

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee was called to order at 9:31 a.m. by Chair Andy Okoro on the virtual platform, Zoom.

2. ROLL CALL

Members present:

Doug Schulze, City of Banning
Jacob Ellis, City of Corona
Bryan Jones, City of Eastvale
Chris Lopez, City of Hemet
Rod Butler, City of Jurupa Valley
Grant Yates, City of Lake Elsinore
Armando Villa, City of Menifee
Mike Lee, City of Moreno Valley
Kim Summers, City of Murrieta
Andy Okoro, City of Norco, Chair
Al Zelinka, City of Riverside
Rob Johnson, City of San Jacinto
Aaron Adams, City of Temecula
Gary Nordquist, City of Wildomar
George Johnson, County of Riverside
Danielle Coats, Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD)
Craig Miller, Western Municipal Water District (WMWD)
Mathew Evans, March Joint Powers Authority (9:59 a.m. arrival)

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Arnold San Miguel with the Southern California Associations of Governments (SCAG) shared that the Sustainable Communities Program Active Transportation & Safety Call for Applications opened September 8, 2020, and the deadline to apply is October 13, 2020.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR (*San Jacinto / EMWD*) 17 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain; Items 4.A through 4.D were approved. Representatives from the Cities of Beaumont, Calimesa, Canyon Lake, and Perris, and the March Joint Powers Authority were not present.

A. Summary Minutes from the August 20, 2020, Technical Advisory Committee Meeting are Available for Consideration.

Action: 1. *Approved the Summary revised Minutes from the August 20, 2020, Technical Advisory Committee meeting.*

B. Finance Department Activities Update

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

C. Regional Streetlight Program Activities Update

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

D. Update on Exploring the Formation of a Western Riverside County Economic Development Corporation

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

5. REPORTS / DISCUSSION

A. Report from the League of California Cities

Erin Sasse, Regional Public Affairs Manager with the League of California Cities, provided a brief legislation update. The Governor has until September 30, 2020, to sign or veto any bills. The League of California Cities has asked the Governor to veto nine bills and to sign five bills. A couple of bills to keep an eye on to support include Assembly Bill 992 (Mullin, Local Agencies and Social Media), which would update the Brown Act to clarify that correspondences between local elected officials and their constituents via social media is permitted. Senate Bill 1441 (McGuire, Local Prepaid Mobile Telephony Services Collection Act) would extend until January 1, 2026, the Local Prepaid Mobile Telephony Services Collections Act. This Act would support local governments' ability to collect Utility User Taxes from retail sales of prepaid wireless telecommunication products and services and would assist the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration (CDTFA) with administration of the program.

The League's Annual Division meeting is scheduled for October 7 – 9, 2020, and will be held virtually.

The second round of CARES Act funding should be dispersed to those cities that applied.

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

B. Regional Housing Trust Initiative

Ivana Medina, WRCOG Staff Analyst, 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, and 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.*

C. TUMF Program Revenue & 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.*

D. Grant Writing Program Activities Update

Christopher Tzeng, WRCOG Program Manager, reported that the Grant Writing Program has assisted jurisdictions within Western Riverside County attain over \$64 million in grant funding. The largest portion of this grant funding was a partnership with the City of Riverside for the grant application development of Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities and Transformative Climate Communities grants that will provide over \$47 million to housing projects and multi-modal transportation improvements, among other improvements. The next largest portion of grant funding attained is through the Active Transportation Program (ATP). The WRCOG Grant Writing Assistance Program has helped attain over \$11 million in ATP funding for jurisdictions in Western Riverside County.

Staff is reviewing the Grant Writing Assistance Program Guidelines to evaluate how the Program can become more sustainable as WRCOG is unable to replenish the funds of the Program at a sustainable rate due to declining revenues. The goal of the Program is to strengthen the subregion's overall competitiveness for statewide funding and to provide needed supplemental support to member jurisdictions prevented from seeking grant funds due to limited resources. Staff have formulated a set of questions for members to discuss and review. The review process is in its infancy and the goal is to continue over the next few months to provide updates and ideas to the Committee. Staff is asking for input in order to sustain and secure grant funding for the subregion.

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

E. Environmental Department Program Activities Update

Kyle Rodriguez, WRCOG Staff Analyst, reported that since the onset of COVID-19, all used oil outreach efforts have been cancelled. Staff has had to switch community awareness to digital platforms. Currently, the use of digital billboard ads went live in August in the City of Perris, along the I-215 freeway. These public messages will run until February 1, 2021. Additional billboards will be running in the Cities of Eastvale and Lake Elsinore.

WRCOG is offering the EcoHero show to member jurisdictions' school partners. This show offers helpful resources that introduces environmental topics such as used oil recycling and household hazardous wastes, through songs, dances, and music videos, while explaining to students how they can make an impact at home and school.

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

6. REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Executive Director had nothing to report.

7. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

There were no items for future agendas.

8. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Committee member Brian Jones shared that the City of Eastvale is having a virtual State of the City event on October 1, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.

9. NEXT MEETING

The next Technical Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 15, 2020, at 9:30 a.m., on the Zoom platform.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee adjourned at 10:12 a.m.