



Southern California Association of Governments 900 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1700, Los Angeles, California 90017 February 6, 2020

COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES OF THE MEETING THURSDAY, October 3, 2019

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE CEHD COMMITTEE. A VIDEORECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE AT: http://scag.iqm2.com/Citizens/ The Community, Economic and Human Development (CEHD) met at SCAG, 900 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1700, Los Angeles, CA 90017. A quorum was present.

Members Present:

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Hon. Megan Beaman Jacinto	Coachella	District 66			
Hon. M. Belén Bernal	South Gate	GCCOG			
Hon. Russell Betts	Desert Hot Springs	Pres. Appointment			
Hon. Steve De Ruse	La Mirada	GCCOG			
Hon. Rose Espinoza	La Habra	OCCOG			
Hon. Margaret E. Finlay	Duarte	District 35			
Hon. Vartan Gharpetian	Glendale	Member at Large			
Hon. Bill Hodge	Calexico	ICTC			
Hon. Tim Holmgren	Fillmore	District 47			
Hon. Cecilia Hupp	Brea	OCCOG			
Hon. Cecilia Iglesias	Santa Ana	District 16			
Hon. Bill Jahn	Big Bear Lake	District 11			
Hon. Robert "Bob" Joe	South Pasadena	AVCJPA			
Hon. Kathleen Kelly	Palm Desert	District 2			
Hon. Marisela Magana	Perris	District 69			
Hon. Jorge Marquez	Covina	District 33			
Hon. Lauren Meister	West Hollywood	WSCCOG			
Hon. Bill Miranda	Santa Clarita	SFVCOG			
Hon. John Mirisch	Beverly Hills	Member at Large			
Hon. James Mulvihill	San Bernardino	Pres. Appt., Member at Large			
Hon. Steve Nagel	Fountain Valley	District 15			
Hon. Trevor O'Neil	Anaheim	District 19			
Hon. Michael Posey	Huntington Beach				
Hon. Jim Predmore	Holtville	ICTC			
Hon. Jan Pye	Desert Hot Springs	CVAG			

OUR MISSION

OUR VISION

Southern California's Catalyst for a Brighter Future

OUR CORE VALUES

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

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.





Hon. Rex Richardson	Long Beach	District 29
Hon. Paul Rodriguez	Chino	Member-at-Large
Hon. David Shapiro	Calabasas	LVMCOG
Hon. Becky Shevlin	Monrovia	SGVCOG
Hon. Tri Ta	Westminster	District 20
Hon. Joseph Tessari	Westminster	WRCOG
Hon. Mark Waronek	Lomita	SBCCOG
Hon. Tony Wu	West Covina	SGVCOG
Hon. Frank Zerunyan	Rolling Hills Estates	SBCCOG

Members Not Present

Hon. Stacy Berry, Vice Chair	Cypress	District 18
Hon. Al Austin, II	Long Beach	GCCOG
Hon. David Avila	Yucaipa	SBCTA
Hon. Wendy Bucknum	Mission Viejo	District 13
Hon. Juan Carrillo	Palmdale	North L.A. County
Hon. Michael C. Carroll	Irvine	District 14
Hon. Julie Hackbarth-McIntyre	Barstow	SANBAG
Hon. Jed Leano	Claremont	SGVCOG
Hon. Anni Marshall	Avalon	GCCOG
Hon. Edward Paget	Needles	SANBAG
Hon. Rita Ramirez	Victorville	District 65
Hon. Sonny R. Santa Ines	Bellflower	District 24
Hon. Lyn Semeta	Huntington Beach	District 64

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Peggy Huang, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and asked Councilmember Rose Espinoza, City of La Habra, OCCOG, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Joann Africa, Chief Counsel, stated that she would read for the record, at the upcoming RHNA Subcommittee meeting, a letter received by Supervisor Donald Wagner that relates to the RHNA Methodology.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEM/S

There were no reprioritizations made.



CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval Item

1. Minutes of the September 5, 2019 Meeting

A MOTION was made (Betts) to approve the Consent Calendar, Approval Item-Minutes of the September 5, 2019 Meeting. Motion was SECONDED (Hupp) and passed by the following votes:

FOR: Bernal, Betts, De Ruse, Espinoza, Finlay, Gharpetian, Holmgren, Hupp, Jahn, Joe, Kelly,

Magana, Meister, Miranda, Mirisch, Mulvihill, Nagel, O'Neil, Posey, Predmore,

Pye, Richardson, Shevlin, Tessari, Waronek, and Wu (26).

AGAINST: None (0).

ABSTAIN: Huang (1).

Receive & File

2. Legislative Update (Focus on Housing)

3. Walktober and International Walk to School Month

4. Connect SoCal Environment Justice Report

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

FOR: Bernal, Betts, De Ruse, Espinoza, Finlay, Gharpetian, Holmgren, Huang, Hupp, Jahn, Joe, Kelly, Magana, Meister, Miranda, Mirisch, Mulvihill, Nagel, O'Neil, Posey, Predmore,

Pye, Richardson, Shevlin, Tessari, Waronek, and Wu (27).

AGAINST: None (0).

ABSTAIN: None (0).

INFORMATION ITEMS

5. Local Government Planning Support Grants Program (Program)





Sarah Jepson, Director of Transportation, Planning Division, provided a broad overview of the Local Government Planning Support Grants Program. She noted that AB 101, the legislation that deals with housing production and homeless initiatives, established the program which is administered by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for the purpose of providing regions with one-time funding.

Ms. Jepson reported that AB 101 would allocate \$250 million to HCD for council of governments and jurisdictions to use for technical assistance, and to facilitate the compliance with 6th cycle of RHNA, among other eligible ways to accelerate housing production. She noted that SCAG is expected to receive \$50 million and will develop a program framework and funding proposal to be submitted to HCD for approval.

Ms. Jepson discussed the three phases, program concepts, objectives and funding categories based on AB 101 requirements, that will support housing planning and resources in order for SCAG to advance its housing goals. She noted that through outreach with policy committees and stakeholders, the program concepts will be refined over the coming months based on HCD program guidelines to align with the final RHNA and draft Connect SoCal.

SCAG staff responded to the comments and questions expressed by the Committee members, including suggestions to include for eligible use of program funds for modern prefab housing and supportive permanent housing and emergency shelter solutions. Staff concurred and noted that the suggestions would be considered.

Chair Huang requested that staff send out deadline reminders to ensure that jurisdictions do not miss out on the grant opportunities.

Ms. Jepson commented that updates will be provided at a future Committee meeting.

The full presentation along with the board report focusing on AB 101, was included in today's agenda packet.

6. Connect SoCal's Envisioned Growth / Sustainable Communities Strategies (SCS

Kimberly Clark, SCAG Staff, provided a presentation on Connect SoCal's Envisioned Growth/SCS, as well as providing an update on the SB 375 statutory requirements and engagements/listening sessions to date. Ms. Clark focused her presentation on the Perspectives on Top Challenges for Southern California and the Sustainable Communities Strategies.

Additional topics focused on engagement, growth vision input and strategies, which included discussions on the following SB 375 Statutory Requirements and Next Steps.



SCAG staff responded to the comments and questions expressed by the Councilmembers, including concerns on access to water in constrained areas, density and studies on personal preference for housing types, the vision for electric vehicles and future charging stations, and the automotive industry's impact on the eco system.

The full presentation was included in the agenda packet.

7. Economic Impacts of the Housing Crisis

Kome Ajise, Executive Director, introduced Antonio M. Bento, Professor at the Sol Price School of Public Policy, USC. Mr. Ajise noted that Mr. Bento's presentation would focus on the economic impacts of the housing crisis, and its challenges and opportunities for sustainable development in Southern California.

Mr. Bento provided a brief presentation including a few constructive criticisms to HCD's Regional Housing Needs determination and provided ideas on what can be done "beyond" the current RHNA.

Mr. Bento discussed SCAG's Regional Housing Needs Determination number of 1,344,740 for the period of October 2121 to October 2029. He noted that it is very important when forecasting growth, to factor in the correct detailed assumptions of socio-economic characteristics of the population, including income. He commented that it important to understand that when the RHNA allocations for new developments are given, the social cost of one additional unit is not the same in all communities, and the cost of meeting the overall regional quota can be too high in some jurisdictions.

Mr. Bento concluded his presentation by providing ideas for going beyond RHNA in the regional market, including ideas for jurisdictions to trade quotas. He suggested that lawmakers in Sacramento consider this idea in the next session.

Discussion ensued concerning CAP/Trade programs, economic opportunities for disadvantage communities, the large inventory of investment properties that inhibit first time home buyers, economic development in an overheated housing market, other financial instruments for local governments to support, including differential tax treatments, and state California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) law and its limitations on the housing market.

Chair Huang thanked Mr. Bento for his presentation.

CHAIR'S REPORT



Chair Huang announced that the next RHNA Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 7, 2019. She noted that a Special CEHD meeting has been scheduled for Monday, October 21, 2019 at the SCAG Los Angeles Office, with availability for teleconference and videoconference at SCAG's Regional County Offices.

Chair Huang announced the schedules for the November Regional Council and Joint Policy Committee Meetings, as well as information for the upcoming Economic Summit, taking place on December 5, 2019, in lieu of the Regional Council and Policy Committee meetings.

STAFF REPORT

No Staff Report provided.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No other announcements were provided.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Huang adjourned the CEHD Committee meeting at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Carmen Summers
Community, Economic and Human Development Committee Clerk

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