

Western Riverside Council of Governments

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Regular Meeting

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Monday, December 2, 2019

2:00 PM

County Administrative Center

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Bonnie Wright at 2:02 p.m. on December 2, 2019, at the Riverside County Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon Street, Riverside.

Jurisdiction	Attendee Name	Status	Arrived / Departed
City of Banning	Daniela Andrade	Present	1:55 PM
City of Beaumont	Mike Lara	Present	1:55 PM
City of Calimesa	Larry Smith	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	Joseph Tessari	Present	1:55 PM
City of Hemet	Bonnie Wright	Present	1:55 PM
City of Jurupa Valley	Micheal Goodland	Present	1:55 PM
City of Lake Elsinore	Brian Tisdale	Present	1:55 PM
City of Menifee	Lesa Sobek	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	2:08 PM
City of Riverside	Rusty Bailey	Present	1:55 PM
City of San Jacinto	Crystal Ruiz	Present	1:55 PM
City of Temecula	James Stewart	Present	1:55 PM
City of Wildomar	Ben Benoit	Present	1:55 PM
District 1		Absent	
District 2	Karen Spiegel	Present	1:55 PM
District 3		Absent	
District 5		Absent	
EMWD		Absent	
WMWD	Brenda Dennstedt	Present	1:55 PM
Morongo Band of Mission Indians		Absent	
Office of Education (ex-officio)	Dr. Judy White	Present	1:55 PM
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. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

4. MINUTES

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

A. Summary Minutes from the November 4, 2019, Executive Committee Meeting are Available for Consideration

Action: 1. *Approved the Summary Minutes from the November 4, 2019, Executive Committee meeting.*

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

RESULT:	APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED
MOVER:	Murrieta
SECONDER:	Banning
AYES:	Banning, Beaumont, Calimesa, Canyon Lake, Corona, Eastvale, Hemet, Jurupa Valley, Lake Elsinore, Menifee, Murrieta, Norco, Riverside, San Jacinto, Temecula, Wildomar, District 2, WMWD
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A. TUMF Program Activities Update: TUMF Reimbursement Agreement Amendment

Action: 1. *Authorized the Executive Director to execute a TUMF Reimbursement Agreement Amendment Number 6 with the City of Moreno Valley for the Moreno Beach Drive / SR-60 Interchange reallocation of funding the amount of \$400,000.00 from the Engineering Phases to the design phase.*

B. Approval of General Assembly and Executive Committee 2020 Meeting Schedule

Action: 1. *Approved the Schedule of General Assembly and Executive Committee meetings for 2020.*

C. Resolution to Submit Grant Application for the Water Sustain and Manage America's Resources for Tomorrow (SMART) Cooperative Watershed Management Program Phase I Grants

Action: 1. *Adopted Resolution Number 33-19; A Resolution of the Executive Committee of the Western Riverside Council of Governments authorizing submittal of an application for the WaterSMART Cooperative Watershed Management Program Phase I Grants from the Department of the Interior Bureau of Reclamation.*

D. Western Riverside Energy Partnership Program Activities Update

Action: 1. *Directed the Executive Director to execute the Partnership contract with Southern California Gas Company to jointly deliver the 2020 Energy Partnership Program, including the continuation of the Western Riverside Energy Partnership, substantially as to form.*

E. Finance Department Activities Update

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

F. WRCOG Committees and Agency Activities Update

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

G. Report out of WRCOG Representatives on Various Committees

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

H. Regional Housing Needs Assessment Methodology Activities Update

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

I. SoCal AltCar Conference, Expo, and Ride & Drive Recap

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

J. California Clean Air Day Activities Update

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

K. Regional Energy Network Development Activities Update

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

L. Grant Writing Assistance Program Activities Update

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

M. Western Community Energy Activities Update

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

N. TUMF Nexus Study Principles and Goals

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

6. REPORTS / DISCUSSION**A. Report from the League of California Cities**

Erin Sasse, League of California Cities Regional Public Affairs Manager, reported that if a city has not applied for any SB 2 funding grants, it has until December 20, 2020. The League's legislative report is now available on the League's website. If any jurisdiction experienced any issues with the power shutoffs last week, the California Public Utilities Commission is seeking comments. The National League of Cities recently held its annual conference; Los Angeles City Council member Joe Buscaino was elected as the Chair.

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

B. Connect SoCal Development Presentation

Philip Law, Transit / Rail Manager of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), reported that the Connect SoCal is SCAG's Regional Transportation Plan / Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) and is currently out for public comment; the RTP/SCS is updated every four years. Some of the goals of the RTP/SCS include improving air quality, maximizing mobility and infrastructure, and contributing to a robust economy and regional resilience.

The Connect SoCal plan is based upon a robust public and stakeholder engagement process. A number of workshops were held in Western Riverside County earlier this year. The draft Connect SoCal is anticipated to be approved in April 2020.

Southern California is a housing-poor region; 57% of renters spend more than 30% of their salaries on rent. Between the years of 2008 and 2016 the region grew by approximately 200k households and added nearly 1 million new residents. Growth in multi-family housing outpaced single-family homes.

Over 71 million trips were made in a typical weekday in 2016; a majority of these trips were made in single occupancy vehicles. Some challenges to this region include traffic congestion, a deteriorating transportation system, and disproportionate impacts on disadvantaged populations.

For the 2045 planned horizon year, this region is anticipated to grow by an additional 3.5M people, 1.5M households, and 1.5M jobs. By the year 2045, one in five people will be aged 55 or over. Specific to Riverside County in terms of population, it will increase by an additional 888k people.

Connect SoCal's core vision include strategies such as complete streets, sustainable development, demand and system management, transit backbone, system preservation and resilience, and goods movement.

Key connections of Connect SoCal include smart cities and job centers, housing supportive infrastructure, go zones, shared mobility and mobility as a service, and accelerated electrification.

The anticipated cost of Connect SoCal through the year 2045 is \$639B. Projected available

funding is approximately \$500B. New funding sources have been identified to address the shortfall. Connect SoCal is anticipated to decrease vehicle miles traveled (VMT) by 4%. Connect SoCal plans to add 157,100 jobs per year to the region over the life of the plan. Specific to Riverside County, VMT is expected to reduce by 4%.

Committee member Crystal Ruiz indicated that the Inland Empire will be hit hardest by the VMT tax. We need jobs in local communities so residents do not have to commute.

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

C. 1st Quarter Draft Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2019/2020

Andrew Ruiz, WRCOG Chief Financial Officer, reported that the Transportation & Planning, Energy, and Environmental Departments had an increase in expenditures; overall the Agency budget still remains balanced. WRCOG will transfer funds to Western Community Energy (WCE) to offset necessary staffing positions in the coming months. WCE will purchase energy to be delivered through Southern California Edison's transmission lines.

Action: 1. *Approved the 1st Quarter Draft Agency Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2019/2020.*

RESULT:	APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED
MOVER:	Wildomar
SECONDER:	Riverside
AYES:	Banning, Beaumont, Calimesa, Canyon Lake, Corona, Eastvale, Hemet, Jurupa Valley, Lake Elsinore, Menifee, Murrieta, Norco, Perris, Riverside, San Jacinto, Temecula, Wildomar, District 2, WMWD
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D. Regional Streetlight Program Activities Update

Daniel Soltero, WRCOG Staff Analyst, reported that as of November 2019, over 28,000 of 55,000 streetlights have been retrofit to LED fixtures. Of the 11 participating jurisdictions, 10 are utilizing the Streetlight Program for streetlight retrofit and Operations and Maintenance (O&M). Once all streetlights are retrofit, staff anticipates a significant decrease in work orders.

The Program provides for 24/7 telephone and web-based reporting, as well as routine O&M services.

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

E. PACE Program Activities Update

Casey Dailey, WRCOG Director of Energy & Environmental Programs, reported that since 2017, WRCOG has added three new Commercial PACE (C-PACE) providers to its Program, and has more providers pending. Due to pre-existing contractual relationships with other bond issuers in California, not all providers have access within WRCOG's statewide Program. A resolution is being presented today and, if approved, will provide Renovate America to operate within the statewide Program, which will allow Renovate America to originate C-PACE projects, and allow for other C-PACE providers to work with Renovate.

- Actions:**
1. *Approved and authorized the Executive Director to execute a HERO Commercial Programs Administration Agreement, as to form.*
 2. *Adopted Resolution Number 32-19; A Resolution of the Executive Committee of the Western Riverside Council of Governments authorizing Renovate America to administer and finance eligible improvement to be installed on commercial properties and in connection with such authorization, approving amendments to the Program Report for the WRCOG Energy Efficiency and Water Conservation Program for Western Riverside County and the form of a commercial handbook, agreement to pay assessment and finance improvements, indenture authorizing the issuance of bonds pursuant to such indenture and subsequent indentures in similar form secured by assessments levied on commercial properties to finance the installation of authorized improvements on such commercial properties and approving other action in connection thereto.*

RESULT: APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED**MOVER:** Wildomar**SECONDER:** Murrieta**AYES:** Banning, Beaumont, Calimesa, Canyon Lake, Corona, Eastvale, Hemet, Jurupa Valley, Lake Elsinore, Menifee, Murrieta, Norco, Perris, Riverside, San Jacinto, Temecula, Wildomar, District 2, WMWD**ABSENT:** Moreno Valley, District 1, District 3, District 5, EMWD, Morongo Band of Mission Indians**7. REPORT FROM THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR**

The Technical Advisory Committee Chair was not present.

8. REPORT FROM COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

Micheal Goodland, California Association of Councils of Government (CALCOG) representative, reported that CALCOG recently had its most successful year in the time of its existence. The Safe Affordable Fuel-Efficient (SAFE) Vehicles rule will negatively affect local jurisdictions; CALCOG has detailed information on the SAFE rule on its website of www.calcoq.org. CALCOG's California Academy held its first graduation with a class of 23 people. CALCOG's website has been updated. CALCOG had developed an icon for its website regarding the Regions Rise Together initiative – the Governor's developing framework for economic development. The Governor's office is now using CALCOG's icon for its initiative. Committee member Goodland shared a number of other topics of discussion at that meeting.

Rusty Bailey, Santa Ana Water Project Authority One Water One Watershed representative, reported that there is funding through Proposition 1 for technical assistance in disadvantaged communities, and five projects received funding through the Proposition 1 Round 1 Integrated Regional Water Management Project grant.

9. REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Rick Bishop reported that CALCOG will be holding its 2020 Annual Conference in Riverside. Mr. Bishop introduced WRCOG Program Manager, Cameron Brown, who was hired in the Transportation Department. WRCOG is hosting its 5th Annual Holiday LED Light Exchange & Energy Efficiency Kit Give-Away events in various jurisdictions throughout the subregion. A video highlighting the recent SoCal Alt Car Expo, Conference, and Ride & Drive was shared.

10. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

There were no items requested for future agendas.

11. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Bonnie Wright announced that the City of Hemet is holding its annual Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 7, 2019.

12. CLOSED SESSION

The Executive Committee authorized the initiation of litigation.

RESULT: APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED

MOVER: Wildomar

SECONDER: Murrieta

AYES: Banning, Beaumont, Calimesa, Canyon Lake, Corona, Eastvale, Hemet, Jurupa Valley, Lake Elsinore, Menifee, Murrieta, Norco, Perris, Riverside, San Jacinto, Temecula, Wildomar, District 2, WMWD

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13. NEXT MEETING

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 6, 2020, at 2:00 p.m., at the County of Riverside Administrative Center, 1st Floor Board Chambers, Riverside.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.
