

WRCOG Executive Committee

Action Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the WRCOG Executive Committee was called to order by Chair Crystal Ruiz at 2:00 p.m. on June 5, 2023, at the Riverside County Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon Street, 1st Floor Board Chambers, Riverside.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Crystal Ruiz led the Committee members and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

- City of Banning - Sheri Flynn
- City of Beaumont - Mike Lara
- City of Calimesa - Wendy Hewitt
- City of Corona - Jacque Casillas*
- City of Eastvale - Christian Dinco
- City of Hemet - Jackie Peterson
- City of Jurupa Valley - Chris Barajas
- City of Lake Elsinore - Brian Tisdale
- City of Menifee - Bob Karwin*
- City of Moreno Valley - Elena Baca-Santa Cruz
- City of Murrieta - Ron Holliday
- City of Norco - Kevin Bash
- City of Perris - Rita Rogers
- City of Riverside - Ronaldo Fierro
- City of San Jacinto - Crystal Ruiz
- City of Temecula - James Stewart
- City of Wildomar - Joseph Morabito
- County, District 3 - Chuck Washington
- Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD) - Phil Paule*
- Western Water - Brenda Dennstedt

*Arrived after Roll Call

4. CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(d)(1):

1. Logan vs California Statewide Communities Development Authority, et al., Case No. 37-

2022-00003295-CU-MC-NC (San Diego County Superior Court).

2. Cordova, et al. v. Elite Solar Group, LLC, et al., Case No. 37-2021-00000765-CU-BT-CTL (San Diego County Superior Court).

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION pursuant to Section 54957

- Title: Executive Director

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS pursuant to Section 54957.6

- Agency designated representatives: Chair and General Counsel
Unrepresented employee: Executive Director

5. OPEN SESSION

Steve DeBaun, WRCOG legal counsel, reported that the matter discussed during Closed Session regarding the Executive Director includes an annual compensation increase to \$299k as of July 1, 2023, and an award bonus of \$39k on or about July 1, 2023. There will be language added to the Executive Director's employment contract indicating that he will be entitled to Consumer Price Index increases consistent with other WRCOG employees, as well as minor language allowing outside activities.

RESULT:	APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED
MOVER:	Murrieta
SECONDER:	EMWD
AYES:	Calimesa, Corona, Eastvale, Hemet, Jurupa Valley, Menifee, Moreno Valley, Murrieta Norco, Perris, Riverside, San Jacinto, Temecula, Wildomar, District 3, EMWD
NAYS:	Beaumont, Banning
ABSTENTIONS:	Lake Elsinore, Western Water

6. SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF ARNOLD SAN MIGUEL

Chair Ruiz thanked Arnold San Miguel from SCAG for his 34 years of service and congratulated him on his retirement.

Arnold San Miguel said he had the option to retire nine years ago, but it has been so great that he chose to stay. Mr. San Miguel thanked the Committee members for their service.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ivette Macias, SCAG Government Affairs Officer, is temporarily filling in until the position is filled. The California Department of Housing and Community Development is crafting recommendations to reform RHNA. SCAG is seeking input from jurisdictions, stakeholders, and the public through a brief public survey. There will be two public listening sessions, on June 22 and 27, 2023, with the option to attend remotely. Interested parties can register at scag.ca.gov/rhna, and stakeholders can submit comments to housing@scag.ca.gov. All comments and survey responses are due by June 30, 2023, which SCAG will then compile into a report and submit to the California State Legislature by December 31, 2023.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

RESULT:	APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED
MOVER:	Riverside
SECONDER:	Wildomar
AYES:	Banning, Beaumont, Calimesa, Corona, Eastvale, Hemet, Jurupa Valley, Lake Elsin, Menifee, Moreno Valley, Murrieta, Norco, Perris, San Jacinto, Temecula, Wildomar, District 3, EMWD, Western Water
ABSTENTIONS:	Banning

A. Summary Minutes from the May 1 2023, Executive Committee Meeting

Action:

1. Approved the minutes from the May 1, 2023, Executive Committee meeting.

B. Summary Minutes from the June 6, 2022, WRCOG Supporting Foundation Meeting

Action:

1. Approved the Summary Minutes from the June 6, 2022, WRCOG Supporting Foundation meeting.

C. Finance Department Activities Update

Action:

1. Received and filed.

D. WRCOG Committees and Agency Activities Update

Action:

1. Received and filed.

E. Report out of WRCOG Representatives on Various Committees

Action:

1. Received and filed.

F. Approval of Regional Food Rescue and Technical Assistance Agreement

Action:

1. Authorized the Executive Director to execute an Agreement between WRCOG and MSW Consultants.

G. Execution of Professional Services Agreements for On-Call Planning Services

Actions:

1. Authorized the Executive Director to execute a new On-Call Professional Services Agreement between WRCOG and GHD, Inc., for support to WRCOG with transportation planning and staff support activities and services in an amount not-to-exceed \$200,000, for a term through June 30, 2025.
2. Authorize the Executive Director to execute a new On-Call Professional Services Agreement between WRCOG and Atlas Planning Solutions for support to WRCOG with general land use

planning support activities and services in an amount not-to-exceed \$50,000, for a term through June 30, 2025.

H. Annual Used Oil Payment Program Authorization - Cycle 14

Action:

1. Adopted Resolution Number 21-23; A Resolution of the Executive Committee of the Western Riverside Council of Governments to support Regional Application - Used Oil Payment Program - 14.

I. Request to Authorize Annual Levy Assessments related to PACE Programs

Actions:

1. Adopted Resolution Number 05-23; A Resolution of the Executive Committee of the Western Riverside Council of Governments making certain representations and authorizing the placement of assessments on the tax roll in various counties.
2. Adopted Resolution Number 06-23; A Resolution of the Executive Committee of the Western Riverside Council of Governments making certain representations and authorizing the placement of assessments on the tax roll in Amador County.
3. Adopted Resolution Number 07-23; A Resolution of the Executive Committee of the Western Riverside Council of Governments making certain representations and authorizing the placement of assessments on the tax roll in Butte County and certifying to Butte County the validity of the legal process used to place direct charges on the secured tax roll.
4. Adopted Resolution Number 08-23; A Resolution of the Executive Committee of the Western Riverside Council of Governments making certain representations and authorizing the placement of assessments on the tax roll in the Glenn County.
5. Adopted Resolution Number 09-23; A Resolution of the Executive Committee of the Western Riverside Council of Governments making certain representations and authorizing the placement of assessments on the tax roll in Humboldt County.
6. Adopted Resolution Number 10-23; A Resolution of the Executive Committee of the Western Riverside Council of Governments making certain representations and authorizing the placement of assessments on the tax roll in Kern County.
7. Adopted Resolution Number 11-23; A Resolution of the Executive Committee of the Western Riverside Council of Governments making certain representations and authorizing the placement of assessments on the tax roll in Madera County.
8. Adopted Resolution Number 12-23; A Resolution of the Executive Committee of the Western Riverside Council of Governments making certain representations and authorizing the placement of assessments on the tax roll in Mendocino County.
9. Adopted Resolution Number 13-23; A Resolution of the Executive Committee of the Western Riverside Council of Governments making certain representations and authorizing the placement of assessments on the tax roll in Merced County.
10. Adopted Resolution Number 14-23; A Resolution of the Executive Committee of the Western Riverside Council of Governments making certain representations and authorizing the placement of assessments on the tax roll in Monterey County.
11. Adopted Resolution Number 15-23; A Resolution of the Executive Committee of the Western Riverside Council of Governments making certain representations and authorizing the placement of assessments on the tax roll in Nevada County.
12. Adopted Resolution Number 16-23; A Resolution of the Executive Committee of the Western

Riverside Council of Governments making certain representations and authorizing the placement of assessments on the tax roll in Nevada County.

13. Adopted Resolution Number 17-23; A Resolution of the Executive Committee of the Western Riverside Council of Governments making certain representations and authorizing the placement of assessments on the tax roll in San Mateo County.
14. Adopted Resolution Number 18-23; A Resolution of the Executive Committee of the Western Riverside Council of Governments making certain representations and authorizing the placement of assessments on the tax roll in Ventura County.
15. Adopted Resolution Number 19-23; A Resolution of the Executive Committee of the Western Riverside Council of Governments making certain representations and authorizing the placement of assessments on the tax roll in Yolo County.
16. Adopted Resolution Number 20-23; A Resolution of the Executive Committee of the Western Riverside Council of Governments making certain representations and authorizing the placement of assessments on the tax roll in Yuba County.

J. Approval of MOU Extension Amendment with SCAG for the Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) grant Subregional Partnership Program

Action:

1. Authorized the Executive Director to execute an amendment to the MOU, substantially as to form, with SCAG for the REAP Subregional Partnership Program to extend the term of the MOU to December 30, 2023.

K. Approval of Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Supporting Foundation Budget Amendment and Adoption of Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Supporting Foundation Budget

Actions:

1. Approved the Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Supporting Foundation Budget Amendment.
2. Adopted Resolution 01-23; A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Western Riverside Council of Governments Supporting Foundation adopting the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Supporting Foundation Budget.

L. Recommendation of Executive Committee Chair, Vice-Chair, and 2nd Vice-Chair Positions for Fiscal Year 2023/2024

Action:

1. Recommended that the General Assembly appoint Chris Barajas, Rita Rogers, and Brenda Dennstedt to serve as WRCOG Chair, Vice-Chair, and 2nd Vice-Chair, respectively, for Fiscal Year 2023/2024.

M. Approval of Administration & Finance Committee recommendation to amend Executive Director Employment Agreement and Agency Salary

Actions:

1. Adopted Resolution Number 22-23; A Resolution of the Executive Committee of the Western Riverside Council of Governments adopting the Fiscal Year 2022/2023 publicly available Salary Schedule effective July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, as required by the California Public

Employees' Retirement System Rescinding Resolution Number 02-23.

2. Authorized the Executive Committee Chair to execute a 1st contract amendment that incorporates the provisions described in Attachment 2 subject to any non-substantive changes necessary to carry out the purpose and intent of this action.

N. Approval of Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Agency Salary Schedule

Action:

1. Adopted Resolution Number 23-23; A Resolution of the Executive Committee of the Western Riverside Council of Governments adopting the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 publicly available salary schedule effective July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, as required by the California Public Employee's Retirement System.

O. 2023 Western Riverside County TUMF Regional Arterial List Update

Actions:

1. Approve the six projects identified for RCTC Regional Arterial TUMF Funding.
2. Recommend that the RCTC Budget and Implementation Committee approve the six projects identified for RCTC Regional Arterial TUMF Funding.

9. REPORTS / DISCUSSION

A. WRCOG 2023 Legislative Platform

Dr. Kurt Wilson, WRCOG Executive Director, reported that one of the items that came forward from the strategic planning session was for WRCOG to take a more active roll, specifically in the state legislative process. The proposed Legislative Platform includes a set of Guiding Principles.

Action:

1. Approved the WRTCOG 2023 Legislative Platform.

RESULT:	APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED
MOVER:	Jurupa Valley
SECONDER:	Lake Elsinore
AYES:	Banning, Beaumont, Calimesa, Corona, Eastvale, Hemet, Jurupa Valley, Lake Elsinore, Menifee, Moreno Valley, Murrieta, Norco, Perris, San Jacinto, Temecula, Wildomar, District 3, EMWD, Western Water

B. Guidelines and Framework to Evaluate new WRCOG Programs and Initiatives

Due to time constraints, this item was moved to the August meeting.

C. State Legislative Update from Eastern Municipal Water District and Western Water

Pacal Cornejo-Reynoso from EMWD and Michael Hadley from Western Water gave a presentation on water legislation.

SB 366 (Caballero) builds off of Solve the Water Crisis coalition, and would modernize the California

Water Plan. This would amend the Water Plan to set a state-wide target for water supply development. By 2040, the state will develop a plan to build the infrastructure to add 10M acre-feet of new water supply to the state. The Department of Water Resource will come up with its own 2050 target.

AB 460 (Bauer-Kahan); AB 1337 (Wicks); SB 389 (Allen) attempt to modernize the California water rights system. It expands the State Water Board's authority to enforce curtailment orders, and could potentially hinder the water supply if water agencies are unable to import water under certain conditions.

AB 1205 (Bauer-Kahan) Declares that profiteering by an investment fund in the sale, transfer, or lease of any surface or groundwater right previously used on agricultural lands shall be considered a waste or unreasonable use of water.

Many legislators are upset with how the State Board could not do much to stop Northern California from taking water during severe drought conditions, except impose a fine of \$500/ day. EMWD and Western Water are currently working with authors of these bills to try to get to a better place on the water rights.

AB 1572 (Freidman) bans potable water use on nonfunctional turf at commercial, industrial, institutional, and multi-family residential properties. This does not affect single-family residences, and exclude recycled water, water for trees/plants, and recreational turf.

AB 1573 (Friedman) seeks to update the Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (MWELO). New or renovated non-residential properties will include 75% native plants by 2035, and will prohibit the inclusion of nonfunctional turf in residential landscape projects beginning January 1, 2026.

Bonds are seen as a good way to keep the money flowing to different projects that would benefit California water in the long term.

AB 1567 (Garcia) and SB 867 (Allen) are being developed in tandem with legislative houses. \$15B-\$17B would be allocated for drought contingency measures, flood planning, and water resilience.

AB 305 (Villapudua) will allocate \$4.5B for flood protection projects.

SB 638 (Eggman) will allocate \$6B for flood protection and climate resiliency projects.

AB 1594 (Garcia) deals with medium- and heavy-duty, zero-emission vehicles for public agency utilities, and provides exemptions for water, sewer, and electric utilities.

AB 1637 (Irwin) requires all cities and counties to have a ".ca.gov" or ".gov" website address and email domain by January 1, 2027.

AB 557 (Hart) removes the 2028 sunset date for teleconferencing during statewide emergencies.

Action:

1. Received and filed.

10. REPORT FROM THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR

The Technical Advisory Committee Chair, Rob Johnson, was not present.

11. REPORT FROM COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

There were no reports.

12. REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHAIR

Chair Ruiz thanked the Executive Committee and staff for their support over the past year.

13. REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dr. Kurt Wilson reported that due to price increases, a limited number of Budget booklets were printed and placed at each Committee members' seat at the dais; there is an electronic version available. WRCOG Program Manager Daniel Soltero wrote a grant for the Governor's Office of Planning and Research for approximately \$421k. I-REN orientation meetings have begun throughout the subregion. General Assembly fund raising is going very well. One of the sponsors will be offering headshots, free of charge.

14. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

There were no items for future agendas.

15. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no general announcements.

16. NEXT MEETING

The next Supporting Foundation meeting has yet to be determined. The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 30, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., at Pechanga Casino Resort, Eagle's View Ball Room, 45000 Pechanga Pkwy, Temecula.

17. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:36 p.m.