

Executive Committee

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 August 1, 2022, on the Zoom platform.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

3. ROLL CALL

- City of Calimesa - Wendy Hewitt
- City of Canyon Lake - Dale Welty
- City of Corona - Jacque Casillas
- City of Hemet - Russ Brown
- City of Jurupa Valley - Chris Barajas
- City of Lake Elsinore - Brian Tisdale
- City of Menifee - Matt Liesemeyer
- City of Moreno Valley - Edward Delgado
- City of Murrieta - Lori Stone
- City of Norco - Kevin Bash
- City of Perris - Rita Rogers
- City of San Jacinto - Crystal Ruiz (Chair)
- City of Temecula - James Stewart
- City of Wildomar - Ben Benoit
- County, District 1 - Kevin Jeffries
- County, District 2 - Karen Spiegel
- County, District 3 - Chuck Washington
- County, District 5 - Jeff Hewitt
- Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD) - Phil Paule
- Western Municipal Water District (WMWD) - Brenda Dennstedt
- WRCOG Executive Director - Dr. Kurt Wilson

*Arrived after Roll Call

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Arnold San Miguel, SCAG, announced that Senate Bill 197 was enacted into law late last month and changed the Housing Element rezoning deadlines. Jurisdictions that have an adopted housing element found in compliance by October 15, 2022, will generally have until February 2025 to complete required rezonings. The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) urges SCAG

jurisdictions that do not yet have an adopted housing element, deemed compliant with Housing Element Law, to submit their adopted housing elements to HCD no later than August 15, 2022.

On August 2, 2022, SCAG and the San Diego Association of Governments will host the fall Housing Policy Forum on Equitable Housing. Join policymakers and thought leaders to gain insight on trends in homeownership and explore opportunities and innovations that will create a more equitable and sustainable housing ecosystem across Southern California.

Next month, SCAG and the USC Sol Price School of Public Policy invite you to the 33rd annual Demographic Workshop, "Forecasting the New Normal." The workshop will be held virtually in two parts on Wednesday, September 14, 2022, and Wednesday, September 21, 2022, from 1:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. Experts will weigh in on how we can forecast an uncertain future with the relatively limited information available today. The program will also include a keynote address and a series of expert-led roundtable discussions. Registration is now open on the SCAG website at <https://scag.ca.gov/events>.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

RESULT: APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED

MOVER: Menifee

SECONDER: District 3

AYES: Calimesa, Canyon Lake, Corona, Hemet, Jurupa Valley, Lake Elsinore, Menifee, Moreno Valley, Murrieta, Norco, Perris, San Jacinto, Temecula, Wildomar, District 1, District 2, District 3, District 5, EMWD, WMWD

A. Assembly Bill 361 Findings

Action:

1. Affirmed the findings of the Executive Committee in Resolution Number 01-22, adopted on April 4, 2022, which are:
 - a. The Governor proclaimed a State of Emergency on March 4, 2020, related to the COVID-19 pandemic, which State of Emergency continues to exist today; and
 - b. State or local officials have recommended measures to promote social distancing.

B. Summary Minutes from the July 11, 2022, Executive Committee Meeting

Action:

1. Approved the Summary Minutes from the July 11, 2022, Executive Committee 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. Legislative Activities Update

Action:

1. Received and filed.

G. RHNA Reform Comment Letter

Action:

1. Authorized the Executive Director to submit the provided comment letter regarding future RHNA allocation methodologies to SCAG.

6. REPORTS / DISCUSSION

A. Cal Cities Activities Update

Erin Sasse, Regional Public Affairs Manager, Cal Cities, reported that the Legislature is back in session. August 12, 2022, is the deadline for fiscal matters.

Hot bill list:

- AB 915 would require cities to have a max height to 25' for multi-family / single-family Accessory Dwelling Units within half a mile of transit.
- AB 1685 would require cities to forgive at least \$1,500 annually in parking tickets for homeless persons.
- AB 2011 requires cities to ministerially approve, without conditions, affordable housing and mixed use development in areas that typically have office, retail, or parking, regardless of General Plans.
- SB 932 requires cities to adopt bicycle and pedestrian elements in General Plans beginning June 30, 2024.

Cal Cities is supporting several catalytic converter bills currently moving through the Legislature.

In the recent budget approval, \$180M was approved regarding SB 1383 implementation.

Action:

1. Received and filed.

B. PACE Programs Activities Update: Purchase and Sale Agreement with First National Assets

Casey Dailey, WRCOG Director of Energy & Environmental Programs, reported that in September 2015 this Committee adopted a policy to review the number and dollar amount of delinquencies on an annual basis.

For the 2021/2022 Tax Year, 32,085 assessments were enrolled on parcels totaling \$84,610,015.24. Of

that amount, 1.35% are delinquent. In order to ensure a PACE assessment delinquency does not result in a foreclosure, WRCOG partners with First National Assets (FNA), a third-party, that purchases the delinquency receivables.

Committee member Wendy Hewitt asked why hire FNA instead of letting delinquencies go through the due process.

Mr. Dailey responded that the proposed action allows the bond holders to be made whole, and allows this Committee to defer judicial foreclosures.

Actions:

1. Adopted Resolution Number 22-22; A Resolution of the Executive Committee of the Western Riverside Council of Governments approving a Purchase and Sale Agreement for the sale of Assessment Installment Receivables.
2. Authorized the Executive Director to enter into a Purchase and Sale Agreement, substantially as to form, with First National Assets for the purchase of delinquent assessment receivables.

RESULT: APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED

MOVER: District 5

SECONDER: District 2

AYES: Calimesa, Canyon Lake, Corona, Hemet, Jurupa Valley, Lake Elsinore, Menifee, Moreno Valley, Murrieta, Norco, Perris, San Jacinto, Temecula, Wildomar, District 1, District 2, District 3, District 5, EMWD, WMWD

C. Smart Streetlight Implementation Plan and Broadband Assessment

Daniel Soltero, WRCOG Program Manager, reported that the Smart Streetlight Implementation Plan & Broadband Assessment is a strategy that is completely scalable, can be applied to the wide range of community contexts in WRCOG's member jurisdictions, and can be used by WRCOG or any of its individual member agencies to develop a smart city program.

Dawn Wilson, Michael Baker International, reported that the Smart Streetlight Implementation Plan was developed in a multi-step process, including an agency readiness survey and member agency engagement, peer review and smart city research, technology review, procurement strategies review, and an implementation strategy. The implementation strategy is a three-phase process: 1) Assessment, 2) Test, and 3) Expand. In Phase 1, an agency assessment, needs assessment, and a technology assessment will need take place to inform the planning and implementation of a smart streetlight / smart city program. In Phase 2, a test / pilot project is recommended as it allows agencies to see the real-world implications of a technology at a minimal investment and allows for a cost-benefit analysis prior to full scale deployment. Finally, Phase 3 activities include identifying procurement strategies and funding mechanisms and deploying the project at full-scale.

Broadband is a key requirement for smart cities. The Broadband Assessment was included in the Smart Streetlight Implementation Plan at the request of one of WRCOG's member agencies. This document summarizes the stakeholder engagement and broadband programs' research conducted on the County of Riverside's RIVCO Connect, the Inland Empire Regional Broadband Consortium (IERBC), the City of Loma Linda's Connected Communities Program (LLCCP), the City of Rancho Cucamonga's "Rancho

Fiber” municipal broadband program, and the South Bay Cities COG “South Bay Fiber Network.” Following the completion of the Broadband Assessment, staff have identified potential activities that WRCOG can take to support broadband development and implementation in Western Riverside County.

Mr. Soltero added that municipal broadband is not revenue-generating. Regional collaboration provides bargaining power and helps to reduce rates.

Actions:

1. Accepted the Smart Streetlight Implementation Plan and Broadband Assessment.
2. Directed staff to implement Phase 1 of the Smart Streetlight Implementation Plan.
3. Directed staff to provide bi-monthly updates on broadband funding opportunities and convene meetings as needed to disseminate information on broadband-related funding opportunities.

RESULT: APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED

MOVER: San Jacinto

SECONDER: Wildomar

AYES: Canyon Lake, Corona, Hemet, Jurupa Valley, Lake Elsinore, Menifee, Moreno Valley, Murrieta, Norco, Perris, San Jacinto, Temecula, Wildomar, District 2, District 3, District 5, EMWD, WMWD

ABSTAIN: Calimesa, District 1,

7. REPORT FROM THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Chair Rob Johnson reported that he is the new Chair for the current fiscal year; the Vice-Chair is Rod Butler from the City of Jurupa Valley, and the 2nd Vice-Chair is Clara Miramontes from the City of Perris. The TAC recently received a report on TUMF revenue and the same Smart Streetlight item presented here today. TAC members are all in various stages of the same challenges such as addressing the homeless population in housing, addiction, and mental health, as well as funding for all of these matters.

8. REPORT FROM COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

Committee member Brian Tisdale, CALCOG representative, reported that CALCOG met to approve the budget and review legislative updates, similar to Cal Cities.

Committee member Ted Hoffman, SAWPA OWOW representative, reported that Prop 1 Round 2 projects are in and there is approximately \$20M available. The projects will be announced late September / early October 2022, and submitted to the Department of Water Resources for final review and selection.

Committee member Ben Benoit, South Coast AQMD representative for cities in Riverside County, reported that he attended a conference and spoke with CARB Board members regarding CARB's scoping plan and current rule for heavy diesel trucks, including fleets which contain more than 10 vehicles, require zero emissions by the year 2045. There needs to be some carve-outs for Renewable Natural Gas vehicles, for example.

9. REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHAIR

Chair Ruiz had no update to provide.

10. REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dr. Kurt Wilson reported that WCE's bankruptcy plan has been approved by the courts. CALPERS members should pay close attention to CALPERS in the coming months due to recently proposed rule changes. The staff-driven WRCOG Good Vibes Team has reinstated the Employee of the Quarter recognition, and selected Farzad Habibi in the Fiscal Department. WRCOG is in the middle of an interim audit. Regarding the Beaumont settlement, the money Beaumont owes to WRCOG does not accrue interest, which makes it more difficult to get a discount, and looking back over the last 10 years, the breaking point is significantly lower, so Beaumont has respectfully declined the offer; staff is considering the matter closed unless Beaumont comes back with another offer. Suzy Nelson's last day is Wednesday; she is going to work for the City of Menifee.

11. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

There were no items for future agendas.

12. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Committee member Jeff Hewitt announced that he attended a ribbon cutting in the City of Banning for transitional housing for the homeless.

Committee member Brenda Dennstedt announced that the Landscape Style Guide has been distributed and was developed in-house by staff.

Committee member Kevin Bash announced that a one-year candle light vigil for the 13 lost soldiers is scheduled for August 25, 2022, at 6 p.m. in the City of Norco.

13. NEXT MEETING

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 12, 2022, at 2:00 p.m., on the Zoom platform with the option for Committee members to attend in person at WRCOG's office.

14. CLOSED SESSION

Steve DeBaun, WRCOG Legal Counsel, announced that the Closed Session item is in regards to a claim filed by John B. Koch, received February 22, 2022.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - Anticipated litigation

- Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1): 1 Case (Koch)

There were no reportable actions.

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:22 p.m.