

# Western Riverside Council of Governments

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## Regular Meeting

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Monday, January 7, 2019

2:00 PM

County Administrative Center

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Chuck Washington at 2:12 p.m. on January 7, 2019, at the Riverside County Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon Street, Riverside

Jurisdiction	Attendee Name	Status	Arrived / Departed
City of Banning		Absent	
City of Beaumont	Mike Lara	Present	1:55 PM
City of Calimesa	Jim Hyatt	Present	1:55 PM
City of Canyon Lake	Jordan Ehrenkranz	Present	1:55 PM
City of Corona	Jason Scott	Present	1:55 PM
City of Eastvale	Brandon Plott	Present	1:55 PM
City of Hemet		Absent	
City of Jurupa Valley	Micheal Goodland	Present	1:55 PM
City of Lake Elsinore	Brian Tisdale	Present	1:55 PM
City of Menifee	Matt Liesemeyer	Present	1:55 PM
City of Moreno Valley		Absent	
City of Murrieta	Kelly Seyarto	Present	1:55 PM
City of Norco	Kevin Bash	Present	1:55 PM
City of Perris	Rita Rogers	Present	1:55 PM
City of Riverside	Rusty Bailey	Present	1:55 PM
City of San Jacinto	Crystal Ruiz	Present	1:55 PM
City of Temecula		Absent	
City of Wildomar	Ben Benoit	Present	1:55 PM
District 1		Absent	
District 2	Karen Spiegel	Present	1:55 PM
District 3	Chuck Washington	Present	1:55 PM
District 5	Jeff Hewitt	Present	
EMWD	David Slawson	Present	
WMWD	Brenda Dennstedt	Present	1:55 PM
Morongo Band of Mission Indians	Robert Martin	Present	1:55 PM
Office of Education (ex-officio)		Absent	
TAC Chair		Absent	
Executive Director	Rick Bishop	Present	1:55 PM

Note: Times above reflect when the member logged in; they may have arrived at the meeting earlier.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Committee member Brian Tisdale led members and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. WELCOME NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Chair Washington welcomed new and returning Committee members Karen Spiegel, County of Riverside District 2; Jeff Hewitt, County of Riverside District 5; Mike Lara, City of Beaumont; Jim Hyatt, City of Calimesa; Micheal Goodland, City of Jurupa Valley; Jason Scott, City of Corona; and Matt Liesemeyer, City of Menifee.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**5. MINUTES**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	City of Murrieta
<b>SECONDER:</b>	City of Norco
<b>AYES:</b>	Canyon Lake, Lake Elsinore, Murrieta, Norco, Perris, Riverside, San Jacinto, Wildomar, District 3, District 5, EMWD, WMWD, Morongo Band of Mission Indians
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	Beaumont, Calimesa, Corona, Eastvale, Jurupa Valley, Menifee, District 2
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Banning, Hemet, Moreno Valley, Temecula, District 1

**A. Summary Minutes from the December 3, 2018, Executive Committee Meeting are Available for Consideration**

**Action:** 1. *Approved the Summary Minutes from the December 3, 2018, Executive Committee meeting.*

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	City of Lake Elsinore
<b>SECONDER:</b>	City of Riverside
<b>AYES:</b>	Beaumont, Calimesa, Canyon Lake, Corona, Jurupa Valley, Lake Elsinore, Menifee, Murrieta, Norco, Perris, Riverside, San Jacinto, Wildomar, District 2, District 3, District 5, EMWD, WMWD, Morongo Band of Mission Indians
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	Eastvale
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Banning, Hemet, Moreno Valley, Temecula, District 1

**A. Transportation Uniform Mitigation Fee Program Activities Update and approval of Revisions to the TUMF Administrative Plan**

**Action:** 1. *Approved the proposed revisions to the TUMF Administrative Plan.*

**B. PACE Programs Activities Update: General Activities Update and Approval of Administrative Changes to the WRCOG Energy Efficiency and Water Conservation Program Administrative Guidelines and Program Report**

**Action:** 1. *Approved the proposed administrative changes to the WRCOG Energy Efficiency and Water Conservation Program Administrative Guidelines and Program Report.*

**C. Western Community Energy Activities Update**

**Action:** 1. *Receive and file.*

**D. Finance Department Activities Update**

**Action:** 1. *Received and Filed.*

**E. WRCOG Committees and Agency Activities Update**

**Action:** 1. *Received and Filed.*

**F. Regional Streetlight Program Activities Update**

**Action:** 1. *Received and Filed.*

**G. Environmental Department Activities Update**

**Action:** 1. *Received and Filed.*

**7. REPORTS / DISCUSSION**

**A. Report from the League of California Cities**

Eris Sasse, League of California Cities representative, reported that the governor was officially sworn in today and the budget will be released this Thursday.

The League will be pursuing legislation regarding the policy on funding for new cities and annexations.

The Bureau of Cannabis Control has released regulations that do require cities to offer deliveries; the League is opposed to this. The Office of Administrative Law will be issuing a decision on whether or not that can be done. A determination should be released within the next couple of weeks. The League will be releasing a survey to gather data on what cities are doing.

The next Division meeting will be held on January 14, 2019, in the City of Eastvale. On February 22, 2019, a regional new elected official training will be held. The gold tournament will be held on September 13, 2019.

**Action:** 1. *Received and Filed.*

**B. Report from the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD)**

Derrick Alatorre, SCAQMD representative, reported that AQMD is the local air quality control

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agency for all of Orange County, and portions of Los Angeles, Riverside, and San Bernardino Counties. The region consists of over 11,000 square miles and 17M people, which is over 43% of the state's population. There are over 12M vehicles on the road in this region.

AQMD's primary mission is to control pollution from stationary sources; there are standards for mobile standards, but that is primarily maintained by the California Air Resources Board and the U.S. Environmental Protection Act.

AQMD is required to prepare an Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP), a roadmap to clean air. The federal government has designated AQMD as extreme non-attainment for ozone, and the AQMD must come into compliance by the years 2023 and 2031. The primary source of the ozone problems is due to NO<sub>x</sub>, which is a pre-cursor to ozone and a primary source as can be formed from mobile sources, which AQMD has no regulatory authority over.

Over 80% of the air pollution comes from mobile sources. This region has two of the largest Ports; Los Angeles and Long Beach. Over 40% of the goods from overseas comes through these two Ports.

The goods movement is a very strong economic engine for this region, but is also the greatest source of air pollution. Having to meet the federal standards for the region, AQMD researched many avenues of approach.

This legislative session, AQMD will be introducing a bill in Sacramento for an increase in sales tax. If passed, the funding will be dedicated to cleaning up the mobile source sector. The bill would provide authorization to put a ballot measure on the ballot.

The 2016 AQMP calls for over \$1B of incentive funding to deploy clean technology and accelerate the turnover of dirty, heavy duty vehicles and equipment. The proposal would eliminate severe and unhealthy air quality in the region. AQMD will seek a one-half cent sales tax increase.

By meeting the federal mandates, AQMD will avoid being cut off from millions of federal highway transportation dollars for this region. The federal government could be stricter requirements for businesses and take over the air quality management of this region and impose draconian measures.

The proposed bill would reduce severe health impacts and provide a funding preference for projects in the region. There will be a sales tax sunset. The AQMP will help to ensure the funding is spent effectively. There will be oversight by the AQMD's Board of Directors, as well as reports provided to the state legislature.

This is a local control issue and the voters should be able to decide whether or not they want to be taxed more for clean air. A preliminary survey was conducted late last year, and the results were positive. The next survey will be in depth and cover a sales tax increase.

Committee member Micheal Goodland asked what the sunset date is, and the reason for the increased sales tax.

Mr. Alatorre responded that the sunset date is 2050. Because AQMD does not have regulatory authority over mobile sources; there is no way for AQMD to control the private sector turning over their equipment sooner rather than later.

Committee member Ben Benoit, who serves as the AQMD representative for the subregion, indicated that this matter came out of the AQMD Legislative Committee and comes back to the

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AQMP. The 2016 AQMP had a financial hole in which AQMD is seeking different ways to fill. The AQMD Board has found a lot of the funding required, but not enough.

**Action:** 1. *Received and Filed.*

### **C. Report on Agency Activities**

Rick Bishop, WRCOG Executive Director, provided an overview of WRCOG and the programs it administers.

Western Riverside County remains one of the fastest growing areas in the state and the country, with the City of Riverside being the fastest growing City in the County.

Issues that transcend jurisdiction boundaries include population growth, traffic, air quality, water, energy, and housing. Councils of Governments (COGs) and the like were most likely formed to provide a larger geographic perspective and to bring local governments together to communicate and find solutions that impact areas in a positive manner.

COGs are known by many names such as regional councils, regional commissions, and regional planning commissions and are basically coordinating entities. COGs are formed under joint powers agreements and its members join voluntarily. Today, nearly 40,000 local, general purpose governments in the U.S., and more than 35,000 are served by COGs.

While transportation commissions, transit agencies, water district, and the like have specific purposes, COGs are usually undefined. This is to the advantage of the local governments and agencies given the number of types of programs COGs can and do administer.

Programs range from matters such as transportation, energy, solid waste, economic development, and homelessness, to name a few.

WRCOG's General Assembly consists of each elected official of each member jurisdiction. The General Assembly meets once per year to approve the Agency budget, chose the Executive Committee leadership for the year, and approve any JPA amendments.

WRCOG staff strive to operate Committees which consist of staff-level representatives from each member jurisdiction so that by the time a recommendation is presented to this Committee of elected officials, the matters have been vetted through your own staff in key departments.

WRCOG's Economic Development and Sustainability Framework establishes priority issues for potential future WRCOG involvement. Ideas are put through a filtering process to determine, among many other factors, if the matter is a multi-jurisdictional issue and if it has a high potential to make a difference.

WRCOG's Transportation Uniform Mitigation Fee (TUMF) Program is the largest of its kind in the country. Within the Transportation Department, a Regional Active Transportation Plan has recently been completed; a Transportation Summit was held in January 2018; and an Automation Study was completed.

The Solid Waste and Used Oil Recycling Programs provide funding to member jurisdictions to promote the recycling of used oil and keep member jurisdictions apprised of state mandates and local waste hauler programs.

The PACE Programs have been in place since 2011. As the bond issuer, WRCOG provides

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financing for residents and business owners to make energy and water efficiency updates to their homes / businesses. This Program is the largest in the country and began here in Western Riverside County.

The Western Riverside Energy Partnership (WREP) partners with Southern California Edison and the Southern California Gas Company to help local governments take the lead in being an example of saving energy. The WREP holds an annual holiday light exchange in which residents can exchange old, inefficient lights for new. The Cities of Corona and Murrieta each received a "Cool Planet" award for their work in implementing energy projects.

The Riverside County Habitat Conservation Agency (RCHCA) is a separate joint powers agency which WRCOG administers. The RCHCA consists of 11 member jurisdictions and manages 40,000 acres of habitat for the Stephens' Kangaroo Rat (SKR).

A new Program WRCOG initiated this year is the Grant Writing Assistance Program, which provides member jurisdictions with experienced grant writing professionals and improves the subregion's competitiveness to spread local dollars further. To date, \$125,000 has been expended for grant writing, and \$13M has been received in grants; this is a 104:1 return on investment.

The BEYOND Framework Fund Program has provided just over \$4.1M to implement 83 projects and aligns with WRCOG's Economic Development & Sustainability Framework goals.

The Fellowship Program is the result of suggestions by member jurisdictions' City Managers, and the brain drain the subregion is experiencing when graduating students leave the area for employment elsewhere. A total of 53 Fellows have been placed with member jurisdictions over the past three years; 12 are currently working in Western Riverside County.

CAPtivate 2.0 is a Climate Action Plan prepared a few years ago to identify measures local jurisdictions could use to demonstrate compliance with state laws as it pertains to SB 32 and greenhouse gas emissions. CAPtivate 2.0 kicks off in early 2019.

The Experience Program connects public, private, nonprofit, and education communities to harness knowledge capital, attract growth industries, accelerate technologies, spur economic development, and stimulate action to improve the world. An analysis concluded that the Program is feasible and would benefit the subregion. The City of Riverside was recently selected as a host site, and WRCOG is preparing to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding to evolve the concept further.

The Regional Streetlight Program consists of 11 jurisdictions and has been approved to purchase 48,000 streetlights from Southern California Edison. This effort will provide a regional net savings of over \$60M over 20 years. LED retrofits begin later this month.

Western Community Energy is a Community Choice Aggregation Program consisting of seven member jurisdictions. Participating jurisdictions will be able to purchase energy for use by residential and business customers, while providing energy choices and local control in rate setting. The Program is expected to save \$6M annually in utility bill savings.

The Regional Stormwater Mitigation Program is a framework for a voluntary regional mitigation program in which agencies and private developers can buy and sell credits through an exchange. A draft Program will be vetted through the WRCOG Committees beginning spring 2019.

WRCOG hosts a number of conferences and events throughout the year. WRCOG has recently

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debuted its weekly, 20-minute episode of the WRCOG COGcast.

Staff welcomes any ideas member jurisdictions may have for 2019.

***Action:***        1.        *Received and Filed.*

**8.        REPORT FROM THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR**

George Johnson, WRCOG Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Chair, was not present.

**9.        REPORT FROM COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES**

There were no reports to provide.

**10.       REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Rick Bishop, WRCOG Executive Director, congratulated staff member Tyler Masters with the birth of his baby girl, Elise.

**11.       ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

There were no items for future agendas.

**12.       GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no general announcements.

**13.       NEXT MEETING**

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 4, 2019, at 2:00 p.m., at the County of Riverside Administrative Center, 1st Floor Board Chambers.

**14.       ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

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