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**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (EAC)
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2020**

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES IS A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (EAC). A VIDEO AND AUDIO RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE AT: <http://scag.iqm2.com/Citizens/>

The Executive/Administration Committee (EAC) 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-29-20. A quorum was present.

Members Present

Hon. Rex Richardson, President	<i>Long Beach</i>	District 29
Hon. Clint Lorimore, 1st Vice President	<i>Eastvale</i>	District 4
Hon. Jan Harnik, 2nd Vice President		RCTC
Hon. Bill Jahn, Imm. Past President	<i>Big Bear Lake</i>	District 11
Hon. Jorge Marquez, Chair, CEHD	<i>Covina</i>	District 33
Hon. Frank Yokoyama, Vice Chair, CEHD	<i>Cerritos</i>	District 23
Hon. David Pollock, Chair, EEC	<i>Moorpark</i>	District 46
Hon. Carmen Ramirez, Vice Chair, EEC	<i>Oxnard</i>	District 45
Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, Chair, TC	<i>El Centro</i>	District 1
Hon. Steven Hofbauer, Vice Chair, TC	<i>Palmdale</i>	District 43
Hon. Jose Luis Solache, Chair, LCMC	<i>Lynwood</i>	District 26
Hon. Peggy Huang, Vice Chair, LCMC		TCA
Hon. Margaret Finlay, President’s Appt.	<i>Duarte</i>	District 35
Hon. David Ryu, President’s Appt.	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 51
Mr. Randall Lewis, Ex-officio	<i>Lewis Group of Companies</i>	Business Representative

Members Not Present

Hon. Kim Nguyen, President’s Appt.	<i>Garden Grove</i>	District 18
Hon. Deborah Robertson, President’s Appt.	<i>Rialto</i>	District 8
Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.	<i>Pechanga Dev. Corp.</i>	TGRPB Representative

Staff Present

Kome Ajise, Executive Director

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

Darin Chidsey, Chief Operating Officer
Debbie Dillon, Chief Strategy Officer
Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer
Sarah Jepson, Director of Planning
Art Yoon, Director of Policy and Public Affairs
Julie Shroyer, Chief Information Officer
Erika Bustamante, Budget & Grants Manager
Ruben Duran, Board Counsel
Peter Waggoner, Office of Regional Council Support
Maggie Aguilar, Office of Regional Council Support

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable Rex Richardson called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. and asked EEC Vice Chair, Carmen Ramirez, Oxnard, District 45, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Given the public health directives limiting gatherings due to COVID-19, President Richardson announced the meeting was being held telephonically and electronically in compliance with the Governor's Executive Orders.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

President Richardson opened the Public Comment Period.

He reminded the public to submit comments via email to ePublicComment@scag.ca.gov. Staff acknowledged there were no public comments received by email.

President Richardson closed the Public Comment Period.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

There was no prioritization of agenda items.

President Richardson stated he would cover the first part of the meeting and First Vice President Clint Lorimore would adjourn the meeting.

ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEM

1. Resolution No. 20-627-1 Regarding Regional Funding for Housing

President Richardson called on staff to provide a report on Item 1.

Planning Director Sarah Jepson reported that staff was seeking authorization to apply for the remaining \$35.6 million that SCAG is eligible for through the Regional Early Action Planning Program. She stated that in April, the Regional Council authorized 25% of the funding that SCAG was eligible for and these resources helped to develop the basic framework for the activities to be supported through this program. She reported that many of the resources were being used for the sub Regional Partnership Program and that some had also been prioritized by the Regional Council to support the call for collaboration. She stated that by applying for the remainder of the funding, SCAG could go ahead and fully support these programs, as well as others that were included in the housing program framework.

A MOTION was made (Finlay) that the EAC, acting on behalf of the Regional Council in accordance with Article V, Section C(3)(a) of the SCAG Bylaws, approve Resolution No. 20-627-1 and authorize SCAG to apply for \$35,603,268, the remaining amount of maximum eligible funding allowed under the Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) program. Motion was SECONDED (Jahn). The motion passed by the following votes:

AYES: Finlay, Harnik, Hofbauer, Huang, Jahn, Lorimore, Marquez, Pollock, Ramirez, Richardson, Ryu, Solache, Viegas-Walker and Yokoyama (14)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval Items

2. Minutes of the Special Meeting – November 4, 2020
3. Approval for Additional Stipend Payments
4. Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: Contract 20-048-C01, Regional Transit Development Management (TDM) Data Clearinghouse and Standards
5. Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: Contract 21-008-C01, Local Demonstration Initiative – Kit of Parts
6. SCAG Memberships and Sponsorships

Receive and File

7. Purchase Orders \$5,000 - \$199,999; Contracts \$25,000 - \$199,999 and Amendments \$5,000 - \$74,999
8. CFO Monthly Report

A MOTION was made (Finlay) that the EAC, acting on behalf of the Regional Council in accordance with Article V, Section C(3)(a) of the SCAG Bylaws, approve Consent Calendar, Items 2 through 6; Receive and File Items 7 and 8. Motion was SECONDED (Solache) and passed by the following votes:

AYES: Finlay, Harnik, Hofbauer, Huang, Jahn, Lorimore, Marquez, Pollock, Ramirez, Richardson, Ryu, Solache, Viegas-Walker and Yokoyama (14)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

Due to timing constraints, President Richardson provided his report.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Richardson recognized Councilmember David Ryu from the City of Los Angeles, Mayor Pro Tem Carmen Ramirez from the City of Oxnard and Councilmember Bill Jahn from the City of Big Bear Lake for their service to the region. He thanked them all for their commitment to making this region a better place.

Councilmember David Ryu, Los Angeles, District 51, thanked President Richardson for his recognition and leadership at SCAG. He also thanked his colleagues for their leadership, service and collegiality.

Mayor Pro Tem Ramirez, Oxnard, District 45, stated she really enjoyed being on SCAG and learned a lot from everyone and her colleagues. She stated she hoped to be back and maybe this was just a brief farewell.

President Richardson stated that they both helped shape the work of SCAG and put SCAG on the right path for generations to come. He stated that for Councilmember Bill Jahn they had prepared a short slideshow highlighting some moments and accomplishments of his time at SCAG. Staff

proceeded to show the slideshow. After the slideshow, President Richardson thanked Councilmember Jahn for his service.

Councilmember Bill Janh, Big Bear Lake, District 11, thanked President Richardson for the slideshow and stated it was a surprise. He stated that the highlight of his 22 years in public service was to serve on SCAG and that he was going to miss everyone and thanked them.

President Richardson reported a virtual orientation session for the RHNA Appeals Board is scheduled for Monday, December 7, from 9 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. and would include a brief recap of the RHNA process to-date, a refresher of the RHNA Appeals Procedures and an overview of the upcoming RHNA hearing schedules. He stated that the first RHNA appeals hearing session will be held on December 21, from 9 a.m.–3 p.m. and will address appeals from jurisdictions within San Bernardino, Riverside and Imperial counties. He stated the remaining hearings are scheduled from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. on the following days: January 4, 6, 8, 11, 13, 15, 19 and 22. He reported that jurisdictions subject to appeals will be notified at least 21 days in advance of the respective hearings. President Richardson also reported that the next meeting of the EAC is scheduled for Wednesday, January 6, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. and the Policy Committee's will resume on Thursday, January 7 at 9:30 a.m., followed by the Regional Council meeting at 12:30 p.m.

President Richardson reported the Economic Summit was great and had received feedback. He stated staff did an incredible job. Lastly, he stated at the last meeting there was a lot of discussion on whether to have a closed session discussion on the RHNA litigation. He stated he had received several letters requesting a closed session. He stated that by the next EAC meeting they should be able to let people know what the plan will be.

Councilmember Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro, District 1, stated that with regard to the closed session and whether or not they move forward, she was particularly interested in how the litigation would be funded. She stated if they represent a jurisdiction that has no problems with the numbers, they should not be burdened with the cost of moving forward with the litigation.

President Richardson stated that what he was inclined to do at this point was to bring the issue to the EAC in closed session to have a conversation and thought this was probably the next step. He stated he wanted to receive more communications and talk with staff about next steps.

Councilmember Margaret Finlay, Duarte, District 35, asked President Richardson if he was thinking of having a closed session at the next EAC as opposed to taking it right to the Regional Council. President Richardson stated he was not sure yet, but he was inclined to do it. He stated they all should have this conversation in closed session about what to do. He reiterated that he has been receiving letters. He stated he did not know what had changed from the conversation they had in the past and was going to continue to talk with staff.

Mayor Steve Hofbauer, Palmdale, District 43, stated that from a historical perspective there was quite a few closed sessions on RHNA to discuss how this was going to be handled.

Legal Counsel Ruben Duran cautioned members of the EAC that this was not an agendized item and stated he was uncomfortable with continued commentary.

Councilmember Frank Yokoyama Cerritos, District 23, stated he spoke with Maggie Aguilar as he was uncertain if President Richardson had received his letter on behalf of the City of Cerritos. President Richardson stated he was not sure and would have to check. Councilmember Yokoyama stated he forwarded the letter to Ms. Aguilar and asked her to forward it to him. He stated he did support his comments about considering a closed session of the EAC or Regional Council regarding the RHNA litigation.

President Richardson passed the chairing responsibilities to First Vice President Clint Lorimore.

CFO REPORT

First Vice President Lorimore asked Executive Director Kome Ajise to introduce the new CFO.

Executive Director Ajise reported that on November 16, SCAG welcomed their new CFO, Cindy Giraldo. He stated that Ms. Giraldo was joining SCAG after 10 years as the Finance Director for the City of Burbank. He stated that Mr. Giraldo also spent 14 years working with Ticketmaster, serving in a number of roles, including Vice President of Finance, Controller, and Corporate Financial Analyst. He stated she also had prior experience working for a Big 4 accounting firm and that with this strong and varied background in finance, he had no doubt Ms. Giraldo would be an asset to the team.

Ms. Giraldo stated it was great to be joining the SCAG team and was thankful for the opportunity to be here and to help find solutions that make Southern California a better place to live for everyone.

Ms. Erika Bustamante, Manager of Budget and Grants, reported that Eide Bailly LLP, SCAG's outside independent auditor, produced a draft Comprehensive Annual Financial Report that would be released before December 30. Regarding membership dues, as of November 17, 145 cities and four counties had renewed their membership. 78 cities had taken advantage of the 20 percent dues waiver. To-date, SCAG had collected a total of 72 percent of the assessment, which left 43 cities and 2 counties pending. She reported three cities were being recruited for membership.

Councilmember Finlay asked how this compared to a year ago and if COVID played a big part in the different entities not joining. Ms. Bustamante stated that in terms of collections, they were at 72

percent and were looking at being at 100 percent by the end of December. She stated that the three cities still being recruited were Manhattan Beach, Orange and Rancho Santa Margarita.

Mayor Pro Tem Ramirez thanked Ms. Bustamante for all her hard work during the interim and stated she did a great job.

First Vice President Lorimore welcomed Ms. Giraldo and thanked Ms. Bustamante for her hard work.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Kome Ajise reported that the 11th Annual Southern California Economic Summit was held on December 1, and was a huge success, setting a high standard for virtual engagements with nearly 600 attendees including the Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus and a three-time Pulitzer Prize winner. He stated the Summit received coverage from KNX radio and the Chinese-language World Journal. He reported that on November 23, SCAG launched its new website and thanked all those involved on our team for helping build out and improve the agency's website. He reported that SCAG is developing a broadband initiative which seeks to develop strategies and solutions to bridge the digital divide and solutions to integrate our transportation network with broadband technology. He stated SCAG was developing a model resolution and policy paper which addresses the digital divide and provides a framework of solutions for local jurisdictions to adopt and will be presented at the February Regional Council. He also reported that on November 16, SCAG held its second meeting of the Special Committee on Equity and Social Justice and that Charles T. Brown, the Founder/Managing Principal at Equitable Cities, returned to facilitate an extended discussion on the meaning of regional equity and SCAG's role in advancing it. Additionally, he stated the Committee received presentations on SCAG's internal efforts to advance equity. He reported the next Committee meeting is scheduled for January, when the Committee will review findings from the Planning Division's Equity Inventory. Lastly, he stated the Committee will meet once more in March, when the Committee will compile their recommendations for advancing regional equity and anticipates that these recommendations will be discussed with the Policy Committees and Regional Council and brought to the General Assembly in May.

Councilmember Jan Harnik, RCTC, asked if they had a date for the next Special Committee on Equity and Social Justice. Mr. Ajise stated they would be surveying the members on dates.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEM/S

Councilmember Peggy Huang asked if the EAC or Regional Council would be interested in receiving a report from the Yorba Linda Water District (YLWD) regarding the Heli-Tank (Heli-Hydrant) that they invested in. She stated YLWD obtained a grant to build a Heli-Tank and it's been instrumental



in helping put out fires in Yorba Linda. First Vice President Lorimore stated staff could incorporate this into a future agenda as he thought it would be of interest to some of the members, particularly those in fire prone areas.

ANNOUNCEMENT/S

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, First Vice President Lorimore adjourned the Special Meeting of the EAC at 3:47 p.m.

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Executive / Administration Committee Attendance Report

2020-21															Total Mt Attend To Dat
MEMBERS	CITY	Representing	JUN (Sp. Mtg.)	JULY	AUG (Retreat)	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	
Hon. Rex Richardson, President	Long Beach	District 29	1			1	1	1	1						5
Hon. Clint Lorimore, 1st Vice Chair	Eastvale	District 4	1			1	1	1	1						5
Hon. Jan Harnik, Chair, 2nd Vice Chair		RCTC	1			1	1	1	1						5
Hon. Bill Jahn, Imm. Past Chair	Big Bear Lake	District 11	1			1	1	1	1						5
Hon. Jorge Marquez, Chair, CEHD	Covina	District 33	1			1	0	1	1						4
Hon. Frank Yokoyama, Vice Chair, CEHD	Cerritos	District 23	1			1	1	1	1						5
Hon. David Pollock, Chair, EEC	Moorpark	District 46	1			1	1	1	1						5
Hon. Carmen Ramirez, Vice Chair, EEC	Oxnard	District 45	1			0	1	1	1						4
Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, Chair, TC	El Centro	District 1	1			1	1	1	1						5
Hon. Steve Hofbauer, Vice Chair, TC	Palmdale	District 43	1			1	1	1	1						5
Hon. José Luis Solache, Chair, LCMC	Lynwood	District 26	1			1	1	1	1						5
Hon. Peggy Huang, Vice Chair, LCMC		TCA	1			1	1	1	1						5
Hon. Margaret Finlay, President's Appt.	Duarte	District 35	1			1	1	1	1						5
Hon. Kim Nguyen, President's Appt.	Garden Grove	District 18	1			1	1	1	0						4
Hon. Deborah Robertson, President's Appt.	Rialto	District 8	1			0	1	0	0						2
Hon. David Ryu, President's Appt.	Los Angeles	District 51	0			1	1	0	1						3
Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.	Pechanga Dev. Corporation	Tribal Government Regional Planning Board	0			0	0	0	0						0
Mr. Randall Lewis, Ex-Officio Member	Lewis Group of Companies	Business Representative	1			1	1	1	1						5

Attachment: EAC Attendance Sheet 2020-21 (Minutes of the Special Meeting - December 2, 2020)