

Western Riverside Council of Governments

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Regular Meeting

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Monday, February 4, 2019

2:00 PM

County Administrative Center

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Chuck Washington at 2:02 p.m. on February 4, 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		Absent	
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	Bonnie Wright	Present	1:55 PM
City of Jurupa Valley	Michael 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	Victoria Baca	Present	2:09 PM
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	2:04 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	Chuck Washington	Present	1:55 PM
District 5	Jeff Hewitt	Present	
EMWD		Absent	
WMWD	Brenda Dennstedt	Present	1:55 PM
Morongo Band of Mission Indians		Absent	
Office of Education (ex-officio)		Absent	
TAC Chair	George Johnson	Present	1:55 PM
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

Vice-Chair Bonnie Wright led members and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. WELCOME NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair Washington welcomed new and returning Committee members Daniela Andrade, City of Banning, Victoria Baca, City of Moreno Valley, and James Stewart, City of Temecula.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

5. MINUTES

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

A. Summary Minutes from the January 7, 2019, Executive Committee Meeting are Available for Consideration

Action: 1. *Approved the Summary Minutes from the January 7, 2019, Executive Committee meeting.*

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

A. Appointment of WRCOG Representatives to Various Committees

Actions:

1. *Appointed Councilmember Micheal Goodland, City of Jurupa Valley, as the alternate representative to the California Association of Councils of Governments for a term commencing January 1, 2019, ending December 31, 2020.*
2. *Appointed Councilmember Larry Smith, City of Calimesa, and Councilmember Joseph Tessari, City of Eastvale, as the two alternate representatives to the County of Riverside Waste Management Task Force for a term commencing January 1, 2019, ending December 31, 2020.*

3. *Appointed Mayor Rusty Bailey, City of Riverside, as the representative to the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority's One Water One Watershed Steering Committee for a term commencing January 1, 2019, ending December 31, 2020.*

B. Appointment to WRCOG 2nd Vice-Chair Position for the Remainder of Fiscal Year 2018/2019

- Action:**
1. *Appointed Councilmember Kevin Bash, City of Norco, to the position of 2nd Vice-Chair for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2018/2019.*

C. Approval of Revised Purchasing and Procurement Policy

- Action:**
1. *Adopted WRCOG Resolution Number 01-19; A Resolution of the Executive Committee of the Western Riverside Council of Governments Adopting a Revised Purchasing and Procurement Policy.*

D. Western Riverside Energy Partnership Activities Update

- Action:**
1. *Authorized the Executive Director to execute a Third Contract Amendment with the Southern California Gas Company to jointly deliver the 2013-2014 Western Riverside Energy Efficiency Partnership Program, including the continuation of the Western Riverside Energy Partnership, through year 2019, substantially as to form.*

E. TUMF Program Activities Update

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

F. Finance Department Activities Update

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

G. WRCOG Committees and Agency Activities Update

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

H. Regional Streetlight Program Activities Update

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

7. REPORTS / DISCUSSION

A. PACE Programs Activities Update: General Activities Update, Approval of Administrative Changes to the WRCOG Energy Efficiency and Water Conservation Program Administrative Guidelines and Program Report, and Addition of New Providers

Mike Wasgatt, WRCOG Program Manager, reported that the PACE Program provides financing to property owners to implement energy savings, renewable energy, water conservation, and seismic strengthening improvements to their homes or businesses. Financing is paid back through a lien placed on the property tax bill. In December 2011, the HERO Program was initiated and in 2014 expanded its efforts as California HERO, allowing jurisdictions throughout

the state to join and participate. Currently WRCOG offers CaliforniaFIRST, PACE Funding and Ygrene as residential PACE providers and Greenworks, CleanFund, and Ygrene as commercial PACE providers.

After today's actions, WRCOG will be accepting two new associate member jurisdictions to participate in the California HERO Program. The City of Alameda adopted a resolution on December 4, 2018, and the City of Santa Barbara adopted a resolution on December 18, 2018. Staff is presenting for approval Resolution Number 02-19, which accepts the Cities as associate members and sets a public hearing for March 4, 2019.

Over the last year WRCOG has received an increased number of requests to join the Commercial PACE Program. After consideration, staff has requested implementing a deposit in the amount of \$15,000 for all new commercial PACE providers to offset staff time and legal expenses associated with the onboarding process.

On January 23, 2019, staff visited with Twain Financial Partners in St. Louis to review its operations and program. Twain Financial Partners is one of two Commercial PACE providers being considered to join the WRCOG Program. Twain Financial Partners was originally brought to WRCOG by a developer from Temecula that would like to use them for their project financing.

The second commercial provider being brought forward for consideration is Lord Capital. On October 11, 2018, staff visited its offices in New York to review its operations and program.

Committee member Michael Goodland asked what the current deposit is and if the providers are aware of the proposed required deposit.

Mr. Wasgatt responded that currently there is no deposit required and yes, they are aware of the proposed deposit.

Chair Chuck Washington asked if the \$15,000 is not spent where does the remainder of funds go.

Mr. Wasgatt responded that any leftover funds will be returned to the provider.

- Actions:***
- 1. Accepted the Cities of Santa Barbara and Alameda as Associate Members of the Western Riverside Council of Governments.*
 - 2. Adopted WRCOG Resolution Number 02-19; A Resolution of the Executive Committee of the Western Riverside Council of Governments Declaring Its Intention to Modify the California HERO Program Report so as to Increase the Program Area within Which Contractual Assessments may be Offered and Setting a Public Hearing Thereon.*
 - 3. Authorized staff to implement a \$15,000.00 deposit for all new Commercial PACE Providers to work within the WRCOG Program.*
 - 4. Supported the Administration & Finance Committee's recommendation to direct and authorize the Executive Director to enter into contract negotiations and execute any necessary documents to include Lord Capital, LLC, under WRCOG's statewide PACE umbrella.*
 - 5. Supported the Ad Hoc Committee's recommendation to direct and authorize the Executive Director to enter into contract negotiations and execute any necessary documents to include Twain Financial Partners Holding, LLC, under WRCOG's PACE umbrella.*
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RESULT:	APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED
MOVER:	Hemet
SECONDER:	Wildomar
AYES:	Banning, Calimesa, Canyon Lake, Corona, Eastvale, Hemet, Jurupa Valley, Lake Elsinore, Menifee, Moreno Valley, Murrieta, Norco, Perris, Riverside, San Jacinto, Temecula, Wildomar, District 2, District 3, District 5, WMWD
ABSENT:	Beaumont, District 1, EMWD, Morongo Band of Mission Indians

B. Report from the League of California Cities

Erin Sasse reported that the League recently held two successful new Mayors and Councilmembers meetings. Having a local event was a benefit to the elected officials.

The Riverside division of the League is holding a ballot measure training session on February 22, 2019. All elected officials, not just new elected officials, are encouraged to attend.

The League is in support of AB 213, a bill which would restore funding to cities that had inhabited annexations, and impacts many cities, including Beaumont, Lake Elsinore, Riverside, San Jacinto, and Temecula. The League is encouraging letters of support.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) released regulations which reduces local authority with regard to regulating where 5G deployments will occur. HR 530 was created to repeal the FCC regulations. The League is encouraging local governments to reach out to the Legislators encouraging support of HR 530.

Action: 1. *Received and Filed.*

C. Report from the Southern California Association of Governments

The Honorable Alan Wapner, City of Ontario Council Member and Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) President, reported that SCAG is the largest Metropolitan Planning Organization in the country, representing 191 cities, six counties, and 19M people. SCAG is primarily responsible for regional planning of transportation, housing, economic development, and environmental impacts.

SCAG is in the midst of working on two key initiatives: the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) and Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Community Strategy (RTP/SCS).

The RTP is an environmental document required by Federal law and covers all transportation projects to be built over the next 20 years in southern California. Each project must meet to elements – financial constraints and environmental conformity. If any one project within the RTP fails to meet either of these elements, the entire RTP is returned to SCAG to be fixed.

The RHNA is a plan to address the housing needs of the future population, while the RTP/SCS addresses the transportation needs of the future population without adversely impacting the environment. The RHNA looks at the total housing requirement for the entire SCAG region and includes all available space, including tribal lands, military installations, and college campuses; anything where housing can be built.

Action: 1. *Received and Filed.*

D. Update on the Development of a Sustainability Indicators Report

Christopher Gray, WRCOG Director of Transportation & Planning, reported in 2012 WRCOG embarked on the development of the Economic Development and Sustainability Indicators Report (Report). The Report initially identified 40 to 50 key regional indicators to track and evaluate. There has not been much updating to the data since that time. This current update has a narrowed list of indicators; down from more than 40 to just 15. The update will focus on key regional indicators with readily available data.

The subregion continues to make improvements in the areas of air quality and public safety. This subregion, however, does not have as many healthcare facilities when compared to the state-wide average.

In terms of energy and the environment, per capita vehicle miles traveled has reduced slightly; per capita residential water usage has decreased significantly in four out of the five water districts in this subregion; this subregion is well on track to meet the 2020 goals regarding renewable energy.

Of those people with a college degree or have some college education, this subregion is at less than 50%, compared to an average of 55% for the bigger region. Only 48% of high school graduates in this subregion meet the basic requirements for entry into the UC or CSU system, compared to 50% state-wide.

In terms of economic development, household income adjusted for inflation has actually decreased over the last five years due to many of the jobs added to the subregion are in the food service and retail business. Roughly two-thirds of added jobs have not been in the professional or technology industries.

Nearly two-thirds of employed residents within this subregion travel outside of subregion for employment.

The subregion invests a significant amount of funding into education and economic development. While the unemployment rate is low, many of the jobs added are low-skilled and low-paying jobs.

Next steps include compiling all the recent data and share it with member jurisdictions; the data will be tracked on an annual basis; and the information will be shared at the upcoming Future of the Cities conference. The Technical Advisory Committee expressed interest in forming a Task Force to examine the data from this update and to discuss how it applies to the economic development within the subregion.

Committee member Rusty Bailey indicated that at a recent meeting of the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC), a similar discussion was held on how to meet, encourage, and incentivize more desirable jobs. Committee member Bailey suggested inviting RCTC to the Future of Cities conference.

Action: 1. *Received and Filed.*

E. Public Service Fellowship Activities Update

Cynthia Mejia, WRCOG Staff Analyst, reported that when the Fellowship Program launched in 2016, it began as a partnership with WRCOG, UCR, and CBU. Since then the partnership has expanded to CSUSB. Currently, the Program is operating in its third round

and has 15 Fellows placed with member agencies. Fellows work on assignments ranging from legislative analysis to topical research. This third round will end in March 2019.

Looking into the upcoming fourth round of the Program, a Fellowship Ad Hoc Committee was convened with members of the Technical Advisory Committee to discuss several topics and ideas focused on the sustainability and recruitment of Fellows. Ms. Mejia summarized the programmatic concerns and shared the Technical Advisory Committee's recommendations for the next round of the Program.

When it comes to the recruitment process, staff has historically marketed the Program only to students from the partner universities. Through conversations with members of various WRCOG policy committees, though, staff has been asked to expand the partnership to universities outside the subregion in order to increase the number of candidates with technical backgrounds such as IT, land use planning, and civil engineering, which have been lacking in previous rounds.

In addition, as candidate applications are reviewed, staff has historically evaluated candidates based on academic standing such as year and GPA. However, there has never been a minimum GPA requirement. As such, the Committee recommended enacting a minimum 3.0 GPA threshold for all applicants. The Committee also supported expanding to other universities in an attempt to reach students with technical backgrounds, while giving priority to candidates who have a connection to the subregion, including those who do not necessarily live or attend school here, but may be from the area.

On the topic of Fellow placements, the current practice is to place Fellows in WRCOG member agencies, though members of the private sector and non-member public agencies have also expressed interest in hosting a Fellow. The Committee recommended continuing the current practice for now but was open to expanding to non-member public sector agencies in the future, provided that all Program costs would be paid by that host agency.

Currently, WRCOG funds the entire Program which costs approximately \$375,000 per round if one Fellow is placed in each WRCOG member agency. Historically, funding for the Program has come from PACE carryover revenues, which are declining. To extend Program funding, the Committee recommended alternating placements at each jurisdiction every other year and directing any unused BEYOND funds to the Program when that distribution occurs.

In an effort to increase the number of qualified applicants to participate in the Program and prevent Fellows to seek other full-time employment opportunities before the Program completion, staff also recommends an additional Program change, which would welcome both full-time and part-time Fellows. For example, students currently enrolled in an academic program would be hired on a part-time basis for nine months while recently graduated students would be hired on a full-time basis.

Committee member Kevin Bash asked what additional universities are being considered, and expressed concern in partnering with colleges outside of the subregion.

Ms. Mejia responded that the recommendations include Cal Poly Pomona, UC Irvine, Cal State San Marcos, USC, and UCLA, which all have strong programs in planning, engineering or IT.

Committee member Rusty Bailey commended staff for continuing to seek qualified candidates for the Program.

Chair Chuck Washington indicated that, to address Committee member Bash's concern, staff could extend candidate eligibility to candidates who live, work, attended high school in, or are

from this subregion.

Mrs. Mejia agreed and stated that staff would continue to give local university students priority in the recruitment process.

Committee member Brian Tisdale asked for clarification on how the costs would be recovered if the Program would extend to with private sector entities. Ms. Mejia responded saying that if private sector entities participate, they, the entity (ies), would be required to pay for the Fellow's full Fellowship stipend plus an administrative fee.

Committee member Tisdale asked, regarding Fellowship placement of every other year, if the issue is finding enough qualified candidates or controlling the costs.

Ms. Mejia responded that it is a matter of both and that expanding to additional colleges would increase the number of qualified applicants for the Program and alternating placements would extend the longevity of the current funds.

Committee member Bash indicated that he likes the idea of establishing a connection to the region and would be open to that.

Action: 1. *Directed staff to implement the following changes to the Fellowship Program: 1) recruit Fellows from additional universities, both within and outside of the subregion; 2) expand candidate eligibility to students and recent graduates who live, work, attend school in, or are from the region and meet other minimum qualifications, 3) establish a minimum 3.0 GPA threshold for all applicants; 4) alternate Fellow placements over two years so members receive a Fellow every-other year, and 5) admit Fellows to serve in either a part-time or full-time capacity.*

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

8. REPORT FROM THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR

The Technical Advisory Committee Chair had no report to provide.

9. REPORT FROM COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

Committee member Rusty Bailey, Southern California Association of Governments' (SCAG) Regional Council representative, reported that there is the potential for WRCOG, the cities within its jurisdiction, and/or the county to become a Regional Housing Needs Assessment Subregional Delegate regarding a cost benefit analysis that would provide more local control over the numbers. SCAG provides \$2,500 for efforts towards this two-year process. The next SCAG Regional Council meeting is scheduled for March 4, 2019, at 10 a.m.

Committee member Ben Benoit, South Coast Air Quality Management District representative for cities in Riverside County, reported that at the last meeting, that Board received a presentation about modifying the hydrofluoric acid for refineries in southern California. The cost to fix the system could cost upwards of \$600M for one refinery, and \$300M for another.

10. REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Rick Bishop, WRCOG Executive Director, reported that, in response to Committee member Bailey's comment regarding RHNA delegation, this matter will be discussed with WRCOG's Planning Directors Committee members to obtain their feedback. Mr. Bishop thanked Alan Wapner for his leadership in bringing the Ontario International Airport back under local control. Mr. Bishop shared a video regarding WRCOG's Streetlight Program; the City of Murrieta is the first jurisdiction underway with its retrofitting. There is an anticipated \$60M in savings throughout the subregion over the next 20 years.

11. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

There were no items for future agendas.

12. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Committee member Crystal Ruiz shared that she was asked to do a briefing for the White House State of the Union address tomorrow regarding infrastructure funding, lowering the cost of prescription drugs and healthcare, and ending foreign wars.

13. NEXT MEETING

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

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:02 p.m.
