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NO. 611
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 2, 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: http://scag.igm2.com/Citizens/

In conjunction with the Regional Conference and General Assembly, the Regional Council of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) held its regular meeting at the JW Marriott Resort and Spa, 74-855 Country Club Drive, Palm Desert, CA 92260. A quorum was present.

Members Present

Table with 3 columns: Member Name, City/County, and District/Agency. Includes members like Alan D. Wapner, Bill Jahn, Randon Lane, Margaret E. Finlay, and various supervisors and council members from different regions.

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Members Present...continued

Hon. Charles Puckett	<i>Tustin</i>	District 17
Hon. Stacy Berry	<i>Cypress</i>	District 18
Hon. Trevor O'Neill	<i>Anaheim</i>	District 19
Hon. Art Brown	<i>Buena Park</i>	District 21
Hon. Marty Simonoff	<i>Brea</i>	District 22
Hon. Sean Ashton	<i>Downey</i>	District 25
Hon. Ali Saleh	<i>Bell</i>	District 27
Hon. Dan Medina	<i>Gardena</i>	District 28
Hon. Rex Richardson	<i>Long Beach</i>	District 29
Hon. Margaret Clark	<i>Rosemead</i>	District 32
Hon. Steve De Ruse	<i>La Mirada</i>	District 31
Hon. Jorge Marquez	<i>Covina</i>	District 33
Hon. Teresa Real-Sebastian	<i>Monterey Park</i>	District 34
Hon. Jonathan Curtis	<i>La Cañada Flintridge</i>	District 36
Hon. James Gazeley	<i>Lomita</i>	District 39
Hon. Judy Mitchell	<i>Rolling Hills Estates</i>	District 40
Hon. Meghan Sahli-Wells	<i>Culver City</i>	District 41
Hon. Jess Talamantes	<i>Burbank</i>	District 42
Hon. Steven Hofbauer	<i>Palmdale</i>	District 43
Hon. David Shapiro	<i>Calabasas</i>	District 44
Hon. Carmen Ramirez	<i>Oxnard</i>	District 45
Hon. David Pollock	<i>Moorpark</i>	District 46
Hon. Tim Holmgren	<i>Fillmore</i>	District 47
Hon. Steve Manos	<i>Lake Elsinore</i>	District 63
Hon. Rita Ramirez	<i>Victorville</i>	District 65
Hon. Megan Beaman Jacinto	<i>Coachella</i>	District 66
Hon. Marsha McLean	<i>Santa Clarita</i>	District 67
Hon. Rusty Bailey	<i>Riverside</i>	District 68
Hon. Marisela Magana	<i>Perris</i>	District 69
Mr. Randall Lewis	<i>Lewis Group of Companies</i>	Business Representative

Members Not Present

Supervisor Hilda Solis		Los Angeles County
Supervisor Kathryn Barger		Los Angeles County
VACANT		Orange County
VACANT		District 3
Hon. L. Dennis Michael	<i>Rancho Cucamonga</i>	District 9
Hon. Wendy Bucknum	<i>Mission Viejo</i>	District 13
Hon. Steve Nagel	<i>Fountain Valley</i>	District 15
Hon. Tri Ta	<i>Westminster</i>	District 20
VACANT		District 23
Hon. Emma Sharif	<i>Compton</i>	District 26
Hon. Sonny Santa Ines	<i>Bellflower</i>	District 24
Hon. Lena Gonzalez	<i>Long Beach</i>	District 30

Members Not Present...continued

Hon. Carol Herrera	<i>Diamond Bar</i>	District 37
Hon. Tim Sandoval	<i>Pomona</i>	District 38
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. Lyn Semeta	<i>Huntington Beach</i>	District 64
Hon. Eric Garcetti	<i>Los Angeles</i>	Member-at-Large
VACANT		Tribal Gov’t Reg’l Planning Brd.

Staff Present

- Kome Ajise, Executive Director
- Darin Chidsey, Chief Operating Officer
- Frank J. Lizarraga, Jr. General Counsel
- Joann Africa, Chief Counsel/Director, Legal Services
- Art Yoon, Director, Policy and Public Affairs
- Basil Panas, Chief Financial Officer
- Julie Loats, Chief Information Officer
- Tess Rey-Chaput, Office of Regional Council Support
- Vicki Hahn, Office of Regional Council Support

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable Alan D. Wapner, President, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and asked SCAG Executive Director Kome Ajise to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

President Wapner opened the public comment period.

There being no public comment speakers, President Wapner closed the public comment period.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

There was no request to prioritize agenda items.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

President Wapner announced the Regional Council would recess into Closed Session and asked the Regional Council members to proceed to the assigned for the Closed Session meeting room, Salon G of the JW Marriott.

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT

Title: Executive Director

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957 (b) (1)

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

At the conclusion of the Closed Session, at approximately 9:45 a.m., the Regional Council reconvened in Open Session. President Wapner asked General Counsel Frank Lizarraga to provide a report.

Mr. Lizarraga reported that the Regional Council discussed the following key terms for the Employment Agreement for Kome Ajise as SCAG's new Executive Director, as follows:

- (1) An annual base salary of \$335,000 commencing April 5, 2019;
- (2) A monthly automobile allowance of \$750;
- (3) An annual performance evaluation by the Executive/Administration Committee (EAC) and thereafter ratified by the Regional Council in accordance with the SCAG Bylaws; and
- (4) Sick Leave, Vacation Leave, Retirement and other benefits accrued shall be carried forward in accordance with SCAG's Personnel Rules.

ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEM

1. Employment Agreement for Executive Director

President Wapner introduced the item and indicated a correction on the amount of the monthly automobile allowance which is \$750.

Supervisor Linda Parks, Ventura County, recommended using the automobile allowance for alternative transportation and not limit to "automobile." President Wapner acknowledged the request.

A MOTION was made (Viegas-Walker) to approve the negotiated key terms of Employment Agreement for Kome Ajise as Executive Director effective April 5, 2019 as discussed in Closed Session and authorize the SCAG President to execute and approve the Employment Agreement with the corrected amount of \$750 for a monthly transportation allowance. Motion was SECONDED (Richardson) and passed by the following votes:

FOR: Ashton, Bailey, Beaman-Jacinto, Benoit, Berry, Brown, Clark, Curtis, De Ruse, Finlay, Gazeley, Harnik, Holmgren, Hofbauer, Huang, Jahn, Judge, Kelly, Lane, Lorimore, J. Marquez; R. Marquez; McLean, Minagar, Mitchell, Mulvihill, Navarro, O'Neil, Parks, Plancarte, Predmore, Pollock, Puckett, C. Ramirez; R. Ramirez; Richardson, Robertson, Sahli-Wells, Saleh, Shapiro, Shea, Simonoff, Viegas-Walker and Wapner (44).

AGAINST: None (0).

ABSTAIN: None (0).

2. Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2019-20 Final Comprehensive Budget

President Wapner introduced the item and asked Basil Panas, Chief Financial Officer, to provide background information.

A MOTION was made (Talamantes) that the Regional Council (1) adopt the Fiscal year 2019-20 Final Comprehensive Budget and corresponding Resolution No. 19-611-1; and (2) authorize the submittal of the FY 2019-20 Final Overall Work Program (OW) to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA). Motion was SECONDED (Predmore) and passed by the following votes:

FOR: Ashton, Bailey, Beaman-Jacinto, Benoit, Berry, Brown, Clark, Curtis, De Ruse, Finlay, Gazeley, Hagman, Harnik, Holmgren, Hofbauer, Huang, Jahn, Judge, Kelly, Lane, Lorimore, J. Marquez; R. Marquez; McLean, Minagar, Mitchell, Mulvihill, Navarro, O'Neil, Parks, Plancarte, Predmore, Pollock, Puckett, C. Ramirez; R. Ramirez; Richardson, Robertson, Saleh, Sahli-Wells, Shapiro, Shea, Simonoff, Talamantes, Viegas-Walker and Wapner (46).

AGAINST: None (0).

ABSTAIN: None (0).

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval Items

3. Minutes of the Meeting – May 2, 2019
4. Approval for Additional Stipend Payments
5. Contract Amendment that exceeds \$75,000 as well as 30% of the contract's original value
6. Contract \$200,000 or Greater: 19-034-C01, Integrated Passenger and Freight Rail Forecast
7. Contract \$200,000 or Greater: 19-038-C01, Inland Empire Comprehensive Corridor Plans
8. AB 252 (Daly, Frazier) – DOT Environmental Review Process
9. AB 1093 (Rubio) – Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems

Receive and File

10. State and Federal Legislative Monthly Update
11. CFO Monthly Report

A MOTION was made (Ashton) to approve Consent Calendar Agenda Items 3 through 11. Motion was SECONDED (Shapiro) and passed by the following votes:

FOR: Ashton, Bailey, Beaman-Jacinto, Benoit, Berry, Brown, Clark, Curtis, De Ruse, Finlay, Gazeley, Hagman, Harnik, Holmgren, Hofbauer, Huang, Jahn, Judge, Kelly, Lane, Lorimore, J. Marquez; R. Marquez; McLean, Minagar, Mitchell, Mulvihill, Navarro, O'Neil, Parks, Plancarte, Predmore, Pollock, Puckett, C. Ramirez; R. Ramirez; Richardson, Robertson, Saleh, Sahli-Wells, Shapiro, Shea, Simonoff, Talamantes, Viegas-Walker and Wapner (46).

AGAINST: None (0).

ABSTAIN: None (0).

BUSINESS REPORT

As the business representative of the Regional Council, Randall Lewis, ex-officio member, congratulated outgoing President Wapner for his accomplishments in the past year. Mr. Lewis provided an update regarding the soaring economy, employment growth and reported the stock market is under control. While there is no indication the current state of California's economy is going to change, Mr. Lewis offered caution. He reported there are articles indicating that investors are moving their businesses out of California for lower wages but there are also indicators that businesses are re-allocating future investments in California as the state is too big of a market to not invest. Mr. Lewis discussed the impact of demographic changes and referenced an article that California had its slowest growth rate in its history last year as the country's most populous state was hit by fewer immigration, decline in births and high housing costs. Incidentally, SCAG is hosting its Annual Demographics Workshop on June 11, 2019, Mr. Lewis invited the members and their colleagues to participate. He also reminded the members to pick-up a copy of their respective city's Local Profiles, a resource guide to provide jurisdictions with updated data and analysis to support community planning and outreach efforts. Finally, Mr. Lewis provided an update on a recent SCAG Legislative Advocacy trip to Sacramento with members of the Global Land Use and Economic (GLUE) Council. He reported the Senate is working on several housing bills that may affect local control and may have a greater impact within our communities.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Kome Ajise, Executive Director, thanked SCAG's leadership and the Regional Council for the confidence bestowed upon him to serve as the agency's Executive Director. With appreciation and humility, Mr. Ajise stated looking forward to serving and working with the members to best maintain the agency's high profile and high standard in moving forward to the next level. Under the leadership of President Wapner, the past year had been very busy as shown in the Year in Review video. He stated there will be more work in the coming year with the goal of creating an agency that is ready for the future with an intent focus on technology; ensure refreshing and revisiting our stakeholder management; and investing in staff development. With these three (3) key initiatives, he stated providing a periodic reporting of the progress to the Regional Council.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Wapner referenced the Year in Review report which details his accomplishments in the past year.

In honor and recognition of outgoing members of the Regional Council and policy committees, President Wapner acknowledged the following members and thanked each of them for their contribution to SCAG and their service to the region as a whole: former SCAG Presidents Michele Martinez, Pam O'Connor and Glen Becerra; former Regional Council members Kristine Murray, Barbara Messina, Sam Pedroza, John Procter, Jeff Giba and Laura Rosenthal; and former Energy and Environment Committee member Larry Forrester.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEM/S

None

ANNOUNCEMENT/S

President Wapner asked the Regional Council to join him in a moment of silence to recognize members of the Regional Council who recently passed away: former SCAG Presidents Ron Roberts and Greg Pettis; and former Regional Council member Jim Hyatt.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Wapner adjourned the Regional Council meeting at 10:01 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Regional Council is scheduled for Thursday, June 6, 2019, at the SCAG main office, 900 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1700, Los Angeles, CA 90017.

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