

Western Riverside Council of Governments

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Regular Meeting

~ Minutes ~

Monday, May 3, 2021

2:01 PM

Zoom Platform

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kevin Bash at 2:01 p.m. on May 3, 2021.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Casey Dailey, WRCOG Director of Energy & Environmental Programs, led the Committee members and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. CALL TO ORDER

Jurisdiction	Attendee Name	Status
City of Banning	David Happe	Present
City of Beaumont	Mike Lara	Present
City of Calimesa	Wendy Hewitt	Present
City of Eastvale	Christian Dinco	Present
City of Hemet	Russ Brown	Present
City of Jurupa Valley	Chris Barajas	Present
City of Lake Elsinore	Brian Tisdale	Present
City of Menifee	Matt Liesemeyer	Present
City of Moreno Valley	Victoria Baca	Present
City of Murrieta	Lori Stone	Present
City of Norco	Kevin Bash	Present
City of Perris	Rita Rogers	Present
City of Riverside	Ronaldo Fierro	Present
City of San Jacinto	Crystal Ruiz	Present
City of Temecula	Maryann Edwards	Present
City of Wildomar	Ben Benoit	Present
District 2	Karen Spiegel	Present
District 3	Chuck Washington	Present
District 5	Jeff Hewitt	Present
EMWD	David Slawson	Present
WMWD	Brenda Dennstedt	Present
Riverside County Supt. of Schools (ex-officio)	Dr. Edwin Gomez	Present
TAC Chair	Andy Okoro	Present
Deputy Executive Director	Chris Gray	Present

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Arnold San Miguel with the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) indicated that Clint Lorimore will be sworn in as SCAG President at its General Assembly.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

RESULT:	APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED
MOVER:	San Jacinto
SECONDER:	Wildomar
AYES:	Banning, Beaumont, Calimesa, Eastvale, Hemet, Jurupa Valley, Lake Elsinore, Menifee, Moreno Valley, Murrieta, Norco, Perris, Riverside, San Jacinto, Temecula, Wildomar, District 2, District 3, District 5, EMWD, WMWD
ABSENT:	Canyon Lake, Corona, District 1

A. Summary Minutes from the April 5, 2021, Executive Committee Meeting

Action: 1. *Approved the Summary Minutes from the April 5, 2021, Executive Committee meeting.*

B. Finance Department Activities Update

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

C. WRCOG Committees and Agency Activities Update

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

D. Report out of WRCOG Representatives on Various Committees

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

E. I-REN Activities Update

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

F. WRCOG's Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Financial Audit

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

6. REPORTS / DISCUSSION**A. Report from Cal Cities**

Erin Sasse, Cal Cities representative, was unable to attend.

Action: 1. *None.*

B. Conservation Appreciation Month – May

Princess Hester, WRCOG Administrative Services Director, reported that the Riverside County Habitat Conservation Agency (RCHCA) is a separate joint powers authority operating under WRCOG. RCHCA is responsible for managing the endangered Stephens' Kangaroo Rat (SKR).

Ms. Hester thanked the member jurisdictions that adopted resolutions proclaiming the month of May 2021 as Conservation Appreciation Month.

This year, RCHCA celebrates 25 years of managing conservation programs in Riverside County. The greatest accomplishment of RCHCA is the downlisting of SKR from Endangered to Threatened. Staff are awaiting the posting of the Final Rule by the federal government.

RCHCA also implemented a public access plan on conserved lands, a first for this region.

Please visit rchca.us for a calendar of events in honor of Conservation Appreciation Month. A COGCast and Future Forward webinar will also be prepared.

Action: 1. *The Executive Committee adopted Resolution Number 04-21; A Resolution of the Executive Committee of the Western Riverside Council of Governments recognizing May as Conservation Appreciation Month.*

RESULT:	APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED
MOVER:	Temecula
SECONDER:	Riverside
AYES:	Banning, Beaumont, Calimesa, Eastvale, Hemet, Jurupa Valley, Lake Elsinore, Menifee, Moreno Valley, Murrieta, Norco, Perris, Riverside, San Jacinto, Temecula, Wildomar, District 2, District 3, District 5, EMWD, WMWD
ABSENT:	Canyon Lake, Corona, District 1

C. WRCOG Program Overview and Fiscal Review of 2020/2021

Chris Gray, WRCOG Deputy Executive Director, provided a high overview of WRCOG's programs – the Transportation Uniform Mitigation Fee (TUMF) Program, Active Transportation Program, Grant Writing Program, Fellowship Program, the Regional Streetlight Program, the PACE Program, and the Western Riverside Energy Partnership, recycling and used oil programs, and various grant-supported programs related to planning activities.

Andrew Ruiz, WRCOG Chief Financial Officer, reported that the Fiscal Year (FY) 2020/2021 budget was prepared with a 30% reduction in revenues compared against the prior FY due to the COVID-19 pandemic and anticipated effects on the Agency's budget.

TUMF revenues actually came in higher than anticipated, and the PACE residential programs ended; however, staff continue to remain conservative in the next FY budget preparation and will continue with our existing approach to apply for grants and other outside funding sources.

The Agency's overall outlook remains positive.

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

D. Preliminary Draft Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Agency Budget

Andrew Ruiz, WRCOG Chief Financial Officer, reported that the Administration Department revenues and transfers-in match expenditures at \$2.4M. Transportation & Planning Department revenues and transfers-in match expenditures and transfers out at \$5.1M. PACE Department revenues and transfers-in are anticipated to reach \$2.9M and expenditures and transfers out are anticipated at \$2.7M. Energy & Environmental Department revenues and transfers-in are anticipated to reach \$56.1k and expenditures and transfers out are anticipated at \$56.1k.

Total Agency revenues and transfers-in are anticipated at \$56,999,505 against expenditures and transfers out at \$56,759,961.

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

E. 30th Annual General Assembly & Leadership Address Activities Update

Rachel Singer, WRCOG Program Manager, reported that this year's event will be held on Thursday, June 24, 2021, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., with a theme of "Celebrating Resilience." This will be a virtual event that will include a mini video series covering member agency achievements over the past year. Daymond John, Founder / CEO of FUBU, Presidential Ambassador for Global Entrepreneurship, and star of ABC's *Shark Tank*, is the featured guest speaker.

As this year's event will be virtual, Community Service Award recipients will be honored at the next Executive Committee meeting on June 7, 2021.

Action: 1. *Approved the nominees identified by the Administration & Finance Committee for the 2021 Award for Outstanding Community Service to be presented at the June 7, 2021, Executive Committee meeting:*

- a) *Gurdwara Sahib Riverside Sikh Temple, For the People Taskforce;*
- b) *Riverside Transit Agency; and*
- c) *Grant Yates*

RESULT:	APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED
MOVER:	District 2
SECONDER:	Moreno Valley
AYES:	Banning, Beaumont, Calimesa, Eastvale, Hemet, Jurupa Valley, Lake Elsinore, Menifee, Moreno Valley, Murrieta, Norco, Perris, San Jacinto, Temecula, Wildomar, District 2, District 3, District 5, EMWD, WMWD
NO ANSWER:	Riverside
ABSENT:	Canyon Lake, Corona, District 1

7. REPORT FROM THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR

Andy Okoro had no report to provide.

8. REPORT FROM COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

Committee member Ben Benoit, South Coast AQMD representative for cities in Riverside County, reported that discussions continue regarding the Indirect Source Rule and warehouses.

Committee member Crystal Ruiz, SANDAG Borders Committee representative, reported that meeting topics included the impacts of COVID-19 on all borders in San Diego County.

9. REPORT FROM THE DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Chris Gray reported that WRCOG will be resuming in-person meetings with its smaller committees and with larger in-person committee meetings potentially beginning in July 2021. Meetings with Executive Committee members on the update of the Economic Development & Sustainability Framework are scheduled throughout the month of May 2021.

10. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

There were no requests for future agenda items.

11. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no general announcements.

12. NEXT MEETING

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 7, 2021, at 2:00 p.m., on the Zoom platform.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:44 p.m.
