



**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
GENERAL ASSEMBLY – ANNUAL BUSINESS SESSION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024**

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. A VIDEO RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE ON THE SCAG WEBSITE AT: <http://scag.iqm2.com/Citizens/>

The General Assembly of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) held its Business Session at the JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort and Spa, Sinatra Ballroom, 74-855 Country Club Drive, Palm Desert, CA 92260. A quorum was present.

Delegate and/or Alternate Representatives from the following Cities, Counties and County Transportation Commissions were in attendance:

Imperial County: Calexico, Calipatria, El Centro, Holtville, Imperial, and the County of Imperial

Los Angeles County: Artesia, Avalon, Azusa, Bell, Bell Gardens, Beverly Hills, Burbank, Calabasas, Carson, Cerritos, Claremont, Cudahy, Culver City, Diamond Bar, Downey, Duarte, El Monte, Gardena, Glendora, Hawaiian Gardens, Hawthorne, Hermosa Beach, La Cañada Flintridge, La Habra Heights, Lakewood, La Mirada, La Verne, Lawndale, Lomita, Long Beach, Lynwood, Malibu, Maywood, Monrovia, Monterey Park, Pasadena, Pico Rivera, Rancho Palos Verdes, Rolling Hills, Rolling Hills Estates, Rosemead, San Dimas, San Fernando, San Gabriel, San Marino, Santa Clarita, Santa Fe Springs, Santa Monica, Sierra Madre, Signal Hill, Torrance, West Hollywood, and Westlake Village

Orange County: Aliso Viejo, Anaheim, Brea, Buena Park, Costa Mesa, Cypress, Dana Point, Fountain Valley, Fullerton, Garden Grove, Huntington Beach, La Palma, Laguna Hills, Laguna Niguel, Laguna Woods, Los Alamitos, Mission Viejo, Orange, Placentia, San Juan Capistrano, Santa Ana, Seal Beach, Stanton, Tustin, Villa Park, and Yorba Linda

Riverside County: Banning, Calimesa, Canyon Lake, Cathedral City, Corona, Desert Hot Springs, Eastvale, Hemet, Indian Wells, Indio, Jurupa Valley, Lake Elsinore, La Quinta, Menifee, Murrieta, Norco, Palm Desert, Palm Springs, Perris, Rancho Mirage, Riverside, San Jacinto, Wildomar, and the County of Riverside



San Bernardino County: Adelanto, Apple Valley, Barstow, Big Bear Lake, Chino, Chino Hills, Fontana, Grand Terrace, Highland, Montclair, Needles, Ontario, Rancho Cucamonga, Redlands, Rialto, San Bernardino, Twentynine Palms, Upland, Victorville, Yucca Valley, and the County of San Bernardino

Ventura County: Fillmore, Moorpark, Ojai, Oxnard, Santa Paula, Simi Valley, Thousand Oaks, Ventura, and the County of Ventura

County Transportation Commissions: Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC), Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC), San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA) and Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC)

Tribal Governments: Pechanga Band of Indians and Saboba Band of Luiseño Indians

Staff Present

- Kome Ajise, Executive Director
- Darin Chidsey, Chief Operating Officer
- Carmen Flores, Chief Human Resources Officer
- Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer
- Sarah Jepson, Chief Planning Officer
- Javiera Cartagena, Chief Government and Public Affairs Officer
- Julie Shroyer, Chief Information Officer
- Jeffery Elder, Chief Counsel/Director Legal Services
- Ruben Duran, Board Counsel
- Maggie Aguilar, Clerk of the Board
- Cecilia Pulido, Deputy Clerk of the Board

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SCAG President Art Brown, representing Buena Park, called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. President Brown welcomed attendees to SCAG’s Annual General Assembly meeting.

President Brown asked Supervisor Curt Hagman, representing the County of San Bernardino, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

President Brown opened the Public Comment Period and outlined instructions for public comments. He noted this was the time for persons to comment on any matter pertinent to SCAG’s

jurisdiction that were not listed on the agenda. He reminded the public to submit comments via email to ePublicComment@scag.ca.gov.

Ruben Duran, Board Counsel, acknowledged there were no written public comments received for the General Assembly's business.

Seeing no public comment speakers, President Brown closed the Public Comment Period.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

There was no reprioritization of agenda items.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2024-25 General Fund Budget and Membership Assessment Schedule, and Authorization to the Executive Administration Committee to Make Administrative Amendments to the General Fund Budget

There were no public comments on Item No. 1.

Board Counsel Duran noted for the record that the motion was from the City of Downey and was seconded by the City of Bell.

The comprehensive staff report was included in the agenda packet and posted on the SCAG website. The meeting video is also available on the SCAG website.

A MOTION was made (Frometa, Downey) that the General Assembly: 1) Adopt the Fiscal Year 2024-25 (FY 2024-25) General Fund Budget and Membership Assessment Schedule; and 2) Authorize the Executive Administration Committee to make administrative amendments to the FY 2024-25 General Fund Budget that do not impact the Membership Assessment Schedule, including amending the General Fund Budget approved by the General Assembly, when such exceedance is necessary to execute or implement the operational activities and the exceedance can be covered by the Unassigned General Fund balance. Motion was SECONDED (Saleh, Bell) and passed by the following votes:

AYES: **Imperial County:** Romo, Calexico; Cardenas-Singh, El Centro; Anderson, Holtville; Mendoza, Imperial; and Plancarte, County of Imperial; **Los Angeles County:** A. Marshall, Avalon; Beckwith, Azusa; Saleh, Bell; Barcena, Bell Gardens; Mirisch, Beverly Hills; N. Perez, Burbank; Shapiro, Calabasas; Hilton, Carson; Johnson, Cerritos; Leano, Claremont; Lomeli, Cudahy; McMorris, Culver City; Teng, Diamond

Bar; Frometa, Downey; Finlay, Duarte; Herrera, El Monte; Henderson, Gardena; Boyer, Glendora; Farfan, Hawaiian Gardens; Monteiro, Hawthorne; Jackson, Hermosa Beach; Eich, La Cañada Flintridge; Zezula, La Habra Heights; Arellano, Lakewood; Sarega, La Mirada; Hepburn, La Verne; Suarez, Lawndale; Waronek, Lomita; Allen, Long Beach; Solache, Lynwood; Riggins, Malibu; F. Garcia, Maywood; Shevlin, Monrovia; Wong, Monterey Park; Williams, Pasadena; Lara, Pico Rivera; Cruikshank, Rancho Palos Verdes; P. Wilson, Rolling Hills; M. Clark, Rosemead; Nakano, San Dimas; Rodriguez, San Fernando; Ding, San Gabriel; Chou, San Marino; Gibbs, Santa Clarita; Martin, Santa Fe Springs; Brock, Santa Monica; E. Garcia, Sierra Madre; L. Woods, Signal Hill; Chen, Torrance; Byers, West Hollywood; and Davis, Westlake Village; **Orange County:** Duncan, Aliso Viejo; Leon, Anaheim; Simonoff, Brea; Brown, Buena Park; Reynolds, Costa Mesa; Minikus, Cypress; Gabbard, Dana Point; Harper, Fountain Valley; Jung, Fullerton; Tran, Garden Grove; McKeon, Huntington Beach; Goodman, La Palma; Oddo, Laguna Niguel; Moore, Laguna Woods; Nefulda, Los Alamitos; T. Kelley, Mission Viejo; Dumitru, Orange; W. Smith, Placentia; Campbell, San Juan Capistrano; Amezcua, Santa Ana; Kalmick, Seal Beach; Shawver, Stanton; Lombard, Tustin; and Wu, Villa Park; **Riverside County:** Wallace, Banning; Molina, Calimesa; Welty, Canyon Lake; Carnevale, Cathedral City; Speake, Corona; Betts, Desert Hot Springs; Lorimore, Eastvale; Lilienthal, Hemet; Reed, Indian Wells; Ortiz, Indio; Berkson, Jurupa Valley; Manos, Lake Elsinore; Evans, La Quinta; Estrada, Menifee; Levell, Murrieta; Bash, Norco; K. Kelly, Palm Desert; Middleton, Palm Springs; Nava, Perris; Downs, Rancho Mirage; Falcone, Riverside; and Ayala, San Jacinto; **San Bernardino County:** Ramos, Adelanto; Bishop, Apple Valley; Kruse, Barstow; Putz, Big Bear Lake; Marquez, Chino Hills; D. Wilson, Grand Terrace; McCallon, Highland; Dutrey, Montclair; Jernigan, Needles; Dorst-Porada, Ontario; Scott, Rancho Cucamonga; Saucedo, Redlands; Robertson, Rialto; Klink, Twentynine Palms; Jones, Victorville; and Hagman, County of San Bernardino; **Ventura County:** Mendez, Fillmore; Groff, Moorpark; Stix, Ojai; Valenzuela Zavala, Oxnard; Crosswhite, Santa Paula; F. Thomas, Simi Valley; Adam, Thousand Oaks; Sanchez-Palacios, Ventura; and Lopez, County of Ventura; **County Transportation Commissions:** Nava-Froelich, ICTC; Aitken, OCTA; Harnik, RCTC; Wapner, SBCTA; and Judge, VCTC (133)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

General Assembly Members Janice Lim, Yorba Linda (Orange County) and Rick Denison, Yucca Valley (San Bernardino County) indicated that their voting device was not working and expressed support for Item 1.

2. Ratification of 2024-25 Slate of Elected SCAG Officers

There were no public comments on Item No. 2.

Board Counsel Duran noted for the record that the motion on the floor was to elect Curt Hagman, as President; Cindy Allen, as First Vice President; and Ray Marquez, as Second Vice President.

The comprehensive staff report was included in the agenda packet and posted on the SCAG website. The meeting video is also available on the SCAG website.

A MOTION was made (Solache, Lynwood) to ratify the Regional Council's election of the 2024-2025 SCAG officers. Motion was SECONDED (Ramos, Adelanto) and passed by the following votes:

AYES: **Imperial County:** Romo, Calexico; F. Beltran, Calipatria; Cardenas-Singh, El Centro; Anderson, Holtville; Mendoza, Imperial; and Plancarte, County of Imperial; **Los Angeles County:** Taj, Artesia; A. Marshall, Avalon; Beckwith, Azusa; Saleh, Bell; Barcena, Bell Gardens; Mirisch, Beverly Hills; N. Perez, Burbank; Shapiro, Calabasas; Johnson, Cerritos; Leano, Claremont; Lomeli, Cudahy; McMorrin, Culver City; Teng, Diamond Bar; Frometa, Downey; Finlay, Duarte; Herrera, El Monte; Henderson, Gardena; Boyer, Glendora; Farfan, Hawaiian Gardens; Monteiro, Hawthorne; Jackson, Hermosa Beach; Eich, La Cañada Flintridge; Zezula, La Habra Heights; Arellano, Lakewood; Sarega, La Mirada; Hepburn, La Verne; Suarez, Lawndale; Waronek, Lomita; Allen, Long Beach; Solache, Lynwood; Riggins, Malibu; F. Garcia, Maywood; Shevlin, Monrovia; Wong, Monterey Park; Williams, Pasadena; Lara, Pico Rivera; Cruikshank, Rancho Palos Verdes; P. Wilson, Rolling Hills; Zerunyan, Rolling Hills Estates; M. Clark, Rosemead; Nakano, San Dimas; Rodriguez, San Fernando; Ding, San Gabriel; Gibbs, Santa Clarita; Martin, Santa Fe Springs; Brock, Santa Monica; E. Garcia, Sierra Madre; L. Woods, Signal Hill; Chen, Torrance; Byers, West Hollywood; and Davis, Westlake Village; **Orange County:** Duncan, Aliso Viejo; Leon, Anaheim; Simonoff, Brea; Brown, Buena Park; Reynolds, Costa Mesa; Minikus, Cypress; Gabbard, Dana Point; Harper, Fountain Valley; Jung, Fullerton; Tran, Garden Grove; McKeon, Huntington Beach; Goodman, La Palma; Oddo, Laguna Niguel; Moore, Laguna Woods; Nefulda, Los Alamitos; T. Kelley, Mission Viejo; Dumitru, Orange; W. Smith, Placentia; Campbell, San Juan Capistrano; Amezcua, Santa Ana; Kalmick, Seal Beach; Shawver, Stanton; Lumbard, Tustin; and Wu, Villa Park; **Riverside County:** Wallace, Banning; Molina, Calimesa; Welty, Canyon Lake; Carnevale, Cathedral City; Speake, Corona; Betts, Desert Hot Springs; Lorimore, Eastvale; Lilienthal, Hemet; Reed, Indian Wells; Ortiz, Indio; Berkson, Jurupa Valley; Manos, Lake Elsinore; Evans, La Quinta; Estrada, Menifee; Levell, Murrieta; Bash,

Norco; K. Kelly, Palm Desert; Middleton, Palm Springs; Nava, Perris; Downs, Rancho Mirage; Falcone, Riverside; Ayala; San Jacinto; and Spiegel, County of Riverside; **San Bernardino County:** Ramos, Adelanto; Bishop, Apple Valley; Kruse, Barstow; Putz, Big Bear Lake; Marquez, Chino Hills; P. Garcia, Fontana; D. Wilson, Grand Terrace; McCallon, Highland; Dutrey, Montclair; Jernigan, Needles; Dorst-Porada, Ontario; Scott, Rancho Cucamonga; Saucedo, Redlands; Robertson, Rialto; Klink, Twentynine Palms; Jones, Victorville; and Hagman, County of San Bernardino; **Ventura County:** Mendez, Fillmore; Groff, Moorpark; Stix, Ojai; Valenzuela Zavala, Oxnard; Crosswhite, Santa Paula; F. Thomas, Simi Valley; Adam; Thousand Oaks; Sanchez-Palacios, Ventura; and Lopez, County of Ventura; **County Transportation Commissions:** Nava-Froelich, ICTC; Aitken, OCTA; Harnik, RCTC; Wapner, SBCTA; and Judge, VCTC (136)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: Chou, San Marino; (1)

General Assembly Members Janice Lim, Yorba Linda (Orange County) and Rick Denison, Yucca Valley (San Bernardino County) indicated that their voting device was not working and expressed support for Item 2.

CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no public comments on the Consent Calendar.

Approval Item

3. Minutes of the Meeting of the General Assembly – May 2, 2024

A MOTION was made (Shapiro, Calabasas) to approve Consent Calendar Item No. 3. Motion was SECONDED (Simonoff, Brea) and passed by the following votes:

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Sarega, La Mirada; Waronek, Lomita; Allen, Long Beach; Solache, Lynwood; Riggins, Malibu; F. Garcia, Maywood; Shevlin, Monrovia; Wong, Monterey Park; Williams, Pasadena; Lara, Pico Rivera; Cruikshank, Rancho Palos Verdes; P. Wilson, Rolling Hills; Zerunyan, Rolling Hills Estates; M. Clark, Rosemead; Nakano, San Dimas; Rodriguez, San Fernando; Chou, San Marino; Gibbs, Santa Clarita; Martin, Santa Fe Springs; Brock, Santa Monica; E. Garcia, Sierra Madre; L. Woods, Signal Hill; Chen, Torrance; Byers, West Hollywood; and Davis, Westlake Village; **Orange County:** Duncan, Aliso Viejo; Leon, Anaheim; Simonoff, Brea; Brown, Buena Park; Reynolds, Costa Mesa; Minikus, Cypress; Gabbard, Dana Point; Harper, Fountain Valley; Jung, Fullerton; Tran, Garden Grove; McKeon, Huntington Beach; Goodman, La Palma; Caskey, Laguna Hills; Oddo, Laguna Niguel; Moore, Laguna Woods; Nefulda, Los Alamitos; T. Kelley, Mission Viejo; Dumitru, Orange; W. Smith, Placentia; Campbell, San Juan Capistrano; Amezcua, Santa Ana; Kalmick, Seal Beach; Shawver, Stanton; Lombard, Tustin; and Wu, Villa Park; **Riverside County:** Wallace, Banning; Molina, Calimesa; Welty, Canyon Lake; Carnevale, Cathedral City; Betts, Desert Hot Springs; Lorimore, Eastvale; Lilienthal, Hemet; Reed, Indian Wells; Ortiz, Indio; Berkson, Jurupa Valley; Manos, Lake Elsinore; Evans, La Quinta; Estrada, Menifee; Bash, Norco; K. Kelly, Palm Desert; Middleton, Palm Springs; Nava, Perris; Downs, Rancho Mirage; Falcone, Riverside; Ayala, San Jacinto; and Spiegel, County of San Bernardino; **San Bernardino County:** Ramos, Adelanto; Bishop, Apple Valley; Kruse, Barstow; Putz, Big Bear Lake; Marquez, Chino Hills; P. Garcia, Fontana; D. Wilson, Grand Terrace; McCallon, Highland; Dutrey, Montclair; Jernigan, Needles; Dorst-Porada, Ontario; Scott, Rancho Cucamonga; Saucedo, Redlands; Robertson, Rialto; H. Tran, San Bernardino; Klink, Twentynine Palms; Jones, Victorville; and Hagman, County of San Bernardino; **Ventura County:** Mendez, Fillmore; Groff, Moorpark; Valenzuela Zavala, Oxnard; Crosswhite, Santa Paula; Adam, Thousand Oaks; Sanchez-Palacios, Ventura; and Lopez, County of Ventura; **County Transportation Commissions:** Nava-Froelich, ICTC; Aitken, OCTA; Harnik, RCTC; Wapner, SBCTA; and Judge, VCTC (131)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: **Los Angeles County:** Hepburn, La Verne; Suarez, Lawndale; and Ding, San Gabriel (3)

General Assembly Members Janice Lim, Yorba Linda (Orange County) and Rick Denison, Yucca Valley (San Bernardino County) indicated that their voting device was not working and expressed support for Item 3.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Brown shared that on behalf of the Regional Council he was pleased to share that they had produced a report covering the accomplishments of the agency over the past year. He noted that the President's Report – Year in Review for 2023-2024 was available on the SCAG website.

RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING PRESIDENT ART BROWN

Kome Ajise, Executive Director, expressed it had been a great year and time for them to reflect on the past year. He shared that it had been an incredibly busy 12 months. He pointed to the work that they did on Connect SoCal 2024, which was approved by the Regional Council in April, as well as so many other programs, like REAP which was intended to fund about \$246 million worth of work in their region, mostly for housing production. He explained that all that they accomplished this past year was owed to the tireless efforts of their Executive Officers, Regional Council members, Policy Committee members, and the best regional planning staff in the industry. To reflect on their work and accomplishments, a video was played highlighting the year in review. On behalf of the executive team and the entire SCAG staff, he shared that they were excited and proud of what they had accomplished together along with the leadership of the Regional Council. He took a moment to recognize their leader for the past year, Regional Council President Art Brown. He explained that as they had heard from many in the video, President Brown was an optimistic and enthusiastic leader. He noted that the President had a rare gift for service and made everyone feel valued. He shared that last year around this time, President Brown focused their work for the year on three presidential priorities: 1) clean technology; 2) transit and rail recovery; and 3) goods movement. He indicated that there was evidence of those priorities everywhere in their work from the past year and in the program of this event, and stated he was sure they would continue to build President Brown's legacy on these issues as they moved into the future. On behalf of the staff, he thanked President Brown for his leadership and hard work over the past year.

President Brown was presented a proclamation on behalf of the Regional Council.

President Brown thanked the entire SCAG staff for the work they did in preparing and presenting the information to the Policy Committees and Regional Council. He expressed that serving this great region as the President of SCAG's Regional Council had been the experience of a lifetime and was proud of what they had accomplished in just 12 short months. He indicated that when he first stepped into this, his aim was to help local cities and counties plan for the future. He noted that SCAG has six counties and 191 cities, and they all had very different outlooks. He indicated that while some large cities get a lot of attention, some of their cities are small, without many staff, and they needed support in doing their planning and projects. He expressed that their potential as a region would only be realized when all of their communities work together. He explained that with SCAG's help in the past year, they had seen cities of all sizes receive support in planning for complete streets, clean infrastructure to support local and regional economies, and planning projects to build capacity for affordable housing—just to name a few of their accomplishments. He

emphasized that they also made history by adopting Connect SoCal 2024, which he thought presented a vision for the future that improves the lives of everyone in Southern California. He noted that they achieved these big things while working toward a shared goal: creating a brighter future for the region. He expressed that he hoped all future officers of the SCAG Regional Council experience the same kind of collaborative hard work and success. He passed the gavel to incoming President Curt Hagman and congratulated him on becoming Regional Council President for this great agency, which he knew would be in good hands under his stewardship. He thanked everyone for the great honor of serving them and the region.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, outgoing President Art Brown adjourned the General Assembly meeting at 11:27 p.m.

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