



Southern California Association of Governments
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Los Angeles, CA 90017

NO. 609
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
THURSDAY, March 7, 2019

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: www.scag.ca.gov/scagtv/index.htm

The Regional Council of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) held its meeting at the 900 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90017. A quorum was present.

Members Present

- Hon. Alan D. Wapner, President
Hon. Bill Jahn, 1st Vice President
Hon. Randon Lane, 2nd Vice President
Hon. Margaret E. Finlay, Imm. Past President
Supervisor Luis Plancarte
Supervisor Karen Spiegel
Supervisor Linda Parks
Hon. James Predmore
Hon. Peggy Huang
Hon. Jan Harnik
Hon. Mike T. Judge
Hon. Ben Benoit
Hon. Kathleen Kelly
Hon. Jim Hyatt
Hon. Clint Lorimore
Hon. Frank Navarro
Hon. James Mulvihill
Hon. L. Dennis Michael
Hon. Ray Marquez
Hon. Fred Minagar
Hon. Steve Nagel
Hon. Cecilia Iglesias
Hon. Charles Puckett
Hon. Stacy Berry

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Big Bear Lake
Murrieta
Duarte
Holtville
Yorba Linda
Palm Desert
Simi Valley
Wildomar
Palm Desert
Calimesa
Eastvale
Colton
San Bernardino
Rancho Cucamonga
Chino Hills
Laguna Niguel
Fountain Valley
Santa Ana
Tustin
Cypress

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District 35
Imperial County
Riverside County
Ventura County
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**Members Present...continued**

Hon. Trevor O'Neill	Anaheim	District 19
Hon. Art Brown	Buena Park	District 21
Hon. Marty Simonoff	Brea	District 22
Hon. Sonny Santa Ines	Bellflower	District 24
Hon. Sean Ashton	Downey	District 25
Hon. Emma Sharif	Compton	District 26
Hon. Ali Saleh	Bell	District 27
Hon. Dan Medina	Gardena	District 28
Hon. Rex Richardson	Long Beach	District 29
Hon. Margaret Clark	Rosemead	District 32
Hon. Steve De Ruse	La Mirada	District 31
Hon. Jorge Marquez	Covina	District 33
Hon. Jonathan Curtis	La Cañada Flintridge	District 36
Hon. James Gazeley	Lomita	District 39
Hon. Judy Mitchell	Rolling Hills Estates	District 40
Hon. Meghan Sahli-Wells	Culver City	District 41
Hon. Jess Talamantes	Burbank	District 42
Hon. Steven Hofbauer	Palmdale	District 43
Hon. Carmen Ramirez	Oxnard	District 45
Hon. David Pollock	Moorpark	District 46
Hon. Tim Holmgren	Fillmore	District 47
Hon. Steve Manos	Lake Elsinore	District 63
Hon. Lyn Semeta	Huntington Beach	District 64
Hon. Rita Ramirez	Victorville	District 65
Hon. Megan Beaman Jacinto	Coachella	District 66
Hon. Marsha McLean	Santa Clarita	District 67
Hon. Marisela Magana	Perris	District 69
Hon. Rusty Bailey	Riverside	District 68
Mr. Randall Lewis	Lewis Group of Companies	Business Representative

**Members Not Present**

Supervisor Kathryn Barger		Los Angeles County
Supervisor Hilda Solis		Los Angeles County
VACANT		Orange County
Supervisor Curt Hagman		San Bernardino County
Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker	El Centro	District 1
Hon. Deborah Robertson	Rialto	District 8
Hon. Wendy Bucknum	Mission Viejo	District 13
Hon. Donald P. Wagner	Irvine	District 14
Hon. Tri Ta	Westminster	District 20
VACANT		District 23
Hon. Lena Gonzalez	Long Beach	District 30
Hon. Teresa Real-Sebastian	Monterey Park	District 34
Hon. Carol Herrera	Diamond Bar	District 37

**Members Not Present...continued**

Hon. Tim Sandoval	<i>Pomona</i>	District 38
VACANT	<i>Malibu</i>	District 44
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. David Ryu	<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. Herb Wesson, Jr.	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 57
Hon. Mike Bonin	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 58
VACANT	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 59
Hon. Mitch O’Farrell	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 60
Hon. José Huizar	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 61
Hon. Joe Buscaino	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 62
Hon. Eric Garcetti	<i>Los Angeles</i>	Member-at-Large
VACANT		Tribal Gov’t Reg’l Planning Brd.

**Staff Present**

Darin Chidsey, Interim Executive Director  
 Debbie Dillon, Deputy Executive Director, Administration  
 Frank J. Lizarraga, Jr. General Counsel  
 Joann Africa, Chief Counsel/Director, Legal Services  
 Kome Ajise, Director of Planning  
 Art Yoon, Director, Policy and Public Affairs  
 Basil Panas, Chief Financial Officer  
 Julie Loats, Chief Information Officer

**CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Honorable Alan D. Wapner, President, called the meeting to order at 12:20PM and asked Regional Councilmember Karen Spiegel, Riverside County to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

There were no requests for public comment. President Wapner closed the public comment period.

**REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS**

There was no request to prioritize agenda items.

**ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEM**

1. Approval of the Fiscal Year 2019-20 Draft Comprehensive Budget

President Wapner introduced the item and invited Interim Executive Director Darin Chidsey to provide highlights. Darin Chidsey, Interim Executive Director, expressed appreciation to the Regional Council for considering approval of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-20 Draft Comprehensive Budget. He stated approval of the draft budget initiates public release of the Budget and the Overall Work Program to obtain comments from our funding partners, and to move forward with the dues assessment to the General Assembly in May. It was noted the total budget was nearly \$90 million and one of the largest in SCAG's history. Mr. Chidsey commented that this is a testament to the work SCAG has been involved with, including recognition by SCAG's state and federal partners. These partners are looking to SCAG to do more programs. Staff has proposed many innovative ideas in the areas of transportation, land use and the environment, as well as bolstering the legislative work and member benefits that SCAG has been working on. This is the first budget completely prepared in alignment with SCAG's Strategic Plan, previously adopted by this Regional Council approximately one year ago. With the new resources, SCAG will add efficiencies identified during the recent audit findings. Ten new positions are included as part of the budget. Each of these positions are critical and will fulfill roles to help implement the various projects and programs included in the FY 2019-20 budget.

Mr. Chidsey informed the Regional Council that another important component of the Comprehensive Budget is the General Fund Budget. For FY 2019-20 approximately \$1.4 million from the working capital fund will be allocated to the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) programs. This will be brought to the full General Assembly in May for consideration. Mr. Chidsey further explained, the RHNA is an unfunded state mandate. The only way that SCAG can fund this program is through a fee to the members, which SCAG has opted not to do.

A MOTION was made (Brown) to approve the FY 2019-20 Draft Comprehensive Budget as presented. Motion was SECONDED (Navarro) and approved by the following vote.

**FOR:** Ashton, Bailey, Beaman Jacinto, Benoit, Berry, Brown, Clark, Curtis, DeRuse, Gazeley, Harnik, Hofbauer, Holmgren, Huang, Hyatt, Iglesias, Jahn, Judge, Kelly, Lane, Lorimore, Magana, Manos, Marquez, J., Marquez, R., McLean, Medina, Michael, Minagar, Mitchell, Mulvihill, Nagel, Navarro, O'Neil, Parks, Plancarte, Pollock, Predmore, Puckett, Ramirez, C., Richardson, Sahli-Wells, Sahel, Santa Ines, Sharif, Simonoff, Spiegel, Wapner (48).

**AGAINST:** None (0).

**ABSTAIN:** Semeta (1).

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Approval Items**

- 2. Minutes of the Meeting – February 7, 2019
- 3. Approval for Additional Stipend Payments
- 4. Contract amendment that exceeds \$75,000: Contract No. 12-019-C1, Monthly Management Information Technology

5. Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: Contract 19-020-C01, El Monte/Baldwin Park Bike Friendly
6. Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: 19-019-C01, Multimodal Regional Corridor Plan for Arrow Highway
7. AB 185 (Grayson, Cervantes) – California Transportation Commission: Joint Meetings
8. SB 168 (Wieckowski) – Climate change: Chief Officer of Climate Adaptation and Resilience
9. SCAG Sustainable Communities Program – item pulled by staff

**Receive and File**

10. Regional Target Setting 2019
11. March State and Federal Legislative Monthly Update
12. Purchase Orders more than \$5,000 but less than \$200,000; Contracts more than \$25,000 but less than \$75,000
13. CFO Monthly Report

A MOTION was made (Puckett) to approve the Consent Calendar Agenda Item Nos. 2 through 8; Receive and File Item Nos. 10 through 13. Item 9 was pulled by staff. Motion was SECONDED (Brown) and passed by the following votes with the following members abstaining for Item No. 2 Minutes of the Meeting – February 7, 2019 – Honorable Karen Spiegel, Riverside County and Honorable Jan Harnik, RCTC Representative

**FOR:** Ashton, Bailey, Benoit, Berry, Brown, Clark, Curtis, DeRuse, Finlay, Gazeley, Harnik, Hofbauer, Holmgren, Huang, Hyatt, Iglesias, Jahn, Judge, Kelly, Lane, Lorimore, Magana, Manos, J. Marquez, R. Marquez, McLean, Medina, Michael, Minagar, Mitchell, Mulvihill, Nagel, Navarro, O’Neil, Parks, Plancarte, Pollock, Predmore, Puckett, C. Ramirez, Richardson, Sahli-Wells, Saleh, Santa Ines, Sharif, Simonoff, and Wapner (47).

**AGAINST:** None (0).

**ABSTAIN:** Beaman-Jacinto, Semeta, and Spiegel (3).

**SCAG SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM**

Interim Executive Director Darin Chidsey provided an updated on pulled Item 9 – Sustainable Communities Program. During the Joint and Policy Committee meetings many comments were shared about the big picture ideas that SCAG has initiated since the inception of the Sustainable Communities Program, launched greater than a decade ago. To date, SCAG has funded 265 projects at a value of about \$30 million toward local planning efforts. This program has placed local money that SCAG received from various funding sources, by providing it to our Member Cities for very localized and specific projects to help move forward some of the identified regional goals. This has been a critical program for SCAG, and staff worked very hard under Senate Bill (SB) 1 to get a portion of those funds to ensure that SCAG has a long-term sustainable funding source for these programs.

SCAG Program Manager Marco Anderson was invited to the lectern for a further update. The Sustainable Communities Program is a continuation of SCAG's innovative planning, that began in 2005. With the certainty of SB 1 funding, SCAG will be able to initiate calls for applications on a more regular and frequent basis. Staff requested as part of Item 9, for the Regional Council to consider approval of forty-one (41) top-ranked projects at a value of \$9 million. These projects were selected as part of the September 2018 call for applications.

A MOTION was made (Navarro) to approve the Consent Calendar Agenda Item No. 9 SCAG Sustainable Communities Program. Motion was SECONDED (Hofbauer) and passed by the following votes:

**FOR:** Ashton, Bailey, Beaman Jacinto, Benoit, Berry, Brown, Clark, Curtis, DeRuse, Finlay, Gazeley, Harnik, Hofbauer, Holmgren, Huang, Hyatt, Iglesias, Jahn, Judge, Kelly, Lane, Lorimore, Magana, Manos, J. Marquez, R. Marquez, McLean, Medina, Michael, Minagar, Mitchell, Mulvihill, Nagel, Navarro, O'Neil, Parks, Plancarte, Pollock, Predmore, Puckett, C. Ramirez, Richardson, Sahli-Wells, Saleh, Santa Ines, Sharif, Simonoff, Spiegel and Wapner (49).

**AGAINST:** None (0).

**ABSTAIN:** Semeta (1).

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Wapner welcomed all new members. He encouraged new members to reach out and suggested that if they have questions they should reach out to the Office of Regional Council Services (ORCS) staff, as well Interim Executive Director Darin Chidsey. An orientation briefing is planned with all new members at a date yet to be determined.

President Wapner opened discussion on the recent MuniWorld Conference at which SCAG's Officers and Interim Executive Director were invited to participate by the state of Israel. The conference was attended by nearly 8,000 international/global elected officials. President Wapner invited each of the officer's to provide an update on their experiences.

Immediate Past President Finlay indicated it was a highlight for her to attend and to provide an update on her disaster preparedness presentation. She expressed thanks to SCAG staff Huston Brooks Laney who was able to quickly convert the outline presentation to a PowerPoint complete with video, as the group was traveling to Tel Aviv. She continued that it was interesting to learn how municipalities in other parts in the world are addressing their disasters. It was shared that many conversations exploring interest on how California has been addressing their wildfires and mudslides disasters in the region. She closed with sharing that many of the conference attendees expressed interest in attending SCAG's General Assembly, most likely in 2020.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Bill Jahn commented the conference was very good. He attended the opening session and several of the breakout sessions that included: 1) Overview of Global Threat in the Public Domain; 2) Technology and Innovation Methods for Increasing the Security of the Cities; 3) Web Intelligence - Preventing Threats Today and Tomorrow; 4) Role of Municipal Leadership During and After a Security Crisis.

President Wapner commented the conference theme was centered upon counter-terrorism and cyber-security. There were many experts from across the world, including police from New York City who have dealt with these issues in their municipality. President Wapner shared information about Electreon Wireless, which

has developed technology that includes an inductive charging system built under the asphalt. The vehicles have a receiver attached, and are constantly charging as they are driving down the roads. There are potential opportunities to retrofit existing vehicles for this new system at a much lower cost. President Wapner has shared this information with Mr. Chidsey and requested this technology be considered in the RTP to meet mandates that are coming forward for electrification.

Mr. Chidsey shared that it was remarkable that no matter how far geographically you are many of the cities both domestically and internationally share many of the same issues.

As part of the President's Report, President Wapner invited SCAG Business Representative Randall Lewis to provide a business report to the Regional Council. Mr. Lewis provided an update on three areas as follows:

Housing – During the first three quarters of 2018 housing was at a premium, however this was reversed during the fourth quarter, especially in the new home market. A more detailed housing update will be provided in May 2019.

Retail – December retail sales were pretty optimistic. The census over the past two years show approximately 5,000 store closings annually. There isn't perfect data that captures all retail data, including the smaller local retailers.

Mr. Lewis provided an update of Amazon's entry into the retail business in a physical sense and the impact it will likely have on local retail. A major concern for the region is the level of vacant space that may result from retail store closures. President Wapner commented that he would like SCAG to become proactive on policies related to vacant retail space and proposed reuse of this space. This is an area that will be evaluated by the Emerging Technologies Committee.

Sacramento – Mr. Lewis reported that it is encouraging that the new administration in Sacramento is expressing interest in housing. He suggested that cities should utilize Sacramento's interest to the advantage of the cities.

In response to Mr. Lewis' presentation, Second Vice President Lane shared information about the recent League of Cities Board meeting a few weeks ago. Governor Newsom joined the League where he shared his vision for housing. The State is currently identifying where these lands are to be used for building. Mr. Lane addressed two questions to Mr. Lewis: 1) how successful do you think it will be? And, what do you think the effect will be on the cost of housing and the building of housing in the State? Mr. Lewis replied that he does not foresee this as being an impact on the cost of housing and that it will be good for the cities.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Chidsey began by thanking Kome Ajise and his team for the Joint Policy Committees meeting presentation. There were many good comments received. Mr. Chidsey thanked those that completed last month's survey and informed another survey will be sent out later today to capture feedback. Members were encouraged to complete and return this survey as well.

Mr. Chidsey reported that the February Sacramento Legislative Advocacy trip was very productive, and it was clear that Governor Newsom's administration has housing as a top priority. They are looking at different ways to incentivize housing and to put more money into consolidating programs. There is \$250 million in the Governor's budget that will be focused at cities and counties for housing planning. The state

is looking closely to find a role for metropolitan planning organizations and councils of governments (COGs) to help implement the use of these funds and to tie them more closely to the RHNA and regional planning work SCAG is doing.

One positive outcome of the meetings resulted into a specific budget request to remove part of the RHNA legislation to remove the unfunded mandate. Currently RHNA can only be funded with pass-through funds and fees to COG members.

The California Transportation Commission will be hosting a Mobility 21 Reception on March 13 at Traxx Union Station.

SCAG is hosting a Transportation Congressional reception March 12, 2019 as part of the National League of Cities in Washington, DC.

SCAG is accepting applications for its scholarship program for students entering college with a plan to study public policy or planning. The scholarship includes an internship or externship at either SCAG or one of its partner agencies. Applications are being accepted through April 26. Staff can provide information for members to share with their local schools.

### **ANNOUNCEMENT/S**

President Wapner invited SCAG 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Randon Lane to give an update on the upcoming General Assembly scheduled for May 2-3, 2019 in Palm Desert. Mr. Lane informed the Regional Council there is a great line up of speakers and panels. The General Assembly Host Committee has been focused on securing sponsors for this event with a goal of \$350,000; sponsorships in the amount of \$160,000 have already been committed. If any members are aware of any sponsors, at any amount, please direct them SCAG Manager of Media and Public Affairs, Jeff Liu.

President Wapner requested that for future agendas that staff include both the page number and the agenda item number on the packet footer in the agenda packet.

Darin Chidsey, Interim Executive Director, provided background on the SCAG General Assembly for the new members. It is SCAG's premiere Regional Conference and General Assembly held each spring. The General Assembly is the annual business meeting for all of SCAG's members.

President Wapner informed the Regional Council that April is his last official meeting as the SCAG President. To recognize Sexual Assault Awareness Month, he is declaring "Denim Day" for the Regional Council and Policy Committees on April 4. All are encouraged to where denim.

Council Member Harnik requested the Regional Council review SCAG policies to provide for more flexibility in Regional Council District representative election procedures. President Wapner indicated that this is something that may be considered first through the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee and then the General Assembly. The deadline for submitting any new or requested changes for consideration by the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee is 5:00PM on March 8, 2019. The Bylaws and Resolutions Committee will meet on March 21, 2019 at 9:00 AM at the SCAG Headquarters, 900 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1700, Los Angeles, CA 90017.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, President Wapner adjourned the Regional Council meeting at 1:10 PM.

The next regular meeting of the Regional Council is scheduled for Thursday, April 4, 2019, at the SCAG Headquarters Office, 900 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1700, Los Angeles, CA 90017.

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Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Hahn, CMC  
Deputy Clerk of the Board

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