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MINUTES OF THE MEETING
COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT (CEHD) COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2021

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (CEHD). A VIDEO AND AUDIO RECORDING OF THE FULL MEETING IS AVAILABLE AT: <http://scag.iqm2.com/Citizens/>

The Community, Economic and Human Development (CEHD) Committee of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) held its regular meeting telephonically and electronically given public health directives limiting public gatherings due to COVID-19 and in compliance with the Governor’s recent Executive Order N-29-20. A quorum was present.

Members Present

Hon. Jorge Marquez, Chair	<i>Covina</i>	District 33
Hon. Frank Yokoyama, Vice Chair	<i>Cerritos</i>	District 23
Hon. Adele Andrade-Stadler	<i>Alhambra</i>	District 34
Hon. David Avila	<i>Yucaipa</i>	SBCTA
Hon. Megan Beaman Jacinto	<i>Coachella</i>	District 66
Hon. Russell Betts	<i>Desert Hot Springs</i>	Pres. Appt., Member-at-Large
Hon. Drew Boyles	<i>El Segundo</i>	District 40
Hon. Wendy Bucknum	<i>Mission Viejo</i>	District 13
Hon. Juan Carrillo	<i>Palmdale</i>	District 43
Hon. Michael C. Carroll	<i>Irvine</i>	District 14
Hon. Letitia Clark	<i>Tustin</i>	District 17
Hon. Steve De Ruse	<i>La Mirada</i>	GCCOG
Hon. Paula Devine	<i>Glendale</i>	District 42
Hon. Diane Dixon	<i>Newport Beach</i>	District 15
Hon. Margaret E. Finlay	<i>Duarte</i>	District 35
Hon. Alex Fisch	<i>Culver City</i>	District 41
Hon. Mark Henderson	<i>Gardena</i>	District 28
Hon. Peggy Huang		TCA
Hon. Cecilia Hupp	<i>Brea</i>	OCCOG
Hon. Kathleen Kelly	<i>Palm Desert</i>	District 2
Hon. Jed Leano	<i>Claremont</i>	SGVCOG
Hon. Patricia Lock Dawson	<i>Riverside</i>	District 68

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. Marisela Magana	<i>Perris</i>	District 69
Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.		Tribal Gov't Regl Planning Rep.
Hon. Lauren Meister	<i>West Hollywood</i>	WSSCOG
Hon. Bill Miranda	<i>Santa Clarita</i>	SFVCOG
Hon. John Mirisch	<i>Beverly Hills</i>	Pres. Appt., Member-at-Large
Hon. George Nava	<i>Brawley</i>	ICTC
Hon. Kim Nguyen	<i>Garden Grove</i>	District 18
Hon. Trevor O'Neil	<i>Anaheim</i>	District 19
Hon. Edward Paget	<i>Needles</i>	SBCTA
Hon. Misty Perez	<i>Port Hueneme</i>	Pres. Appt., Member-at-Large
Hon. Michael Posey	<i>Huntington Beach</i>	District 64
Hon. Jan Pye	<i>Desert Hot Springs</i>	CVAG
Hon. Sonny Santa Ines	<i>Bellflower</i>	GCCOG
Hon. David Shapiro	<i>Calabasas</i>	District 44
Hon. Becky Shevlin	<i>Monrovia</i>	SGVCOG
Hon. Andy Sobel	<i>Santa Paula</i>	VCOG
Hon. Mark Waronek	<i>Lomita</i>	SBCCOG
Hon. Acquanetta Warren	<i>Fontana</i>	SBCTA
Hon. Christi White	<i>Murrieta</i>	WRCOG
Hon. Tony Wu	<i>West Covina</i>	SGVCOG
Hon. Frank Zerunyan	<i>Rolling Hills Estates</i>	SBCCOG

Members Not Present

Hon. Al Austin, II	<i>Long Beach</i>	GCCOG
Hon. Rose Espinoza	<i>La Habra</i>	OCCOG
Hon. Holly Mitchell		Los Angeles County
Hon. Anni Marshall	<i>Avalon</i>	GCCOG
Hon. Sunny Park	<i>Buena Park</i>	OCCOG
Hon. Nithya Raman	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 51
Hon. Rita Ramirez	<i>Victorville</i>	District 65
Hon. Rex Richardson	<i>Long Beach</i>	District 29

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable Jorge Marquez, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and asked Councilmember Paula Devine, Glendale, District 42, to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Chair Marquez opened the public comment period and asked anyone on their computers to speak by using the “raised hands” function on the computer and/or wait for SCAG staff to announce their name or phone number. Additionally, public comments received via email to CEHDPublicComment@scag.ca.gov after 5pm the previous night would be announced and included as part of the official record of the meeting.

Member of the public, Holly Osborne, Redondo Beach, expressed opposition to the official RHNA allocation numbers.

Chair Marquez closed the public comment period.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

Chair Marquez announced that due to speaker availability, Agenda Items 4 and 5 would be reprioritized.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval Item

1. Minutes of the January 7, 2021 Meeting

Receive and File

2. Resolution for SCAG to Bridge the Digital Divide in Underserved Communities

A MOTION was made (Finlay) to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion was SECONDED (Bucknum) and passed by the following roll call votes:

AYES: ANDRADE-STADLER, AVILA, BETTS, BUCKNUM, CARROLL, DE RUSE, DEVINE, DIXON, FINLAY, FISCH, HUANG, HUPP, KELLY, LEANO, LOCK DAWSON, MAGANA, MARQUEZ, MEISTER, MIRANDA, MIRISCH, NAVA, NGUYEN, O’NEIL, PAGET, PYE, SHAPIRO, SHEVLIN, WARONEK, WARREN, WHITE, WU, YOKOYAMA AND ZERUNYAN (33).

NOES: NONE (0).

ABSTAIN: CLARK, POSEY, SOBEL, SPEAKE (4).

INFORMATION ITEMS

3. Emerging Mobility Patterns During COVID-19

Chair Marquez introduced Hannah Keyes, SCAG staff, who provided a brief introduction of the Emerging Mobility topic. Ms. Keyes introduced speaker Tiffany Chu, the CEO and co-founder of Remix, to provide a presentation that highlights the emerging neighborhood-centric mobility patterns seen during the COVID-19 pandemic, as it relates to key concepts of Connect SoCal.

Ms. Chu's presentation, titled "Emerging Mobility Patterns During COVID-19: The Benefits of the 15-Minute City," addressed the core concepts of the 15-minute community and some key benefits of adopting this approach related to mobility and equity.

Several Committee members expressed support for the 15-minute community concept but also expressed concerns relating to other opportunities that could strengthen communities, including remote work, more green space, economic development, concentration of jobs near where people live, and concerns regarding how well this concept would incorporate with general plans within municipalities.

Chair Marquez thanked Ms. Chu for her presentation and stated that members may follow-up with Ms. Chu directly for any additional ideas and/or questions they may have.

4. Community Development Financial Institutions

Chair Marquez introduced Jenna Hornstock, one of SCAG's newest staff members. Ms. Hornstock provided a brief introduction of the presentation and introduced Catherine Berman, CEO and Co-founder of CNote, to provide an overview about CNote and its work with Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs).

Ms. Berman's presentation provided an overview of CNote and its work with community lenders. She discussed strategies for establishing, working, and partnering with CDFIs as a tailored resource tool to deliver financial resources and products to underserved communities, people, and businesses that lack access to financing.

Ms. Berman provided a brief explanation of CDFI business models, market types, investments, and strategies to provide economic growth opportunities, wealth creation, and equity in economically distressed communities.

Ms. Berman concluded with a comprehensive list of resources that can help provide additional information on CDFI programs and products.

Chair Marquez thanked Ms. Berman for her presentation and stated that members may follow-up with Ms. Berman directly if they have additional questions.

5. Regional Early Action Plan (REAP) Program Summary and Update

Chair Marquez introduced Ma'Ayn Johnson, SCAG staff, who provided historical background and a brief overview of the REAP program and its framework. Ms. Johnson continued with an update on the RHNA Methodology and Allocations, and the 2020 housing element, and timelines.

Ms. Johnson introduced Jenna Hornstock and Lyle Janicek, SCAG staff, and stated that they would provide summaries and updates on key topics for the current and future REAP program implementation and activities.

Ms. Hornstock's presentation included highlights of some of the key REAP program areas implemented to date, including but not limited to: Partnerships & Outreach, Regional Housing Policy Solutions, Sustainable Communities Integration (SCS), and Next Steps.

Mr. Janicek provided detailed updates for the 2020 Sustainable Communities Programs - Housing and Sustainable Development programs, Transit Oriented Development Work Program and Partnerships, Key Dates and Timelines.

SCAG staff responded to comments and questions expressed by Committee members, including questions regarding the availability of obtaining designs and cost estimates for dwelling units, and a request for staff to streamline their efforts during the housing grants application process. Staff concurred and noted that information regarding cost estimates would be sent to the members.

The comprehensive staff report along with the PowerPoint presentation was included in the agenda packet.

6. SoCal Greenprint Update

Chair Marquez introduced India Brookover, SCAG staff, to provide an update on the SoCal Greenprint development process. Ms. Brookover provided background and a brief summary of the SoCal Greenprint initiative, which also worked with the Nature Conservancy in developing a strategic tool to serve as an online mapping resource to help users make better land use and transportation infrastructure decisions and support conservation investments based on the best available scientific data. Ms. Brookover's presentation included the following highlights:

- SoCal Greenprint with Connect SoCal and the Connect SoCal PEIR as an important strategy to meet conservation goals and support impact mitigation
- SoCal Greenprint alignment with other strategies and initiatives
- Targeted outreach with SoCal Greenprint stakeholders
- Key users of SoCal Greenprint and examples of how Greenprint can be used or implemented
- Synergy with SCAGs Housing Element Parcel Tool (HELPR)
- Project Timelines, Overview of Accomplishments in 2020 and Next Steps

Ms. Abigail Ramsden, Project Manager, Nature Conservancy, and SCAG staff responded to comments and questions expressed by Committee members, including questions regarding the incorporation of solar projects as part of the Greenprint program in the desert, as well as in habitat conservation areas.

In response to an inquiry regarding proposed projects in habitat areas, Ms. Ramsden stated that Greenprint can be used as an information sharing tool where users can generate a report in targeted areas to help evaluate where new and proposed projects may have an impact on the habitat. Sarah Jepson, Director of Planning, stated that SCAG has tools available that can help evaluate and review new projects that are being implemented within the region.

Chair Marquez thanked staff for the report and discussion.

The complete report with the PowerPoint presentation was included in the agenda packet

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Marquez thanked the CEHD members who served on the RHNA Appeals Board. Chair Marquez provided a summary of the appeals process and noted that the RHNA Appeals Board would meet one more time in mid-February to review the final determination of their appeal decisions and recommend the proposed Final RHNA Allocation Plan.

He noted the final allocation is planned for adoption at the Regional Council meeting on March 4. Lastly, he noted, to facilitate this process, a Special CEHD meeting on the Final RHNA Allocation Plan will be scheduled; he asked the CEHD members to lookout for the communication from staff.

Chair Marquez and the CEHD members recognized and welcomed incoming members to the CEHD Committee.



STAFF REPORT

Jonathan Hughes, SCAG staff, announced that the 2021 SCAG Sustainability Awards are in process and that nomi region. He asked the committee to submit their nominations by 11:59 p.m. on Friday, February 26, 2021.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no future agenda items requested.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Marquez adjourned the CEHD Committee meeting at 11:12 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Carmen Summers
Community, Economic and Human Development Committee Clerk

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CEHD Members

2020-2021

MEMBERS	CITY	Representing	2020-2021												Total Mtgs Attended To Date		
			JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY			
Andrade-Stadler, Adele	Alhambra	District 34											1				1
Austin, Al	Long Beach	GCCOG															0
Avila, David	Yucaipa	SBCTA						1			1	1					3
Beaman Jacinto, Megan	Coachella	District 66	1			1		1			1	1					5
Betts, Russell	Desert Hot Springs	President's Appointment										1					1
Boyles, Drew	El Segundo	District 40						1	1			1					3
Bucknum, Wendy	Mission Viejo	District 13	1			1	1	1			1	1					6
Carrillo, Juan	Palmdale	District 43						1	1		1	1					4
Carroll, Michael, C.	Irvine	District 14				1			1		1	1					4
Clark, Letitia	Tustin	District 15										1					1
DeRuse, Steve	La Mirada	District 31	1			1	1	1			1	1					6
Devine, Paula	Glendale	District 42	1			1						1					3
Dixon, Diane	Newport Beach	District 15										1					1
Espinoza, Rose	La Habra	OCCOG	1														1
Finlay, Margaret	Duarte	District 35	1			1	1	1			1	1					6
Fisch, Alex	Culver City	District 41									1	1					2
Henderson, Mark	Gardena	District 28	1			1	1				1	1					5
Huang, Peggy	Yorba Linda	TCA	1			1	1	1			1	1					6
Hupp, Cecilia	Brea	OCCOG	1			1	1	1			1	1					6
Kelly, Kathleen	Palm Desert	District 2	1			1	1	1			1	1					6
Leano, Jed	Claremont	SGVCOG	1			1	1	1			1	1					6
Lock Dawson, Patricia	Riverside	District 68										1					1
Magana, Marisela	Perris	District 69						1			1	1					3
Marquez, Jorge, Chair	Covina	District 33	1			1	1	1			1	1					6
Marshall, Anni	Avalon	GCCOG				1	1	1			1						4
Masiel, Andrew		Tribal Govt Regl Planning Rep	1								1	1					3
Meister, Lauren	West Hollywood	WCCOG	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	1					6
Mitchell, Holly		Los Angeles County															
Nava, George	Brawley	ICTC									1	1					2
Nguyen, Kim	Garden Grove	District 18	1			1	1	1			1	1					6
O'Neil, Trevor	Anaheim	District 19	1			1	1	1			1	1					6
Paget, Ed	Needles	SBCTA						1	1			1					3
Park, Sunny	Buena Park	OCCOG	1			1											2
Perez, Misty	Port Hueneme	President's Appointment										1					1
Posey, Michael	Huntington Beach	District 64						1				1					2
Pye, Jan	Desert Hot Springs	CVAG	1			1	1	1			1	1					6
Raman, Nithya	Los Angeles	District 51									1						1
Ramirez, Rita	Victorville	District 65	1						1								2
Richardson, Rex	Long Beach	District 29	1			1	1	1									4
Santa Ines, Sonny	Bellflower	GCCOG				1	1	1			1	1					5
Shapiro, David	Calabasas	District 44	1			1	1	1			1	1					6
Shevlin, Becky	Monrovia	SGVCOG				1	1	1			1	1					5
Sobel, Andy	Santa Paula	VCOG										1					1
Speake, Wes	Corona	WRCOG										1					1
Waronek, Mark	Lomita	SBCCOG	1			1	1	1			1	1					6
Warren, Acquanetta	Fontana	SBCTA	1			1	1	1				1					5
Christi White	Murrieta	WRCOG									1	1					2
Wu, Tony	West Covina	SGVCOG	1			1	1					1					4
Yokoyama, Frank, Vice Chair	Cerritos	District 23	1			1	1	1			1	1					6
Zerunyan, Frank	Rolling Hills Estates	SBCCOG	1			1	1	1			1	1					6

Attachment: CEHD Attendance Sheet - February 4, 2021 (Minutes of the February 4, 2021 Meeting)