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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 2021**

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.iqm2.com/Citizens/>

The Regional Council of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) held its 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

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| 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 |
| Supervisor Luis Plancarte | | Imperial County |
| Supervisor Kathryn Barger | | Los Angeles County |
| Supervisor Holly Mitchell | | Los Angeles County |
| Supervisor Don Wagner | | Orange County |
| Supervisor Karen Spiegel | | Riverside County |
| Supervisor Curt Hagman | | San Bernardino County |
| Supervisor Carmen Ramirez | | Ventura County |
| Hon. Tim Shaw | | OCTA |
| Hon. Peggy Huang | | TCA |
| Hon. Mike T. Judge | | VCTC |
| Hon. Ben Benoit | | Air District Representative |
| Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr. | <i>Pechanga Dev. Corp.</i> | Tribal Gov’t Reg’l Planning Brd. |
| Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker | <i>El Centro</i> | District 1 |
| Hon. Kathleen Kelly | <i>Palm Desert</i> | District 2 |
| Hon. Rey Santos | <i>Beaumont</i> | District 3 |
| Hon. Zak Schwank | <i>Temecula</i> | District 5 |



Members Present – continued

Hon. Frank Navarro	<i>Colton</i>	District 6
Hon. Larry McCallon	<i>Highland</i>	District 7
Hon. Deborah Robertson	<i>Rialto</i>	District 8
Hon. L. Dennis Michael	<i>Rancho Cucamonga</i>	District 9
Hon. Ray Marquez	<i>Chino Hills</i>	District 10
Hon. Randall Putz	<i>Big Bear Lake</i>	District 11
Hon. Fred Minagar	<i>Laguna Niguel</i>	District 12
Hon. Wendy Bucknum	<i>Mission Viejo</i>	District 13
Hon. Phil Bacerra	<i>Santa Ana</i>	District 16
Hon. Leticia Clark	<i>Tustin</i>	District 17
Hon. Kim Nguyen	<i>Garden Grove</i>	District 18
Hon. Trevor O'Neil	<i>Anaheim</i>	District 19
Hon. Joe Kalmick	<i>Seal Beach</i>	District 20
Hon. Art Brown	<i>Buena Park</i>	District 21
Hon. Marty Simonoff	<i>Brea</i>	District 22
Hon. Frank Yokoyama	<i>Cerritos</i>	District 23
Hon. Ray Hamada	<i>Bellflower</i>	District 24
Hon. Sean Ashton	<i>Downey</i>	District 25
Hon. José Luis Solache	<i>Lynwood</i>	District 26
Hon. Ali Saleh	<i>Bell</i>	District 27
Hon. Mark E. Henderson	<i>Gardena</i>	District 28
Hon. Cindy Allen	<i>Long Beach</i>	District 30
Hon. Jorge Marquez	<i>Covina</i>	District 33
Hon. Adele Andrade-Stadler	<i>Alhambra</i>	District 34
Hon. Margaret E. Finlay	<i>Duarte</i>	District 35
Hon. Steve Tye	<i>Diamond Bar</i>	District 37
Hon. Jonathan Curtis	<i>La Cañada Flintridge</i>	District 36
Hon. Tim Sandoval	<i>Pomona</i>	District 38
Hon. James Gazeley	<i>Lomita</i>	District 39
Hon. Drew Boyles	<i>El Segundo</i>	District 40
Hon. Alex Fisch	<i>Culver City</i>	District 41
Hon. Paula Devine	<i>Glendale</i>	District 42
Hon. Juan Carrillo	<i>Palmdale</i>	District 43
Hon. David J. Shapiro	<i>Calabasas</i>	District 44
Hon. David Pollock	<i>Moorpark</i>	District 46
Hon. Lorrie Brown	<i>Ventura</i>	District 47
Hon. Bob Blumenfield	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 50
Hon. Nithya Raman	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 51



Members Present - continued

Hon. Paul Koretz	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 52
Hon. Monica Rodriguez	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 54
Hon. Mike Bonin	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 58
Hon. John Lee	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 59
Hon. Kevin de León	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 61
Hon. Joe Buscaino	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 62
Hon. Steve Manos	<i>Lake Elsinore</i>	District 63
Hon. Michael Posey	<i>Huntington Beach</i>	District 64
Hon. Elizabeth Becerra	<i>Victorville</i>	District 65
Hon. Patricia Lock Dawson	<i>Riverside</i>	District 68
Hon. Marisela Magana	<i>Perris</i>	District 69
Mr. Randall Lewis	<i>Business Representative</i>	Ex-Officio Member
Hon. Eric Garcetti	<i>Los Angeles</i>	Member-at-Large

Members Not Present

Hon. Alan D. Wapner, Imm. Past President		SBCTA
Hon. Maria Nava-Froelich		ICTC
Hon. Michael Carroll	<i>Irvine</i>	District 14
Hon. Diane Dixon	<i>Newport Beach</i>	District 15
Hon. Steve De Ruse	<i>La Mirada</i>	District 31
Hon. Steven Ly	<i>Rosemead</i>	District 32
Hon. Laura Hernandez	<i>Port Hueneme</i>	District 45
Hon. Gilbert Cedillo	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 48
Hon. Paul Krekorian	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 49/Public Transit Rep.
Hon. Nury Martinez	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 53
Hon. Marqueece Harris-Dawson	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 55
Hon. Curren D. Price, Jr.	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 56
Hon. Mark Ridley-Thomas	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 57
Hon. Mitch O'Farrell	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 60
Hon. Megan Beaman Jacinto	<i>Coachella</i>	District 66
Hon. Hector Pacheco	<i>San Fernando</i>	District 67

Staff Present

Kome Ajise, Executive Director
Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer
Debbie Dillon, Chief Strategy Officer
Michael Houston, Chief Counsel
Ruben Duran, Board Counsel

Art Yoon, Director of Policy and Public Affairs
Sarah Jepson, Director of Planning
Julie Shroyer, Chief Information Officer
Peter Waggoner, Office of Regional Council Support
Maggie Aguilar, Office of Regional Council Support

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Richardson called the meeting to order at 12:32 p.m. President Richardson asked Regional Councilmember Jorge Marquez, Covina, District 33, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

President Richardson opened the Public Comment Period, and he outlined instructions for public comments.

Board Counsel Ruben Duran stated that there was one written public comment received by email after the deadline from Ms. Cecilia Estolano representing the Westside Cities Council of Governments. Mr. Duran stated that there were six written public comments received by email before the deadline which were transmitted to members and posted to SCAG's website. Seeing no further public comment speakers, President Richardson closed the Public Comment Period.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no requests to prioritize agenda items.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Proposed CRRSAA and ARPA Apportionments

President Richardson provided background on Agenda Item No. 1, stating that the uncontested portion has been sent out, and he thanked SCAG staff for working with transit agencies. He noted that SCAG has received unanimous support from agencies. He then introduced Executive Director Kome Ajise to provide a presentation.

Mr. Ajise reviewed the past request by the Regional Council to take a step back, and he discussed a meeting with CEOs of the six County Transportation Commissions, in which a consensus was reached. He noted there was a unanimous vote on the item at the Executive/Administration Committee meeting yesterday and at the Transportation Committee meeting today. He explained SCAG's role as the designated recipient of the funding. He reviewed urbanized areas (UZAs) in the

region, some being multi-county. He also explained the basis and formulation of staff's recommended apportionments, tied to 2018 operating expenses. In conclusion, he noted that the CARES Act, CRRSAA and ARPA combined will bring approximately \$4 billion to the region.

President Richardson noted how much of an investment in transit agencies this item represents. Mr. Ajise elaborated on the effects of COVID-19 on transit service and revenue, and he restated the apportionment.

Regional Councilmember Jan Harnik, RCTC, commented on the importance of subregions to each other, considering transit riders who cross regions and a symbiotic relationship between regions.

Regional Councilmember Deborah Robertson, Rialto, District 8 reiterated Regional Councilmember Harnik's comments, and she asked Mr. Ajise to restate why Ventura and Imperial Counties were not included in the distribution. Mr. Ajise clarified that the multi-county UZAs did not include Ventura and Imperial Counties, although Ventura County does have a UZA which is wholly-contained and also received 132% of 2018 operating costs.

A MOTION was made (Navarro) to Approve staff recommendation to follow the Federal Transportation Administration approach that uses 75% and 132% of the 2018 Operating Costs as reported for the UZA in 2018 NTD to allocate CRRSAA and ARPA funds respectively when combined with the preceding rounds of stimulus funds to each of the UZAs to further sub-allocate to the eligible counties within each of the multi-county UZAs. Motion was SECONDED (Barger). The motion passed by the following roll call votes:

FOR: ALLEN, ASHTON, BACERRA, BECERRA, BARGER, BENOIT, BLUMENFIELD, BONIN, BOYLES, A. BROWN, L. BROWN, BUCKNUM, BUSCAINO, CARRILLO, CLARK, CURTIS, DE LEON, FINLAY, FISCH, GARCETTI, GAZELEY, HAMADA, HARNIK, HENDERSON, HUANG, JUDGE, KALMICK, KELLY, KORETZ, LEE, LOCK DAWSON, LORIMORE, MAGANA, J. MARQUEZ, R. MARQUEZ, MASIEL, MCCALLON, MICHAEL, MINAGAR, MITCHELL, NAVARRO, NGUYEN, O'NEIL, PLANCARTE, POLLOCK, POSEY, PUTZ, RAMAN, RAMIREZ, RICHARDSON, ROBERTSON, RODRIGUEZ, SALEH, SANDOVAL, SANTOS, SCHWANK, SHAPIRO, SHAW, SIMONOFF, SOLACHE, SPIEGEL, TYE, VIEGAS-WALKER, WAGNER and YOKOYAMA (65)

AGAINST: NONE (0)

ABSTAIN: NONE (0)

2. Nominations and Election of 2021-22 SCAG Officers

President Richardson introduced Agenda Item No. 2 and introduced Chief Counsel Michael Houston to provide a presentation, in the absence of the Nominating Committee Chair. Mr. Houston explained the process of the Nominating Committee in reviewing applications for Officer positions of President, First Vice President and Second Vice President. He reviewed the applications received and the process for candidates. He announced the Nominating Committee's recommendations of Hon. Clint Lorimore for the position of President, Hon. Jan Harnik for the position of First Vice President and Sup. Carmen Ramirez for the position of Second Vice President. He confirmed that all candidates meet eligibility requirements, and he discussed next steps for ratification by the General Assembly.

President Richardson commented in support of the slate and nominated candidates.

Regional Councilmember Trevor O'Neil, Anaheim, District 19, commented on attendance at the Nominating Committee meeting as a factor for consideration of nominees. He noted that prior commitments affected the attendance of some candidates. He asked that, in future elections in which attendance is to be considered, that factor be made clear to all applicants.

Regional Councilmember Michael Posey, Huntington Beach, District 64, acknowledged Regional Councilmember O'Neil's comments. He noted that the recommended slate of candidates was in attendance and made presentations. He expressed his belief that attendance and providing an explanation of why one should be elected demonstrates commitment relevant to service, and it demonstrates the character trait of leadership.

Regional Councilmember Margaret Finlay, Duarte, District 35, commented about the process of the Nominating Committee, and she noted that candidates speaking at the meeting is a recent development. She suggested that candidates be informed that other candidates are likely to attend the meeting. In conclusion, she remarked on the strength of candidates and encouraged applications in the future.

Regional Councilmember José Luis Solache, Lynwood, District 33, commented in support of the slate of candidates and remarked on the nominees individually.

President Richardson commented on opportunities to show leadership at SCAG and his history in becoming a SCAG leader, noting losses in initial candidacies.

A MOTION was made (Spiegel) to Elect the nominees recommended by the Nominating Committee as SCAG's 2021-22 officers, subject to ratification by the General Assembly. Motion was SECONDED (Posey). The motion passed by the following roll call votes:



FOR: ALLEN, ANDRADE-STADLER*, ASHTON, BACERRA, BECERRA, BARGER, BENOIT, BOYLES, A. BROWN, L. BROWN, BUCKNUM, BUSCAINO, CARRILLO, CURTIS, DEVINE, FINLAY, FISCH, GARCETTI, GAZELEY, HAMADA, HARNIK, HENDERSON, HUANG, JUDGE, KALMICK, KELLY, KORETZ, LEE, LOCK DAWSON, LORIMORE, MAGANA, MANOS, J. MARQUEZ, R. MARQUEZ, MCCALLON, MICHAEL, MINAGAR, MITCHELL, NAVARRO, NGUYEN, O’NEIL, PLANCARTE**, POLLOCK, POSEY, PUTZ, RAMAN, RAMIREZ, RICHARDSON, ROBERTSON, SALEH, SANDOVAL, SANTOS, SCHWANK, SHAPIRO, SHAW, SIMONOFF, SOLACHE, SPIEGEL, TYE, VIEGAS-WALKER, WAGNER and YOKOYAMA (62)

AGAINST: NONE (0)

ABSTAIN: NONE (0)

* While the voting results were being reviewed, Regional Councilmember Adele Andrade-Stadler, Alhambra, District 34, informed staff that she intended to vote “For” the motion for Agenda Item No. 2. The vote for Regional Councilmember Andrade-Stadler is annotated above.

** Supervisor Luis Plancarte, Imperial County, was experiencing technical difficulties and indicated that he intended to vote “For” the motion for Agenda Item No. 2. The vote for Supervisor Plancarte is annotated above.

President Richardson congratulated the slate of nominees and noted that formal transition will occur next month.

3. Consideration of Proposed Amendments to the SCAG Bylaws

President Richardson introduced Chief Counsel Michael Houston to present on Agenda Item No. 3. He stated that proposals were presented to the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee on March 24, 2021. Mr. Houston summarized the four proposed amendments, including two from Regional Councilmember Trevor O’Neil and two from SCAG staff, and he displayed amended language as proposed.

Mr. Houston first reviewed proposals from Regional Councilmember O’Neil. The first proposal would require the Clerk or counsel to re-state motions that differ from the recommended actions contained in the Council’s agenda packet, and it would require an opportunity for Regional Councilmember to discuss the matter before voting. The Bylaws and Resolutions Committee recommended this proposal to the Regional Council for it to recommend to the General Assembly for approval. The second proposal would broaden eligibility to be a candidate for SCAG officer positions. The Bylaws and Resolutions Committee recommended this proposal with amendments,

as Mr. Houston explained, to the Regional Council.

Mr. Houston then reviewed proposed amendments from SCAG staff, as permitted by SCAG Bylaws. The first proposal from staff would allow the seven County Regional Council representatives to each appoint one local elected official from a SCAG member with a Community of Concern within its boundaries to serve on a Policy Committee. He noted that this is intended to begin implementation at a governance level of the Regional Council's diversity, equity and inclusion resolution as adopted last year. He explained Communities of Concern and its connection with long-range regional planning strategies. The Bylaws and Resolutions Committee recommended this proposal to the Regional Council for it to recommend to the General Assembly for approval. The final staff proposal would clarify that the adjustment to annual member assessments would be based on the Consumer Price Index increase from the prior year's assessment, not the prior year's collections. He explained that this change would reflect a more consistent baseline. The Bylaws and Resolutions Committee also recommended this proposal to the Regional Council for it to recommend to the General Assembly for approval.

President Richardson summarized the process for consideration and adoption of proposed Bylaws amendments, and he commented on this year's proposals in general, stating that they are consistent with work done this year in terms of inclusivity.

Regional Councilmember Michael Posey, Huntington Beach, District 64, commended Regional Councilmember O'Neil's proposed amendments, particularly the proposal to increase eligibility.

Supervisor Karen Spiegel, Riverside County, spoke in support of increased eligibility and noted that the proposal would get more people involved in leadership roles.

Regional Councilmember Trevor O'Neil, Anaheim, District 19, commented on SCAG staff's equity proposal. He expressed that it would create an inequity and overrepresentation from Communities of Concern. He also noted that the proposal insinuates that current representatives cannot adequately address issues of their own jurisdiction. He requested that the item be taken separately for a vote.

Regional Councilmember Jan Harnik, RCTC, expressed appreciation for proposals and discussion. She commented that better communication regarding the importance of uninterrupted service is needed to bodies that send representatives to SCAG.

Regional Councilmember Lorrie Brown, Ventura, District 47, acknowledged President Richardson's work. She commented on the commitment of double service to Policy Committees and the Regional Council, especially for members who are farther in distance from meetings.

President Richardson commented on different circumstances of members and jurisdictions, and he expressed that service on a Policy Committee prepares members for leadership. He commented on flexibility and accommodation for one another, and he expressed support of proposed amendments.

Chief Counsel Michael Houston provided clarification that the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee was concerned that concurrent service on a Policy Committee and Regional Council would double count, and the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee wanted to clarify that this would not be allowed.

A MOTION was made (Brown) to approve the proposed Bylaws amendments as recommended for approval by the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee. Motion was SECONDED (Posey). The motion passed by the following roll call votes:

FOR: ALLEN, ANDRADE-STADLER, ASHTON, BACERRA, BECERRA, BARGER, BENOIT, BOYLES, A. BROWN, L. BROWN, BUCKNUM, BUSCAINO, CARRILLO, CLARK, CURTIS, DEVINE, FINLAY, FISCH, GAZELEY, HAGMAN, HAMADA, HARNIK, HENDERSON, HUANG, JUDGE, KALMICK, KELLY, LOCK DAWSON, LORIMORE, MAGANA, MANOS, J. MARQUEZ, R. MARQUEZ, MCCALLON, MICHAEL, MINAGAR, MITCHELL, NAVARRO, NGUYEN, O’NEIL, PLANCARTE, POLLOCK, POSEY, PUTZ, RAMAN, RAMIREZ, RICHARDSON, ROBERTSON, SALEH, SANDOVAL, SANTOS, SCHWANK, SHAPIRO, SHAW, SIMONOFF, SOLACHE, SPIEGEL, TYE, VIEGAS-WALKER, WAGNER and YOKOYAMA (61)

AGAINST: O’NEIL, SHAW and WAGNER (Proposal C only) (3)

ABSTAIN: NONE (0)

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval Items

4. Minutes of the Meeting – March 4, 2021
5. Approval of Additional Stipend Payments
6. Contracting to Implement the Regional Early Action Plan Program
7. Sustainable Communities Program - Housing & Sustainable Development Applications

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8. Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: Contract No. 19-066-C05, Aerial Imagery and Related Products - County of Imperial
 9. Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: Contract No. 21-043-C01, I-710 North Mobility Hubs Plan
 10. AB 687 (Seyarto) - Riverside County Housing Finance Trust
 11. SB 15 (Portantino) - Incentives to Rezone Idle Retail
 12. SB 623 (Newman) – Electronic Toll and Transit Fare Collection Systems
 13. SB 261 (Allen) - Sustainable Communities Strategies Reform
 14. SB 266 (Newman) - Chino Hills State Park Expansion
 15. SCAG Memberships and Sponsorships

Receive and File

16. April 2021 State & Federal Legislative Update
17. Updated Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) Program Subregional Allocation Amounts Based on Final Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Allocation
18. Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategy - Work Plan and Progress Report
19. 2024 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) Framework
20. Purchase Orders \$5,000 - \$199,999; Contracts \$25,000 - \$199,999 and Amendments \$5,000 - \$74,999
21. CFO Monthly Report

A MOTION was made (Solache) to approve the Consent Calendar, Agenda Item Nos. 4-21. Motion was SECONDED (Posey). The motion passed by the following roll call votes:

FOR: ALLEN, ANDRADE-STADLER, ASHTON, BACERRA, BECERRA, BARGER, BENOIT*, BOYLES, A. BROWN, L. BROWN, BUCKNUM, BUSCAINO, CARRILLO, CLARK, CURTIS, DEVINE, FINLAY, FISCH, GARCETTI, GAZELEY, HAGMAN, HAMADA, HARNIK, HENDERSON, HUANG, JUDGE, KALMICK, KELLY, LOCK DAWSON, LORIMORE,

MAGANA, MANOS, J. MARQUEZ, R. MARQUEZ, MCCALLON, MICHAEL, MINAGAR, MITCHELL, NAVARRO, NGUYEN, O'NEIL, PLANCARTE, POLLOCK, POSEY, PUTZ, RAMAN, RAMIREZ, RICHARDSON, ROBERTSON, SALEH, SANDOVAL, SANTOS, SCHWANK, SHAPIRO, SHAW, SIMONOFF, SOLACHE, SPIEGEL, TYE, VIEGAS-WALKER, WAGNER and YOKOYAMA (62)

AGAINST: NONE (0)

ABSTAIN: NONE (0)

* While the voting results were being reviewed, Regional Councilmember Ben Benoit, Air District Representative, informed staff that he intended to vote "For" the motion for the Consent Calendar. The vote for Regional Councilmember Benoit is annotated above.

President Richardson commented on significant actions taken today by the Regional Council and their impact on the region.

BUSINESS REPORT

President Richardson introduced Mr. Randall Lewis, Business Representative, who provided a brief report. He began his presentation by discussing housing and recent price increases, and he commented that he has never seen the market as "crazy" as it is now. He continued by expounded upon the construction side of housing, highlight problems in supply chain which are slowly production and high costs of lumber which are affecting affordable housing. He elaborated on shifts in the office market, discussing "sublease space" and varying decreases in rates city-by-city. He projected that demand for office space will remain lower given the impact of COVID-19. He suggested that members look at their jurisdictions' office supply in a manner similar to oversupply of retail. He stated that the recovery has started and there is more business occurring at restaurants and retail. He projected wage inflation and mobility, and he offered that now is a time to both check on existing staff and recruit, given people's mobility. He mentioned President Biden's recent policy announcements and potential implications on tax structure, infrastructure spending and wealth distribution. In closing, he remarked on the GLUE Council reconvening, while expressing thanks on work by SCAG staff in terms of recovery and looking ahead to work by the GLUE Council that will have a lasting impact on the region. Finally, he remarked on the elected slate of officers, stating that SCAG is in good hands.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Rex Richardson provided a report, beginning with an update on the Call for Collaboration to engage non-traditional and community-based organizations in SCAG's housing planning

processes. He announced applications received and the 15 selected applicants, totaling \$1.3 million. He remarked that this is a new, unique program that allows for partnership to expand SCAG's impact. He reviewed the range of project types that the Call for Collaboration covers, and he announced that projects will begin in April and last until December 2022.

President Richardson continued by discussing the final meeting of the Special Committee on Equity and Social Justice, during which the Draft Racial Equity Early Action Plan (EAP) was discussed. The EAP will serve as the Special Committee's recommendation to the Regional Council, and it will be presented to the Regional Council at its next meeting in May.

He concluded by announcing times for the next Regional Council meeting and plans for the annual General Assembly meeting on May 6, 2021.

Supervisor Curt Hagman, San Bernardino Council, commented on a letter received from the California Building Industry Association (BIA) regarding the Greenprint. He asked that this be a future agenda item to hear concerns. President Richardson asked that SCAG staff follow-up with Supervisor Hagman.

Regional Councilmember Larry McCallon, Highland, District 7, commented that he has not been receiving a newsletter which provides a summary of Regional Council meetings. President Richardson acknowledged his comment.

Regional Councilmember Clint Lorimore, Eastvale, District 4, commented on the work of President Richardson. He thanked members for their confidence in him, while acknowledging the slate of candidates and opportunities ahead.

Regional Councilmember Sean Ashton, Downey, District 25, echoed Regional Councilmember McCallon's comment, and he suggested that the Regional Council summary be made to be social-media friendly to accommodate sharing.

Regional Councilmember Jan Harnik, RCTC, commented on President Richardson's leadership modeling and qualities.

Regional Councilmember Michael Posey, Huntington Beach, District 64, thanked President Richardson for his leadership.

Supervisor Carmen Ramirez, Ventura County, also saluted President Richardson for his leadership.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Kome Ajise acknowledged Regional Councilmember McCallon’s comment about communications after the Regional Council meeting. Mr. Ajise congratulated the slate of Officers as approved today by the Regional Council.

Mr. Ajise provided an update on the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA). He stated that SCAG has received approval of the Final RHNA Allocation from California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) on March 22, 2021. He discussed a meeting with HCD Director Gustavo Velasquez to discuss local challenges, including preparation of Housing Elements by local jurisdictions. He noted the goal of housing production and ongoing meetings with HCD planned.

Mr. Ajise continued by announcing that the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) has adopted and released their Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI). He stated that CAPTI is an approach to leverage transportation infrastructure investments in the state to meet multiple objectives along the lines of climate action and equity goals.

Mr. Ajise concluded by mentioning that SCAG has begun work on the 2024 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS). Mr. Ajise noted that presentations were provided to Policy Committees at meetings today, and feedback regarding outreach was acknowledged.

In closing, Mr. Ajise announced SCAG’s 32nd Annual Demographic Workshop, with the theme “Planning the Post-Pandemic City,” to be held by remote participation on June 8 and 15.

Director of Policy and Public Affairs Art Yoon elaborated on communications after the Regional Council meeting, stating that a SCAG Spotlight e-mail is sent out after each meeting. Mr. Yoon noted that there may be an issue with specific emails, and he acknowledged suggestions regarding social media integration, stating that this can be addressed. Other members commented on the SCAG Spotlight e-mail; Mr. Ajise commented that SCAG will take a wholesale look at the process.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEM/S

There were no additional future agenda items requested.

ANNOUNCEMENT/S

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

President Richardson adjourned the Regional Council meeting at 2:00 p.m.



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