

Executive Committee

Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the WRCOG Executive Committee was called to order by Chair Karen Spiegel at 2:00 p.m. on February 7, 2022, on the Zoom platform.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Committee member Brian Tisdale led the Committee members and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

- City of Banning - David Happe
- City of Beaumont - Mike Lara
- City of Calimesa - Wendy Hewitt
- City of Canyon Lake - Dale Welty
- City of Eastvale - Christian Dinco
- City of Hemet - Russ Brown
- City of Jurupa Valley - Chris Barajas
- City of Lake Elsinore - Brian Tisdale
- City of Menifee - Matt Liesemeyer
- City of Moreno Valley - Edward Delgado
- City of Murrieta - Lori Stone
- City of Norco - Ted Hoffman
- City of Perris - Rita Rogers
- City of Riverside - Ronaldo Fierro
- City of San Jacinto - Crystal Ruiz
- City of Temecula - James Stewart
- City of Wildomar - Ben Benoit
- County, District 1 - Kevin Jeffries*
- County, District 2 - Karen Spiegel
- Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD) - Phil Paule
- Western Municipal Water District (WMWD) - Brenda Dennstedt
- WRCOG Executive Director - Dr. Kurt Wilson

*Joined after Roll Call

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

RESULT: APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED

MOVER: Lake Elsinore

SECONDER: WMWD

AYES: Banning, Beaumont, Calimesa, Canyon Lake, Eastvale, Hemet, Jurupa Valley, Lake Elsinore, Menifee, Moreno Valley, Murrieta, Norco, Perris, Riverside, San Jacinto, Temecula, Wildomar, District 2, EMWD, WMWD

A. Assembly Bill 361 Findings

Action:

1. Affirmed the findings of the Executive Committee in Resolution Number 26-21, adopted on November 1, 2021, which are:
 - a. The Governor proclaimed a State of Emergency on March 4, 2020, related to the COVID-19 pandemic, which State of Emergency continues to exist today; and
 - b. State or local officials have recommended measures to promote social distancing.

B. Summary Minutes from the December 3, 2021, Executive Committee Strategic Planning Session

Action:

1. Approved the Summary Minutes from the December 3, 2021, Executive Committee Strategic Planning Session.

C. Summary Minutes from the December 6, 2021, Executive Committee Meeting

Action:

1. Approved the Summary Minutes from the December 6, 2021, Executive Committee meeting.

D. Summary Minutes from the January 12, 2022, Special Joint Executive and Technical Advisory Committee Meeting

Action:

1. Approved the Summary Minutes from the January 12, 2022, Special Joint Executive and Technical Advisory Committee meeting.

E. Finance Department Activities Update

Action:

1. Received and filed.

F. WRCOG Committees and Agency 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. Approval of Second Amendment to the PSA with TWINTEL Solutions, Inc., for IT and AV Services

Action:

1. Authorized the Executive Director to enter into a Second Amendment of the Professional Services Agreement between WRCOG and TWINTEL Solutions, Inc., to provide continued information Technology and Audio / Visual services in an amount not to exceed \$114,000 annually for two additional years.

J. Approval of PSA with Promeli Videoworks for On-Call creative Agency Services

Action:

1. Authorized the Executive Director to execute a Professional Services Agreement between WRCOG and Promeli Videoworks to support the development of the Agency's graphic design, video production, branding, and other creative support services needed by staff and member agencies for communication efforts in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 over a 36-month period.

K. Update from the California State Association of Counties

Action:

1. Received and filed.

L. Appointment of one WRCOG Representative to a SCAG Policy Committee

Action:

1. Appointed Mayor Colleen Wallace, City of Banning, to the SCAG Energy & Environmental Policy Committee for a term commencing February 7, 2022, through December 31, 2022.

M. Submittal of Letter to the Metropolitan Water District Requesting Prioritization of Water Storage and Statewide Conveyance

Action:

1. Directed the Executive Director to submit a letter to the Metropolitan Water District on behalf of WRCOG's member agencies urging investment in statewide water storage and conveyance.

6. REPORTS / DISCUSSION

A. Member Agency REAP Funding Assistance Agreements

Chris Gray, WRCOG Deputy Executive Director, reported that WRCOG has secured \$1.678 million in funding through SCAG's Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) Subregional Partnership Program, which provides grant funding intended to support and increase planning activities in local governments.

One of the approved REAP projects is for WRCOG to provide member agencies with technical assistance at no cost that is aimed to facilitate local housing production during the planning phase. WRCOG desires to continue providing additional technical assistance to its member agencies.

Some of WRCOG's member agencies use contract planning staff to supplement full-time planning staff. A primary request from member agencies has been for WRCOG to provide contract planning consultants who can review projects and directly assist member agency staff.

WRCOG has prepared a REAP Funding Assistance Agreement template which, if approved, will be used to enter into an agreement with a requesting member agency when direct technical assistance may be needed. The agreement is meant to create more structure for providing assistance and to clearly set out the roles and responsibilities of various parties, including WRCOG, the requesting member agency, and the Consultant.

WRCOG needs to update its standard Professional Services Agreement with language to specifically refer to on-call services.

Actions:

1. Approved the Member Agency REAP Funding Assistance Agreement template, substantially as to form, and authorized the Executive Director, subject to legal counsel review, to execute the Agreement with a member agency to receive direct technical assistance through the SCAG's REAP Subregional Partnership program, if requested.
2. Authorized the Executive Director to execute a Fourth Amendment to the On-Call Professional Services Agreement with WSP, USA, Inc., for support to WRCOG to include contract language that covers the direct technical assistance with no change to the term of the agreement or the cost of the agreement.

RESULT: APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED

MOVER: Temecula

SECONDER: Perris

AYES: Banning, Beaumont, Calimesa, Canyon Lake, Eastvale, Hemet, Jurupa Valley, Lake Elsinore, Menifee, Moreno Valley, Murrieta, Norco, Perris, Riverside, San Jacinto, Temecula, Wildomar, District 2, EMWD, WMWD

7. REPORT FROM THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Chair Jeff Van Wagenen had no report.

8. REPORT FROM COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

Committee member Brian Tisdale, CALCOG representative, reported that this year's Regional Leadership Conference is being postponed due to COVID-19. CALCOG has published its 2022 key legislative priorities reports, which can be accessed at www.calcog.org. Notable priorities include the implementation of the Federal Infrastructure Act; implementation of SB 375 (Steinberg. Transportation

planning: travel demand models: sustainable communities strategy: environmental review); and Brown Act improvements for regional agencies.

Committee member Crystal Ruiz, SANDAG Borders Committee representative, reported that the major issue being discussed is illegal border crossings.

Committee member Ted Hoffman, SAWPA OWOW Steering Committee representative, reported that projects are now being accepted for Proposition 1 Round 2 funding up through March 25, 2022. Please visit <https://sawpa.org/owow/>. The Santa Ana River Watershed Modification Pilot Program is a four- to five-year Program for cloud seeding in the upper elevations; water engineers and flood control staff are encouraged to review Program projects for details on potential affects.

Committee member Ben Benoit, South Coast AQMD representative for cities in Riverside County, reported that AQMD, the Port of Long Beach, and Port of Los Angeles failed to produce an agreement on the mitigation outside of the rulemaking process. AQMD will be holding public meetings to help create an indirect source rule which likely won't be presented before the AQMD Board until December 2022 or January 2023. The Air Quality Mitigation Plan is also underway and needs to be completed by January 2023.

9. REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHAIR

Chair Spiegel announced that SCAG is holding its General Assembly May 5 and 6, 2022.

10. REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dr. Kurt Wilson reported that the five-year contract with Seimens, the company that maintains and retrofits streetlights in the Streetlight Program, is expiring at the end of this calendar year. Be on the lookout for communication from WRCOG with details.

11. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

There were no requests for items for future agendas.

12. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no general announcements.

13. CLOSED SESSION

- PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION
 - Title: Executive Director
- CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS pursuant to Section 54957.6
 - Agency designated representatives: Chair and General Counsel
 - Unrepresented employee: Executive Director
- CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION PUSUANT TO SECTION 54956.9(d)(1):
 - U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Central Division - Case No. 6:21-bk-12821 SY

- Martha Canale v. Renovate America, Inc, et al., Case no. CVPS2100098 (Riverside Superior Court)
- Robert Cannon, et al., v. R.E. Piero Construction, et al., Case No. RIC20000281 (Riverside Superior Court)
- Roberto Diaz, et al., v. Western Riverside Council of Governments, Case No. 37-2021-00049437-CU-FR-CTL (San Diego Superior Court)
- Humberto Garcia v. Western Riverside Council of Governments, et al., Case No. 30-2019-01104024-CU-BT-CJC (Orange County Superior Court)
- Loreto Molina-Duarte, et al., v. Western Riverside Council of Governments, et al., Case No. 27-2021-00014856=-CU-MC-NC (Orange County Superior Court)

There were no reportable actions.

14. NEXT MEETING

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 7, 2022, at 2:00 p.m., on the Zoom platform.

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned from Closed Session at 4:17 p.m.