

Western Riverside Council of Governments

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Regular Meeting

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Monday, May 6, 2019

2:00 PM

County Administrative Center

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Chuck Washington at 2:04 p.m. on May 6, 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	Matt Liesemeyer	Present	1:55 PM
City of Moreno Valley	Victoria Baca	Present	1:55 PM
City of Murrieta	Christi White	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	James Stewart	Present	1:55 PM
City of Wildomar	Ben Benoit	Present	1:55 PM
District 1	Kevin Jeffries	Present	2:06 PM / 2:52 PM
District 2	Karen Spiegel	Present	1:55 PM / 3:00 PM
District 3	Chuck Washington	Present	1:55 PM
District 5	Jeff Hewitt	Present	1:55 PM
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 / 3:09 PM
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

2nd Vice-Chair Kevin Bash led members and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Arnold San Miguel, Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), announced that registration is now open for the 30th Annual Demographic Workshop, Make it Count – The Impact of Census 2020 & Connect SoCal on our Future, taking place on Tuesday, June 11, 2019. This event is free for all elected officials.

4. MINUTES

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

A. Summary Minutes from the April 1, 2019, Executive Committee Meeting are Available for Consideration

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

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

A. Adoption of Salary Schedule to meet CalPERS' Requirements

Action: 1. *Adopted WRCOG Resolution Number 07-19; A Resolution of the Executive Committee of the Western Riverside Council of Governments adopting the Fiscal Years 2012/2013, 2013/2014, 2014/2015, 2015/2016, 2016/2017, 2017/2018, and 2018/2019 publicly available salary schedules effective July 1, 2012, with revisions through April 1, 2019, as required by the California Public Employee's Retirement System.*

B. Finance Department Activities Update

Action: 1. *Received and Filed.*

C. WRCOG Committees and Agency Activities Update

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

D. Regional Streetlight Program Activities Update

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

E. Environmental Department Programs Activities Update

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

F. PACE Programs Activities Update: General Activities Update

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

G. Report out of WRCOG Representatives on Various Committees

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

H. Single Signature Authority Report

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

I. TUMF Program Activities Update: TUMF Calculation and Collection Process Update

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

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

Erin Sasse, League of California Cities, reported that the next Division Meeting will be taking place Monday, May 13, 2019, in Palm Desert at the Living Desert. Reservations are still being taken.

Jason Perez, City of Corona, is currently on the CalPERS Board, and now Lisa Middleton, Council member from Palm Springs, has been appointed by Governor Gavin Newsom. There are two representatives from Riverside County. Please reach out to them with any concerns.

Governor Newsom will release his new May Revise Budget next week; the original budget had a lot of positive things for cities with more funding for disaster response and homelessness.

There is a "Hot Bill" list on the League's website. The League has been updating its positions more frequently to help stay on top of everything. There are sample letters available on www.cacities.org.

AB 485 (Medina) relates to warehouses and economic development subsidies and imposes an extensive and onerous list of conditions that would effectively prohibit a local agency from offering economic incentives of their own funds to locate a warehouse.

AB 1356 (Ting) is a hot bill that will require all local jurisdictions whose voters supported Prop 64 to issue a minimum number of local licenses for cannabis retail shops. It would require the

minimum number of these local licenses issued per jurisdiction to be 25% of the number of liquor licenses. The League opposes this bill.

AB 891 (Burke) mainly applies to the City of Riverside. A city or county with the population greater than 330k, in coordination with other entities, would have to establish a safe parking program that provides safe parking locations and options for individuals and families living in their vehicles.

AB 516 (Chiu) would eliminate the authority for a peace officer or public employee to enforce those that have expired registration and that are operating illegally. The League opposes this bill and suggested sending in letters that would request that it be removed from Consent.

SB 330 (Skinner) is a hot bill regarding the Housing Crisis Act of 2019, enforcing growth management ordinances. This is more than likely going through.

AB 1332 (Bonta) is a hot bill similar to AB 1250, which significantly limits state and local agencies' ability to contract out for a variety of vital public services. It mandates that agencies create an ever-evolving restricted list of private vendors. This would impact operations for virtually every department including police and fire. The League opposes this bill.

SB 50 (Weiner) is a hot bill that merged with SB 4, treating communities in large counties differently than the small counties, which creates a divide. Communities with populations of 50k or less will have to meet the new requirements. SB 50 allows developers of certain types of housing projects to override locally developed and adopted height limitations, housing densities, and parking requirements, and limits design review standards. The League opposes unless amended.

Ms. Sasse urges all jurisdictions to get opposition letters in as soon as possible.

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

B. Presentation from Inland Empire Economic Partnership on Middle Class Jobs for a Fast-Growing Region: A Summary of the IEGO Report

Paul Granillo, CEO, Inland Empire Economic Partnership, presented on the recently completed report titled "Inland Economic Growth & Opportunity." This report was prepared by the Brookings Institute.

The goal is to develop actionable strategies and initial tactics, along with commitments for implementation, focused on growing more middle-skill / middle-income jobs and ensuring access to them. Forty-three percent of inland residents struggle to make ends meet. The cost of housing is driving them out of Orange and Los Angeles Counties, bringing them inland, with no education.

The Report examined the presence of "good jobs" across industries and occupations in the Inland Empire regions, encompassing Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. The Report inventoried jobs that provided middle class wages, benefits, and stable employment, particularly for the 1.3M prime-age workers in the region who do not hold a bachelor's degree.

Mr. Granillo shared a select set of well-established industries that are central drivers of the Inland Empire's economy and are also concentrated on good and promising jobs, particularly logistics and advanced manufacturing. The region can focus on economic development efforts on emerging specializations that generate good jobs – such as those related to technology in energy and emissions, information, and professional and business services.

The region's economic base can be diversified by developing new technological and industrial capabilities that compliment its logistics and manufacturing specializations. The region's continued reliance on a small set of tradable industries leaves its economy vulnerable to downturns or declines in the competitiveness of these industries. Yet as industries begin to advance into new products and services, the Inland Empire can encourage the emergence of opportunity-rich industries that complement its existing strengths.

Providing education and workforce support can improve workers' mobility toward good jobs. Addressing racial and gender disparities explicitly is crucial to the Inland Empire's future growth and prosperity.

Mr. Granillo concluded his presentation with a four-part strategy framework that will help forge a strategic agenda for advancing inclusive growth and opportunity that will benefit residents of both counties and put the region on the path to a more prosperous and secure future.

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

C. Preliminary Draft Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Agency Budget

Andrew Ruiz, WRCOG Interim Chief Financial Officer, presented the preliminary draft Fiscal Year (FY) 2019/2020 Agency Budget. The total Administration Department revenue is approximately \$2.6M with matching expenditures. The total Transportation & Planning Department revenues is approximately \$51.3M and expenditures are approximately \$48.8M. The total Energy Department revenue is approximately \$3M with matching expenditures. The Streetlight Program will be self-sustaining going into FY 2019/2020. Lastly, the total Environment Departmental revenue is approximately \$695k with matching expenditures.

Mr. Ruiz shared financial goals for the next Fiscal Year that included reduction of WRCOG's PERS unfunded liability, which is expected to increase approximately 15% going into next year; subleasing a portion of current office space with a possible relocation within the same building, Citrus Tower; and to expand the PACE Commercial Program.

The preliminary draft budget is being presented for review and comment to WRCOG's standing committees; the final draft budget will be presented to the General Assembly on June 20, 2019. This Committee will receive a final presentation at its June 3, 2019, meeting.

Actions:

1. *Received and filed the draft preliminary Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Agency Budget.*
2. *Authorized the Executive Director, in consultation with the Chair and legal counsel, to negotiate and execute a sublease for a portion of WRCOG's office space and possible relocation within the Citrus Tower.*

RESULT: APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED

MOVER: San Jacinto

SECONDER: Hemet

AYES: Banning, Beaumont, 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

D. Regional Energy Network Development Activities Update

Anthony Segura, WRCOG Staff Analyst, provided background information on Local Government Partnerships (LGP), in particular the Western Riverside Energy Partnership, which is comprised of 15 WRCOG member agencies, Southern California Edison, and SoCal Gas.

Due to recent structure changes of LGP that have led to decreased funding and elimination of programs, WRCOG is exploring the potential of developing a Regional Energy Network (REN). The REN is currently being explored in collaboration with the Coachella Valley Association of Governments and the San Bernardino Council of Governments.

A REN would focus on programs that the utilities would not administer or do not intend to administer. The REN would also focus on providing programs to underserved communities.

On January 31, 2019, WRCOG released a Request for Proposal to retain a consultant for the REN development and will be providing updates through the WRCOG standing committees as progress is made.

Action: 1. *Authorized the Executive Director to enter into a contract agreement with Frontier Energy for Regional Energy Network Development.*

RESULT: APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED

MOVER: Wildomar

SECONDER: San Jacinto

AYES: Banning, Beaumont, Calimesa, Canyon Lake, Corona, Eastvale, Hemet, Jurupa Valley, Lake Elsinore, Menifee, Moreno Valley, Murrieta, Norco, Perris, Riverside, San Jacinto, Temecula, Wildomar, District 3, WMWD

ABSTAIN: District 5

ABSENT: EMWD, Morongo Band of Mission Indians, District 1, District 2

E. 28th Annual General Assembly & Leadership Conference: Selection of Recipients for Outstanding Community Service Awards

Cynthia Mejia, WRCOG Staff Analyst, provided an update regarding this year's 28th Annual General Assembly taking place on June 20, 2019, at the Pechanga Resort Casino. This year's event will also include a Future of Cities Symposium before the General Assembly receptions and Keynote Address.

Every year at the General Assembly, WRCOG recognizes an individual or an organization that exemplifies outstanding leadership within the communities in Western Riverside County. This year there were 12 unique nominations, ranging from individuals to non-profits and one municipality. These nominations were then forwarded to the Administration & Finance Committee for its recommendation. The Committee recommended three separate categories; non-profit / private sector, individual, and a public sector agency. The Administration & Finance Committee recommended Social Work Action Group for the non-profit / private sector nominee, Thomas Evans for the individual nominee, and the City of Lake Elsinore for the Public Sector Agency nominee.

Committee member Larry Smith, City of Calimesa, requested that during the General Assembly that Jim Hyatt be recognized in remembrance of all his hard work and dedication he provided over the years.

Action: 1. *Approved the nominees for the 2019 Award for Outstanding Community Service to be presented at the 28th Annual General Assembly & Leadership Conference on June 20, 2019.*

RESULT: APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED

MOVER: Hemet

SECONDER: Riverside

AYES: Banning, Beaumont, Calimesa, Canyon Lake, Corona, Eastvale, Hemet, Jurupa Valley, Lake Elsinore, Menifee, Moreno Valley, Murrieta, Norco, Perris, Riverside, San Jacinto, Temecula, Wildomar, District 3, District 5, WMWD

ABSENT: EMWD, Morongo Band of Mission Indians, District 1, District 2

7. REPORT FROM THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR

George Johnson reported that the Technical Advisory Committee meeting last met on April 18, 2019 and had discussions regarding the 6th cycle of Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA). Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) has given the option of subregional delegation to WRCOG. After discussion with the Committee, the members have unanimously decided to allow SCAG to take on the responsibility for reasons that outweigh the benefits.

Approximately 10 Public Service Fellows shared their experiences that they have had throughout the different agencies during their Fellowship. Mr. Johnson is looking forward to seeing what the future holds for them and wishes them the best of luck.

Rick Bishop, WRCOG Executive Director, added that if any local jurisdictions would like to take on the responsibility of the RHNA, only two jurisdictions are needed to work together.

8. REPORT FROM COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

Ben Benoit, South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) representative for cities in Riverside County, reported that SCAQMD has been looking at a tax authority bill that is currently in Senate. The SCAQMD Board is asking the author to hold on in moving forward. More information will be provided in the future. Mr. Benoit also reported that SCAQMD recently held its election for Vice-Chair and that he had been selected for the position.

9. REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Rick Bishop, WRCOG Executive Director, had nothing to report.

10. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

There were no items for future agendas.

11. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no general announcements.

12. NEXT MEETING

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 3, 2019, at 2:00 p.m., at the County of Riverside Administrative Center, 1st Floor Board Chambers.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:18 p.m. in memory of Jim Hyatt.
