



Western Riverside Council of Governments Technical Advisory Committee

AGENDA

Thursday, March 17, 2022
9:30 AM

Western Riverside Council of Governments
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1. **CALL TO ORDER (Jeff Van Wagenen, Chair)**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **ROLL CALL**

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

At this time members of the public can address the Committee regarding any items within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Committee that are not separately listed on this agenda. Members of the public will have an opportunity to speak on agendized items at the time the item is called for discussion. No action may be taken on items not listed on the agenda unless authorized by law. Whenever possible, lengthy testimony should be presented to the Committee in writing and only pertinent points presented orally.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

All items listed under the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and may be enacted by one motion. Prior to the motion to consider any action by the Committee, any public comments on any of the Consent Items will be heard. There will be no separate action unless members of the Committee request specific items be removed from the Consent Calendar.

A. Summary Minutes from the February 17, 2022, Technical Advisory Committee Meeting

Requested Action(s): 1. Approve the Summary Minutes from the February 17, 2022, Technical Advisory Committee meeting.

B. Finance Department Activities Update

Requested Action(s): 1. Receive and file.

C. SCAG Activities Update

Requested Action(s): 1. Receive and file.

D. Cal Cities Activities Update

Requested Action(s): 1. Receive and file.

E. ICMA Activities Update

Requested Action(s): 1. Receive and file.

6. REPORTS / DISCUSSION

Members of the public will have an opportunity to speak on agendized items at the time the item is called for discussion.

A. SB 1383 Activities Update

Requested Action(s): 1. Receive and file.

B. TUMF Nexus Study Activities Update

Requested Action(s): 1. Receive and file.

C. Commercial PACE Activities Update

Requested Action(s): 1. Receive and file.

7. REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dr. Kurt Wilson

8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS ~ Members

Members are invited to suggest additional items to be brought forward for discussion at future Committee meetings.

9. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ Members

Members are invited to announce items / activities which may be of general interest to the Committee.

10. NEXT MEETING

The next Technical Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 21, 2022, at 9:30 a.m., on the Zoom platform with an option to attend in person.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Technical Advisory Committee

Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the WRCOG Technical Advisory Committee was called to order by Chair Jeff Van Wagenen at 9:31 a.m. on February 17, 2022, on the Zoom platform.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Van Wagenen led members and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

- City of Banning - Doug Schulze
- City of Calimesa - Bonnie Johnson
- City of Canyon Lake - Chris Mann
- City of Eastvale - Marc Donohue
- City of Jurupa Valley - Rod Butler
- City of Menifee - Armando Villa
- City of Moreno Valley - Mike Lee
- City of Murrieta - Kim Summers
- City of Norco - Andy Okoro*
- City of Perris - Clara Miramontes
- City of Riverside - AL Zelinka*
- City of San Jacinto - Rob Johnson
- City of Temecula - Aaron Adams
- City of Wildomar - Dan York
- County of Riverside - Jeff Van Wagenen (Chair)
- Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD) - Danielle Coats
- March JPA - Dr. Grace Martin

*Arrived after Roll Call

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR – (San Jacinto / Banning) 16 yes; 0 no; 0 abstention. Items 5.A through 5.H were approved.

A. Summary Minutes from the November 18, 2021, Technical Advisory Committee Meeting

Action:

1. Approved the Summary Minutes from the November 18, 2021, Technical Advisory Committee meeting.

B. Single Signature Authority Report

Action:

1. Received and filed.

C. Finance Department Activities Update

Action:

1. Received and filed.

D. ICMA Activities Update

Action:

1. Received and filed.

E. SCAG Activities Update

Action:

1. Received and filed.

F. Proposed Revisions to Grant Writing Assistance Program Guidelines

Action:

1. Received and filed.

G. Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Audit

Action:

1. Received and filed.

H. Cal Cities Activities Update

Action:

1. Received and filed.

6. REPORTS / DISCUSSION

A. 2nd Quarter Draft Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2021/2022

Andrew Ruiz, WRCOG Chief Financial Officer, reported that WRCOG had two major amendments during the 2nd quarter – HERO Legal Expenses and the I-REN budget.

Legal expenses for the HERO Program were higher than originally anticipated. WRCOG's partner in the Program declared bankruptcy in December 2020, causing a drastic increase in legal expenses for the Program. With the increase in revenues from early payoffs of assessments, there will be a total net

increase in revenues of \$30k for the Program.

WRCOG's I-REN has received budget approval by the California Public Utilities Commission for a six-year, \$65 million budget. The budget amendment for the remainder of FY 2021/2022 is approximately \$5 million, but the full annual budget for I-REN is over \$10 million.

Any unspent funds from any calendar year can be rolled over to the next until the program cycle ends, which is 2027.

Action:

1. Recommended that the Executive Committee approve the 2nd Quarter draft Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2021/2022.

(Jurupa Valley / Temecula) 15 yes; 0 no; 0 abstention. Item 6.A was approved.

B. WRCOG Broadband Assessment

Daniel Soltero, WRCOG Program Manager, reported that there is a increased demand for internet bandwidth due to more smart devices in the market and the number of people working from home.

Michael Baker International (MBI) conducted research to identify agencies and organizations that have successfully implemented either city-wide or regional broadband.

Staff met virtually with the County of Riverside to discuss its RIVCO Connect Program. Although RIVCO Connect has not yet been implemented, the County will continue to work with local government agencies to streamline the permitting process and attract internet service providers to the region. Staff also held discussions with the Inland Empire Broadband Consortium (IERBC), a non-profit organization funded by a CPUC grant, which seeks to advance smart communities by attracting internet service providers to San Bernardino and Riverside Counties to deploy broadband in unserved or underserved communities.

Staff also met with the Cities of Loma Linda and Rancho Cucamonga, as well as the South Bay Cities COG (SBCCOG). A few of the key lessons learned from those discussions are that fiber networks should be constructed with built-in redundancy; local governments should adopt "dig once / dig smart" policies and install as much fiber as possible; and that while public-private partnerships can be tough to navigate, they can be an effective method to expedite construction of fiber networks. Finally, the SBCCOG Fiber Network made it clear that regional collaboration provides bargaining power and can help reduce broadband service rates for local governments.

Staff provided a listing of funding opportunities established by federal and state legislation that support broadband planning and implementation projects. Staff are evaluating the potential for Regional Streetlight Program revenues to subsidize grant writing assistance for participating members seeking broadband or smart city grants.

Action:

1. Received and filed.

C. I-REN Status and Activities Update

Casey Dailey, WRCOG Director of Energy & Environmental Programs, reported that I-REN's Business Plan and budget was approved by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) in the amount of \$65 million for years 2022 – 2027. For those jurisdictions which opt-in to participate in I-REN, staff have identified approximately \$25,000 each year for technical services, as well as access to Building Upgrade Concierge, energy modeling services, bench marking, and quarterly Title 24 training.

Staff is working on a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Coachella Valley Association of Governments and the San Bernardino Council of Governments, a Governance & Operations Charter, and a Program Agreement with SoCal Gas. The MOA and Charter will be presented to committees in the future once completed. Staff desires to model the WRCOG Fellowship Program for an I-REN Intern Program (REN-terns) in which interns will be housed at member agency locations. I-REN is required by the CPUC to file a Joint Cooperation Memorandum, which was filed in January 2022. Today's requested action, if approved, will provide for the preparation and filing of an Implementation Plan. A Program Agreement amongst the Investor-Owned Utilities (SCE and the SoCal Gas) will be brought forward in the near future. An Annual Budget Advice Letter is not due until September 2023, and is required by all RENs operating throughout the state. Working groups for each sector of the Program need to be created. An I-REN Executive Committee needs to be created, which will include as many as three elected officials from each COG. These matters will be presented during a future meeting.

Action:

1. Received and filed.

D. Trip Origin-Destination Assessment

Christopher Tzeng, WRCOG Program Manager, provided an overview of the origin-destination assessment utilizing big data as a means to better understand whether TUMF is fulfilling its goal of providing to major arterial roadways to accommodate for regional travel in the WRCOG subregion. The analysis utilized big data from Streetlight Data and commuting data sources, such as the California Household Travel Survey and the Longitudinal Employer Housing Dynamics. The analysis looked into items such as the origin of trips traveling into the boundaries of each member agency, the destination of trips traveling from each member agency, commute trip distances, trip type, and the trip distribution to-and-from each member agency during the p.m. peak hour. Draft assessments have been summarized and will be disseminated to the respective Committee members for input after this meeting.

Action:

1. Received and filed.

7. REPORT FROM THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR

Jeff Van Wagenen had no report.

7. REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dr. Kurt Wilson reported that the WRCOG's 31st General Assembly speaker will be Apple Co-founder, Steve Wozniak.

8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

There were no items for future agendas.

9. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Committee member Aaron Adams thanked WRCOG and staff for their part in the fully funded French Valley Parkway. The groundbreaking is scheduled for fall 2022, with an estimated 18-months completion.

Chair Van Wagenen shared that on February 23, 2022, the County and its partners will be taking place in the Annual Point in Time count. Chair Van Wagenen welcomes anyone that can come out and support and thanks those that had been sharing the event.

10. NEXT MEETING

The next Technical Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 17, 2022, at 9:30 a.m., on the Zoom platform.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee adjourned at 10:38 a.m.



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Staff Report

Subject: Finance Department Activities Update
Contact: Andrew Ruiz, Chief Financial Officer, aruiz@wrcog.us, (951) 405-6740
Date: March 17, 2022

Requested Action(s):

1. Receive and file.

Purpose:

The purpose of this item is to provide an update on the FY 2022/2023 Agency budget; Strategic Plan, and financials through January 2022.

WRCOG 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Goal:

Goal #3 - Ensure fiscal solvency and stability of the Western Riverside Council of Governments.

Background:

On January 12, 2022, the Executive Committee adopted a new Strategic Plan with specific fiscal-related goals:

1. Maintain sound, responsible fiscal policies.
2. Develop a process to vet fiscal impact(s) and potential risk(s) for all new programs and projects.
3. Provide detailed financial statements for public review online.

As staff begin to work on meeting these goals, they will seek input through WRCOG's Committee structure regarding updates and to ensure these goals are being met.

Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Agency Budget Development Process

Staff has begun the process of developing the FY 2022/2023 Agency Budget and will begin presentations to the various WRCOG committees beginning in April 2022.

Financial Report Summary Through January 2022

The Agency's Financial Report summary through January 2022, a monthly overview of WRCOG's financial statements in the form of combined Agency revenues and costs, is provided as Attachment 1.

Prior Action(s):

March 7, 2022: The Executive Committee received and filed.

Fiscal Impact:

This item is for informational purposes only; therefore, there is no fiscal impact.

Attachment(s):

[Attachment 1 - January financials](#)



Western Riverside Council of Governments

Budget to Actuals

For Month Ending January 31, 2022

	Approved Budget 6/30/2022	Actual Thru 1/31/2022	Remaining Budget 6/30/2022
Total Agency			
Revenues			
Member Dues	286,640	294,410	(7,770)
Interest Revenue - Other	17,500	1,424	16,076
Overhead Transfer In	2,000,000	1,166,667	833,333
TUMF Commercial	4,800,000	744,948	4,055,052
TUMF Retail	4,800,000	3,357,709	1,442,291
TUMF Industrial	7,680,000	5,037,096	2,642,904
TUMF Single Family	19,200,000	20,440,003	(1,240,003)
TUMF Multi Family	9,600,000	1,176,583	8,423,417
TUMF Commerical - Admin Fee	200,000	31,040	168,960
TUMF Retail - Admin Fee	200,000	139,905	60,095
TUMF Industrial - Admin Fee	320,000	209,879	110,121
TUMF Single Family - Admin Fee	800,000	851,667	(51,667)
TUMF Multi-Family - Admin	400,000	49,024	350,976
Grant Revenue	1,663,000	418,295	1,244,705
LTF Revenue	750,000	866,250	(116,250)
RIVTAM	50,000	30,000	20,000
General Assembly Revenue	300,000	12,500	287,500
Fellowship Revenue	100,000	200,000	(100,000)
HERO Admin Revenue	2,250,000	1,466,191	783,809
Clean Cities Revenue	240,000	151,000	89,000
Solid Waste Revenue	112,970	125,202	(12,232)
Used Oil Grants	168,023	168,023	-
Regional Streetlights Revenue	211,725	133,498	78,227
PACE Commercial Sponsor Revenue	400,000	45,369	354,631
Total Revenues	\$ 57,669,021	\$ 37,116,683	\$ 20,552,338
Expenses			
Salaries & Wages - Fulltime	2,745,899	1,381,794	1,364,105
Fringe Benefits	1,319,884	621,807	698,077
Overhead Allocation	1,682,458	981,434	701,024
General Legal Services	968,100	1,153,939	(185,839)
Audit Svcs - Professional Fees	35,000	5,120	29,880
Bank Fees	33,885	11,947	21,938
Commissioners Per Diem	57,500	28,800	28,700
Parking Cost	20,000	14,059	5,941
Office Lease	350,000	202,309	147,691
Fuel Expense	1,500	123	1,377
General Assembly Expense	300,000	24,010	275,990
Parking Validations	15,450	3,146	12,304
Staff Recognition	1,000	1,614	(614)
Coffee and Supplies	3,000	2,244	756
Event Support	95,737	26,861	68,876
Meeting Support Services	5,250	319	4,931
Program/Office Supplies	13,700	13,102	599
Misc. Office Equipment	1,000	6,988	(5,988)
Supplies/Materials	33,540	8,943	24,597
Computer Equipment/Supplies	2,000	3,265	(1,265)
Computer Software	102,000	8,350	93,650
Rent/Lease Equipment	15,000	4,410	10,590
Membership Dues	31,750	9,743	22,007
Subscriptions/Publications	4,250	2,790	1,460



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Budget to Actuals

For Month Ending January 31, 2022

	Approved Budget 6/30/2022	Actual Thru 1/31/2022	Remaining Budget 6/30/2022
Total Agency			
Postage	5,350	3,230	2,120
Other Household Expenses	3,250	1,254	1,996
Storage	5,000	3,154	1,846
Recording Fee	10,000	12,749	(2,749)
Computer Hardware	16,500	551	15,949
Communications - Regular Phone	16,000	11,128	4,872
Communications - Cellular Phones	13,500	9,433	4,067
Communications - Computer Services	53,000	15,298	37,702
Communications - Web Site	8,000	2,052	5,948
Insurance - Errors & Omissions	15,000	9,335	5,665
Insurance - Gen/Busi Liab/Auto	99,500	64,454	35,046
TUMF Project Reimbursement	46,080,000	5,560,143	40,519,857
Seminars/Conferences	9,650	4,779	4,871
Travel - Mileage Reimbursement	9,500	1,691	7,809
Travel - Ground Transportation	2,300	1,330	970
Travel - Airfare	4,250	1,842	2,408
Lodging	3,800	1,962	1,838
Meals	7,400	2,209	5,191
Other Incidentals	5,000	55	4,945
Training	7,500	3,985	3,515
Consulting Labor	2,924,616	1,134,027	1,790,589
Total Expenses	\$ 57,513,228	\$ 11,503,533	\$ 46,151,450



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Staff Report

Subject: SCAG Activities Update
Contact: Arnold San Miguel, Regional Affairs Officer, Southern California Association of Governments, sanmigue@scag.ca.gov, (213) 453-6594
Date: March 17, 2022

Requested Action(s):

1. Receive and file.
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Purpose:

The purpose of this item is to provide an update by staff at the Southern California Associations of Governments (SCAG).

WRCOG 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Goal:

Goal #1- Serve as an advocate at the regional, state, and federal level for the Western Riverside region.

Background:

Founded in 1965, SCAG is a Joint Powers Authority under California state law, established as an association of local governments and agencies that voluntarily convene as a forum to address regional issues. Under federal law, SCAG is designated as a Metropolitan Planning Organization and under state law as a Regional Transportation Planning Agency and a Council of Governments.

Update

March 2022 SCAG activities summaries are attached to this Staff Report.

Prior Action(s):

None.

Fiscal Impact:

This item is for informational purposes only; therefore, there is no fiscal impact.

Attachment(s):

[Attachment 1 - SCAG Activities Update Summary March 2022](#)



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To: WRCOG Technical Advisory Committee

Subject: SCAG Update March 2022

From: Arnold San Miguel, SCAG Regional Affairs Officer;
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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MARCH 3rd REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

**ACTION
REGIONAL COUNCIL APPROVES DRAFT COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023**

The Regional Council has moved to approve SCAG’s Draft Comprehensive Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-23, including the Draft Overall Work Plan (OWP). The framework for developing the Draft Comprehensive Budget is SCAG’s multi-year Strategic Plan that focuses on SCAG’s vision and priorities and improves the organization and its operations.

The Regional Council’s vote also authorized the release of the Draft OWP for a 30-day period of public review from March 3 to April 3. Comments may be sent by email to nguyenk@scag.ca.gov or by completing the comment form.

At the close of the public comment period, the Final OWP will be submitted to the Regional Council for approval on May 5. The General Fund Budget and the Membership Assessment will be submitted to the General Assembly for approval.

**INFORMATION
CONNECT SOCAL 2024 UPDATE**

Connect SoCal 2024, the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy, will be prepared by SCAG over the next two years in anticipation of an April 2024 adoption date. Today, SCAG staff provided an update to members of the Regional Council and Community, Economic and Human Development Committee on the plan development. For more information on Connect SoCal, visit scag.ca.gov/connect-socal.

POLICY DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

At the direction of the Executive/Administration Committee, SCAG has prepared a draft **Policy Development Framework** for Connect SoCal 2024 that includes the preliminary plan vision and goals, key policy priorities, including those identified by the



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board since 2020, and an outline for the focus and responsibility of each Policy Committee and three new sub-committees.

This framework is designed to outline a policy development leadership structure and an outlook to foster policy education, engagement, consensus-building and decision-making.

SCAG will share this draft Policy Development Framework with each Policy Committee in April to ask for feedback and input before bringing it to the Regional Council in June. Share your feedback on the draft plan **Goals and Vision** or on the draft plan **Performance Measures** through **April 30**.

REGIONAL DATA PLATFORM & LOCAL DATA EXCHANGE

In February, SCAG launched the **Regional Data Platform**, a revolutionary system for collaborative data sharing and planning designed to facilitate better planning for cities and counties of all levels across the region. As one of SCAG’s largest and most transformative initiatives to date, the Regional Data Platform places data and technology in the hands of local jurisdictions to support more robust, transparent and collaborative community planning.

As a part of the launch, SCAG introduced the **Local Data Exchange** to begin an extensive data exchange process with local jurisdictions to support Connect SoCal 2024 development. This bottom-up approach ensures that local jurisdictions are actively involved in the development of SCAG’s regional plans and that the data is correct. Over the next several months, SCAG will meet one-on-one with local jurisdictions to discuss the preliminary Data/Map Books, provide background on the development of Connect SoCal 2024 and provide training in tools available to local jurisdictions.

SCAG Regional Affairs Officers will be working with sub-regional organizations to present on the RDP. If you would like to explore the Regional Data Platform or take part in the Local Data Exchange process, contact the Local Information Services Team at list@scag.ca.gov or visit the Regional Data Platform Hub at hub.scag.ca.gov.

NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT

SCAG TOURS TWO REGIONAL GOODS MOVEMENT HUBS

On Feb. 15, SCAG President Clint Lorimore joined Congresswoman Young Kim for a tour of the Port of Los Angeles to learn about the challenges facing our supply chain, and how SCAG can support this vital industry through convenings of all the critical stakeholders. On Feb. 18, President Lorimore along with Regional Council members Alan Wapner, Dennis Michael, and Ray Marquez took a tour of Ontario Airport. The

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tour focused on the FedEx distribution center at the airport and how air cargo and the airport are integrating into the expanding goods movement industry in the Inland Empire.

NEWS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN! 2022 REGIONAL CONFERENCE AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Join Southern California’s most influential elected officials and policymakers on May 5–6 at the JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort & Spa for the **57th annual Regional Conference & General Assembly**. This two-day event will focus on solution-oriented discussions to address the most pressing problems facing communities, businesses and families throughout the SCAG region.

Don’t wait to make your plans – **register by Thursday, March 31** using the code **EARLYBIRD** get \$100 off the general admission price. The event is free for elected officials and city managers in the region. If you are interested in sponsorship opportunities, please contact Houston Laney at laney@scag.ca.gov. For more information about the event, including COVID-19 protocols, visit scag.ca.gov/ga2022.

The full Executive Director’s Report and past reports will be available on the SCAG website.

ADDITIONAL NEWS & INFORMATION

2022 SCAG SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Applications are now available for the **2022 SCAG Scholarship Program!** The SCAG Scholarship Program offers a **\$4,000 scholarship award** for seven high school seniors or community college students from the SCAG region (and potentially two additional scholarship awards that are not tied to a specific county but may be awarded at the Regional Council’s discretion) and the opportunity to meet with elected officials and practicing planners to learn more about careers in public service.

To be eligible for the scholarship, students must be a resident within the SCAG region, enrolled as a high school senior or community college student, have at least a 3.0 GPA and be eligible to work in the United States. Applicants must **complete an application form** and submit an essay, two letters of recommendation, and a current transcript. All materials must be submitted by **Friday, April 1**.

For more information, visit scag.ca.gov/students.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

MARCH

2nd Executive/Administration Committee
3rd Regional Council and Policy Committees
8th Regional Transit Lanes Technical Advisory Committee
10th Safe and Active Streets Working Group
14th General Assembly Host Committee
15th Legislative/Communications & Membership Committee
17th Technical Working Group
22nd Transportation Conformity Working Group
23rd Modeling Task Force
24th Equity Working Group
28th General Assembly Host Committee
30th Regional Transit Technical Advisory Committee

APRIL

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19TH LEGISLATIVE/COMMUNICATIONS & MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE
19TH REGIONAL TRANSIT LANES TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
26TH TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY WORKING GROUP
28TH EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES COMMITTEE



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Staff Report

Subject: Cal Cities Activities Update
Contact: Erin Sasse, Regional Public Affairs Manager, Cal Cities, esasse@cacities.org, (951) 321-0771
Date: March 17, 2022

Requested Action(s):

1. Receive and file.
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Purpose:

The purpose of this item is to provide an update of activities undertaken by Cal Cities.

WRCOG 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Goal:

Goal #1- Serve as an advocate at the regional, state, and federal level for the Western Riverside region.

Background:

The League of California Cities has been shaping the Golden State's political landscape since the association was founded in 1898. It defends and expands local control through advocacy efforts in the Legislature, at the ballot box, in the courts, and through strategic outreach that informs and educates the public, policymakers, and opinion leaders. Cal Cities also offers education and training programs designed to teach city officials about new developments in their field and exchange solutions to common challenges facing their cities.

An update on legislation of interest to Cal Cities members is provided as Attachment 1.

Prior Action(s):

March 7, 2022: The Executive Committee received and filed.

Fiscal Impact:

This item is for informational purposes only; therefore, there is no fiscal impact.

Attachment(s):

[Attachment 1 - Cal Cities Report](#)

Public Safety:

- **AB 1622 (Chen)** This measure would require a licensed smog check station to post a sign informing customers about strategies for deterring catalytic converter theft, including the etching of identifying information on the catalytic converter and would authorize stations to offer etching as an optional service.
- **AB 1653 (Patterson)** This measure would specify theft of vehicle parts and accessories as a property crime for consideration by the regional property crimes task force.
- **AB 1599 (Kiley)** This measure would repeal the changes and additions made by **Proposition 47**, except those related to reducing the penalty for possession of concentrated cannabis.
- **AB 1740 (Muratsuchi)** This measure would require a core recycler to maintain a written record of the year, make, and model of the vehicle from which the catalytic converter was removed.
- **SB 919 (Jones)** This measure would prohibit a dealer or retail seller from selling a motor vehicle equipped with a catalytic converter unless it has been engraved, etched, or otherwise permanently marked with the vehicle identification number of the vehicle to which it is attached.
- **AB 1698 (Maienschein)** This measure would, until Jan. 1, 2026, make a person guilty of organized package theft, punishable as a misdemeanor or a felony, as specified, if the person acted in concert with one or more persons to steal one or more packages that have been left for delivery at the exterior of a residence, or any other place commonly used to deliver packages, with the intent to sell or return the contents of the package for value.

Solid Waste and Recycling:

- **[SB 54 \(Allen\)](#)** Plastic Pollution Producer Responsibility Act
Would establish the Plastic Pollution Producer Responsibility Act, which would prohibit producers of single-use, disposable packaging or single-use, disposable food service ware products from offering for sale, selling, distributing, or importing in or into the state such packaging or products that are manufactured on or after January 1, 2032, unless they are recyclable or compostable.
- **[SB 38 \(Wieckowski\)](#)** Beverage containers
Would require beverage manufacturers, as defined, in the state to form a beverage container stewardship organization. The organization would be required to develop and submit to the department a plan, annual report, and budget for the recovery and recycling of empty beverage containers in the state similar to that described in the Used Mattress Recovery and Recycling Act. The bill would require the organization to establish a stewardship fee, to be paid by beverage manufacturer members of the organization, to assist in covering the costs of implementing the beverage container stewardship program. The bill would require the organization to reimburse the department for the department's costs of enforcing the program. The bill would require the department to deposit all moneys submitted for reimbursement into the Beverage Container Stewardship Fund, which the bill would create in the State Treasury.

- [**AB 1690 \(Luz Rivas\)**](#) Single-use tobacco products
Would prohibit a person or entity from selling, giving, or furnishing to another person of any age in this state a cigarette utilizing a single-use filter made of any material, an attachable and single-use plastic device meant to facilitate manual manipulation or filtration of a tobacco product, or a single-use electronic cigarette or vaporizer device. The bill would prohibit that selling, giving, or furnishing, whether conducted directly or indirectly through an in-person transaction, or by means of any public or private method of shipment or delivery to an address in this state.
- [**AB 1857 \(C. Garcia\)**](#) Solid waste and incineration
(1)The California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 requires the department and local agencies to maximize the use of all feasible source reduction, recycling, and composting options in order to reduce the amount of solid waste that must be disposed of by transformation and land disposal. This bill would require the department to certify that a local agency is in compliance with that requirement before approving a permit for a new transformation, EMSW, or land disposal facility serving the local agency.
- [**AB 1985 \(Robert Rivas\)**](#) Organic Waste, Procurement
Current law requires, no later than January 1, 2018, the State Air Resources Board to approve and begin implementing a comprehensive short-lived climate pollutant strategy to achieve a reduction in statewide emissions of methane by 40%, hydrofluorocarbon gases by 40%, and anthropogenic black carbon by 50% below 2013 levels by 2030. Current law requires the methane emissions reduction goals to include a 50% reduction in the level of the statewide disposal of organic waste from the 2014 level by 2020 and a 75% reduction by 2025. Current law requires the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, in consultation with the state board, to adopt regulations to achieve these organic waste reduction goals, including a requirement intended to meet the goal that not less than 20% of edible food that is currently disposed of be recovered for human consumption by 2025. This bill would require the department to compile and maintain on its internet website a list, organized by ZIP Code, of information regarding persons or entities that produce and have available in the state organic waste products and update the list at least every 6 months.

Energy and Utilities:

- [**AB 1814 \(Grayson\)**](#) Transportation electrification and community choice aggregators
Current law requires the Public Utilities Commission to approve, or modify and approve, programs and investments in transportation electrification, including those that deploy charging infrastructure, through a reasonable cost recovery mechanism, if they are consistent with the above-described purposes, do not unfairly compete with nonutility enterprises, include performance accountability measures, and are in the interests of ratepayers. Current law authorizes a community choice aggregator to aggregate the electrical load of interested electricity consumers within its boundaries and requires a community choice aggregator to file an implementation plan with the PUC, to register with the PUC, and to enter into an operating service agreement with an electrical corporation. This bill would, as part of the PUC's program described above, authorize community choice aggregators to file applications for programs and investments to accelerate widespread transportation electrification, as specified.

- [**SB 379 \(Wiener\)**](#) Online automated permits for solar projects
Current law requires a city or county to approve administratively applications to install solar energy systems through the issuance of a building permit or similar nondiscretionary permit. Current law requires every city, county, or city and county to develop a streamlined permitting process for the installation of small residential rooftop solar energy systems, as that term is defined. Current law prescribes and limits permit fees that a city or county may charge for a residential and commercial solar energy system. Current law creates the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission (Energy Commission) in the Natural Resources Agency and prescribes its duties, which include administering programs for the installation of solar energy systems. This bill would require every city, county, or city and county to implement an online, automated permitting platform that verifies code compliance and issues permits in real time for a solar energy system, as defined, that is no larger than 38.4 kilowatts alternating current nameplate rating and an energy storage system, as defined, paired with a solar energy system that is no larger than 38.4 kilowatts alternating current nameplate rating.
- [**SB 833 \(Dodd\)**](#) Community Energy Resilience Act of 2022
Current law assigns the various duties, including applying for and accepting grants, contributions, and appropriations, and awarding grants consistent with the goals and objectives of a program or activity the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission is authorized to implement or administer. This bill, the Community Energy Resilience Act of 2022, would require the commission to develop and implement a grant program for local governments to develop community energy resilience plans and expedite permit review of distributed energy resources by local governments. The bill would require the plans to be consistent with the city, county, or city and county general plan and other local government planning documents.

CEQA:

- [**AB 1001 \(C. Garcia\)**](#) Environmental justice and CEQA
The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires a lead agency, as defined, to prepare, or cause to be prepared, and certify the completion of an environmental impact report on a project that it proposes to carry out or approve that may have a significant effect on the environment or to adopt a negative declaration if it finds that the project will not have that effect. CEQA also requires a lead agency to prepare a mitigated negative declaration for a project that may have a significant effect on the environment if revisions in the project would avoid or mitigate that effect and there is no substantial evidence that the project, as revised, would have a significant effect on the environment. This bill would authorize mitigation measures, identified in an environmental impact report or mitigated negative declaration to mitigate the adverse effects of a project on air or water quality of a disadvantaged community, to include measures for avoiding, minimizing, or compensating for the adverse effects on that community.
- [**AB 1749 \(C. Garcia\)**](#) Air quality and CEQA
Current law requires the State Air Resources Board to prepare, and to update at least once every 5 years, a statewide strategy, known as the “Community Air Protection Blueprint” or “Blueprint,” to

reduce emissions of toxic air contaminants and criteria air pollutants in communities affected by a high cumulative exposure burden. Current law requires the state board, based on the assessment and identification of communities with high cumulative exposure burdens, to select locations around the state for preparation of community emissions reduction programs. Current law requires an air district encompassing any location selected by the state board to adopt a community emissions reduction program to achieve emissions reductions for the location selected using cost-effective measures, as specified, to submit the program to the state board for review and approval as prescribed, and to prepare an annual report summarizing the results and actions taken to further reduce emissions pursuant to the community emissions reduction program, among other things. This bill would require the state board to identify in each statewide strategy update measures to reduce criteria air pollutants and toxic air contaminants in disadvantaged communities, as provided.

Helen Putnam Award Application Period Open:

Each year, the League of California Cities honors the outstanding work of member cities through the Helen Putnam Award for Excellence program. The awards, sponsored by Cal Cities League Partners, recognize the successes of California cities, as demonstrated by beneficial innovations, resourceful efficiencies, improved public service, and overall enhanced public trust and support.

The awards also provide an opportunity for city staff, project partners, and residents to celebrate the outstanding work that happens on the local level to keep California's communities safe and healthy.

Winners are featured each month in [Western City magazine](#).

Entries must be [submitted online](#) by April 14, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. To qualify, simply demonstrate that your city offered a program or service that has proven measurable and successful within a minimum of one year of implementation. Particular attention and credit are given to applications addressing top city priorities included in the 2022 [Cal Cities Action Agenda](#), which is determined each year by the board of directors.

Award categories include:

- Community Services and Economic Development
- Economic Development through the Arts
- Enhancing Public Trust, Ethics, and Community Involvement
- Health and Wellness Programs
- Housing Programs and Innovations
- Intergovernmental Collaboration
- Internal Administration
- League Partners Award for Excellence in City-Business Relations
- Planning and Environmental Quality
- Public Safety
- Public Works, Infrastructure, Transportation
- Ruth Vreeland Award for Engaging Youth in City Government

Established in 1982, the Helen Putnam Award for Excellence recognizes the outstanding achievements made by California's cities. These winning cities have made unique contributions to community residents and businesses, which have resulted in lower costs or more effective delivery of services.

The award program is named in honor of Helen Putnam, the first woman elected as Cal Cities President. Excellence, to Helen Putnam, was shown by someone who did his or her very best. To Cal Cities, Putnam defined excellence. This prestigious award for excellence is given in her memory.

For questions, email [Melissa Tualla](#) or contact her at (916) 658-8216.



Western Riverside Council of Governments Technical Advisory Committee

Staff Report

Subject: ICMA Activities Update
Contact: A.J. Wilson, California Senior Advisor, International City / County Management Association, ajwcm@aol.com, (760) 723-8623
Date: March 17, 2022

Requested Action(s):

1. Receive and file.

Purpose:

The purpose of this item is to provide an update by staff from the International City / County Management Association (ICMA).

WRCOG 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Goal:

Goal #1- Serve as an advocate at the regional, state, and federal level for the Western Riverside region.

Background:

ICMA is the world's leading association of professional city and county managers and other employees who serve local governments. ICMA's vision is to be the leading association of local government professionals dedicated to creating and supporting thriving communities throughout the world. ICMA does this by working with more than 11,000 members to identify and speed the adoption of leading local government practices in order to improve the lives of residents. ICMA offers membership, professional development programs, research, publications, data and information, technical assistance, and training to thousands of city, town, and county chief administrative officers, their staffs, and other organizations throughout the world.

ICMA Expands Access to Staff and Manager Training

ICMA has expanded the access to training programs that can be accessed on the ICMA website. The offerings include new sessions from the ICMA coaching program as well as past training sessions which have been recorded and are logged on the ICMA website.

Another area that remains difficult for Managers and their cities are the ever changing dynamics of building an organization that is viewed by all employees as both a learning experience and an opportunity to address practices in the organization that are seen as impediments to equity and fairness. ICMA has been struggling with the issues that confront Managers in the present public environment that require the flexibility for change while maintaining the professional integrity of the organization. A variety of professional contributors have participated in the ICMA effort to provide meaningful support to

Managers as they address these new challenges.

City Manager Support Program

Cal Cities' City Managers Department has created a new Manager support program that is intended to assist Managers as they are confronted by personal attacks by individuals both in living situations as well as on social media. Working in collaboration with CALICMA, Senior Advisors, and the City Managers Foundation (CCMF), there will be a new set of resources made available at both ICMA and Cal Cities events as well as a library of resources which will be created to be available to every California City Manager. Mr. Wilson will be assisting in partnership with local representatives in a briefing session later this year for Riverside Managers.

Prior Action(s):

None.

Fiscal Impact:

This item is for informational purposes only; therefore, there is no fiscal impact.

Attachment(s):

None.



Western Riverside Council of Governments Technical Advisory Committee

Staff Report

Subject: SB 1383 Activities Update
Contact: Mei Wu, Staff Analyst, mwu@wrcog.us, (951) 405-6734
Date: March 17, 2022

Requested Action(s):

1. Receive and file.

Purpose:

The purpose of this item is to provide program activity updates on Senate Bill (SB) 1383.

WRCOG 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Goal:

Goal #6 - Develop and implement programs that support resiliency for the subregion.

Background:

WRCOG's Environmental Department assists member agencies with addressing state mandates requiring education and outreach programs to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. The WRCOG Environmental Department houses three programs to meet California's goals: 1) the Solid Waste and Recycling Program, which assists in developing strategies to reduce short-lived climate pollutants; 2) the Western Riverside County Clean Cities Coalition, which aims to cut petroleum use in the transportation sector through the integration of advanced alternative technologies including zero-emission vehicles (ZEV); and 3) the Used Oil Recycling Program, designed to promote the proper recycling and disposal of used motor oil, filters, and other household hazardous wastes (HHW).

SB 1383 Local Grant Assistance Grant

In January 2022, CalRecycle opened the SB 1383 Local Assistance Grant application to assist local jurisdictions with their compliance efforts. The Grant is a one-time, non-competitive grant with a baseline of \$20,000, with many WRCOG member agencies eligible for more. Staff informed SWC members of the grant and surveyed jurisdictions on their intent to apply. Most of the Committee members indicated they plan to apply for grant funds.

Important Deadlines:

- March 1, 2022: Secondary due date for first round funding
 - Approved resolution, and if applicable, letters of designations and letters of authorizations, must be uploaded into the Grant Management System (GMS) by this date.
- April 1, 2022: Enforceable ordinance or similarly enforceable mechanism, must be adopted by this

date in order to receive first round funding.

- April 2022: Tentative Awards for first found funding
- June 14, 2022: Secondary due date for second round funding
 - Approved resolution, and if applicable, letters of designations and letters of authorizations, must be uploaded into the Grant Management System by this date.
- June 14, 2022: Enforceable ordinance or similarly enforceable mechanism, must be adopted by this date in order to receive first round funding.
- September 2022: Tentative awards for second round funding

Staff has also surveyed members on how they plan to use grant funds. There were a couple overlapping goals including organics capacity planning and education and outreach. Some members expressed interest in a regional approach and the potential to have WRCOG take on an administrative role in assisting members to complete certain requirements. Staff coordinated discussions with interested members and discussed goals and expectations. The top considerations include capacity planning and a software application to help establish connections between Tier 1 and Tier 2 food generators and food recovery services. Staff opened this topic up for discussion at this Committee's February 2022 meeting to identify if there is a mutual interest among Committee members to utilize an existing software application or develop a new one that would potentially help drive the costs and labor down for Cities.

SB 619 Organic Waste: Reduction Regulations: Local Jurisdiction Compliance

SB 619 provides local jurisdictions relief from SB 1383 non-compliance penalties. SB 619 can provide relief for the violations listed below that a jurisdiction may be imposed upon by CalRecycle:

- Failure to have an ordinance or similar enforceable mechanism for organic waste disposal and edible food recovery.
- Failure to have a provision in a contract, agreement, or other authorization that requires a hauler to comply with SB 1383 regulations.
- Failure to have an edible food recovery program.
- Failure to have the required SB 1383 implementation records.
- Implementation or enforcement of any ordinance, policy, procedure, condition, or initiative prohibited by SB 1383 regulations.
- Failure to submit reports to CalRecycle regarding its implementation and compliance with SB 1383 regulations.

To receive relief, local jurisdictions must submit a notification of intent (NOI) to comply with SB 1383 regulations to CalRecycle before March 1, 2022. Once approved, CalRecycle will waive administrative civil penalties for noncompliance during the 2022 calendar year and prohibits administrative penalties from accruing during the 2022 calendar year if local jurisdictions implement certain actions to remedy the violation(s) specified in their NOI. WRCOG staff provided member agencies with a sample NOI and resolution to help them better navigate the application process.

SB 1383 Compliance Report

By April 1, 2022, local jurisdictions will need to report to CalRecycle on its implementation and compliance for SB 1383. Local jurisdictions must report and provide the following:

- A copy of ordinances or other enforceable mechanisms adopted to support the jurisdiction's implementation and compliance with the SB 1383 requirements.
- The following reporting items:
 - Type of organic waste collection service(s) provided by the jurisdiction to its generators. Total number of generators that receive each type of organic waste collection service provided by the jurisdiction.
 - If the jurisdiction is implementing an organic waste collection service that requires transport of the contents of containers to a high diversion organic waste processing facility, the jurisdiction shall identify the Recycling and Disposal Reporting System number of each facility that receives organic waste from the jurisdiction.
 - If applicable, a list of facilities accepting and recovering compostable plastics in the containers.
 - If applicable, a list of facilities accepting and removing plastic bags that were used to collect organic waste.
- The following contact information:
 - Name, address, phone number, and email address of the employee receiving communications regarding compliance.
 - Name and address of the agent designated by the jurisdiction for the receipt of service of process for enforcement.

Prior Action(s):

February 16, 2022: The Solid Waste Committee received and filed.

Fiscal Impact:

This item is for informational purposes only; therefore, there is no fiscal impact.

Attachment(s):

None.



Western Riverside Council of Governments Technical Advisory Committee

Staff Report

Subject: TUMF Nexus Study Activities Update
Contact: Cameron Brown, Program Manager, cbrown@wrcog.us, 951-407-6512
Date: March 17, 2022

Requested Action(s):

1. Receive and file.

Purpose:

The purpose of this item is to provide information on the TUMF Nexus Study update with the accompanying studies on VMT, Fee Comparisons, and residential rates.

WRCOG 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Goal:

Goal #5 - Develop projects and programs that improve infrastructure and sustainable development in the subregion.

Background:

TUMF Nexus Study Update

At its October 4, 2021, meeting, the Executive Committee gave direction for staff to begin work on a TUMF Nexus Study update. The TUMF Nexus Study draws a connection between the needs of the Program and the TUMF Program Fee Schedule. This Study identifies projects requiring mitigation from new development, determines what the cost of those project will be, and what fees need to be assessed to fund these projects. TUMF Nexus Study updates have occurred on a regular basis with updates done in 2005, 2009, 2011, and 2017.

The key reasons for a Nexus Study update include the following:

- It is considered a best practice to update on a regular basis
- Underlying growth forecasts have changed since the last update
- Travel behavior has changed, particular viewed in light of COVID-19
- The project list has changed with past projects completed and new projects identified
- Opportunity to add new project types, such as Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) infrastructure

Throughout the last three months, staff has been working with local agencies to update the needs of the TUMF Network. Staff has met with representatives of all TUMF participating agencies. Each agency

has had an opportunity to make revisions, corrections, and additions to the TUMF Network. After compiling all comments, an analysis will be done to ensure the reliability of the revised Network; this new Network will be presented to each TUMF Zone for approval.

The revised Network will be modeled through the use of the Riverside County Transportation Model (RIVCOM) to assess the performance of the Network and determine the necessary mitigation to achieve an adequate level of service. This analysis will update the cost of the entire Program, and, if needed, make recommendations on a revised fee schedule. Prior to any adjustments to the Program, all changes will be vetted by the WRCOG Executive Committee.

The TUMF Nexus Study update remains on schedule. It is anticipated to be completed with the enacting of local TUMF ordinances by June 2023. A revised schedule has been included (Attachment 1).

Update on the Development of a Potential VMT Mitigation Program

The Executive Committee gave staff direction to evaluate options to mitigate VMT impacts from new development. During WRCOG's work on SB 743 implementation, the issue of VMT mitigation was noted to be problematic. The main reason is that most land-use projects cannot implement transportation system improvements or directly influence the travel of their occupants. In comparison, impacts based upon level of service (LOS) are relatively easy to mitigate since payment of fees for improvements or construction of improvements, or some combination thereof, are appropriate mitigation. WRCOG has commenced an effort to develop a potential VMT mitigation program for Western Riverside County that will be funded through WRCOG's LTF allocation. Participation in any potential program will be on a voluntary basis, so jurisdictions will participate in a program only if it decides to opt-in. Interested jurisdictions are encouraged to participate in stakeholder workshops that will be held as part of the development process. Please contact Christopher Tzeng (ctzeng@wrcog.us) for notifications of the working group meetings. Staff is working with a consultant on its On-Call Planning consultant bench for these efforts.

Fee Comparison Study

WRCOG has conducted an analyses of development impact fees (DIF) in Western Riverside County in the past to increase a regional understanding of DIF on new development in Western Riverside County. The first analysis was conducted in 2017, in conjunction with the last TUMF Nexus Study update, and a subsequent analysis was conducted in 2019. WRCOG has commenced an update of the analysis in conjunction with this proposed TUMF Nexus Study update. The purpose of the analyses is to indicate the types and relative scale of the development impact fees placed on different land uses, and indicate the scale of fees relative to overall development costs. The analyses will also provide helpful background information on the impact of the TUMF by placing TUMF in the context of the broader development impact fee structure, overall development costs, and other regional dynamics.

Residential Trip Generation Study / AB-602 Requirements on Residential Fee Rates

Staff is working with a consultant from its On-Call Planning consultant bench to review the relationship between DIF, travel behavior, and residential unit size. Some DIF are currently charged based on the number of units of a development, including the TUMF Program. WRCOG administers the TUMF Program on behalf of its member agencies in Western Riverside County. The TUMF Program charges a fee based on the number of units of a development project. For example, a 1,500 square foot single-

family dwelling unit is charged the same fee as a 4,500 square foot single-family dwelling unit. This Study will enable WRCOG to conduct research on the effects of basing TUMF on actual residential unit size to the TUMF Program, as well as determine if DIF would encourage the development of smaller, more affordable units. This study is utilizing TUMF funding.

Finally, AB 602 (Grayson), effective January 1, 2022, requires local agencies which calculate fees proportionately to the square footage of the proposed units to have a valid method to establish a reasonable relationship between the fee charged and the burden of the proposed development. While the TUMF Program is not based on square footage, this study would provide the preliminary analysis that would be required, based on AB 602, should the TUMF be considered for shift from a per unit cost to a cost based on unit size.

Staff will present a more comprehensive update on the TUMF Nexus Study update at the April 2022 Executive Committee meeting.

Prior Action(s):

October 4, 2021: The Executive Committee gave direction to 1) begin work on a TUMF Nexus Study update; 2) update the TUMF Administrative Plan to expand the TUMF-eligible project list to include Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) projects; 3) work with the Riverside County Transportation Commission and Riverside Transit Agency to evaluate options to mitigate VMT impacts from new development outside of the TUMF Nexus Study update; and 4) begin work on an update of the Analysis of Development Impact Fees in Western Riverside County.

Fiscal Impact:

Funding for this Nexus Study update is provided by the share of TUMF revenues which are provided to WRCOG for Administration of the Plan. WRCOG collects 4% of all TUMF revenues for Administrative purposes, of which 3% can be used for expenses including consultants to support the TUMF Program, such as the Nexus Study update. Funds for the remainder of the Fiscal Year 2021/2022 are currently allocated in the approved budget for this expense. Funding for subsequent years will be allocated as those subsequent budgets are developed and approved by the Executive Committee. Current cost of the Nexus Study is estimated to be \$200,000.

Attachment(s):

[Attachment 1 - TUMF Nexus Study Update Schedule](#)

TUMF Nexus 2021 Update Task Schedule	2021						2022												2023					
	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
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Update RivCOM TAZ forecasts to reflect RTP 20 (Riverside County)																								
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Prepare and conduct model runs for 2045 TUMF Network																								
Network Cost Assumptions																								
Update Unit Costs Master																								
Update Land Costs Master (Overland, Pacific & Cutler, Inc.)																								
Revise network cost assumptions and recalculate incremental fee																								
Network Status Update																								
Solicit requests for network changes																								
Summarize network change requests (WRCOG)																								
Review network project performance																								
Confirm network project list and recalculate incremental fee																								
Tabulate link LOS for existing need																								
Nexus Documentation																								
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Finalize document for approval																								
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Update online/mobile resources																								
Distribute revised Nexus documentation/fee schedule																								
Enact revised local ordinances																								

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- Future task
 - Active task
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 - PWC Meeting/Workshops
 - TAC Meeting
 - Executive Committee Meeting/Br
 - Critical path milestones

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Western Riverside Council of Governments Technical Advisory Committee

Staff Report

Subject: Commercial PACE Activities Update
Contact: Casey Dailey, Director of Energy & Environmental Programs, cdailey@wrcog.us, (951) 405-6720
Date: March 17, 2022

Requested Action(s):

1. Receive and file.

Purpose:

The purpose of this item is to provide an update on WRCOG's Commercial PACE (C-PACE) Activities.

WRCOG 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Goal:

Goal #5 - Develop projects and programs that improve infrastructure and sustainable development in the subregion.

Background:

In December 2011, WRCOG initiated its Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Program within the WRCOG subregion, providing financing to property owners to implement energy saving, renewable energy, water conservation, and seismic strengthening improvements to their residence or businesses. In 2014, the WRCOG PACE Program was expanded to allow jurisdictions throughout the State to join the Program, allowing property owners in jurisdictions outside of WRCOG area to participate. In December 2020, the Executive Committee directed staff to wind down and discontinue the residential portion of the PACE Program after Renovate America discontinued accepting HERO applications in October 2020. Subsequently, Renovate America filed for Chapter 11 Bankruptcy in mid-December 2020.

Beginning in 2018, WRCOG began to receive significantly more interest in the Commercial, or C-PACE, side of the Program. Since then, WRCOG has partnered with Nuveen Green Capital (formerly Greenworks Lending), CleanFund Commercial PACE Capital, and Twain Financial Partners Holding to expand its C-PACE offerings throughout California. The growth in C-PACE is being seen across the United States with approximately 25 states now offering C-PACE financing, compared to only three states that offer residential PACE. Additionally, C-PACE projects more closely align with local government economic development efforts by offering competitive financing to businesses seeking to develop or expand new commercial facilities within its jurisdictions.

Over the last couple of years, groups like PACENation, affiliates and advocates for C-PACE financing, have identified that C-PACE investments cumulatively equal over \$2 billion in the U.S., with over \$600

million found in California (<https://www.pacenation.org/pace-market-data>). Low interest rates have increased opportunities for business owners to find lending opportunities for their projects. This growth in project financing within WRCOG's C-PACE Program is reflective of the increase in the C-PACE industry and the overall increase found as C-PACE financing begins to be better understood and utilized.

In Fiscal Year (FY) 2020/2021, the WRCOG C-PACE Program financed 11 projects for the total amount of \$79 million and covered five energy efficiency (two with seismic improvements), three renewable system, and three refinance projects. Over \$8 million in C-PACE financing was used by business owners in two WRCOG subregional projects: 1) a new construction apartment project in Corona covering HVAC, plumbing, and building envelope improvements, and 2) a retrofit project at an exotic car dealership in Murrieta covering HVAC, electrical, lighting, plumbing, and roofing improvements.

In FY 2021/2022, 10 projects have been financed up through March 2022, with an additional seven projects scheduled to close by July 2022. These projects cover 14 energy efficiency projects and three renewable energy projects for a total financed amount of over \$143 million. One of the projects can be found in the WRCOG subregion, at a brewery in the City of Temecula, where C-PACE was used to finance \$2.1 million in energy efficiency measures including improvements in HVAC, electrical, lighting, plumbing, building envelope, and seismic strengthening.

Over the last year, staff have received multiple requests from additional service providers regarding external willingness and interest to participate in WRCOG's C-PACE Program. At this point, staff have informed these individuals that it is the current direction of the Executive Committee to not expand the C-PACE Program to additional providers. Should the Executive Committee ever decide to allow for the expansion of the C-PACE Program, there are a couple of providers that may be interested in utilizing the WRCOG C-PACE footprint to provide financing opportunities as well as direct capital opportunities of partnering directly with financial institutions to provide financing opportunities directly to business owners for qualified C-PACE projects.

Prior Action(s):

March 9, 2022: The Administration & Finance Committee received and filed.

Fiscal Impact:

PACE Program Activities are included in the Agency's adopted FY 2021/2022 Budget under the Energy & Environmental Department.

Attachment(s):

None.