

1. INTRODUCTIONS

The Special meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by Chair Chris Lopez on a Zoom Platform Teleconference.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

3. REPORTS / DISCUSSION

A. League of California Cities Activities Update on COVID-19

Erin Sasse, League of California Cities representative, provided an update on current activities in the legislature regarding COVID-19. The Senate came to an agreement on a stimulus package with more money for the local government. More info will be sent out to the City Managers when it comes available. The Governor will be updating his Executive Order and when there are any changes they will be emailed out as well.

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

B. Update on the Governor's Orders and Strategies Dealing with Legal and Implementation Issues; Potential Expenditure Reimbursements

Haviva Shane, Best & Krieger of Counsel, provided an update on recent activities on COVID-19. On March 13, 2020, President Trump declared an emergency for COVID-19 under Section 501(b) of the Stafford Act, pledging \$50 billion in unspecified aid in the ongoing COVID-19 response efforts. Section 501(b) of the Stafford Act allows the federal government to declare an emergency without a governor's request and makes available only certain subsets of FEMA recovery funds. This generally enables FEMA to operate as a vehicle to deliver virus response funds to state and local governments.

The California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CAL OES) has extended the deadline for any applications for FEMA funds. FEMA is allowing non-competitive procurement, as long as the procurement remains compliant.

The Governor has given orders regarding the Brown Act. Public meetings are able to be held with no in person locations required. An agenda still has to include directions for how public comments can be made, as well as information for anyone that is needing ADA assistance must be listed. As the Governor has suspended most requirements under the Brown Act, he has not suspended any of the Public Records Act request requirements. A reasonable response to requests is recommended as is prioritizing COVID-19 requests.

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

C. Update from TAC Members and Agency Partners: Challenges / Solutions Due to COVID-19

Committee member Rob Johnson, City of San Jacinto, provided an update on the local efforts involved at a city standpoint. Most city halls are closed to the public. Most City Managers have been communicating and supporting each other with the changes going on regarding the COVID-19 issues.

Committee member Craig Miller, Western Municipal Water District (WMWD), provided an update from the water / sewer industry. Everything is going great and its business as usual. There are no issues with water treatment supplies. Letters were sent to the suppliers notifying them that they are an essential job and to keep WMWD updated if there becomes a shortage on treatment supplies.

Anne Mayer, Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) Executive Director, provided an update from its Finance Department – RCTC is staying active and focused, keeping a priority on all funds to keep them flowing. All construction projects and programs are continuing forward and are consistent with Caltrans model. RCTC staff are working with all the transit partners to give assistance through these hard times.

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

D. Requests for Future Speakers / Topics

Committee members requested future speakers on topics such as revenue forecast and impacts of the sales tax measure on a local / regional level, as well as a possible scenario planning and having housing developers present what their outlook is for post-COVID-19.

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

4. NEXT MEETING

The next Technical Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 21, 2020, at 9:30 a.m., at WRCOG's office located at 3390 University Avenue, Suite 200, Riverside.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The Special Meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee adjourned at 11:30 a.m.