# **AGENDA ITEM 3**



REPORT

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# NO. 618 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS REGIONAL COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2020

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

The Regional Council of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) held its regular meeting at the SCAG main office, 900 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1700, Los Angeles, CA 90017.

Members Present		
Hon. Bill Jahn, President	Big Bear Lake	District 11
Hon. Clint Lorimore	Eastvale	District 4
Hon. Alan D. Wapner, Imm. Past President		SBCTA
Supervisor Karen Spiegel		Riverside County
Supervisor Don Wagner		Orange County
Supervisor Linda Parks		Ventura County
Hon. Jan Harnik		RCTC
Hon. Peggy Huang		ТСА
Hon. James Predmore		ICTC
Hon. Mike T. Judge		VCTC
Hon. Ben Benoit		Air District Representative
Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker	El Centro	District 1
Hon. Kathleen Kelly	Palm Desert	District 2
Hon. Rey Santos	Beaumont	District 3
Hon. Zak Schwank	Temecula	District 5
Hon. Frank Navarro	Colton	District 6
Hon. Larry McCallon	Highland	District 7
Hon. Deborah Robertson	Rialto	District 8
Hon. L. Dennis Michael	Rancho Cucamonga	District 9
Hon. Ray Marquez	Chino Hills	District 10

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#### **Members Present - continued**

Hon. Fred Minagar Hon. Wendy Bucknum Hon. Michael Carroll Hon. Steve Nagel Hon. Charles Puckett Hon. Stacy Berry Hon. Trevor O'Neill Hon. Art Brown Hon. Marty Simonoff Hon. Frank Yokoyama Hon. Sean Ashton Hon. Emma Sharif Hon. Ali Saleh Hon. Dan Medina Hon. Jeanne Pearce Hon. Margaret Clark Hon. Jorge Marquez Hon. Margaret E. Finlay Hon. Jonathan Curtis Hon. Steve Tye Hon. Tim Sandoval Hon. James Gazeley Hon. Judy Mitchell Hon. Meghan Sahli-Wells Hon. Jess Talamantes Hon. Steven Hofbauer Hon. Carmen Ramirez Hon. David Pollock Hon. Tim Holmgren Hon. Lyn Semeta Hon. Hector Pacheco Hon. Rusty Bailey

# <u>Members Not Present</u> Hon. Rex Richardson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

Supervisor Luis Plancarte Supervisor Kathryn Barger

Laguna Niguel District 12 Mission Viejo District 13 Irvine District 14 Fountain Valley District 15 Tustin District 17 Cypress District 18 Anaheim District 19 Buena Park District 21 Brea District 22 Cerritos District 23 Downey District 25 Compton District 26 Bell District 27 District 28 Gardena Long Beach District 30 Rosemead District 32 Covina District 33 Duarte District 35 La Cañada Flintridge District 36 Diamond Bar District 37 Pomona **District 38** Lomita District 39 Rolling Hills Estates District 40 Culver City District 41 Burbank District 42 Palmdale District 43 Oxnard District 45 Moorpark District 46 Fillmore District 47 Huntington Beach District 64 San Fernando District 67 Riverside District 68

Long Beach

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#### **Members Not Present - continued**

Supervisor Hilda Solis Supervisor Curt Hagman Hon. Cecilia Iglesias Hon. Tri Ta Hon. Sonny Santa Ines Hon. Steve De Ruse Hon. Teresa Real Sebastian Hon. David Shapiro Hon. Gilbert Cedillo Hon. Paul Krekorian Hon. Bob Blumenfield Hon. David Ryu Hon. Paul Koretz Hon. Nury Martinez Hon. Monica Rodriguez Hon. Herb Wesson, Jr. Hon. Mike Bonin Hon. John Lee Hon. Mitch O'Farrell Hon. Steve Manos Hon. Rita Ramirez Hon. Megan Beaman Jacinto Hon. Margueece Harris-Dawson Hon. Curren D. Price, Jr. Hon. José Huizar Hon. Joe Buscaino Hon. Marisela Magana Mr. Randall Lewis Hon. Eric Garcetti

Los Angeles County San Bernardino County Santa Ana District 16 Westminster District 20 Bellflower District 24 La Mirada District 31 Monterey Park **District 34** Calabasas District 44 Los Angeles District 48 Los Angeles District 49/Public Transit Rep. Los Angeles District 50 Los Angeles District 51 Los Angeles District 52 Los Angeles District 53 Los Angeles District 54 Los Angeles District 57 Los Angeles District 58 Los Angeles District 59 Los Angeles District 60 Lake Elsinore District 63 Victorville District 65 Coachella District 66 Los Angeles District 55 Los Angeles District 56 Los Angeles District 61 Los Angeles District 62 District 69 Perris Lewis Group of Companies **Business Representative** Los Angeles Member-at-Large

#### **Staff Present**

Kome Ajise, Executive Director Darin Chidsey, Chief Operating Officer Debbie Dillon, Chief Strategy Officer Ruben Duran, Board Counsel Justine Block, Acting Chief Counsel/Acting Director of Legal Services



Art Yoon, Director of Policy and Public Affairs Sarah Jepson, Director of Planning Basil Panas, Chief Financial Officer Julie Loats, Chief Information Officer Tess Rey-Chaput, Office of Regional Council Support

## CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Bill Jahn called the meeting to order at 12:15PM and asked City of Riverside Mayor Rusty Bailey to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### PRESENTATION

1. California High-Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) – Update

President Bill Jahn introduced CHSRA's Chief Executive Officer Brian Kelly who provided an update regarding the California High Speed Train Project.

Mr. Kelly introduced his colleague, Melissa Figueroa, Chief of Strategic Communications of CHSRA and stated he will be providing a preview of the Business Plan; the status of the high-speed train in California; and will welcome questions from the Regional Council after his presentation. Mr. Kelly reported that every two (2) years, the Authority provides an update of the Business Plan to the legislature which goes through a public process for adoption by May 1<sup>st</sup>. He began his presentation by providing background information of the project initiated by a law that was approved by California voters in the November 2008 state elections. It was a ballot proposition and bond measure that allocated funds for CHSRA. Mr. Kelly discussed the project's 2020 status; progress in 2022; Virgin Trains MOU between CalSTA, Caltrans, CHSRA and XpressWest (Virgin Trains). He also discussed the project's environmental schedules; and investing in all regions with \$1.3 billion for Southern California. He also discussed Proposition 1A's early investments, whereby funds are used to help modernize the historic Union Station; the Rosecrans/Marguardt Grade Separation; environmental review work for shared corridor improvements for HSR, Metrolink, LOSSAN and others including four (4) project sections of Bakersfield to Palmdale; Palmdale to Burbank; Burbank to Los Angeles; and Los Angeles to Anaheim. Further, for a broader effort to invest in transit in Southern California, Mr. Kelly stated that a \$4.4 billion in state funding and \$1.3 billion are coming directly from HSR. In closing, Mr. Kelly provided the timeline of the Draft 2020 Business Plan due to the public in February 2020; the Final 2020 Business Plan due to the legislature in May 2020; RFP for Track and Systems Proposals due in June 2020; and the Final ROD for 171-mile Merced-Fresno-Bakersfield line due in the summer of 2020.

President Bill Jahn thanked Mr. Brian Kelly for his presentation and expressed appreciation for Mr.



Kelly's time with answering questions from the Regional Council members.

Councilmember Peggy Huang, TCA, asked a question in reference to the staff report regarding the 119 mile-Central Valley segment and 171 mile-Merced to Bakersfield segment. Mr. Brian Kelly responded that the federal government gave California \$3.5 billion in 2009 to begin the construction in Central Valley; however, the 119 miles was not enough of an operating segment, and was extended to 171 miles for connectivity of the three fastest growing cities in the region while pursuing additional funding to close the gaps.

As a follow-up, Councilmember Huang asked whether a private-public partnership (P3) is being considered for some components of the project. Mr. Kelly responded that private-public partnership is the objective and there will be segments appropriate for a P3 opportunity.

Councilmember Judy Mitchell, Rolling Hills Estates, District 40, asked a question regarding the challenges with obtaining right-of-way (ROW), particularly for the Burbank-Los Angeles segment. Mr. Kelly responded that an environmental impact report is yet to be completed and study the alignment, ROW and utility relocation; and complete all advance work before beginning the construction.

Councilmember Dan Medina, Gardena, District 28, asked a question regarding the purchasing properties for completing the project and whether there are concerns with meeting the travel time when the rail is traversing through mountains or around it. Mr. Kelly responded that environmental documents have not yet been completed and there is no concern with projected travel times. Further, he stated adoption of an alignment enables the project to meet travel speed and time requirements.

Councilmember Steve Hofbauer, Palmdale, District 43, asked a question regarding the total budget that is needed for the project. Mr. Kelly responded that from SFO-LA and Anaheim, the budget is \$79-80 billion.

As a follow-up, Councilmember Hofbauer asked a question regarding closing the gaps and extending the commuter rail as a bookend to Tehachapi. Mr. Kelly responded the commuter rail extension is driven regionally and work is underway from Palmdale to the north while the Bakersfield to Palmdale segment is being planned for completion.

Councilmember Art Brown, Buena Park, asked a question regarding the completion date for the Anaheim to Los Angeles segment. Mr. Kelly responded the environmental document will need to be completed within the next 18-24 months and identify funding either through Cap-and-Trade or additional federal funding.



Supervisor Linda Parks, Ventura County, expressed appreciation and complimented Mr. Brian Kelly for the work he has done for CHSRA thus far. She asked about the potential costs for grade crossings for the project. Mr. Kelly responded there will be strategic grade crossing that will need to be done while considering the corridor, speed requirement, etc.

Supervisor Don Wagner, Orange County, asked a question as to why there is a need to continue to support the prioritization of the funding on a "19<sup>th</sup> century technology" given the issues that were identified by the federal government for years and why we cannot "pull the plug" and use the funding in the region in a useful manner. Mr. Brian Kelly responded the bond bill which cost \$9 billion for a project that was estimated at the time now costs \$45 billion and the bond bill indicates needing more state, federal and local funding to build this project. As a transportation policymaker for 25 years, Mr. Kelly expressed his belief in and dedication to this project, as there is no other project that will cut travel time, attain mobility and environmental benefits, utilize renewable energy system, etc.

Councilmember Margaret Finlay, Duarte, District 35, asked a question regarding the Merced to Bakersfield segment of the project and its economic impacts. Mr. Brian Kelly responded there is evidence of economic and employment impacts in the Central Valley due to the construction project that is currently underway with an estimated completion in 2028.

On behalf of the Regional Council, President Bill Jahn again thanked Mr. Brian Kelly for his presentation.

## PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

President Jahn opened the Public Comment period and asked Acting Chief Counsel, Justine Block, to read and acknowledge receipt of the public comment letters received for Agenda Item Nos. 16 and 17. Acting Chief Counsel Justine Block acknowledged the written comments received by SCAG from the following: Gateway Cities Council of Governments (GCCOG); City of Huntington Beach; City of Tustin; City of Fountain Valley; City of Cerritos; and the City of Downey. Additionally, SCAG received letters in the form of emails from a resident in Riverside, Holly Osborn; residents from Yorba Linda, Karen Farley; Steve Stowell and Janet Chang. All comment letters were posted on the SCAG website while paper copies have been made available at the table at the back of the Board Room. Finally, Ms. Block also noted that a link to the website containing the comment letters were transmitted to the members of the Regional Council.

Kristin Aguila, staff from the City of Cerritos, reported the city submitted two (2) letters to SCAG and commented the city was not afforded to speak at the November 7, 2019 Regional Council meeting. On behalf of the city, she requested an amendment to the proposed RHNA Methodology before its final adoption and proposed reinstating the household growth component of the



methodology with 33.3%; job accessibility 33.3%; and HQTAs 33.3%. By doing so, this will not only demonstrate consideration of member cities; input over the course of the two year process but also design a RHNA methodology that is fair with attainable housing numbers.

There being no other public comment speakers, President Jahn closed the Public Comment period.

#### **REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS**

There was no prioritization of the agenda

#### **ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEM**

2. Resolution No. 20-618-1 Regarding Regional Funding For Housing

President Jahn introduced the item and asked Executive Director Kome Ajise to provide a report. As background information, Mr. Ajise referenced the California Budget Act of 2019-20, also known as AB 101, which appropriated two (2) new one-time programs to provide regions and jurisdictions with grants for planning activities to enable jurisdictions to increase housing planning and accelerate housing production in order to meet the housing needs as determined by the Sixth Cycle RHNA. Mr. Ajise remarked that SCAG is eligible to apply for \$47.5 million for housing across the region, a portion of which SCAG can apply for in advance. These early resources will help SCAG to begin the planning work and further complete the framework with our partner agencies and initiate educating the communities. Mr. Ajise asked Director of Planning Sarah Jepson to provide further information. Ms. Jepson stated SCAG is excited to apply for advance funding of twenty-five percent (25%) and explained that in putting together an application, SCAG developed a program framework. She remarked that it is important to note that all funds administered under AB 101 must be expended within three (3) years [December 31, 2023].

Supervisor Linda Parks, Ventura County, asked a question whether a portion of the funds will be allocated for homelessness. Ms. Jepson responded that SCAG is working with the State while exploring program guidelines and planning for housing-supportive infrastructure.

A MOTION was made (Michael) to adopt Resolution No. 20-618-1 authorizing SCAG to apply for advance funding of twenty-five (25) percent, or \$11,867,77 of its maximum eligible funding allowed under the Regional Early Action Program (REAP). Motion was SECONDED (Navarro) and passed by the following votes:

FOR: ASHTON, BAILEY, BENOIT, BERRY, BROWN, BUCKNUM, CLARK, CURTIS, FINLAY, GAZELEY, HARNIK, HOFBAUER, HOMLGREM, HUANG, JAHN, JUDGE, KELLY, LORIMORE, J. MARQUEZ, R. MARQUEZ, MCCALLON, MEDINA, MICHAEL, MINAGAR, MITCHELL, NAGEL, NAVARRO, O'NEIL, PARKS, PEARCE, POLLOCK, PREDMORE,



PUCKETT, C. RAMIREZ, ROBERTSON, SAHLI-WELLS, SALEH; SANDOVAL; SANTOS; SCHWANK; SEMETA; SHARIF; SIMONOFF; SPIEGEL; TALAMANTES; TYE; WAGNER; WALKER; and WAPNER (49).

- AGAINST: NONE (0)
- **ABSTAIN:** NONE (0)

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

#### Approval Items

- 3. Minutes of the Meeting November 7, 2019\*
- 4. SCAG Staff Participation in the POCACITO in Germany 2020 Program
- 5. 2020 State and Federal Legislative Platform
- 6. ACA 1 (Aguiar-Curry) Voter Approval Threshold
- 7. SB 45 (Allen) Climate Change Resiliency Bond Act of 2020\*
- 8. SB 795 (Beall, McGuire, Portantino) Affordable Housing & Community Development Investment

Program\*

- 9. Regional Safety Targets 2020\*
- 10. SCAG Memberships and Sponsorships
- 11. Contract Amendment: Contract 20-002-C01, Board Counsel Services\*
- 12. Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: 20-043-C01, to Laptops, Associated
- 13. Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: 20-016-C01, City of Ojai Maricopa
- 14. Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: 19-062-C01, North Paramount Gateway
- 15. Contract Amendment: 19-002-C01, Disadvantaged Communities

#### **Receive and File**

- 16. Supplemental Analysis of Adopted Draft RHNA Methodology\*
- 17. State HCD Review Findings of SCAG's Draft RHNA Methodology\*
- 18. Fiscal Year (FY) 2018-19 External Audit
- 19. February State and Federal Legislative Update



- 20. Advancement of the Growth Vision for Connect SoCal
- 21. Purchase Orders; Contracts; Amendments
- 22. CFO Monthly Report

President Jahn announced that SCAG staff requested to pull Agenda Item No. 11, "Contract Amendment: Contract 20-002-C01, Board Counsel Services" which will be agendized at a future meeting.

Councilmember Lyn Semeta, Huntington Beach, District 64, asked to pull Agenda Item No. 3, *"Minutes of the Meeting – November 7, 2019."* 

CEHD Committee Chair Peggy Huang asked to record her vote as "No" for Agenda Item Nos. 7 and 8 related to *"SB 45" and "SB 795,"* respectively.

Transportation Committee Chair Cheryl Walker asked to pull Agenda Item No. 9, "Regional Safety Targets 2020."

CEHD Committee Chair Peggy Huang also asked to pull Agenda Item Nos. 16 and 17, "Supplemental Analysis of Adopted Draft RHNA Methodology" and "State HCD Review Findings of SCAG's Draft RHNA Methodology," respectively.

A MOTION was made (Pollock) to approve the Consent Calendar, except for Agenda Item Nos. 3, 7, 8, 9, 11, 16 and 17. Motion was SECONDED (Ashton). The motion passed by the following votes:

- FOR: ASHTON, BAILEY, BENOIT, BERRY, BROWN, BUCKNUM, CLARK, CURTIS, FINLAY, GAZELEY, HARNIK, HOFBAUER, HOMLGREM, HUANG, JAHN, JUDGE, KELLY, LORIMORE, J. MARQUEZ, R. MARQUEZ, MCCALLON, MEDINA, MICHAEL, MINAGAR, MITCHELL, NAGEL, NAVARRO, O'NEIL, PEARCE, POLLOCK, PREDMORE, PUCKETT, C. RAMIREZ, ROBERTSON, SAHLI-WELLS, SALEH, SANDOVAL, SANTOS, SCHWANK, SEMETA, SHARIF, SIMONOFF, SPIEGEL, TALAMANTES, TYE, WAGNER, WALKER and WAPNER (48)
- AGAINST: NONE (0)
- ABSTAIN: NONE (0)

#### PULLED AGENDA ITEMS

3. Minutes of the Meeting – November 7, 2019



Councilmember Lyn Semeta, Huntington Beach, District 64, requested the Minutes be amended to reflect the following changes: (1) on page 45, it failed to mention that the motion by Bailey was *"stopped by the Chair who asked that a motion be made to approve the staff's recommendation first,"* and asked that this language be added to the Minutes of the Meeting; and (2) a couple of times as noted on the Minutes that the *"Chair announced there would be a fair opportunity for everyone to be heard including the members of the public and that all information and comments would be provided by the Regional Council before any decision will be made or any motion be considered."* However, on page 44 she noted, *"...there were only six more members who were called to speak and the vote was called after that when in fact, only a limited amount of members of the Regional Council who were able to speak"* and asked that this should be reflected on the record as well.

A MOTION was made (Semeta) to approve Agenda Item No. 3 as amended, to include the two (2) noted changes. Motion was SECONDED (Bucknum).

Board Counsel Ruben Duran addressed Councilmember Semeta's concern on page 45 and recommended to view the video of the meeting that is made available for any member to further review what transpired during a meeting and noted that the transcribed records of the meetings are action minutes.

Councilmember Semeta asked that an additional language be reflected on the minutes to read, "There was only a limited amount of speakers who were able to speak."

President Jahn acknowledged Councilmember Semeta's request and directed staff to reflect the additional language for today's meeting minutes.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was made (Finlay) to approve Agenda Item No. 3 as presented. Motion was SECONDED (Walker) and passed by the following votes:

- FOR: ASHTON, BAILEY, BENOIT, BERRY, BROWN, CURTIS, FINLAY, GAZELEY, HARNIK, HOMLGREM, HUANG, JAHN, JUDGE, KELLY, LORIMORE, J. MARQUEZ, R. MARQUEZ, MCCALLON, MEDINA, MICHAEL, MITCHELL, NAGEL, NAVARRO, PEARCE, POLLOCK, PREDMORE, PUCKETT, C. RAMIREZ, ROBERTSON, SAHLI-WELLS, SALEH, SANDOVAL, SANTOS, SCHWANK, SHARIF, SIMONOFF, SPIEGEL, TALAMANTES, TYE, WALKER and WAPNER (41)
- AGAINST: MINAGAR and SEMETA (2)
- **ABSTAIN:** BUCKNUM, CLARK, HOFBAUER, O'NEIL, PARKS and WAGNER (6)



7. SB 45 (Allen) - Climate Change Resiliency Bond Act of 2020\*

CEHD Committee Chair Peggy Huang asked to record her vote as "No" for Agenda Item No. 7.

A MOTION was made (Robertson) to approve a "Watch and Work with Author" position on SB 45. Motion was SECONDED (Finlay) and passed by the following votes:

- FOR: ASHTON, BAILEY, BENOIT, BERRY, BROWN, BUCKNUM, CLARK, CURTIS, FINLAY, GAZELEY, HARNIK, HOFBAUER, JAHN, KELLY, J. MARQUEZ, R. MARQUEZ, MEDINA, MICHAEL, MITCHELL, NAGEL, NAVARRO, O'NEIL, PARKS, PEARCE, POLLOCK, PREDMORE, PUCKETT, C. RAMIREZ, SAHLI-WELLS, SALEH, SANDOVAL, SANTOS, SCHWANK, SEMETA, SHARIF, SIMONOFF, TALAMANTES, TYE, WAGNER, WALKER and WAPNER (41)
- **AGAINST:** HOLMGREN, HUANG, JUDGE, LORIMORE and MCCALLON (5)
- ABSTAIN: NONE (0)

8. SB 795 (Beall, McGuire, Portantino) - Affordable Housing & Community Development Investment Program\*

A MOTION was made (Huang) to approve Agenda Item No. 8, SB 795. Motion was SECONDED (Bucknum) and passed by the following votes:

- FOR: ASHTON, BAILEY, BENOIT, BERRY, BROWN, BUCKNUM, CLARK, CURTIS, FINLAY, GAZELEY, HARNIK, HOFBAUER, JAHN, KELLY, LORIMORE, J. MARQUEZ, R. MARQUEZ, MCCALLON, MEDINA, MICHAEL, MITCHELL, NAGEL, NAVARRO, O'NEIL, PARKS, POLLOCK, PREDMORE, PUCKETT, RAMIREZ, ROBERTSON, SAHLI-WELLS, SALEH, SANDOVAL, SANTOS, SCHWANK, SIMONOFF, TALAMANTES, TYE, WAGNER, WALKER and WAPNER (41)
- **AGAINST:** HOLMGREN, HUANG and JUDGE (3)
- ABSTAIN: SEMETA (1)
- 9. Regional Safety Targets 2020\*

Transportation Committee Chair Cheryl Walker reported that the committee voted to amend staff recommendation to read as follows, *"Approve a recommendation that the Regional Council adopt SCAG's 2020 transportation safety targets, which are supportive of the adopted statewide safety* 



targets; specifically, the region will reduce fatalities by a minimum of 3.03 percent in serious injuries and by a minimum of 1.5 percent on an annual basis and achieve a goal towards zero fatalities."

A MOTION was made (Walker) to approve the Regional Safety Targets 2020, as amended. Motion was SECONDED (Harnik) and passed by the following votes:

- FOR: ASHTON, BAILEY, BENOIT, BERRY, BROWN, BUCKNUM, CLARK, CURTIS, FINLAY, GAZELEY, HARNIK, HOFBAUER, HOMLGREM, HUANG, JAHN, JUDGE, KELLY, LORIMORE, J. MARQUEZ, R. MARQUEZ, MCCALLON, MEDINA, MICHAEL, MINAGAR, MITCHELL, NAGEL, NAVARRO, O'NEIL, PARKS, POLLOCK, PREDMORE, PUCKETT, RAMIREZ, ROBERTSON, SAHLI-WELLS, SANDOVAL, SANTOS, SCHWANK, SEMETA, SHARIF, SIMONOFF, TALAMANTES, TYE, WALKER and WAPNER (45)
- AGAINST: NONE (0)
- ABSTAIN: NONE (0)
- 16. Supplemental Analysis of Adopted Draft RHNA Methodology\*

CEHD Committee Chair Peggy Huang asked that the Regional Council consider the correspondences that were received relative to local household growth input in light of the Governor's statement regarding overstretching the 1.3 million household units. She also echoed the City of Cerritos' comments and concerns regarding building homes in commercial sites under the current methodology. Further, Councilmember Huang emphasized that removing the local jurisdictions' input will allow building in a space of theory and not reality and encouraged the Regional Council amend the draft RHNA Methodology.

Executive Director Kome Ajise stated that at the November 7, 2019 Regional Council meeting, the City of Los Angeles' position packet offered four (4) items for consideration; whereby one was adopted by the Regional Council with a proviso that SCAG staff review and study the three (3) remaining items and report back to the Regional Council. The three (3) items for review are: how to address low-wage jobs; modify transit access; and social equity across jurisdictions. Mr. Ajise emphasized that Agenda Item No. 16 is simply a report back to the Regional Council.

A MOTION was made (Finlay) to Receive and File Agenda Item No. 16, "Supplemental Analysis of Adopted Draft RHNA Methodology." Motion was SECONDED (Robertson).

Discussion ensued regarding request for a full list of correspondences that were received be included on the staff report's attachment regarding RHNA Timeline of Key Activities and Milestones (Berry); to also include the unanimous vote resulting from the 10/21/19 Special Meeting of the



CEHD; and concerns regarding the process including the removal of the projected household growth from the methodology (Berry, Carroll and O'Neil).

After expressing concerns, Regional Councilmember Trevor O'Neil, Anaheim, District 19, stated he will be voting in opposition on this item and encouraged members of the Regional Council from Orange County to do the same.

Supervisor Don Wagner, Orange County, stated that although the report is a Receive and File item, the matter is still on the agenda and does not preclude the Regional Council from taking into consideration the issues raised by CEHD Committee Chair Peggy Huang and by Councilmember Trevor O'Neil, especially in light of the Governor's most recent comments. Supervisor Wagner remarked the Regional Council has the discretion to take action on this matter.

President Jahn asked Board Counsel Ruben Duran to provide the Regional Council advice regarding this matter. Board Counsel Duran explained the implications of this agenda item relative to the Brown Act, whereby the Regional Council will be reconsidering its initial action. Further, as described on the staff report, the matter before the Regional Council is to receive and File a report with additional information.

Immediate Past President Alan Wapner, SBCTA, asked if the appropriate motion for this item is to reject the report and not Receive and File.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was made (Wagner) to reject and not Receive and File Agenda Item No. 16 regarding the Supplemental Analysis of Adopted Draft RHNA Methodology and that the Regional Council will decide at a later date on how to properly handle this matter. Motion was SECONDED (Minagar).

Executive Director Kome Ajise reiterated that the matter before the Regional Council is a report back as part of the November 7, 2019 Board action, which summarizes the findings of the supplemental analysis.

With respect to Agenda Item No. 17, Mr. Ajise explained the matter is simply sharing and distributing a correspondence to the Regional Council regarding a letter received by SCAG from the California Housing and Community Development (HCD) in response to the November 7, 2019 action taken by the Board. Further, Mr. Ajise reminded the Regional Council that under state law, a methodology must be adopted by March 2020.

President Jahn consulted Board Counsel Ruben Duran to provide guidance regarding the pending Substitute Motion on the floor. Board Counsel Duran advised and read the language from the Regional Council Policy Manual [RC-approved 06/09/2019] Article VII, Section H, which reads,



"...However, a substitute motion that simply proposes the opposite of the main motion may cause unnecessary delay and confusion and may be ruled to be out of order by the presiding officer."

At this point in time, the maker of the Substitute Motion (Wagner) offered to withdraw his motion. President Jahn announced that the Regional Council will vote on the Original Motion (Finlay, seconded by Robertson), which was to Receive and File Agenda Item No. 16 regarding the Supplemental Analysis of Adopted Draft RHNA Methodology. The motion passed by the following votes:

- FOR: BAILEY, BENOIT, FINLAY, HARNIK, JAHN, JUDGE, KELLY, LORIMORE, J. MARQUEZ, R. MARQUEZ, MCCALLON, MICHAEL, MITCHELL, NAVARRO, POLLOCK, ROBERTSON, SANDOVAL, SANTOS, SCHWANK, SPIEGEL, TYE, WALKER and WAPNER (23)
- AGAINST: BERRY, BROWN, BUCKNUM, CARROLL, CLARK, CURTIS, GAZELEY, HOLMGREN, HUANG, MEDINA, MINAGAR\*, NAGEL, O'NEIL, PREDMORE, SEMETA, SHARIF, SIMONOFF and WAGNER (18)\*
- ABSTAIN: ASHTON (1)

While the voting results were being reviewed, Councilmember Frank Minagar, Laguna Niguel, District 12, stated he inadvertently voted an "Abstention" and indicated that he intended to vote "No" for Agenda Item 16. President Jahn directed staff to correct Councilmember Minagar's vote as a "No" vote and is annotated\* above.

17. State HCD Review Findings of SCAG's Draft RHNA Methodology\*

CEHD Committee Chair Peggy Huang stated that she pulled this item for discussion due to the number of concerns she and the other members have expressed earlier including the complexity of the RHNA process. While CEHD Chair Huang stated fully understanding the timeline, she urged the Regional Council to reject the letter from HCD which does not prevent the committee from reconsidering another action for final recommendation to HCD.

Executive Director Kome Ajise offered a clarification and emphasized that according to the requirements of the state law, he cited California Government Code Section 65584.04 whereby it identifies only one scenario under which a COG would adopt a final methodology that changes the draft methodology. This scenario would occur when HCD did not find the draft methodology to be consistent with the state objectives identified in the statute, which is contrary to the current fact. In order to continue these discussions, Mr. Ajise stated the matter will be brought back before Regional Council at the upcoming meeting.



Regional Councilmember Cheryl Walker, El Centro, District 1, offered a suggestion that the members meet with the legislators and HCD and collectively explain their concerns including the complexity of the "broken" RHNA process since the agency is now under time constraints with fulfilling our obligation in meeting state law requirements.

President Jahn reminded the Regional Council that Agenda Item No. 17 is a Receive and File item regarding distributing a correspondence to the Regional Council received by SCAG from the California Housing and Community Development (HCD).

Regional Councilmember Mike Carroll, Irvine, District 14, echoed the comments and concerns that were expressed regarding the flawed mechanics of the RHNA process and remarked that members from Orange County unanimously objected to the proposed methodology and stated that he will be voting in opposition as a reflection of support for the unanimous vote of the CEHD Committee regarding the proposed draft methodology.

A MOTION was made (Robertson) to Receive and File Agenda Item No. 17, "State HCD Review Findings of SCAG's Draft RHNA Methodology." Motion was SECONDED (Walker) and passed by the following votes.

- FOR: BAILEY, BENOIT, BROWN, CURTIS, FINLAY, GAZELEY, HARNIK, JAHN, JUDGE, KELLY, LORIMORE, J. MARQUEZ, R. MARQUEZ, MCCALLON, MEDINA, MICHAEL, MITCHELL, NAVARRO, POLLOCK, PREDMORE, ROBERTSON, SANDOVAL, SANTOS, SCHWANK, SPIEGEL, TYE, WALKER and WAPNER (28)
- **AGAINST:** BERRY, CARROLL, CLARK, HOLMGREN, HUANG, MINAGAR, NAGEL, O'NEIL, SEMETA and WAGNER (10)
- ABSTAIN: ASHTON (1)

#### **BUSINESS REPORT**

President Jahn announced that Business Representative, Randall Lewis, is currently in Harvard due to a Strategic Planning Session and therefore, unable to provide a business report at this time.

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Jahn reported that he, along with First Vice President Rex Richardson, Immediate Past President Alan Wapner, Regional Councilmembers Margaret Finlay, Cheryl Walker and Dennis Michael, travelled and collaborated with the Ministry of Transport of New Zealand and Australia as part of the beginning phases of exploratory work to conduct a regional/local study and further



assess the various policy questions regarding user fees, travel behavior, privacy and equity issues regarding Road Usage Charges (RUC). President Jahn stated that a full report will be presented at the March 5 meeting of the Transportation Committee and the Regional Council. He asked the leadership to share some information and practical lessons-learned from the travel. Immediate Past President Wapner commented regarding the meeting with Transurban and the benefits of how a private-public partnership works in many countries and the United States. In the interest of time, Regional Councilmember Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro, District 1, encouraged the members to visit https://changedconditionsahead.com/the-study/ to learn more about Transurban's Road Usage Study in Australia and see the transition from gas tax to VMT. Regional Councilmember Dennis Michael commented on Transurban's advanced technology and praised its efficient work and collaboration with the government including usage of CMP in the city of Melbourne to mitigate traffic congestion.

President Jahn announced and welcomed new member to the Regional Council, Mayor Miguel Pulido of Santa Ana representing OCTA; and subregional appointment to CEHD Committee is Mayor Acquanetta Warren of Fontana.

Finally, President Jahn announced that the SCAG Scholarship Committee is now accepting applications and the deadline to apply is Friday, April 3; and to visit the SCAG website for more information.

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Executive Director Kome Ajise announced that SCAG was contacted by staff from Paul Volcker of The Volcker Alliance and former President of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, regarding its Government-to-University Initiative (G2U), an innovative approach to addressing critical governance challenges by building structured regional networks of governments and universities. The initiative aims to catalyze a robust local marketplace that can sustainably connect governments' hiring and research needs with local university capacity. Mr. Ajise stated that SCAG, as a regional convener, allows the agency to develop a pipeline of talents from university students who might be interested in government jobs. Mr. Ajise invited the members or their city representatives to G2U's first meeting at SCAG scheduled for February 18, 2020.

Finally, Mr. Ajise expressed thanks and appreciation for Regional Councilmember Meghan Sahli-Wells, Culver City, District 41, a member of the Zero Traffic Fatalities Taskforce. The taskforce just completed its Zero Traffic Fatalities report. A web link to access the report is available on SCAG's website.

## FUTURE AGENDA ITEM



Regional Councilmember Trevor O'Neil, Anaheim, District 19, requested to add to a future agenda item a discussion on the RHNA Methodology and the letter received from HCD and to take action as necessary. President Jahn acknowledged the request.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Regional Councilmember Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro, District 1, announced and invited the members to CALCOG Regional Leadership Forum scheduled from April 5 - 7, 2020 at the Riverside Convention Center.

Second Vice President Clint Lorimore and Chair of the GA Host Committee invited the members to register for SCAG's Regional Conference and General Assembly scheduled for May 6-8, 2020 at the JW Marriott Resort and Spa in Palm Desert with this year's theme, *"Collaboration, Community, Connection."* The GA Host Committee seeks sponsorships with a goal of raising \$364,000. Vice President Lorimore encouraged the members to attend this great opportunity and invite their City Council as registration is free for elected officials.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, President Jahn adjourned the Regional Council meeting at 2:15PM.

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