

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee was called to order at 9:32 a.m. by Chair Andy Okoro on the Zoom platform.

2. ROLL CALL

Chair Okoro led guests and members of the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Members present:

Doug Schulz, City of Banning
Todd Parton, City of Beaumont
Bonnie Johnson, City of Calimesa
Jacob Ellis, City of Corona (9:39 a.m. arrival)
Bryan Jones, City of Eastvale (9:37 a.m. arrival)
Chris Lopez, City of Hemet
Rod Butler, City of Jurupa Valley
Jason Simpson, City of Lake Elsinore
Armando Villa, City of Menifee
Mike Lee, City of Moreno Valley
Kim Summers, City of Murrieta
Andy Okoro, City of Norco (Chair)
Clara Miramontes, City of Perris
Al Zelinka, City of Riverside
Rob Johnson, City of San Jacinto
Aaron Adams, City of Temecula
Gary Nordquist, City of Wildomar
Juan Perez, County of Riverside
Danielle Coats, Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD)

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Arnold San Miguel, Regional Affairs Officer with SCAG, provided an update on upcoming funding opportunities from SCAG. These funding opportunities include the Partnership Program and Spark Program which will provide funding for non-profits to improve the supply of housing in the SCAG region. Another funding opportunity is the Smart Cities and Mobility Innovations, which is due on April 23, 2021. SCAG is also opening up nominations for the 2021 SCAG Sustainability Awards. SCAG is also conducting elections for Regional Districts 3, 5, and 69. Mr. San Miguel also announced that they are completing work on SCAG's Regional Data Platform.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR *(Banning / San Jacinto) 19 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; Items 5.A through 5.I were approved. Representatives from the City of Canyon Lake, March JPA and the Western Municipal Water District were not present.*

A. Summary Minutes from the November 19, 2020, Technical Advisory Committee Meeting are Available for Consideration.

Action: 1. *Approved the Summary revised Minutes from the November 19, 2020, Technical Advisory Committee meeting.*

B. Finance Department Activities Update

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

C. Single Signature Authority Report

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

D. International City / County Management Association Activities Update

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

E. Adoption of 2021/2022 Legislative Platform

Action: 1. *Recommended that the Executive Committee adopt the 2021/2022 Legislative Platform.*

F. Housing Trust, Economic Development Corporation, and GIS Service Bureau Activities Update

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

G. COVID-19 Relief and Utility Delinquency Update

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

H. REAP Grant Program and RHNA Activities Update

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

I. Commercial PACE Program Activities Update

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

6. REPORTS / DISCUSSION

A. Report from the League of California Cities

Erin Sasse, Regional Public Affairs Manager with the League of California Cities reported on current legislation. The Governor released the State's Budget on January 10, 2021 and it set a record-breaking amount of \$227.2B. This Budget did not include any aid to local government. Already this year there are a great deal of housing bills being introduced, and at this time the League has not released its positions. The League is currently working on the delay of implementation regarding SB 1383. Multiple letters have been sent out to leaders in Sacramento.

The League's City Manager Conference is the first week in February; Ms. Sasse urges you to register if you have not already.

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

B. WRCOG Sustainability Framework Activities Update and Agency Goals for 2021

Chris Gray, WRCOG Director of Transportation & Planning, reported that WRCOG prepared an Economic Development and Sustainability Framework in 2012 and included 50 key indicators. In 2019, staff reviewed the Framework and consolidated the 50 key indicators into 14.

A 2020/2021 review has determined that there has been a lot of activity in the energy & environment, transportation, and economic development sectors, but little activity in the education sector. While the document is almost 10 years old, it is still fundamentally sound. Potential minor changes include the addition of the Riverside County Habitat Conservation Agency and Western Community Energy under WRCOG's umbrella. More substantive changes would include an update to the indicators, revising the focus areas, and potential updates to the actions.

Using the Framework as a guidance document, staff has identified a series of goals to be accomplished in 2021, based upon ongoing efforts. Goal #1 – Establish Inland Regional Energy Network; Goal #2 – Establish Economic Development Corporation; Goal #3 – Establish GIS Service Bureau; Goal #4 – Establish Western Riverside Regional Housing Trust Fund; and Goal #5 – Create Species Range-Wide Habitat Management and Monitoring Plan for the Stephens' Kangaroo Rat. These goals are related to WRCOG's activities and extend across WRCOG's departments and programs.

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

C. Low Carbon Fuel Standards

Casey Dailey, Director of Energy & Environmental, provided an update on Low Carbon Fuel Standards (LCFS), which is a reporting opportunity to receive funding for the Western Riverside County subregion for low carbon transportation fuels. As part of Assembly Bill 32, the LCFS is a key program to help California monitor greenhouse gas emissions and other smog-forming and toxic air pollutants by improving vehicle technology, reducing fueling consumption, and increasing transportation mobility options. WRCOG has identified a third-party provider to assist with LCFS in the region and capture the estimated \$200,000 in available credits within the subregion. Staff will reach out to member agencies to receive additional feedback on how to proceed and support capturing credits within the subregion.

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

D. I-REN Activities Update

Casey Dailey provided an update on WRCOG's submittal of a Business Plan to the California Public Utilities Commission for the approval of an Inland Regional Energy Network (I-REN) that would provide energy efficiency services to the Counties of Riverside and San Bernardino. The draft I-REN Business Plan focuses on three sectors that are suitable and aligned for REN related activities: Public Sector, Workforce / Education / Training, and Codes & Standards. The vision of the I-REN is to connect residents, businesses, and local governments to a wide range of energy efficiency resources to increase energy savings and equitable access throughout San Bernardino and Riverside Counties. I-REN will support local governments, school districts, tribes, water districts, and other local public entities with an estimated budget of \$50 million over the next five years. Member agencies are encouraged to consider submitting letters of support to WRCOG.

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

E. SCAG Regional Climate Adaptation Framework

Staff from SCAG presented an overview on the Regional Climate Adaptation Framework. The Framework compliments the WRCOG and San Bernardino County Transportation Authority effort, Resilient Inland Empire (IE). Resilient IE is sought to prepare the region for the increasing climate-related hazards and mitigate risks associated with climate adaptation on the region's transportation infrastructure. SCAG has developed a SoCal Climate Adaptation Planning Guide for local jurisdictions to utilize in identifying vulnerable areas and implement adaptation strategies to reduce climate-related hazards in its communities.

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

7. REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Rick Bishop shared that the next Future Forward webinar is scheduled for Thursday, January 28, 2021, and will be titled, "What's in store for WRCOG in 2021?" The Moderator will be Bill Higgins, Executive Director from CALCOG, and will host WRCOG Directors as the panelists.

8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

There were no items for future agendas.

9. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no general announcements.

10. NEXT MEETING

The next Technical Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 18, 2021, at 9:30 a.m., on the Zoom platform.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee adjourned at 10:35 a.m.