

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee was called to order at 9:34 a.m. by Chair George Johnson at WRCOG's office, Citrus Conference Room.

2. ROLL CALL

Members present:

Doug Schulze, City of Banning
Ernie Reyna, City of Eastvale
Gary Thompson, City of Jurupa Valley
Tom DeSantis, City of Moreno Valley
Kim Summers, City of Murrieta
Richard Belmudez, City of Perris
Greg Butler, City of Temecula
Gary Nordquist, City of Wildomar
George Johnson, County of Riverside (Chair)
Mathew Evans, March Joint Powers Authority
Danielle Coats, Eastern Municipal Water District (10:50 a.m. departure)

Staff present:

Steve DeBaun, Legal Counsel
Rick Bishop, Executive Director
Barbara Spoonhour, Deputy Executive Director-Operations
Andrew Ruiz, Interim Chief Financial Officer
Christopher Gray, Director of Transportation & Planning
Tyler Masters, Program Manager
Mike Wasgatt, Program Manager
Daniel Ramirez-Cornejo, Program Manager
Andrea Howard, Program Manager
Cynthia Mejia, Staff Analyst
Rachel Singer, Staff Analyst
Suzy Nelson, Administrative Assistant

Guests present:

Alma Ramirez, WRCOG Fellow, Eastern Municipal Water District
Eddie Torres, Assembly member Cervantes' Office
Sono Shah, UCR Center for Social Innovation
Natalie Komuro, County of Riverside Executive Office
Jason Farin, County of Riverside Executive Office
Jeff Murphy, City of Murrieta
Todd Warden, AQMD
Erin Sasse, League of California Cities
Araceli Ruiz, County of Riverside, District 1

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Committee member Tom DeSantis led the members and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

5. MINUTES

- A. Summary Minutes from the January 17, 2019, Technical Advisory Committee Meeting are Available for Consideration.**

Action: 1. *This item was forwarded to the next meeting due to a lack of quorum.*

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Finance Department Activities Update**

Action: 1. *None.*

- B. WRCOG Committees and Agency Activities Update**

Action: 1. *None.*

- C. Western Community Energy Activities Update**

Action: 1. *None.*

- D. Regional Streetlight Program Activities Update**

Action: 1. *None.*

- E. High-Cube Warehouse Trip Generation Study and Proposed TUMF Calculation Handbook Update**

Action: 1. *None*

- F. PACE Programs Activities Update: General Activities Update, and Addition of New Providers**

Action: 1. *None.*

- G. 2nd Quarter Draft Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2018/2019**

Action: 1. *None*

- H. Fiscal Year 2017/2018 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR)**

Action: 1. *None.*

- I. Environmental Department Activities Update**

Action: 1. *None.*

7. REPORTS / DISCUSSION

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

Erin Sasse reported that the League will be having training February 22, 2019, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Sunlakes for those interested. The training will focus on an introduction to the

League for newly elected officials.

CalRecycle is pushing through SB 1383 that would implement Organic Waste Recycling. SB 1383 sets state targets to divert from landfills 50% organic waste below 2014 levels by 2020 and 75% by 2025. To successfully achieve these goals, local programs will require both new collection programs and new substantial investment in infrastructure, including compost facilities.

Governor Newsom signed an Emergency Drinking Water and Fire Recovery Package which will allocate money to Riverside County. AB 72 and AB 73 provide immediate funding to support communities that have been devastated by California wildfires and to communities around the state that have unsafe water.

The next League of California Cities Board meeting is scheduled for February 22 – 23, 2019. There will be a lot going on regarding the policy stance on housing going forward.

Committee member Gary Thompson asked if there had been any discussion on SB 330.

Ms. Sasse responded that she had not heard anything but will look into it and report back.

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

B. Census Update – Report from UCR and Riverside County

Jason Farin, County of Riverside Executive Office, and Sono Shah, UCR Center for Social Innovation (CSI), presented on the 2020 Census update. The County of Riverside and UCR have partnered together to develop a framework to facilitate the 2020 Decennial Census process. During the 1990 Census, California's undercount was estimated to cost the State one additional congressional seat and \$2.2 billion annually in federal funding.

Some of the important changes from previous Census updates was building a more refined address list and automating field operations, the availability of funds, only one form to fill out and more options for self-response. For the first time individuals will have the ability to respond online, by phone, or by mail.

Some of the challenges that will be faced are California's diverse population and the Hard to Count (HTC) and low response communities. The opportunities that will be presented in the upcoming Census update is that this will be the first digital Census in which foundations and local jurisdictions will be engaged, and the Governor's commitment is over \$90M.

Population data from the Census will play a key role in critical issues, such as Congressional redistricting and the allocation of federal grants and other funding.

HTC populations were identified which included renters, the undocumented, young children, Veterans, and the homeless. The collaboration between the County and UCR will help increase the outreach strategies and help to identify useful tools that will administer a successful outreach campaign. The County's Executive Office is seeking subject matter experts who would be able to provide valuable input in the various subcommittees of the Regional Complete Count Committee. WRCOG can assist in the 2020 Census by identifying members who would like to participate as well as provide a forum for the County to distribute information and plan and educate campaign development amongst the jurisdictional members.

Objectives include avoiding duplication of efforts as well as ensuring resources are allocated efficiently and equitably. CSI is working to create legacy effects that strengthen nonprofit sector and cross-sector collaboration. As the Census is already a massive outreach, researchers are also creating standardized data collection that consists of Community Asset Maps to take

advantage of this undertaking and build enriching information about our communities. This will be a data hub for coordination and logistics.

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

C. Presentation on Riverside County Efforts to Address Homelessness

Natalie Komuro, Deputy Executive Director, County of Riverside, provided an overview of the homelessness efforts in Riverside County. Ms. Komuro shared George Johnson's Vision 2030, that all five County Supervisors support, which will take on and provide an action plan to address homelessness.

Ms. Komuro provide a detailed account of the work of various County departments and discussed all challenges involved in this critical state of homelessness that has developed. The number one problem shared was the encampments. To help align resources the focus needs to be on Economic Development and Housing Production.

Committee member Tom DeSantis asked if there has been any movement toward regional shelters.

Ms. Komuro responded that there has been some funding approved for the southeast area; the City of Riverside was not approved for funding. Most current shelters are decaying at a faster rate than funding is being allocated.

Committee member Gary Nordquist asked if homelessness is a problem what will get worse before it gets better.

Ms. Komuro responded that unfortunately there needs to be more permanent supportive housing. This will help those that require extended support to live independently.

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

D. Options for Potential WRCOG Assistance for Regional Housing Needs Assessment Update

Christopher Gray reported that the City of Riverside and County of Riverside had formally requested that this matter be brought to the WRCOG Committee structure to review the options of assisting local jurisdictions regarding the local challenges in housing the subregion's growing population and complying with the changing legislation requirements.

WRCOG has identified three options for assisting local agencies in navigating through the 6th Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Cycle which include 1) informational capacity; 2) providing assistance in reviewing data provided by the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG); and 3) subregional delegation.

Some member agency challenges involved are legislation impacting housing production; a threat of connecting RHNA progress to transportation dollars that will impact local economy; a threat of regulating impact fees that will reduce growth's ability to pay for itself; and past RHNA allocations that have presented infeasible targets in some areas.

SCAG is allowing agencies to take on this responsibility as an option. Typically, SCAG makes RHNA allocations which jurisdictions respond to. Delegation can occur at the subregional level or between two geographically contiguous agencies.

Next steps moving forward would be that WRCOG would continue to perform its due diligence

to develop a complete list of pros and cons that will be brought to all the committees and the Executive Committee would have the final say. SCAG is requesting formal notification by June 2019.

Committee member Gary Thompson recommended that SCAG handle the matter so there were no discrepancies between cities.

Rick Bishop indicated that WRCOG is inclined to not taking on this challenge for the reasons of the unknown and would like to see the concentration on RHNA reform, which is the bigger problem.

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

8. REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Rick Bishop shared that the WRCOG's 28th Annual General Assembly & Leadership Conference will be held on Thursday, June 20, 2019, at Pechanga Resort Casino. This year's event will include a full-day Conference beginning with a State of the Region and panel conference in the morning and afternoon, followed by the General Assembly in the evening, featuring Keynote Speaker Josh Earnest, former White House Press Secretary (2014-2017).

Mr. Bishop shared the Streetlight Dashboard that is current with Murrieta's streetlight retrofit.

9. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

There were no items for future agendas.

10. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no general announcements.

11. NEXT MEETING

The next Technical Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 21, 2019, at 9:30 a.m., at WRCOG's office located at 3390 University Avenue, Suite 450, Riverside.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee adjourned at 11:06 a.m.