

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 9:30 a.m. on August 19, 2021, in-person at the WRCOG office and virtually on the Zoom platform.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Committee member Chris Mann led members and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

- City of Banning - Doug Schulze
- City of Calimesa - Bonnie Johnson
- City of Canyon Lake - Chris Mann
- City of Corona - Jacob Ellis
- City of Eastvale - Bryan Jones
- City of Hemet - Chris Lopez
- City of Jurupa Valley - Rod Butler
- City of Lake Elsinore - Jason Simpson
- City of Menifee - Armando Villa
- City of Moreno Valley - Mike Lee
- City of Murrieta - Kim Summers
- City of Norco - Andy Okoro
- City of Perris - Clara Miramontes
- City of Riverside - Al Zelinka
- City of San Jacinto - Rob Johnson
- City of Temecula - Betsy Lowrey
- City of Wildomar - Gary Nordquist
- County of Riverside - Jeff Van Wagenen (Vice-Chair)
- Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD) - Danielle Coats
- March Joint Powers Authority - Mathew Evans*

*Arrived after roll call

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR – (San Jacinto / Lake Elsinore) 19 yes; 0 no; 0 abstention. Items 5.A through 5.E were approved.

A. Summary Minutes from the July 15, 2021, Technical Advisory Committee Meeting

Action:

1. Approved the Summary Minutes from the July 15, 2021, Technical Advisory Committee meeting.

B. Finance Department Activities Update

Action:

1. Received and filed.

C. Cal Cities Legislative

Action:

1. Received and filed.

D. ICMA Activities Update

Action:

1. Received and filed.

E. SCAG Activities Update

Action:

1. Received and filed.

6. REPORTS / DISCUSSION

A. Public Service Fellowship Activities Update

Rachel Singer, WRCOG Program Manager, provided an update on the fifth cohort of the WRCOG Public Service Fellowship Program and also discussed the upcoming sixth round of the Program. Since inception, 75 Fellows have been placed in member agencies over five rounds of the Program. This contributed approximately 72,000 hours of service to Western Riverside County. Today, several Fellow alumni are employed throughout the subregion, while others have pursued alternative opportunities like graduate school.

To close out the fifth round of the Program and evaluate the effectiveness and overall experience, a survey was distributed to the cohort of Fellows as well as the member agencies. Of those member agencies that hosted, most conveyed a positive experience. The most notable takeaway from the Fellow survey was the concern that the Program did not compensate the Fellows fairly or competitively.

As a result of the pay rate concern expressed by Fellows, staff cross-examined other fellowship programs and concluded that WRCOG's Program was at a distinct competitive disadvantage due to the pay rate. In response to this, staff reviewed the Program budget, WRCOG and host agency contributions, and the overarching cost of the Program to conclude that it is both feasible and in the Program's best interest for a Fellow's pay rate to be increased to \$17.50 an hour starting with round six. Notably, this pay rate increase will not impact a host agency's financial contribution to the Program.

The recruitment for the sixth round is underway and applications are being accepted from both interested students and members who would like to host a Fellow in Fiscal Year 2021/2022. Host agency applications are due by August 24, 2021.

Action:

1. Received and filed.

B. TUMF CCI Implementation Process

Cameron Brown, WRCOG Program Manager, reported that on July 7, 2021, the Executive Committee approved a Construction Cost Index (CCI) adjustment of 3% on all land uses. Member agencies participating in the TUMF Program must adopt a new TUMF resolution by October 2021 so that the new CCI fees can go into effect by January 1, 2022. Staff has emailed a sample Resolution and draft Staff Report for use at council / board meetings.

Action:

1. Received and filed.

C. Environmental Department Activities Update

Mei Wu, WRCOG Staff Analyst, reported that on June 26, 2021, the Cities of Canyon Lake, Lake Elsinore, and Wildomar organized a multi-city community clean-up event as a part of the Love Your Neighborhood Program. WRCOG staff was present at the kick-off event to provide volunteers with clean-up materials. On July 21, 2021, WRCOG hosted a virtual SB 1383 Organics Capacity Planning workshop. CalRecycle and the Riverside County Department of Environmental Health covered information on the reporting requirements for organics processing capacity planning and commercial edible food recovery planning.

The fourth virtual AltCar live will be featured on WRCOG's Future Forward Webinar series on August 25, 2021. The webinar will highlight regional and statewide efforts and funding opportunities for clean technology and infrastructure. Registration for the event can be accessed at <https://www.altcarexposocal.com/reg-app>.

Given the restrictions due to COVID-19, WRCOG developed a digital campaign that is utilized to educate the public on the proper disposal of used oil and oil filters. For Fiscal Year 2019/2020, WRCOG hosted 20 used oil and filter collection events and collected and exchanged 1,229 filters. The annual report for the Oil Payment Program FY 2019/2020 was submitted to CalRecycle on August 13, 2021. In April 2021, CalRecycle presented WRCOG with the "Rising Above COVID-19 Award" in recognition of WRCOG's continuous efforts in outreach and education for used oil recycling despite the complications of COVID-19.

Action:

1. Received and filed.

7. REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dr. Kurt Wilson shared that he is in his first phase of fact finding as he gets settled in at WRCOG. In the

next couple weeks, he will be providing Committee members a survey to request feedback. This survey will help him capture the needs of the member agencies and he will use the results to plan his next phase.

8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Chair Van Wagenen requested an item regarding broadband and digital divide.

9. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Committee member Bryan Jones invited members to participate in the unveiling of a "Never Forget" memorial sculpture on September 11, 2021, at 6:45 a.m. at Fire Station 27. The City of Eastvale's State of the City will be taking place on October 7, 2021.

Chair Van Wagenen shared that the State of the County will be taking place on October 27, 2021.

10. NEXT MEETING

The next Technical Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 16, 2021, at 9:30 a.m., in-person at the WRCOG's office at 3390 University Avenue, Suite 200, Riverside, and on the Zoom platform.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee adjourned at 10:09 a.m.