, ROBERTSON, SALEH, SANDOVAL, SANTOS, SCHWANK, SHAPIRO,

SIMONOFF, SOLACHE, SOLIS, SPIEGEL, TYE, VIEGAS-WALKER, WAGNER, WAPNER and YOKOYAMA (56)

The Clerk received a message from Regional Councilmember Patricia Lock Dawson, Riverside, District 68, who was having audio issues and noted her vote was in support of Item Number 2. Her vote is not reflected in the count.

NOES: NONE (0)

ABSTAIN: BUCKNUM (1)

CONSENT CALENDAR

President Lorimore opened the Public Comment Period.

Seeing no public comment speakers, President Lorimore closed the Public Comment Period.

3. Minutes of the Meeting – January 6, 2022
4. Approval for Additional Stipend Payment
5. Proposed Amendments to Regional Council Policy Manual Relating to Lodging Reimbursements
6. Resolution No. 22-640-2 Authorizing Acceptance of One-Time Funds from the Los Angeles Cleantech Incubator (LACI) on behalf of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Vehicle Technologies Office to Support Testing and Evaluation of Curb Management and Integrated Strategies to Catalyze Market Adoption of Electric Vehicles
7. Resolution No. 22-640-3 Authorizing Acceptance of One-Time Funds from University of California, Irvine (UCI) on Behalf of the Department of Energy (DOE) in the Amount of \$30,000 to provide outreach support on the AI-Based Mobility Monitoring System and Analytics Demonstration Pilot
8. Regional Transportation Safety Targets 2022
9. Transmittal to South Coast Air Quality Management District of Draft 2022 Air Quality Management Plan Appendix IV-C Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy and Transportation Control Measures

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10. Contract Amendment Greater Than 30% of the Contract's Original Value: Contract No. 22-018-C01, Legal Services
 11. Legislative Platform Mid-Cycle Update
 12. SCAG Memberships and Sponsorships
- Receive and File
13. February 2022 State and Federal Legislative Update
 14. Update on SCAG Region Housing Element Compliance
 15. Last Mile Freight Program: Phase 1 Selected Contingency List Projects
 16. Connect SoCal 2024 Preliminary Regional and County Growth Projections
 17. Purchase Orders \$5,000 - \$199,999; Contracts \$25,000 - \$199,999 and Amendments \$5,000 - \$74,999
 18. CFO Monthly Report

Regional Councilmember Navarro made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar.

Regional Councilmember O'Neil stated he wanted to pull Item Number 14. President Lorimore asked staff to address this item before acting on the Consent Calendar.

Region Councilmember O'Neil stated that ensuring ample time for the housing element compliance was a really important issue for cities in Orange County, given their disproportionately large RHNA allocation relative to available sites, and stated he wanted to get a more detailed update than what was provided in the staff report, since at this point, they were nine months out from the current deadline for housing elements certification. He further asked if staff could provide the status on discussions and outreach with HCD stakeholders, the legislature or anyone else, and any actions that have occurred or are forthcoming on the matter?

Ms. Jepson stated this was part of the Executive Directors report and noted they were taking some actions to try to get an extension for housing elements.

President Lorimore stated that they had been having a lot of meetings as part of their advocacy efforts with state legislators and in those discussions, SCAG was at every single meeting. He further noted they were also asking the housing committee to hold a hearing on the subject.

Executive Director Ajise stated there was a lot of effort on this as a vast majority of our cities were in a place where they could be shut out of hundreds of millions of dollars in grant funds at the state level that require that they have certified housing elements. He also noted that our need was a little bit unique because of the timing of our cycle in Southern California, which was not the same cycle that everybody follows. He indicated that there might be a couple of other MPO's that are in the same boat that they were going to try to work with to make the voice even louder.

Regional Councilmember O'Neil was satisfied with the response and seconded the motion by Regional Councilmember Navarro.

Related to Item Number 15, President Lorimore reminded the Regional Council that it was listed as Receive and File but there was action associated with the item. He reiterated that action on this item would include approval by the Regional Council of the recommended grant amounts for the listed contingency projects appearing on attachment 1 of the staff report on, which was on page 144 of the agenda. He noted that approval of the Consent Calendar included Items 3 through 12, Receive and File Items 13 through 18 and the action on Item 15.

A MOTION was made (Navarro) to approve Consent Calendar Items 3 through 12; Receive and File Items 13 through 18. Motion was SECONDED (O'Neil). The motion passed by the following roll call votes:

AYES: ALLEN, ANDRADE-STADLER, ASHTON, BACERRA, BARGER, BEAMAN JACINTO, BECERRA, BENOIT, BOYLES, A. BROWN, BUCKNUM, CARRILLO, CLARK, DE RUSE, DIXON, FINLAY, FISCH, GOODELL, HAGMAN, HAMADA, HARNIK, HENDERSON, HERNANDEZ, HUANG, JUDGE, J. KALMICK, KELLY, KIM, LORIMORE, MANOS, R. MARQUEZ, MCCALLON, MCLEAN, MICHAEL, MINAGAR, NAVA, NAVARRO, O'NEIL, PLANCARTE, POLLOCK, PUTZ, RAMIREZ, ROBERTSON, SALEH, SANDOVAL, SANTOS, SCHWANK, SHAPIRO, SIMONOFF, SOLACHE, SOLIS, SPIEGEL, TYE, VIEGAS-WALKER, WAGNER, WAPNER and YOKOYAMA (57)

The Clerk received a message from Regional Councilmember Patricia Lock Dawson, Riverside, District 68, who was having audio issues and noted her vote was in support of the Consent Calendar. Her vote is not reflected in the count.

NOES: NONE (0)

ABSTAIN: Item 3: SOLIS (1)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Lorimore welcomed the newest Regional Councilmembers on the Board: 1) Hilda Solis, Los Angeles County; 2) Tammy Kim, Irvine, RC District 14; 3) Brian Goodell, a representative from OCTA. He provided an update on advocacy efforts over the last couple of weeks which included meetings with Assemblymembers Mark Levine of Marin County, Al Muratsuchi of Torrance, and Adrin Nazarian from Van Nuys. He stated they had been advocating for an augmentation and expansion of the Infill Infrastructure Grant program, SCAG's top legislative priority for the year. He noted these meetings have served as follow up from the Assembly Housing Working Group's Roundtables that were conducted last October. He reported they also had a joint meeting with the Kern Council of Governments to discuss topics of mutual interest, including legislative advocacy and other activities that impact our shared county lines. He reported he also visited Imperial County and met with Supervisor Plancarte and Regional Councilmember Viegas-Walker. He noted there was a lot of infrastructure going on regarding expansion of the U.S./Mexico border. He also highlighted the Geothermal Fields. He thanked the members for hosting him. He reminded the members of the deadlines to submit bylaws and resolution proposals and the call for Board Officer positions. He also reported that the March meetings would be in hybrid format and informed the members that staff would be sending a survey asking members for their interest to attend in person or remotely. He asked the members to respond to the survey as it would help staff plan accordingly. Lastly, he took a moment to recognize Randall Lewis who was stepping away from his seat as Regional Councilmember. He highlighted some of Mr. Lewis contributions and how he's served over the years. He thanked Mr. Lewis for his service.

Mr. Lewis stated that serving on SCAG has been incredible, life changing and is one of the highlights of his professional and personal career. He noted he had made some phenomenal friends here and had learned so much. He stated he was really impressed with the staff at SCAG and their professionalism, how hard they work, and how committed they are to the mission of SCAG. He noted he loved being part of all the committees and listening to the policy discussions in which he's learned a lot and has profoundly influenced the work he does. He expressed that by far the highlight was being part of the Regional Council and getting to work with all of them and it had truly been an honor. He stated he was not leaving; he was just not going to be on the Regional Council but would still be involved with SCAG. He mentioned that he would work really hard to make sure his successor was successful.

President Lorimore stated they had a proclamation for him, which was displayed.



The following Regional Councilmembers expressed words of appreciation for Mr. Lewis: Carmen Ramirez, Deborah Robertson, Karen Spiegel, Kathleen Kelly, Kathryn Barger, Fred Minagar, Marsha McLean, Dennis Michael, and Ray Marquez.

President Lorimore noted that Regional Councilmember Huang also wanted to recognize Mr. Lewis but her computer crashed.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Kome Ajise also expressed words of appreciation for Mr. Lewis. He thanked the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction (MSRC) Review Committee and members Larry McCallon, Jed Leano, Mark Henderson, Ben Benoit, and Ray Marquez for their leadership on the Last Mile Freight Program. He also reported on the housing element compliance situation in the SCAG region and noted that of the 197 jurisdictions in the SCAG region, only two had adopted a compliant housing element. He indicated there was concern about new legislation, AB 1398, that requires cities to have an adopted compliant housing element by February 11, 2022, and if they don't have it, then they are forced to rezone by October 15, 2022. He stated that this law basically accelerated the rezoning requirement. He indicated that if they were not complying with this, then it puts a city in a cycle where they are shut out of some very lucrative grant opportunities at the state level. He stated that SCAG continues to push for the legislature to consider looking at this.

Regional Councilmember Bucknum, Mission Viejo, District 13 also thanked Mr. Lewis. She also thanked Mr. Ajise and the SCAG team. She stated these were things that really helped them and wanted to acknowledge it.

Regional Councilmember Adele Andrade-Stadler, Alhambra, District 34, asked Mr. Ajise when they were planning on meeting with the Assembly Housing Committee.

Executive Director Ajise stated they did not have a date but had been meeting with individual members of the committee over the last three months. He noted SCAG also sent a letter to representatives on the committee in our region to get them to raise the issue.

Regional Councilmember Andrade-Stadler stated that the housing element was due on the 15th of February and asked Mr. Ajise how they would know if there was going to be an extension. She noted they were sending their second element to HCD.

Executive Director Ajise noted that a lot of cities were in the same situation. He stated SCAG would let her know as soon as they knew anything.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEM/S



There were no future agenda items requested.

ANNOUNCEMENT/S

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Lorimore adjourned the Regional Council meeting in at 2:05 p.m.

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