

# Planning Directors Committee

## Minutes

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the WRCOG Planning Directors Committee was called to order by Chair John Hildebrand at 9:30 a.m. on March 10, 2022, on the Zoom platform.

### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Hildebrand led members and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 3. ROLL CALL

- City of Banning - Adam Rush\*
- City of Beaumont - Carole Kendrick
- City of Calimesa - Kelly Lucia
- City of Corona - Joanne Coletta
- City of Eastvale - Gustavo Gonzalez
- City of Hemet - Monique Alaniz-Fletjer\*
- City of Lake Elsinore - Richard MacHott
- City of Moreno Valley - Sean Kelleher\*
- City of Murrieta - David Chantarangsu
- City of Perris - Kenneth Phung
- City of Riverside - David Murray
- City of San Jacinto - Travis Randel\*
- City of Temecula - Matt Peters
- City of Wildomar - Abdu Lachgar
- County of Riverside - John Hildebrand (Chair)
- March JPA - Jeffrey Smith
- Riverside Transit Agency - Jennifer Nguyen

\*Arrived after Roll Call

### 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Aaron Hake, RCTC / RCA, requested Committee members to enter into a dialogue regarding RCA's MSHCP Fee Credits. Mr. Hake shared a questionnaire regarding the Fee Credits and requested feedback from the Committee members. If any Committee members have any questions they can contact Mr. Hake at [ahake@rctc.org](mailto:ahake@rctc.org) or (951) 212-3636.

Arnold San Miguel, SCAG, announced that registration is open for SCAG's 57th Regional Conference General Assembly, scheduled for May 5 - 6, 2022. Applications are available for SCAG's Scholarship Program.

**5. CONSENT CALENDAR** – (Murrieta / Lake Elsinore) 14 yes; 0 no; 1 abstention. Item 5.A was approved. The City of Banning abstained.

**A. Summary Minutes from the February 10, 2022, Planning Directors Committee Meeting**

**Action:**

1. Approved the Summary Minutes from the February 10, 2022, Planning Directors Committee meeting.

**6. REPORTS / DISCUSSION**

**A. Objective Design Standards Toolkit Update**

Alan Loomis, PlaceWorks, provided a summary of the preparation of an Objective Design Standards Toolkit for use by WRCOG member agencies. The presentation focused on three main areas of the toolkit: 1) Site Planning Standards, which include building orientation and parking requirements, and landscape standards; 2) Building Design Standards, which includes items such as windows, doors and garages; and 3) Architectural Style Standards, which provide elements of several different architectural styles commonly found in the WRCOG subregion.

The goal of producing this toolkit is to enable jurisdictions the ability to pick and choose from a variety of standards. If a jurisdiction has limited time or staff, there is also the option for PlaceWorks to customize the standards specifically for a city and incorporate it into the city's municipal code at no cost to the city through the REAP Program.

**Action:**

1. Received and filed.

**B. REAP Housing Activities Assistance Update**

Suzanne Peterson, WRCOG Senior Analyst, provided an overview of the Housing Activities Assistance Program that WRCOG is offering through REAP grant funding received by SCAG. One of the approved REAP projects WRCOG proposed is to provide contract planning services to be utilized by WRCOG member agencies. The purpose of this REAP project is to provide member agencies with technical assistance aimed to help facilitate local housing production during the planning phase.

Some of the types of eligible activities include municipal code updates, user guides, mapping assistance, and more that would be directly related to housing activities and facilitate housing production. Staff sent emails that asked member agencies to submit the Housing Activities Assistance Jurisdiction Request form prior to this meeting. However, staff anticipates being able to accommodate additional requests, based on the volume of requests received and remaining funds for this project. Staff, in coordination with consultant staff, will review the requests and may have to prioritize a jurisdiction's requested activities depending on the volume of requests received. It may be possible that assistance is provided to a jurisdiction's top priority activities, and lower priority activities may have to be considered at a later date. In addition, activities which require additional lead time and/or provide mutual benefit (e.g., user guides) may be prioritized.

A review of the project timeline was provided, and jurisdictions were asked to submit requests for assistance as soon as possible. All REAP funding for these activities must be used by June 2023.

**Action:**

1. Received and filed.

**C. Legislative Activities Update**

Bill Blankenship, WRCOG's On-Call Legislative Consultant, provided a legislative update noting deadlines for the 2022 legislative session and reviewed several proposed bills. Of those, the following were highlighted:

- AB 682 (Bloom): this proposed bill would allow additional density bonuses for co-housing buildings that contain at least 10% of the total square footage for lower-income households, or 5% of total square footage for very low-income households.
- AB 617 (Davies): this proposed bill would allow cities or counties to enter into an agreement to transfer all or a portion of its regional housing need allocation to another city or county.
- AB 1445 (Levine): this proposed bill would require general plans to include emergency evacuation routes for areas of wildfire risks and to consider other climate-related impacts.

Additionally, information was provided on the Communities for Choice Campaign, which is a proposed November 2022 Ballot Measure for local control of housing and growth.

**Action:**

1. Received and filed.

**D. SCAG Update on the 2024 Connect SoCal Growth Forecasts, Regional Data Platform and Local Data Exchange**

SCAG staff presented on the process for the upcoming RTP / SCS growth forecast process and how it will involve the local jurisdictions. The presentation also included an overview of several new technology elements that SCAG intends to utilize in the growth forecast process including the Regional Data Platform, Local Data Exchange database, Jurisdictional Map books, and one-on-one meeting process. SCAG is planning to release city control total numbers for household and employment for each jurisdiction in the SCAG region by May 2022. It is the intention of WRCOG to be as involved with the growth forecast process as the jurisdictions are interested.

Please reach out to Arnold San Miguel ([sanmiguel@scag.ca.gov](mailto:sanmiguel@scag.ca.gov)) with any questions.

**Action:**

1. Received and filed.

**7. REPORT FROM THE DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Chris Gray provided a look ahead for the next few Committee meetings and shared that the Executive Committee voted to provide a hybrid approach, allowing the option to attend Committee meetings in-person going forward.

## **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 Planning Directors Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 14, 2022, at 9:30 a.m., on the Zoom platform with an option to attend in-person at the WRCOG office.

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting of the Planning Directors Committee adjourned at 10:48 a.m.