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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2021

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 of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) held its special meeting telephonically and electronically, given public health directives limiting public gatherings due to the threat of COVID-19 and in compliance with the Governor’s Executive Order N-08-21. A quorum was present.

Members Present

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| 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 Don Wagner | | Orange County |
| Supervisor Karen Spiegel | | Riverside County |
| Hon. Maria Nava-Froelich | | ICTC |
| Hon. Tim Shaw | | OCTA |
| 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 |
| Hon. 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 |



Members Present – continued

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
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. Michael Carroll	<i>Irvine</i>	District 14
Hon. Diane Dixon	<i>Newport Beach</i>	District 15
Hon. Phil Bacerra	<i>Santa Ana</i>	District 16
Hon. Kim Nguyen	<i>Garden Grove</i>	District 18
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. Steven Ly	<i>Rosemead</i>	District 32
Hon. Jorge Marquez	<i>Covina</i>	District 33
Hon. Adele Andrade-Stadler	<i>Alhambra</i>	District 34
Hon. Tim Sandoval	<i>Pomona</i>	District 38
Hon. James Gazeley	<i>Lomita</i>	District 39
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. Lorrie Brown	<i>Ventura</i>	District 47
Hon. John Lee	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 59
Hon. Michael Posey	<i>Huntington Beach</i>	District 64
Hon. Elizabeth Becerra	<i>Victorville</i>	District 65
Hon. Megan Beaman Jacinto	<i>Coachella</i>	District 66



Members Present - continued

Hon. Marsha McLean	<i>Santa Clarita</i>	District 67
Hon. Marisela Magana	<i>Perris</i>	District 69
Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.	<i>Pechanga Dev. Corp.</i>	Tribal Gov't Reg'l Planning Brd.
Mr. Randall Lewis	<i>Business Representative</i>	Ex-Officio Member

Members Not Present

Hon. Rex Richardson, Imm. Past President	<i>Long Beach</i>	District 29
Supervisor Holly Mitchell		Los Angeles County
Supervisor Curt Hagman		San Bernardino County
Hon. Leticia Clark	<i>Tustin</i>	District 17
Hon. Margaret E. Finlay	<i>Duarte</i>	District 35
Hon. Jonathan Curtis	<i>La Cañada Flintridge</i>	District 36
Hon. Steve Tye	<i>Diamond Bar</i>	District 37
Hon. Drew Boyles	<i>El Segundo</i>	District 40
Hon. Gilbert Cedillo	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 48
Hon. Paul Krekorian	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 49/Public Transit Rep.
Hon. Bob Blumenfield	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 50
Hon. Nithya Raman	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 51
Hon. Paul Koretz	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 52
Hon. Nury Martinez	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 53
Hon. Monica Rodriguez	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 54
Hon. Marqueece Harris-Dawson	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 55
Hon. Curren D. Price, Jr.	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 56
Hon. Mark Ridley-Thomas	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 57
Hon. Mike Bonin	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 58
Hon. Mitch O'Farrell	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 60
Hon. Kevin de León	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 61
Hon. Joe Buscaino	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 62
Hon. Steve Manos	<i>Lake Elsinore</i>	District 63
Hon. Patricia Lock Dawson	<i>Riverside</i>	District 68
Hon. Eric Garcetti	<i>Los Angeles</i>	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, Acting Director of Policy 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
Cecilia Pulido, Deputy Clerk of the Board

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Lorimore called the meeting to order at 12:32 p.m. and asked Regional Councilmember Frank Navarro, Colton, District 7, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATION

1. SCAG's Regional Data Platform and the Power of Geographic Information Systems

Executive Director Kome Ajise provided a brief introduction of Jack Dangermond, President and Founder of ESRI, and stated that Mr. Dangermond would be discussing SCAG's partnership on the Regional Data Platform and the power of geographic information systems (GIS). He explained that the Regional Data Platform was a signature element of the Future Communities Initiative, which this board launched three years ago to advance SCAG's leadership in technology. He reported that in 2019, SCAG selected ESRI to be our partner in this effort and over the last several years have worked with ESRI and city partners to develop the data management system and suite of tools that will serve as the foundation for the Regional Data Platform. He further stated that once launched, the Regional Data Platform would provide universal access to web-based tools and streamline data sharing and collaboration across the region. Lastly, he emphasized that the Regional Data Platform aims to provide all member agencies, regardless of size and technological maturity with modern planning tools, technology, standardized data, and best practices to support General Plan updates.

Mr. Dangermond provided a brief overview of ESRI and stated they support roughly 350,000 organizations. He noted that their focus was to advance the science of geography in its application form, and they did this with a technology called geographic information systems or GIS. He stated that he thought all the leadership around the world was saying that they needed to collectively act now and make their cities more sustainable, implement sustainable agriculture, and develop renewable energy systems that are affordable and equitable. He further discussed the power of GIS and its ability to help solve the pressing challenges facing the world, with a special focus on SCAG's Regional Data Platform (RDP) project as a vital tool for shaping a more sustainable future for Southern California. He also indicated that GIS supports a holistic approach that allows them to

collaborate between different agencies like the local governments, regional government, state governments and the Federal government. He also noted that the RDP data program delivers powerful data and SCAG would be making that data available and accessible through the regional hub, which is a website where you can do map overlays. Lastly, he also emphasized the importance of leadership and community-building to ensure the RDP reaches its highest potential to advance more coordinated and sustainable planning locally and regionally.

Caitlyn Smith, Project Manager at ESRI, expressed that it was a privilege to work alongside the SCAG team on this project over the past year and a half and that it was exciting for her to witness this project take shape. She indicated that ESRI had envisioned a system like the RDP for quite some time now, and to see it be applied to planning, something that touches how communities grow in regions, was truly remarkable. She acknowledged SCAG staff and stated that their devotion to this project and commitment to SCAG's vision for the region had inspired them. She stated they were looking to launch the RDP this fall.

Mr. Dangermond stated that he thought that the platform was to revolutionize the regional information sharing and was going to get rid of some of the challenges that have been plaguing SCAG's organizations. He noted that this platform will provide a very practical foundation for developing those applications which can make the communities and the region more sustainable.

Regional Councilmember Laurie Brown, Ventura, District 47, stated cities were moving towards more technology and asked what the security protocols would be to protect infrastructure, major roads, and water resources with this type of technology.

Mr. Dangermond acknowledged the question and stated that they worked with several government agencies, ranging from the federal government to local water companies and utilities that were using their tools and they were all being confronted with the issue of cyber security. He stated that there were levels of security that they can implement on the system itself, such as adding security to the actual applications.

Regional Councilmember Brown stated she appreciated the examples of the social justice applications and asked if this data will be available for commercial use. She also asked if SCAG and the local and regional agencies will have the ability to request how all the information is being used.

Mr. Dangermond acknowledged the question and stated that he thought they needed to work closely with the agency heads, as well as the members of local governments, to ensure that those datasets that she was particularly concerned about were secure and stated there were mechanisms to do that. With respect to the social equity issues, he indicated that they had a series of templates that were easily downloadable for each of the local governments to be able to look at issues of racial and social equity. He also noted that the data that was being shared belonged to SCAG and its

members, not ESRI or any commercial entity, so information that they choose to share was information that they have the policy and control over who gets to use it and who they want to share it with. He stated there was no notion of commercializing this information whatsoever.

Regional Councilmember Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro, District 1, stated that both the Governor and the federal government had put out targets for them to transition to electric vehicles and asked what role ESRI can play in helping local jurisdictions put together that plan for infrastructure deployment, like charging stations.

Mr. Dangermond acknowledged the question and stated that picking the optimum location for anything was in their toolbox and given the right direction can help to build those models. He indicated that they called it location allocation modeling, a branch of geography, and it was really in measuring the origins of where people are and who have cars. He stated this investment will allow them to build apps that can help support that idea.

Regional Councilmember Randall Lewis, Business Representative, asked how the elected can work with their staffs to get more knowledgeable on how to get smart GIS and how to put into action in their communities.

Mr. Dangermond acknowledged the question and stated it was by asking questions. He indicated that he was constantly asking how the technology works and how it can be applied to his job.

Ms. Smith stated that part of the goal of the regional data platform was really to try to make GIS technology accessible to people that work in policy and planning. She indicated that they aim to have a lot of tools and resources which are available through the regional hub which will be the portal for the RDP.

Regional Councilmember Kathleen Kelly, Palm Desert, District 2, stated they should contemplate some form of training or webinars to make sure that local people know how to get this information.

Executive Director Ajise stated that each jurisdiction was going to have their own license and they would probably be doing a lot of training through what they call Toolbox Tuesdays, to make sure everybody's able to take advantage of the tool.

Regional Councilmember Frank Navarro, Colton, District 6, stated he had the opportunity to work with SCAG staff on putting together an application for his community so they could do economic development analysis on bring businesses to Colton. He stated they use the tool at Colton and have been successful with it. He expressed that he was really happy to see the use of ESRI tools at SCAG so that other communities can have that available to them.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

President Lorimore opened the Public Comment Period, and he outlined instructions for public comments.

Board Counsel Ruben Duran stated that there were no written public comments received by email after the deadline.

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 announced that Agenda Item No. 9 would be pulled from the agenda and brought back in October.

CONSENT CALENDAR

2. Minutes of the Special Meeting – July 1, 2021
 3. Approval of Additional Stipend Payments
 4. Resolution No. 21-635-1 Approving Amendment 1 to the FY 2021-22 Overall Work Program (OWP)
 5. Contract Amendment Greater Than 30% of the Contract's Original Value: 20-035-C01, IT Managed Services
 6. Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: Contract No. 20-012-C01, Infrastructure Upgrade – Data Center Equipment
 7. Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: Contract No. 21-058-C01, Heavy Duty Truck Model Improvement
 8. Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: Contract No. 21-064-C01, Southern California Goods Movement Communities Freight Impact Assessment
 9. Subregional Sustainable Communities Strategies Framework and Guidelines
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10. Notice of CEQA Exemption Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15262, 15301(c), 15304(e), 15306 and 15322 for the SCAG Sustainable Communities Program-Active Transportation & Safety and Approval to Accept the Active Transportation Program funds for the Project
11. AB 215 (Chiu) - Housing Element Relative Progress Determination
12. SB 9 (Atkins) - Duplex Approvals
13. SCAG Memberships and Sponsorships

Receive and File

14. September 2021 State and Federal Legislative Update
15. Initial Findings for Connect SoCal CEQA Addendum No. 2 to Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (State Clearinghouse #2019011061)
16. Regional Early Action Plan (REAP) 2021 Update
17. Regional Growth Forecast Framework and Expert Panel
18. Purchase Orders \$5,000 - \$199,999; Contracts \$25,000 - \$199,999 and Amendments \$5,000 \$74,999
19. CFO Monthly Report

A MOTION was made (Shapiro) to approve Consent Calendar Items 2 through 8 and 10 through 13; Receive and File Items 14 through 19. Motion was SECONDED (Benoit). The motion passed by the following roll call votes:

AYES: ALLEN, ANDRADE-STADLER, ASHTON, BACERRA, BARGER, BEAMAN JACINTO, BECERRA, BENOIT, A. BROWN, L. BROWN, BUCKNUM, DE RUSE, DEVINE, DIXON, FISCH, GAZELEY, HAMADA, HARNIK, HENDERSON, HERNANDEZ, HUANG, JUDGE, KALMICK, KELLY, LEE, LORIMORE, LY, MAGANA, J. MARQUEZ, R. MARQUEZ, MCCALLON, MCLEAN, MICHAEL, NAVARRO, NGUYEN, O'NEIL, PLANCARTE, POLLOCK, POSEY, PUTZ, RAMIREZ, ROBERTSON, SANDOVAL, SANTOS, SCHWANK, SHAPIRO, SHAW, SIMONOFF, SOLACHE, SPIEGEL, VIEGAS-WALKER, WAGNER, WAPNER and YOKOYAMA (56)

NOES: NONE (0)

ABSTAIN: NONE (0)

Regional Councilmember Maria Nava-Froelich, ICTC, was having technical difficulties and was not able to cast her vote during the roll call. She asked that her vote be counted in favor of the Consent Calendar.

Regional Councilmember Mike Carroll, Irvine, District, was unable to take himself off mute and was not able to cast his vote during the roll call. He asked that his vote be counted in favor of the Consent Calendar.

INFORMATION ITEM

20. Status Update on SCAG's Broadband Program

Executive Director Kome Ajise provided a brief status of update on SCAG's Broadband Program and introduced Roland Ok, Regional Planner Specialist, to provide a detailed report.

Mr. Ok reported that on February 2, 2021, the Regional Council adopted a resolution which pledges SCAG to assist in bridging the digital divide in underserved communities and directed staff to develop a Broadband Action Plan and/or Program. He indicated that since the adoption of the resolution, SCAG had identified several key items/deliverables which included: conducting a broadband survey/interview to local jurisdictions and Internet Service Providers (ISP's) and identifying significant barriers; collecting and investing in broadband data and developing detailed broadband maps and broadband opportunity zones; assisting in securing funding for local jurisdictions and ISP's to invest in broadband infrastructure in underserved communities; and conducting studies to develop solutions and strategies to assist in rapid deployment of broadband technology and technical studies. He reported that in conducting the survey/interviews with ISP's to determine significant barriers to bringing broadband to underserved communities, some common barriers had been identified which included: staffing and resource constraints for local jurisdictions; lack of organized and accessible information on policies and permitting; lack of granular data for accurate broadband mapping; inconsistencies in permitting and implementation practices between jurisdictions; uncertain timelines and cost; lack of standards for micro trenching and Dig Once policies; inconsistent fair share or cost sharing practices; and NIMBYism. He also reported they had started their GIS analysis and would continue to work with state and federal agencies, local jurisdictions, and ISP's. In terms of numbers, he reported that 15 percent of the population households did not have access to adequate internet speeds or a computer; 27 percent of households earning less than \$50,000 per year did not have broadband subscriptions; 22 percent of did not have a computer and/or broadband subscription; 10percent of students under the age of 18 did not have a computer or broadband subscription; 16 percent of the region was below the federal

threshold of 25 megabits (Mbps) down and three Mbps up; and that in rural areas - broadband speed was lower but more expensive. He indicated that Southern California (SCAG and SANDAG regions) needed approximately \$8 billion in broadband investments and that SCAG was currently working with stakeholders requesting \$8 billion from the Federal and State government. Lastly, her reported that SCAG was working on developing strategic and technical studies related to broadband infrastructure.

President Lorimore asked for additional information on the last mile and what SCAG was doing with ISP's. Staff acknowledged the request and provided additional details.

Regional Councilmember Ben Benoit, Air District Representative, expressed support for setting up model ordinances for cities to help create competition among broadband service providers.

BUSINESS REPORT

Mr. Randall Lewis, Business Representative, thanked the Regional Council and staff for allowing the GLUE Council to thrive. He indicated staff was doing a great job with the GLUE Council and stated it was very important for the business community. He provided an update on the housing market and indicated it was starting to normalize with respect to the purchase of new home developments and the resale of homes. He also provided an update on single family rentals which have been an important part of the market in terms of increasing housing supply. He reported that lumber was back down to pre-COVID rates and that retail was holding up well. He also provided an update on unemployment and stated that the employment numbers were looking pretty good and going in a good direction. He noted that interest rates with respect to borrowing and mortgages were very good during the summer. He also mentioned that the rate of companies leaving California had almost doubled and they were going to have to deal with this in Sacramento. He reported that the business industry was still seeing labor shortages in restaurants and hotels which was going to slow down everything. He also reported that inflation was picking up and it was impacting labor. He suggested that cities should make sure to have competitive policies and competitive pay, so that they can retain and recruit the talent they need. He further stated that cities needed a mechanism to try to see how they keep valuable employees. He also suggested cities work with their professional teams on insurance issues given that insurance companies were going to make many of the decisions about where to build and what to build. Lastly, he stated that SCAG was doing a phenomenal job of working on housing and trying to have a fair and equitable recovery.

Regional Councilmember Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro, District 1, asked if SB 9 were to pass, were there any developers that were going to start building small homes on lots in single family neighborhoods. Mr. Lewis indicated that he thought there would be developers who would step in, but it would be very slowly as it may have some impacts.

Regional Councilmember David Shapiro, Calabasas, District 44, stated that unemployment funds would be diminishing and asked Mr. Lewis if he thought it would have an impact on the job market. Mr. Lewis indicated that it seemed like there was a shift and some people were staying out of the job market and thought that some people were rethinking what they were going to do the rest of their life.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Lorimore announced that Ben Benoit had been appointed to the Audit Committee. He also announced the following Emerging Technologies Committee reappointments: Curt Hagman, Sean Ashton, Drew Boyles, Margaret Clark, Margaret Finlay, Jan C. Harnik, Dan Kalmick, Steve Manos, Carol Moore, Frank Navarro, Luis Plancarte, David Pollock, Deborah Robertson, Cheryl Viegas-Walker, Alan Wapner, Edward Wilson, Frank Zerunyan, Leslie Lindahl (Ex-Officio Non-Voting Member), Paul Marquez (Ex-Officio Non-Voting Member) and Pam O'Connor (Ex-Officio Non-Voting Member). Lastly, he reported that the next meeting of the Regional Council was scheduled for Thursday, October 7 at 12:30 p.m.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Ajise introduced three new staff members: Cecilia Pulido, Deputy Clerk of the Board; David James, Internal Auditor; and Jeff Elder, Deputy Legal Counsel. He also provided a brief update on the Regional Early Action Planning Grant Program for 2021 (REAP 2021). He indicated that REAP was a new funding program in the FY 2021-22 State Budget and that SCAG region's formula share was estimated to be \$246 million, of which an initial allocation of 10 % of funds would be available starting January 1, 2022. He reported that detailed guidelines for implementation were still being finalized. He explained that staff anticipates the majority of the work will be contained within three main program areas: Early Action Initiatives, Housing Supportive Infrastructure Program, and County Transportation Commission Partnership Program. Mr. Ajise also provided an update on the SoCal Greenprint and stated that in July, the Regional Council directed staff to pause the implementation of the SoCal Greenprint for at least 30 days and hold a public hearing to engage with stakeholders to consider and address concerns. He indicated that since the July meeting, SCAG staff had facilitated meetings with the BIA as well as a coalition of environmental groups with the Executive Officers to share perspectives regarding the tool. He reported that SCAG hosted a public hearing on August 24 regarding the development of the SoCal Greenprint, and over 75 stakeholders participated in the public hearing, with 33 stakeholders providing verbal comments and 36 written comments being received. He stated this item would be brought back to the Regional Council meeting in October and a public hearing would be held as well. Lastly, he asked Chief Counsel Michael Houston to provide a report on the closed session held by the Executive Administration Committee (EAC) on the Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG) litigation against the California Department of Housing and Community

Development (HCD).

Chief Counsel Houston reported that the EAC held a closed session to give direction to SCAG's outside legal counsel on the litigation filed by OCCOG and six cities against HCD, in which SCAG was named as a real party in interest. He further reported that the EAC directed SCAG's legal team to file a demurrer in this case to seek dismissal of the action.

Regional Councilmember Trever O'Neil, Anaheim, District 19, asked for the vote count of the action taken in closed session at the EAC meeting.

Chief Counsel Houston reported that the vote was 6-5, votes in favor were McCallon, Pollock, Marquez, Ramirez, Viegas-Walker, and Wapner. No votes were Brown, Harnik, Huang, Lorimore and Wagner. He also reported that there were two members that abstained as a result of them feeling that there were appearances of a conflict, although not legally obligated to do so and that there were a handful of members that were absent.

President Lorimore clarified that the two members recused themselves and left the room.

Regional Councilmember Trever O'Neil stated they had several other cities that signed on as additional parties to the lawsuit and asked if any of the votes to file the demurrer were from individuals who represented any of those cities, who in fact signed on as additional parties.

Ruben Duran, Board Council confirmed the answer was no.

Chief Counsel Houston clarified that from the cities that were currently named as a petitioner, Mr. Sean Ashton and Mr. Frank Yokoyama had recused themselves.

Ruben Duran, Board Council clarified for the record that both gentlemen [Mr. Ashton and Mr. Yokoyama] recused themselves from the closed session and did not attend or participate in the closed session. He stated both were in attendance of the open portion of the meeting.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEM/S

There were no additional future agenda items requested.

ANNOUNCEMENT/S

First Vice President Jan Harnik, RCTC, suggested that before the October 7 meeting, it would be in everyone's best interest to listen to the stakeholder public hearing on the Greenprint. She stated there was some good input that they may find valuable.



President Lorimore concurred with First Vice President Harnik and encourage everybody to listen to the hearing.

Regional Councilmember Viegas-Walker reported that Mark Baza, Executive Director for the Imperial County Transportation Commission, had announced his retirement.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Lorimore adjourned the Regional Council meeting in memory of Ping Chang at 2:29 p.m.

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