

Technical Advisory Committee

Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the WRCOG Technical Advisory Committee was called to order by Chair Jeff Van Wagenen at 9:32 a.m. on May 19, 2022, on the Zoom platform.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Committee member Rod Butler led members and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

- City of Banning - Doug Schulze
- City of Beaumont - Elizabeth Gibbs
- City of Calimesa - Bonnie Johnson
- City of Canyon Lake - Chris Mann*
- City of Corona - Jacob Ellis
- City of Eastvale - Marc Donohue*
- City of Hemet - Noah Rau
- City of Jurupa Valley - Rod Butler
- City of Lake Elsinore - Jason Simpson*
- City of Moreno Valley - Mike Lee
- City of Murrieta - Kim Summers
- City of Riverside - Al Zelinka
- County of Riverside - Jeff Van Wagenen (Chair)
- Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD) - Danielle Coats
- March JPA - Dr. Grace Martin

*Arrived after Roll Call

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR – (Canyon Lake / Banning) 15 yes; 0 no; 0 abstention. Items 5.A through 5.D were approved.

A. Summary Minutes from the April 21, 2022, Technical Advisory Committee Meeting

Action:

1. Approved the Summary Minutes from the April 21, 2022, Technical Advisory Committee meeting.

B. Finance Department Activities Update

Action:

1. Received and filed.

C. SCAG Activities Update

Action:

1. Received and filed.

D. Approval of Professional Services Agreement with Public Financial Management for Investment Management and Advisory Services

Action:

1. Recommended that the Executive Committee approve an agreement with Public Financial Management to provide investment management and advisory services for WRCOG, starting with Fiscal Year 2022/2023, through Fiscal Year 2024/2025, with an option for the Executive Director to extend services for an additional two fiscal years..

6. REPORTS / DISCUSSION

A. Cal Cities Activities Update

Erin Sasse was unable to attend.

Action:

1. None.

B. Appointment to the Riverside County Emergency Medical Care Committee

Janis Leonard, WRCOG Administrative Services Manager, reported that every three years, WRCOG is responsible for appointing one representative and one alternate to the Riverside County Emergency Medical Care Committee (EMCC). Membership on the EMCC is determined by the Riverside County Board of Supervisors. Consistent with previous years, the EMCC has requested that the WRCOG Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) recommend a TAC member to serve as an ex-officio member of the EMCC. If approved by the Board of Supervisors, that member will represent WRCOG on the EMCC.

The function of EMCC is to advise the Riverside County Board of Supervisors on all aspects of emergency medical care within the County, to report on observations, and to provide recommendations concerning the feasibility and content of emergency medical care programs within the County. The EMCC is comprised of 15 ex-officio members, one of which is a City Manager appointed from WRCOG. The current term expires June 30, 2022.

Action:

1. Recommended Jason Simpson, City of Lake Elsinore (representative), and Chris Mann, City of Canyon Lake, (alternate) as the WRCOG representatives to the Riverside County Emergency Medical Care Committee.

(Jurupa Valley / Calimesa) 15 yes; 0 no; 0 abstention. Items 6.B was approved.

C. Committee Discussion on Stormwater Compliance

Committee member Chris Mann, City of Canyon Lake, discussed some ongoing challenges surrounding stormwater compliance that his City has been facing. After discussion with the Committee, WRCOG staff will work with member agencies facing similar challenges to help explore and identify options, including hosting a workshop with others interested.

Action:

1. Received and filed.

D. Community Economic Resilience Fund (CERF) Introduction

Inland Economic Growth & Opportunity's (IEGO) Executive Director Jackie Melendez provided an introduction on the State's Community Economic Resilience Fund (CERF). CERF was created to promote a sustainable and equitable recovery from the economic distress of COVID-19 by supporting new plans and strategies to diversify local economies and develop sustainable industries that create high-quality, broadly accessible jobs for all Californians. Specifically, CERF would support communities and regional groups in producing regional roadmaps for economic recovery and transition that prioritize the creation of accessible, high-quality jobs in sustainable industries.

There are 13 CERF regions across California. The Inland Empire Region includes all of Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. During Phase 1, one \$5M grant will be awarded to each CERF region to support the development of smart, targeted, regional economic roadmaps that can create high-quality jobs and build a more equitable economy that works for all.

A fact sheet was attached to the Staff Report with additional information and guidance.

Action:

1. Received and filed.

E. Santa Ana Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit Compliance Program Activities Update

Staff from the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District provided an update on activities surrounding the status of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Programs. Currently, Santa Ana Water Board members are proposing that the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board adopt a region-wide MS4 Permit. This Permit would be adopted to replace the three MS4 Permits for Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino Counties. The Orange County Permit was adopted in 2009 and the Permits for Riverside and San Bernardino Counties were adopted in 2010. The Permits were administratively extended in 2014 and 2015 and remain in effect until a new Permit is adopted by the Santa Ana Water Board.

Other areas presented included the Santa Ana River Stormwater Resource Plan and legislative activities.

Action:

1. Received and filed.

F. Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Agency Draft Budget

Kurt Wilson, WRCOG Executive Director, presented on the draft Agency Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Budget. The document was completed and there was a major change in the layout from prior budgets and will provide greater visibility as well as context to the Agency's financial position. Overall, WRCOG is anticipating \$75 million in revenues against \$46 million in expenditures. The difference in revenues and expenditures is primarily due to the difference in TUMF revenues collected compared to anticipated TUMF project reimbursement expenses anticipated to be paid out in the following year. Currently, TUMF is collecting more than it is paying out in projects.

Four programs were closed, three positions associated with and funded by Western Community Energy were eliminated, and the two new positions tied to long-term funding sources were added. The I-REN is anticipated to fully launch this upcoming year. There will be no change to the Fellowship Program funding percentages. There will be a HERO Reserve fund created, and lastly, there is an unallocated labor increase of 4.5%, which is subject to change based on the Classification and Compensation Study.

Action:

1. Recommended that the Executive Committee and General Assembly approve the draft Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Agency Budget.

(Jurupa Valley / Moreno Valley) 12 yes; 0 no; 0 abstention. Items 6.F was approved.

7. REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dr. Kurt Wilson reported that staff is working on gathering the attendees for this year's General Assembly.

8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

There were no items for future agendas.

9. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Committee member Danielle Coats shared that this will be her last meeting after 19 years.

Committee member Al Zelinka shared that this will also be his last meeting as he is moving on to be the City Manager of Huntington Beach.

10. NEXT MEETING

The Technical Advisory Committee is DARK in the month of June. The next Technical Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 21, 2022, at 9:30 a.m., on the Zoom platform with an option for Committee members to attend in-person.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee adjourned at 10:50 a.m.