



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**  
**EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (EAC)**  
**WEDNESDAY, JULY 5, 2023**

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES IS A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (EAC). AN AUDIO RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE AT: <http://scag.ig2.com/Citizens/>.

The Executive/Administration Committee (EAC) of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) held its regular meeting both in person and virtually (telephonically and electronically). A quorum was present.

**Members Present**

<b>Hon. Art Brown, President</b>	<i>Buena Park</i>	<b>District 21</b>
<b>Sup. Curt Hagman, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President</b>		<b>San Bernardino County</b>
<b>Hon. Cindy Allen, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President</b>	<i>Long Beach</i>	<b>Los Angeles County</b>
<b>Hon. Jan Harnik, Imm. Past President</b>	<i>RCTC</i>	<b>Riverside</b>
Hon. Frank Yokoyama, Chair, CEHD	<i>Cerritos</i>	District 23
Hon. David J. Shapiro, Vice Chair, CEHD	<i>Calabasas</i>	District 44
Hon. Luis Plancarte, Vice Chair, EEC		Imperial County
Hon. Tim Sandoval, Chair, TC	<i>Pomona</i>	District 38
Hon. Mike Judge, Vice Chair, TC	<i>VCTC</i>	Ventura County
Hon. Patricia Lock Dawson, Chair, LCMC	Riverside	District 68
Hon. Clint Lorimore, President’s Appt.	Eastvale	District 4
Hon. Marshall Goodman, President’s Appt.	<i>La Palma</i>	District 18
Hon. Larry McCallon, President’s Appt.	<i>Highland</i>	District 7
Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.	<i>Pechanga Dev. Corp.</i>	TGRP Representative
Hon. Lucy Dunn		Business Representative

**Members Not Present**

Hon. Tim McOsker, President’s Appt	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 62
Hon. Deborah Robertson, Chair, EEC	<i>Rialto</i>	District 8
Hon. Jose Luis Solache, Vice Chair, LCMC	Lynwood	District 26

**Staff Present**

Kome Ajise, Executive Director

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Darin Chidsey, Chief Operating Officer  
Debbie Dillon, Chief Strategy Officer  
Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer  
Sarah Jepson, Chief Planning Officer  
Javiera Cartagena, Chief Government and Public Affairs Officer  
Carmen Flores, Chief Human Resources Officer  
Julie Shroyer, Chief Information Officer  
Michael Houston, Chief Counsel/Director of Legal Services  
Ruben Duran, Board Counsel  
Maggie Aguilar, Clerk of the Board  
Cecilia Pulido, Deputy Clerk of the Board

**CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Honorable Art Brown called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. President Brown asked Regional Council Member Clint Lorimore, Eastvale, District 4 to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

President Brown opened the Public Comment Period and outlined instructions for public comments. He noted this was the time for persons to comment on any matter pertinent to SCAG's jurisdiction that were not listed on the agenda. He reminded the public to submit comments via email to [ePublicComment@scag.ca.gov](mailto:ePublicComment@scag.ca.gov).

Ruben Duran, Board Counsel, acknowledged there no written public comments received before or after the deadline.

Seeing no public comment speakers, President Brown closed the Public Comment Period.

**REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS**

There was no prioritization of agenda items.

**ACTION ITEM**

1. Connect SoCal 2024: Policy Framework

There were no public comments on this item.

Sarah Jepson, Chief Planning Director reported that SCAG released a draft of the Connect SoCal 2024 plan. She shared the plan included an update of Connect SoCal 2020 and an ongoing process to research, collect data and develop projects and programs to support the region. She reported the EAC and Regional Council had adopted a policy development framework that provided direction to staff on the development of the planning policies and outlined three new subcommittees that produced a series of white papers and a set of recommendations that were considered at the Joint Policy committee meeting in March 2023. She stated the item summarized and confirmed the policy framework for Connect SoCal 2024 ahead of the draft release in the fall. Furthermore, she noted that the major elements included were SCAG’s vision and goals for the plan, a definition for priority equity communities to meet Federal requirements and a set of draft regional planning policies that would be included in the plan. She stated all the elements had been reviewed by the policy committees and informed by SCAG’s outreach process. She shared that following the approval, SCAG would work to integrate these major policy elements into the draft plan that would be released in the fall for further public review.

The comprehensive staff report was included in the agenda packet and posted on the SCAG website. The meeting audio is also available on the SCAG website.

A MOTION was made (Shapiro) that the Executive/Administration Committee (EAC) recommend that the Regional Council adopt the updated Policy Framework for Connect SoCal 2024. Motion was SECONDED (Plancarte) and passed by the following votes:

**AYES:** Allen, Brown, Goodman, Harnik, Judge, Lock Dawson, Lorimore, Masiel, McCallon, Plancarte, Sandoval, Shapiro, and Yokoyama (13)

**NOES:** None (0)

**ABSTAIN:** None (0)

2. Approval of Amendment No. 2 to Executive Director’s Employment Agreement and Annual Work Plan

There were no public comments on this item.

Ruben Duran, BB&K Board Counsel, reported that there were two items for consideration. The first was an amendment to the term of the Director’s Employment Agreement. He indicated that during the performance evaluation, an extension was recommended for an additional 3 years, such that it would expire in 2027, as opposed to 2024. The second item for consideration was the proposed annual work plan as required in SCAG's Bylaws.

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A MOTION was made (Masiel) that the Executive/Administration Committee (EAC) approve the attached Amendment No. 2 to the Employment Agreement between SCAG and Kome Ajise and approve the Executive Director's Proposed Annual Work Plan for 2023-24. Motion was SECONDED (Yokoyama) and passed by the following votes:

**AYES:** Allen, Brown, Goodman, Hagman, Harnik, Judge, Lock Dawson, Lorimore, Masiel, McCallon, Plancarte, Sandoval, Shapiro, and Yokoyama (14)

**NOES:** None (0)

**ABSTAIN:** None (0)

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Regional Council Member Jan Harnik, RCTC, requested the attendance report page be amended to reflect her attendance correctly.

There were no public comments on the Consent Calendar.

Approval Items

3. Minutes of the Meeting – May 31, 2023
4. Contracts \$500,000 or Greater: Contract No. 23-014-C01, Information Technology (IT) – Geospatial Application Development and Support
5. Resolution No. 23-657-1 Authorizing Acceptance of Grant Funds from the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Local Agency Technical Assistance (LATA) Grant Program
6. AB 825 (Bryan) and AB 645 (Friedman) Follow-up
7. Governor and Legislative Permitting Reform Proposals
8. SCAG Memberships and Sponsorships

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Receive and File

9. Purchase Orders, Contract and Amendments below Regional Council Approval Threshold

10. CFO Monthly Report

A MOTION was made (Shapiro) to approve the Consent Calendar Item 3 through 8; and Receive and File Items 9 through 10. Motion was SECONDED (Allen) and passed by the following votes:

**AYES:** Allen, Brown, Goodman, Hagman, Harnik, Judge, Lock Dawson, Lorimore, Masiel, McCallon, Plancarte, Sandoval, Shapiro, and Yokoyama (14)

**NOES:** None (0)

**ABSTAIN:** None (0)

Information Item

11. REAP 2.0 Program Call for Applications Update

Sarah Jepson, Chief Planning Officer, reported that on November 30<sup>th</sup>, the EAC authorized staff to apply for the full \$246 million of funding available to SCAG through REAP 2.0. She reported that following the approval, SCAG submitted the full application in December, and that staff had been working with the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) over the last six months to address and revise the proposal based on the feedback from HCD. She stated that SCAG was also working with the three other State agencies that had oversight for this program which included the office of Planning Research, the California Air Resources Board and the Strategic Growth Council. She stated the revisions did not substantially change SCAG's proposal or the programs that were supported through REAP 2.0 rather, SCAG was clarifying how the proposal would meet the State's objectives. She stated SCAG released a series of call for projects and intend to recommend for funding with REAP 2.0 resources. She explained SCAG was waiting on final approval of the full application from HCD which was anticipated to be granted soon. Lastly, she explained the next steps and how in September the Policy Committee's and Regional Council would consider approval of the projects recommended for the Sustainable Communities program Call 4, which was for civic engagement, equity and environmental justice.

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### **CFO REPORT**

Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer, reported that fiscal year 2023 had closed. She shared the accounting department would take the lead on the yearly audit and preparation of the annual comprehensive financial report. Ms. Giraldo stated an Audit Committee meeting had been scheduled for July 10<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, she stated the Budget and Grants department were preparing to execute MOU's for the 35 CTC projects that were subject to the approval by the Regional Council. Lastly, she reported that invoices for next fiscal year had been sent out.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Brown reported that during the Executive/Administration Committee retreat in Buena Park, members reflected on the past year and discussed strategic planning for the year ahead. He shared it was a productive and engaging discussion on priority areas for the work plan, which would be presented to the Regional Council at a future meeting. He stated SCAG staff were present at the opening of LA Metro's Regional Connector project on June 16, and that the project created three new subway stations in Downtown Los Angeles, creating more transit access to major job centers, local businesses and cultural destinations to support increased transit ridership in the region. He reported SCAG was represented at the National Association of Regional Councils, with Regional Council member Alan Wapner moderating a panel on street safety and SCAG Planning Director Sarah Jepson speaking about equity in planning. He announced he had attended a *Go Human* demonstration, showcasing a pop-up parklet, bike lane, artistic crosswalk and curb extension at the Buena Park Food Truck Festival on June 23. Lastly, he announced there was no meeting of the EAC in August and the next regular meeting of the EAC was scheduled for Wednesday, September 6, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Executive Director Ajise reported that in June the Regional Council adopted Connect SoCal Amendment 3 and the 2023 Federal Transportation Improvement Program Consistency Amendment, including the associated conformity analysis. He reported SCAG had since received final approval of the conformity determination, which allowed the \$26 billion of transportation projects in these amendments to move forward. He also reported that the California Public Utilities Commission approved SCAG's \$1 million Local Agency Technical Assistance grant. The funding will enable SCAG to help advance broadband projects in underserved areas. Lastly, he stated the Regional Council had approved the Regional Advanced Mitigation Planning Policy Framework earlier in the year. The framework directed SCAG to convene the SoCal Greenprint Technical Advisory Committee, which would advise staff on development of the Greenprint tool and ensure its alignment with the approved policy framework. He stated the first meeting would be on July 26 and would be open to the public. He stated the TAC would present their recommendations to the Energy and Environment Committee in October and Regional Council in November.

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**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no future agenda items.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, President Brown adjourned the Meeting of the Executive Administration Committee at 3:28 p.m.

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**Executive / Administration Committee Attendance Report**

2022-23																Total M Attend To Da
MEMBERS	CITY	Representing	31-May	29-Jun	30-Jun	JULY	AUG	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	
Hon. Art Brown, President, Chair	Buena Park	District 21	1	1	1	1										4
Hon. Curt Hagman, 1st Vice Chair		San Bernardino County	1	1	1	1										4
Hon. Cindy Allen, 2nd Vice Chair	Long Beach	District 30	1	1	1	1										4
Hon. Jan Harnik, Chair, Imm. Past President		RCTC	1	1	1	1										4
Hon. Frank Yokoyama, Chair, CEHD	Cerritos	District 23	1	1	1	1										4
Hon. David J. Shapiro, Vice Chair, CEHD	Cerritos	District 44	1	1	1	1										4
Hon. Deborah Roberston, Chair, EEC	Rialto	District 8	1	1	1	0										3
Hon. Luis Plancarte, Vice Chair, EEC		Imperial County	1	0	0	1										2
Hon. Tim Sandoval, Chair, TC	Pomona	District 38	1	1	0	1										3
Hon. Mike Judge, Vice Chair, TC		VCTC	1	1	1	1										4
Hon. Patricia Lock Dawson, Chair, LCMC	Riverside	District 68	1	1	1	1										4
Hon. Jose Luis Solache, Vice Chair, LCMC	Lynwood	District 26	1	1	0	0										2
Hon. Marshall Goodman, President's Appt.	La Palma	District 18	1	1	1	1										4
Hon. Clint Lorimore, President's Appt.	Eastvale	District 4	1	1	1	1										4
Hon. Larry McCallon, President's Appt.		Air District Representative	1	0	0	1										2
Hon. Tim McOsker, President's Appt.	Los Angeles	District 62		0	0	0										0
Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.	Pechanga Dev. Corporation	Tribal Government Regional Planning Board		1	1	1										3
Ms. Lucy Dunn, Ex-Officio Member	Lucy Dunn Strategic Issues Ma	Business Representative	1	1	1	1										4
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Attachment: EAC Attendance Sheet 2023-24 July (Minutes of the Meeting - July 5, 2023)