



Southern California Association of Governments
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October 3, 2019

**COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT (CEHD) COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
THURSDAY, September 5, 2019**

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE CEHD COMMITTEE. A DIGITAL RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG’S OFFICE.

The CEHD Committee met at SCAG, 900 Wilshire Blvd., 17th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90017. The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Stacy Berry. A quorum was present.

Members Present:

Hon. Stacy Berry, Vice Chair

- Hon. David Avila
- Hon. Megan Beaman Jacinto
- Hon. M. Belén Bernal
- Hon. Russell Betts
- Hon. Michael C. Carroll
- Hon. Steve De Ruse
- Hon. Rose Espinoza
- Hon. Margaret E. Finlay
- Hon. Vartan Gharpetian
- Hon. Bill Hodge
- Hon. Tim Holmgren
- Hon. Cecilia Hupp
- Hon. Cecilia Iglesias
- Hon. Bill Jah
- Hon. Robert “Bob” Joe
- Hon. Kathleen Kelly
- Hon. Jed Leano
- Hon. Marisela Magana
- Hon. Jorge Marquez
- Hon. Anni Marshall
- Hon. Lauren Meister
- Hon. Bill Miranda
- Hon. John Mirisch
- Hon. James Mulvihill

Cypress

- Yucaipa*
- Coachella*
- South Gate*
- Desert Hot Springs*
- Irvine*
- La Mirada*
- La Habra*
- Duarte*
- Glendale*
- Calexico*
- Fillmore*
- Brea*
- Santa Ana*
- Big Bear Lake*
- South Pasadena*
- Palm Desert*
- Claremont*
- Perris*
- Covina*
- Avalon*
- West Hollywood*
- Santa Clarita*
- Beverly Hills*
- San Bernardino*

District 18

- SBCTA
- District 66
- GCCOG
- Pres. Appointment*
- District 14
- GCCOG
- OCCOG
- District 35
- Member at Large*
- ICTC
- District 47
- OCCOG
- District 16
- District 11
- AVCJPA
- District 2
- SGVCOG
- District 69
- District 33
- GCCOG
- WSCCOG
- SFVCOG
- Member at Large*
- Pres. Appt., Member at Large*

OUR MISSION

To foster innovative regional solutions that improve the lives of Southern Californians through inclusive collaboration, visionary planning, regional advocacy, information sharing, and promoting best practices.

OUR VISION

Southern California’s Catalyst for a Brighter Future

OUR CORE VALUES

Be Open | Lead by Example | Make an Impact | Be Courageous



Hon. Steve Nagel	<i>Fountain Valley</i>	<i>District 15</i>
Hon. Michael Posey	<i>Huntington Beach</i>	OCCOG
Hon. Jan Pye	<i>Desert Hot Springs</i>	CVAG
Hon. Rita Ramirez	<i>Victorville</i>	District 65
Hon. Rex Richardson	<i>Long Beach</i>	District 29
Hon. Sonny R. Santa Ines	<i>Bellflower</i>	District 24
Hon. Lyn Semeta	<i>Huntington Beach</i>	District 64
Hon. David Shapiro	<i>Calabasas</i>	LVMCOG
Hon. Becky Shevlin	<i>Monrovia</i>	SGVCOG
Hon. Joseph Tessari	<i>Westminster</i>	WRCOG
Hon. Mark Waronek	<i>Lomita</i>	SBCCOG
Hon. Tony Wu	<i>West Covina</i>	SGVCOG
Hon. Frank Zerunyan	<i>Rolling Hills Estates</i>	SBCCOG

Members Not Present

Hon. Peggy Huang, Chair

- Hon. Al Austin, II
- Hon. Wendy Bucknum
- Hon. Juan Carrillo
- Hon. Julie Hackbarth-McIntyre
- Hon. Trevor O’Neil
- Hon. Edward Paget
- Hon. Jim Predmore
- Hon. Paul Rodriguez
- Hon. Tri Ta

Yorba Linda

- Long Beach*
- Mission Viejo*
- Palmdale*
- Barstow*
- Anaheim*
- Needles*
- Holtville*
- Chino*
- Westminster*

TCA

- GCCOG
- District 13
- North L.A. County
- SANBAG
- District 19
- SANBAG
- ICTC
- Member-at-Large*
- District 20

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice-Chair Stacy Berry, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and asked Councilmember Michael Posey, City of Huntington Beach, OCCOG, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Public comments were received from Steven Johnson, Tena Foundation and Ben Winter, City of Los Angeles Mayor’s Office. Each expressed their concerns and support for agenda item No. 2: Regional Housing Need Determination from HCD.

Joann Africa, Chief Counsel, noted for the record that several comment letters were submitted to the CEHD Committee prior to today’s meeting. She grouped the letters and stated the following:

- 46 letters received in Opposition to HCD Determination

- 3 letters received in Support of HCD Determination
- 1 letter received from the City of Newport Beach in support of SCAG's Objecting to HCD
- 3 letters, including 1 letter from CEHD member David Shapiro, Mayor of Calabasas, received in support of the RHNA methodology. Ms. Africa indicated that the RHNA methodology letters will be forwarded to staff and considered as part of the the RHNA methodology discussion in an upcoming meeting.

It was also noted that copies of the letters were made available to the CEHD members.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEM/S

There were no reprioritizations made.

INFORMATION ITEM

1. SB 2 Housing Funding for Local Jurisdictions

Vice Chair Berry introduced Johnathan Nettler, PlaceWorks, Local Liaison. Mr. Nettler provided a brief presentation on the grant program, SB 2, which passed in 2017 and establishes a permanent source of funding to increase affordable housing stock. He explained the eligibility and submission process in order for jurisdictions to apply for the SB 2 grant funding and receive technical assistance from the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). He noted that a total of \$123 million is available to provide qualified jurisdictions assistance with grant applications, housing element compliance, and annual progress reports. Mr. Nettler further discussed and outlined for the Committee key aspects of the grant program including:

- Purpose and Eligible Activities
- Technical Assistance provided
- Timing: Submission, Awards and Expenditure deadlines
- What is an Eligible Applicant, Expenditures and Planning Projects Descriptions
- Current Status

Mr Nettler reiterated that applications are due to HCD by November 30, 2019 and encouraged SCAG member jurisdictions to take advantage of this SB 2 grant program.

ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEM

2. Regional Housing Need Determination from HCD

Staff noted that a Supplement Report entitled "SCAG OBJECTION TO HCD 6TH CYCLE REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS DETERMINATION" with an updated Recommended Action was distributed to the

CEHD members earlier in the week and that copies of the Supplemental Report were also available in the back of the room.

Kome Ajise, Executive Director, provided a brief overview and context of the Regional Housing Need Determination from HCD. He explained that SCAG is approaching the objection based on the process and how it was followed. He stated that the objection is not a protest necessarily on the 1,344,740 housing units determined by HCD for the SCAG region, as there is a dire need for affordable housing, and that the RHNA is the first step in that process. He noted that SCAG cannot just object to the number. SCAG's objection arguably is about how the process was not followed and ensuring SCAG's integrity of its regional planning process. Mr. Ajise stated that SCAG has 30 days to file an objection, and that HCD would be required to make a final written RHNA determination within 45 days after receiving the objection letter.

Mr. Ajise explained the basis on how the initial RHNA planning calculations was made, as well as discussing SCAG's alternative proposed determination that would range between 821,000 and 924,000 housing units. Mr. Ajise hopes that there is collaborative dialogue with HCD during the objection process.

Mr. Ajise asked Kevin Kane, SCAG staff, to provide more procedural and technical background information.

Kevin Kane provided background information and discussed the objection criteria and key issues with HCD's Determination. In summary, Mr. Kane summarized how HCD did not use the appropriate population forecasts used for their determination of the SCAG region's housing needs and did not conduct a reasonable application of the methodology and assumptions pursuant to statute.

Several CEHD members provided comments in support of staff's recommendation and after a lengthy discussion, a MOTION was made (Kelly) to approve staff's recommendation to authorize the Executive Director to file an objection to HCD on regional housing need determination pursuant to Government Code Section 65584.01 (c). Motion was SECONDED (Posey) and passed by the following votes:

FOR: Avila, Beaman Jacinto, Bernal, Berry, Betts, Carroll,, De Ruse, Espinoza, Finlay, Gharpetian, Hodge, Holmgren Hupp, Jahn, Joe, Kelly, Leano, Magana, Marquez, Marshall, Meister, Miranda, Mirisch, Mulvihill, Nagel, Posey, Pye, Ramirez, Richardson, Santa Ines, Semeta, Shapiro, Shevlin, Waronek, Wu and Zerunyan (36).

AGAINST: None (0).

ABSTAIN: None (0).

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval Item

3. Minutes of the CEHD Committee Meeting – August 1, 2019

Receive & File

4. September is Pedestrian Safety Month
5. EAC Retreat Housing Discussion Follow-Up

A MOTION was made (Jahn) to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion was SECONDED (Hupp) and passed by the following votes:

FOR: Avila, Beaman Jacinto, Bernal, Berry, Betts, Carroll, De Ruse, Espinoza, Finlay, Gharpetian, Hodge, Holmgren Hupp, Jahn, Joe, Kelly, Leano, Magana, Marquez, Marshall, Meister, Miranda, Mirisch, Mulvihill, Nagel, Pye, Ramirez, Santa Ines, Semeta, Shapiro, Shevlin, Waronek, Wu and Zerunyan (34)

AGAINST: None (0).

ABSTAIN: Posey (1).

INFORMATION ITEM

6. Connect SoCal Job Center Strategies

Kevin Kane, SCAG Staff, presented a preview of Connect SoCal's regional plan approach to address the challenge in identifying employment rich job centers as targets for future employment and household growth. The full presentation was included in the agenda packet. Mr. Kane discussed further the Connect SoCal emphasis on regional growth and regional strategies and its relationship between housing and job centers. He provided highlights on four key strategies: *Focused Growth*, *Co-working Spaces*, *Increased Average Vehicle Ridership (AVR)* and *Parking Strategy*.

Mr. Kane responded on the comments and questions expressed by the CEHD members, including concerns on the analysis and trends for telecommuting and prioritizing housing near jobs.

CHAIR'S REPORT



Vice Chair Berry welcomed new CEHD member Councilmember Tony Wu from the City of West Covina/SGVCOG.

Vice Chair Berry announced that a special CEHD meeting is scheduled for October 21, 2019 at the SCAG LA Office. Teleconference and Videoconference at SCAG's Regional County Offices will be available.

Vice Chair Berry expressed appreciation to SCAG staff for their hard work and dedication for their efforts on the RHNA outreach and public hearings, and extensive work on the RHNA/HCD process.

STAFF REPORT

Ma'Ayn Johnson, SCAG staff, encouraged CEHD and the public to send in their comment letters regarding the Proposed RHNA Methodology by the deadline: Friday September 13, 2019.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements were provided.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Vice Chair Berry adjourned the CEHD Committee meeting at 11:47 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Carmen Summers
Community, Economic and Human Development Committee Clerk

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CEHD Members

2019														Total Mtg Attende To Date	
MEMBERS	CITY	Representing	JAN (dark)	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV		DEC
Austin, Al	Long Beach	GCCOG													0
Avila, David	Yucaipa	SBCTA		1	1	1				1	1				5
Beaman Jacinto, Megan	Coachella	District 66			1	1		1			1				4
Bernal, M. Belén	South Gate	GCCOG								1	1				0
Berry, Stacy, V-Chair	Cypress	District 18		1	1	1		1		1	1				6
Betts, Russell	Desert Hot Springs									1	1				2
Bucknum, Wendy	Mission Viejo	District 13		1	1	1		1		1					5
Carrillo, Juan	Palmdale	North LA County													0
Carroll, Michael, C.	Irvine	District 14						1			1				2
DeRuse, Steve	La Mirada	District 31		1	1	1		1		1	1				6
Espinoza, Rose	La Habra	OCCOG		1	1			1		1	1				5
Finlay, Margaret	Duarte	District 35		1	1	1		1		1	1				6
Gharpetian, Vartan	Glendale	President's Appointment		1	1	1					1				4
Hackbarth-McIntyre, Julie	Barstow	SBCTA													0
Hodge, Bill	Calexico	ICTC		1	1	1		1		1	1				6
Holmgren, Tim	Fillmore	District 47		1	1	1		1		1	1				6
Huang, Peggy, Chair	Yorba Linda	TCA		1	1	1		1		1					5
Hupp, Cecilia	Brea	OCCOG		1	1	1		1		1	1				6
Iglesias, Cecilia	Santa Ana	District 16		1	1			1		1	1				5
Jahn, Bill	Big Bear Lake	District 11		1	1	1		1		1	1				6
Joe, Robert	So. Pasadena	AVCIPA		1	1	1		1		1	1				6
Kelly, Kathleen	Palm Desert	District 2			1	1		1		1	1				5
Leano, Jed	Claremont	SGVCOG			1	1		1		1	1				5
Magana, Marisela	Perris	District 69		1	1			1			1				4
Marquez, Jorge	Covina	District 33			1	1		1		1	1				5
Marshall, Ann	Avalon	GCCOG		1	1	1				1	1				5
Meister, Lauren	West Hollywood	WSCCOG		1	1	1		1		1	1				6
Miranda, Bill	Santa Clarita	SFVCOG		1	1	1		1		1	1				6
Mirisch, John	Beverly Hills	President's Appointment		1	1	1				1	1				5
Mulvihill, James	San Bernardino	President's Appointment		1	1	1		1		1	1				6
Nagel, Steve	Fountain Valley	District 15		1	1					1	1				4
O'Neil, Trevor	Anaheim	District 19		1	1			1							3
Paget, Ed	Needles	SBCTA		1		1									2
Posey, Michael	Huntington Beach	OCCOG			1	1		1			1				4
Predmore, Jim		ICTC		1	1	1		1							4
Pye, Jan	Desert Hot Springs	CVAG				1		1			1				3
Ramirez, Rita	Victorville	District 65			1	1		1		1	1				5
Richardson, Rex	Long Beach	District 29			1	1		1		1	1				5
Rodriguez, Paul	Chino	President's Appointment		1	1	1		1		1					5
Santa Ines, Sonny	Bellflower	District 24			1	1				1	1				4
Semeta, Lyn	Huntington Beach	District 64			1	1		1		1	1				5
Shapiro, David	Calabasas	LVMCOG		1	1	1		1		1	1				6
Shevlin, Becky	Monrovia	SGVCOG		1		1		1		1	1				5
Ta, Tri	Westminster	District 20		1		1		1							3
Tessari, Joseph	Eastvale	WRCOG						1		1	1				3
Waronek, Mark	Lomita	SBCCOG		1	1	1		1			1				5
Wu, Tony	West Covina	SGVCOG									1				1
Zerunyan, Frank	Rolling Hills Estates	SBCCOG		1		1		1		1	1				5

Attachment: CEHD Attendance Report (Minutes of the September 5, 2019 Meeting)