

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Planning Directors Committee was called to order at 9:32 a.m. by Chair H.P. Kang, on the virtual platform, Zoom.

2. ROLL CALL

Members present:

Christina Taylor, City of Beaumont
Joanne Coletta, City of Corona
Jason Killebrew, City of Eastvale
H.P. Kang, City of Hemet, Chair
Tamara Campbell, City of Jurupa Valley (9:54 a.m. arrival)
Richard MacHott, City of Lake Elsinore
Cheryl Kitzerow, City of Menifee
Chris Ormsby, City of Moreno Valley
Jarett Ramaiya, City of Murrieta
Kenneth Phung, City of Perris
David Murray, City of Riverside
Travis Randel, City of San Jacinto
Luke Watson, City of Temecula
John Hildebrand, County of Riverside (10:00 a.m. departure)
Phayvanh Nanthavongduongsy, County of Riverside
Mathew Evans, March JPA
Kristen Warsinski, Riverside Transit Agency

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

4. SELECTION OF PLANNING DIRECTORS COMMITTEE CHAIR, VICE-CHAIR, AND 2ND VICE-CHAIR POSITIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020/2021

- Action:**
1. *The Planning Directors Committee selected John Hildebrand, County of Riverside, as Chair; Travis Randel, City of San Jacinto, as Vice-Chair; and Jason Killebrew, City of Eastvale, as 2nd Vice-Chair positions for Fiscal Year 2020/2021.*

(Lake Elsinore / Menifee) 15 yes; 0 no; 0 abstention. Item 4 was approved. Representatives from the Cities of Banning, Calimesa, Canyon Lake, Jurupa Valley, Norco, and Wildomar, and the Western Municipal Water District and the Morongo Band of Mission Indians were not present.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR – *(Menifee / Perris) 15 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions. Items 5.A and 5.B were approved. Representatives from the Cities of Banning, Calimesa, Canyon Lake, Jurupa Valley, Norco, and Wildomar, and the Western Municipal Water District and the Morongo Band of Mission Indians were not present.*

A. Summary Minutes from the May 14, 2020, Planning Directors Committee Meeting are Available for Consideration.

- Action:**
1. *Approved the Summary Minutes from the May 14, 2020, Planning Directors*

B. WRCOG Committees and Agency Activities Update

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

6. REPORTS / DISCUSSION

A. State Housing Legislative Update

Bill Blankenship, President of WB Consulting, provided a summary surrounding current activities in the legislature. Since the last Planning Directors Committee meeting the California Legislature has continued to meet and transact business on a limited basis. While the legislature's main focus has been the State's Budget, several housing-related bills are still moving through the various stages. Some key bills that could affect WRCOG member agencies and that are likely to pass through include Senate Bill (SB) 902 (Weiner: Planning and zoning: housing development: density), SB 1385 (Caballero: Local planning: housing: commercial zones), Assembly Bill (AB) 3107 (Bloom: Planning and zoning: commercial zoning: housing development), and SB 1120 (Atkins: Subdivisions: tentative maps).

Many of these bills streamline residential development or allow residential projects as either "by-right" or ministerial approval. Staff are keeping apprised of the activity and will be bringing back updates as they become available.

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

B. WRCOG Geographic Information System and Transportation Modeling Service Bureau Proposal

Chris Gray, WRCOG Director of Transportation & Planning, provided an update on the current initiatives WRCOG is taking that will assist member jurisdictions in regard to Geographic Information System (GIS) and traffic modeling. Staff is developing a work plan which would include a series of schedules and deliverables. The concept behind developing this type of regional Bureau was based on feedback from committee members, requests from consultants and other stakeholders needing assistance with travel modeling that relates to Vehicle Miles Traveled estimates, as well as discussions with other regional agencies that currently offer these services.

Next steps include executing the specified work plan, focusing on initial outreach, and developing guidelines. Staff will be reaching out to member jurisdictions individually to discuss each jurisdiction's needs and interests.

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

C. Exploration of a Western Riverside County Economic Development Corporation

Elisa Laurel, WRCOG Program Manager, reported that WRCOG is currently in its first phase of a discovery process to determine if an Economic Development Corporation (EDC) would truly be needed within Western Riverside County. Staff is conducting outreach with member jurisdictions and regional stakeholders to explore options and possible services an EDC could provide. This EDC would stand independently funded as a non-profit organization governed by representatives from both public and private sectors.

Staff is conducting further due diligence and research in the discovery phase which consist of reviewing existing EDC models, regionally, statewide and nationally, that would best fit the needs in Western

Riverside County. The next phase will consist of the formation of an Ad-Hoc Steering Committee to guide the vision and direction for the ideal governance, conducive for success in the subregion. Further information will be brought back to the committee when it becomes available.

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

D. Regional Housing Trust Initiative

Chris Gray, Director of Transportation & Planning, provided an overview of an idea that was introduced which suggested a new Regional Housing Trust. With the State's housing crisis, a housing trust would provide dedicated source(s) of revenue for a wide variety of housing activities. A housing trust can provide a mechanism for local agencies to make ongoing investments in affordable housing using both direct revenue and leveraged matching funds available from state and federal sources, available exclusively for housing trust programs. Staff have reviewed various housing trusts and the recommended structure at this time would be a non-profit / Joint Powers Agreement variation model. Some of the most common forms of revenue sources for housing trusts include dedicated fees implemented by jurisdictions to support the development of housing.

WRCOG will be providing a follow-up survey regarding potential sources of funding for the Housing Trust.

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

E. Regional Early Action Planning Grant Program Update – Subregional Partnership Program

Christopher Tzeng, WRCOG Program Manager, reported that the Regional Early Action Planning Grant (REAP) Program through the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) is estimated to allocate \$1.678 million in funding throughout Western Riverside County through WRCOG. This Program is intended to augment a jurisdiction's Local Early Action Planning (LEAP) and Senate Bill 2 activities. Final funding amount is subject to change based on the final Regional Housing Needs Assessment Allocation (RHNA).

SCAG is currently requesting input from the subregions on ideas for projects to assist jurisdictions' increase of housing planning and accelerate housing production. Based on discussions at recent committee meetings, WRCOG has proposed a preliminary list of projects to SCAG. This list is not final and is brought forth to gather input and incorporate other projects.

WRCOG will have to apply for the funds on a project-by-project basis so any project will be subject to approval by SCAG based on the Program guidelines that will be finalized and adopted by the SCAG Regional Council in September 2020. The REAP has the same timeline as LEAP, so all funds must be spent by December 2023. The earliest any REAP project can commence is November 2020, based on the grant administration process. A final list of projects is due to SCAG in conjunction with the adoption of the final RHNA.

Action: 1. *Directed staff to move forward with the proposed Regional Early Action Planning project list.*

(Lake Elsinore / Perris) 16 yes; 0 no; 0 abstention. Item 6.E was approved. Representatives from the Cities of Banning, Calimesa, Canyon Lake, Norco, and Wildomar, and the Western Municipal Water District and the Morongo Band of Mission Indians were not present.

7. REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION & PLANNING

Chris Gray thanked H.P Kang for serving as Chair for this last fiscal year.

8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

There were no items for future agendas.

9. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice-Chair Travis Randel reminded Committee members to complete the 2020 Census and urged cities to push for 100% completion.

10. NEXT MEETING: The Planning Directors Committee scheduled for September 10, 2020, is cancelled. The next Planning Directors Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 8, 2020, at 9:30 a.m., on the Zoom platform.

11. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting of the Planning Directors Committee adjourned at 10:50 a.m.