

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Administration & Finance Committee was called to order at 12:03 p.m. by Chair Kevin Bash on the Zoom virtual platform.

2. ROLL CALL

Members present:

Mike Lara, City of Beaumont
Brian Tisdale, City of Lake Elsinore
Kelly Seyarto, City of Murrieta
Kevin Bash, City of Norco (Chair)
Rita Rogers, City of Perris
Rusty Bailey, City of Riverside
Crystal Ruiz, City of San Jacinto
Ben Benoit, City of Wildomar
Karen Spiegel, County of Riverside, District 2
Chuck Washington, County of Riverside District 3
Brenda Dennstedt, Western Municipal Water District (WMWD)

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR – (Wildomar / Perris) 11 yes; 0 no; 0 abstention. Items 4.A through 4.C were approved.

A. Summary Minutes from the July 8, 2020, Administration & Finance Committee Meeting are Available for Consideration.

Action: 1. *Approved the Summary Minutes from the July 8, 2020, Administration & Finance Committee meeting.*

B. Finance Department Activities Update

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

C. Public Service Fellowship Activities Update

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

5. REPORTS / DISCUSSION

A. WRCOG Policies and Procedures Related to Non-Discrimination and Contracting

Chris Gray, WRCOG Director of Transportation & Planning, reported that the issue of social equity has come to the forefront based upon recent national events. WRCOG complies with all applicable laws and regulations in terms of discrimination, harassment, and retaliation. Consultants which WRCOG contracts with are prohibited from acts of discrimination by those we employ.

Due to Proposition 209 WRCOG is prohibited from taking any action to formally promote minority owned businesses. Assembly Constitutional Amendment (ACA) 5 (Weber. Government preferences) is on the November ballot. If passed, WRCOG would be free to implement additional policies.

Committee member Chuck Washington indicated that ACA 5 would not repeal Proposition 209, but it would make changes to some components of it; the key component being that none of it is mandatory.

Committee member Brian Tisdale indicated that the point in bringing this matter up is that in light of the current environment, it is important for WRCOG to review its policies to make sure it is in compliance with the law, which it is.

Mr. Gray indicated that staff would like to explore ways to support minority-owned and small businesses.

Committee member Washington indicated that we need to look for opportunities to support small businesses and businesses owned and operated by women and/or people of color.

Committee member Ben Benoit indicated that the South Coast Air Quality Management District is supporting ACA 5.

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

B. TUMF Program Revenue and Expenditures Update

Chris Gray, WRCOG Director of Transportation & Planning, reported that TUMF collections for Fiscal Year 2019/2020 came in very close to projections. Activity continues in all the Zones with a significant amount of development occurring in the Central and Southwest Zones.

In tracking development by land use, the Single-family sector continues to be the strongest in land use. Multi-family has reduced a bit, while Industrial use is picking up.

Since inception in 2003, over \$900M in revenues has been collected. \$1.1B in total funding since inception has been spent or allocated to member agencies through the next five years. This has resulted in 108 completed projects with five or six projects anticipated to be completed this year.

TUMF Credit Agreement funding has resulted in \$240M in projects completed through these agreements as developers receive a credit against their TUMF obligations. The I-15 / Cajalco Interchange Project is the largest project completed to date at \$50M, which was completed through a Credit Agreement.

Funding to member jurisdictions of approximately \$30M to \$50M is provided through Measure A funding. Funds are allocated on an annual basis.

Staff are preparing reports for individual jurisdictions which identifies completed projects, allocated funding, and credit agreements, to name a few.

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

C. PACE Programs Activities Update: Deferral of Judicial Foreclosure on Delinquent PACE Properties

Casey Dailey, WRCOG Director of Energy & Environmental Programs, reported that a delinquency occurs when a property owner fails to pay one or both of its annual property tax and/or PACE assessment.

In 2015, the Executive Committee adopted a policy to review, on an annual basis, the number and amount of delinquencies in order to determine the assignment of collection rights, or the initiation of judicial foreclosure.

For the Fiscal Year 2019/2020 tax year, 43,120 assessments were placed on the tax roll, totaling \$116,462,023.17. As of July 31, 2020, the preliminary delinquency rate for all PACE Programs is 1.43%, or just over \$2M. In comparison, Riverside County's delinquency rate is at 4.3%.

In order to fill the shortfall, WRCOG partners with First National Assets (FNA), which provides the funding to fill the gaps. Over time, FNA is made whole as individual property owners come current on their property tax bills.

Action: 1. *Recommended that the Executive Committee Adopt Resolution Number 27-20; A Resolution of the Executive Committee of the Western Riverside Council of Governments waiving judicial foreclosure proceeding requirements for delinquent payments of assessments of the Energy Efficiency and Water Conservation Program for Western Riverside County and the California HERO Program.*

(Wildomar / Perris) 11 yes; 0 no; 0 abstention. Item 5.C was approved.

6. REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Rick Bishop reported that the Morongo Band of Mission Indians has recently notified WRCOG that it will not be moving forward in its membership with WRCOG. Staff are reviewing considerations for General Assembly 2021 that include options ranging from holding the event in an interior ballroom to holding it outside. WRCOG was recently awarded \$200,000 to develop an Energy Resilience Plan in response to power interruptions resulting from events such as wildfires, extreme heat, and/or public safety power shutoffs. The 6th Annual Solar Conference is scheduled for September 14, 2020, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. The next Future Forward webinar series is scheduled for September 24, 2020, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and will include a panel discussion of former WRCOG Fellows who will provide their insights on accommodating future growth in Western Riverside County.

7. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

There were no items for future agendas.

8. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no general announcements.

9. CLOSED SESSION

The Committee adjourned to Closed Session for discussion on the performance evaluation of the Executive Director.

10. NEXT MEETING: The next Administration & Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 14, 2020, at 12:00 p.m., on the Zoom platform.

11. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting of the Administration & Finance Committee adjourned from Closed Session at 12:49 p.m.