



**VENTURA COUNCIL
OF GOVERNMENTS**

AGENDA
VENTURA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
(ZOOM Conference Call)
Thursday, November 18, 2021, 2:00 p.m.
VIA ZOOM

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- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Public Statements**
- 3. Adoption of September 30, 2021, Committee Meeting Summary (*Attached*)**
- 4. Executive Director's Report**
 - a. Financial Report (*Attached*)
 - b. SCAG Update- November 2021 (*Attached*)
 - c. Additional 5% REAP SRP Subregional Allocations Announced (*Attached*)
 - d. Member Ethics Training Reminder (*Attached*)
- 5. REAP Update- Chris Williamson (Oral Report)**
- 6. Virtual Meeting Declaration- Resolution- Assembly Bill 361 (2021-2022)**
- 7. Plans for Future Council Meeting- January 13, 2022 (Live)**
 - a. Cpt. Robert "Barr" Kimnach III, USN- New Commander, Naval Base Ventura- Introduction- Briefing (*Invited*)
 - b. EDC-VC Report- Helping Small Businesses Recover-
 - c. Ventura County Water Supply Issues
 - d. Draft Resolution of Support- Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative
- 8. Succession Planning**
 - Nomination of Chair-Elect 2022 to Succeed 2022 Chair Kildee in 2023
 - Discuss Administrative Committee Formation

Adjournment Next Meeting- January 27, 2022

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VCOG ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
September 30, 2021
ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL
33 E. High St., Ste. 200, Moorpark, CA
93021
Meeting Summary

1. Call to Order - 2:10 p.m.

Members on Zoom Call: Chair Crosswhite, Chair-elect Kildee, Immediate Past Chair Parvin, Member-at-Large Adam.

Absent: Member At-Large Haney

Staff on Call: Executive Director Riley, Chris Williamson, Housing Programs Specialist, Mina Layba, Legislative Affairs Manager, City of Thousand Oaks; Brian Chong, Assistant to the City Manager, City of Moorpark, Roger Pichardo, Senior Management Analyst, City of Camarillo, Amanda Fagan, Director of Planning and Policy, V.C.T.C.

2. Public Statements – There were no public statements submitted for the record.

3. July 22, 2021, Meeting Summary - The meeting Summary of the July 22, 2021, Committee Meeting was reviewed with several typographical changes suggested. A **MOTION** was made by Parvin to approve the July 24, 2021, Admin Committee Meeting Summary. **SECONDED** by Member Adam. Motion Carried without opposition.

4. Executive Director's Report –

a. Financial Report- The Financial Report was presented by Riley. Riley advised that Payments for REAP Reimbursement Invoice Nos. 2, 3, 4 for April, May, June have been received from SCAG. Invoices 5 and 6 are pending. All Member Assessments for 2021-2022 totaling \$64,992 have been paid. An additional \$3,000 donation for the Annual Dinner has been received from Southern California Edison. Riley advised that the SLIP Insurance Premium has been paid and he outlined several REAP expenditures.

b. Proposed Meeting Schedule 2022 and Annual Dinner Issue- The Committee discussed the proposed VCOG Meeting Schedule. The Annual Dinner is currently scheduled for June 9, 2022. To avoid having two Annual Dinner Events in the same fiscal year (2021 Event scheduled for October 21, 2021) Riley suggested the Annual Dinner for 2022 be moved to September 8 and the September 8 Council Meeting moved to August 11, or October 13, 2022. Member Parvin suggested the choice be October 13, 2022, as many of the member cities go dark in August. The Committee concurred with these changes and the Admin Committee Meeting schedule can be adjusted accordingly. Riley will publish a revised Schedule for the Committee, and this will be placed on the VCOG Council Meeting Agenda for approval on November 4, 2021.

c. SCAG Sub-region, District 46 Representative- Riley reported David Pollock's term as District 46 Representative will expire in January 2022 creating a vacancy. Riley will place an item on the November 4 VCOG Council Meeting to issue a Notice of Call for Candidates for the position to Council Members for Moorpark, Simi Valley. The Notice would be dated November 5, 2021 (following the Council Meeting), requiring letters of interest by December 27, 2021, and an Election on January 10, 2022, in Moorpark if there are two or more declared candidates.

d. Preview of VCFJC Evaluation Research Report- A copy of the Final Report for the Evaluation Study of Ventura County Family Justice Center (VCFJC) was included with the Committee Meeting Agenda Materials. The Report will be presented formally to the Full VCOG Council on November 4, 2021, by Dr. Molly George, CLU, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice. Riley suggested the report be sent to the Council in advance or the other meeting agenda materials. The Committee concurred.

5. REAP Update: Chris Williamson reported on the REAP Project status. There are funds remaining in REAP Project No. 2. Which produced Localized Content for Documents, governing affordable housing development processing by local governments. Williamson suggested we could use these remaining Project 2 funds to prepare a new summary of the latest legislation passed in 2021 to supplement the previously published material. The Committee concurred. Williamson continued his report providing the status of each of the three other REAP Projects.

- **Project #3** – This project develops a template for an Inclusionary Housing Ordinance. The consultant has completed a summary of the six existing Inclusionary ordinances adopted by cities in Ventura County and throughout the state. This report has been presented to the City Managers Group. A first draft of an ordinance template should be ready by the end of the calendar year.

- **Project #4** - Regional ADU Program for Prefabricated and Garage Conversions- VCOG Staff is working with SCAG and OCCOG to develop a work product that can be provided to jurisdictions in the region and can be tailored to their requirements. OCCOG is taking the lead to develop a scope of work, for an MOU for a Joint Project.

- **Project #5** – Regional CEQA Streamlining VMT Adaptive Management and Mitigation Program. Amanda Fagan reported that VCTC and VCOG Staff have been meeting with the primary consultant Iteris, to develop the guidelines and analysis for the VMT Adaptive Mitigation Program. A Fact Sheet has been developed to communicate the purpose and requirements of the program. This has been distributed to the City Managers Group. The consulting team has been working on a few of the background tasks including a Memorandum that outlines the requirements for adopting a fee program. Chris stated the project is designed to streamline the CEQA Process for any project but particularly for housing projects and it is not intended to be a revenue producer.

Staff will be preparing VCOG's first Quarterly Report to SCAG for submittal early I October. Theis report should be ready to be given to the full Council during the November Meeting. Chair Crosswhite asked staff to prepare some bullet points about REAP and the CLU Research Project for her remarks at the Annual Dinner. Riley, Williamson, and Fagen will collaborate.

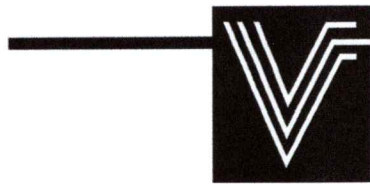
6. Plans for Future Council Meeting- 11/4 – Riley reminded the committee that the agenda includes the CLU- VCFJC Evaluation Research Project Report and an invitation has been extended to Cpt. Robert "Barr" Kimnach III, USN- New Commander, Naval Base Ventura for an introduction only. Member Adams suggested we see if a representative from Livable California could attend to present their platform. Livable California is a non-profit advocate for the empowerment of local governments to foster equitable, self-determined communities offering a path to regain local government authority from the clutched of the legislature. Riley will contact Livable California to determine the availability of a representative to appear.

7. Annual Dinner Prospects – Riley reported that, in the event the County requires proof of COVID-19 Vaccinations for admission to group events held indoors, he had requested a quote from EventScan for pre-screening of attendees. The Committee felt this was unnecessary and that we should wait and see if the current mask requirements are changed to include

vaccination certifications before the October 21 Event. Riley reported we have about 60 RSVPs for the dinner. Crosswhite reported that the city was seeking an alternate for the entertainment as the act scheduled for the September 9 event was not available for October 21.

Adjournment – The conference call concluded, and the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Next Meeting – November 18, 2021, at 2:00 PM VIA ZOOM.




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ITEM 4a

MEMORANDUM

TO: Administrative Committee

FROM: Hugh R. Riley, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Financial Report

DATE: November 18, 2021

Recommendation:

Receive and file Financial Report for Period ending November 15, 2021.

Discussion:

This report transmits the Ventura Council of Governments (VCOG) Financial reports for the Budget Period to November 15, 2021

Investments:

The objectives of VCOG's adopted Investment Policy are safety, liquidity, and yield, with the foremost objective being safety. Prudence, ethics, and delegation of authority are the Policy's applied standards of care. Below is a summary of VCOG's investments that comply with the VCOG Investment Policy:

Institution	Investment Type	Maturity Date	Interest-FY to Date-7/01/20	Rate	Balance
Bank of A	Maximizer 2635	N/A	\$ 2.06	0.03%*	\$62,660.72

* Variable

Payments for REAP Reimbursement Invoice Nos. 2, 3, 4 and 5 for April, May, June, and July 2021 have been received from SCAG. Invoice Nos. 6, 7, and 8 totaling \$24,034.78 are pending. All Member Assessments for 2021-2022 totaling \$64,992 have been paid. An additional \$3,000 donation for the Annual Dinner has been received from Southern California Edison.

ATTACHMENTS: Balance Sheet – As of November 15, 2021
Budget vs. Actual Report - July 1, 2021 to November 15, 2021

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Balance Sheet

As of November 15, 2021

	TOTAL
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
BofA - 5797	0.00
BofA - 9045	62,331.19
BofA MM - 2635	62,660.72
Total Bank Accounts	\$124,991.91
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable (A/R)	24,034.78
Total Accounts Receivable	\$24,034.78
Other Current Assets	
Undeposited Funds	0.00
Total Other Current Assets	\$0.00
Total Current Assets	\$149,026.69
Other Assets	
Fraud	0.00
Total Other Assets	\$0.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$149,026.69
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
Accounts Payable (A/P)	0.00
Total Accounts Payable	\$0.00
Other Current Liabilities	
Payroll Liabilities	0.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	\$0.00
Total Current Liabilities	\$0.00
Long-Term Liabilities	
Unearned Income	0.00
Total Long-Term Liabilities	\$0.00
Total Liabilities	\$0.00
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	104,091.04
Unrestricted Net Assets	6,905.99
Net Income	38,029.66
Total Equity	\$149,026.69
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$149,026.69

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Budget vs. Actuals: FY 2022 Budget(7/1/21 to 6/30/22) - FY22 P&L

July 2021 - June 2022

	TOTAL		
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	REMAINING
Income			
Annual Dinner Sponsorship	9,000.00	6,000.00	-3,000.00
Annual Dinner Tickets	450.00	300.00	-150.00
Dues Assessments	64,992.00	64,992.00	0.00
Investments			
Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	2.06		-2.06
Total Investments	2.06		-2.06
Other Types of Income			
Bank Interest		10.00	10.00
Total Other Types of Income		10.00	10.00
REAP Income	28,681.32	395,300.00	366,618.68
Research Grant Appropriation		800.00	800.00
Total Income	\$103,125.38	\$467,402.00	\$364,276.62
GROSS PROFIT	\$103,125.38	\$467,402.00	\$364,276.62
Expenses			
Contract Services			
Accounting Fees	391.25	2,000.00	1,608.75
Audit		5,500.00	5,500.00
Executive Administration	14,625.00	45,000.00	30,375.00
Legal Fees		300.00	300.00
Research Grant - CLU	800.00	800.00	0.00
Total Contract Services	15,816.25	53,600.00	37,783.75
Operations			
Printing and Copying	153.15	1,150.00	996.85
Supplies		500.00	500.00
Website	860.00	1,000.00	140.00
Total Operations	1,013.15	2,650.00	1,636.85
Other Types of Expenses			
Insurance - Liability, D and O	2,470.88	2,200.00	-270.88
Total Other Types of Expenses	2,470.88	2,200.00	-270.88
REAP Project Costs			
Project - 1 - TASK A		2,731.00	2,731.00
Project 1 - TASK B	4,062.50	23,500.00	19,437.50
Project 1 - TASK C	500.00	21,279.00	20,779.00
Project 2 - TASK A		4,200.00	4,200.00
Project 2 - TASK B	525.00		-525.00
Project 3 - TASK A	7,675.00	28,400.00	20,725.00
Project 3 - TASK B	9,955.00		-9,955.00
Project 4 - NEW TASK A	625.00	50,000.00	49,375.00
Project 4 - TASK A	275.00		-275.00
Project 4 - TASK B	400.00		-400.00

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Budget vs. Actuals: FY 2022 Budget(7/1/21 to 6/30/22) - FY22 P&L

July 2021 - June 2022

	TOTAL		
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	REMAINING
Project 5 - Administration	903.53		-903.53
Project 5 - TASK A	11,872.41	7,000.00	-4,872.41
Project 5 - TASK B	796.51	175,600.00	174,803.49
Project 5 - TASK C		82,590.00	82,590.00
Total REAP Project Costs	37,589.95	395,300.00	357,710.05
Travel and Meetings	70.00		-70.00
Annual Dinner	6,315.93	8,000.00	1,684.07
Conference and Meetings	775.00	4,842.00	4,067.00
Meals	8.00		-8.00
Travel	1,036.56	810.00	-226.56
Total Travel and Meetings	8,205.49	13,652.00	5,446.51
Total Expenses	\$65,095.72	\$467,402.00	\$402,306.28
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$38,029.66	\$0.00	\$ -38,029.66
NET INCOME	\$38,029.66	\$0.00	\$ -38,029.66



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ITEM 4b.

To: Hugh Riley, VCOG Executive Director

Subject: SCAG Update November 2021

From: Rachel Wagner, SCAG Regional Affairs Officer; wagner@scag.ca.gov

HIGHLIGHTS FROM November 4th REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

ACTION

REGIONAL COUNCIL APPROVES 27 LAST MILE FREIGHT PROJECTS

The Regional Council today approved 27 proposals as a part of the Last Mile Freight Program Phase 1 to be awarded \$10 million. The Regional Council also approved a contingency list of projects that can be considered should additional funding become available through the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee.

The [Last Mile Freight Program](#) Phase 1 is the initial step towards implementing freight-related clean vehicles/equipment and infrastructure to support cleaner air goals. The focus on last mile freight operations is particularly significant as trucks serving the regional distribution market constitute nearly 90 percent of total truck trips in the region.

Following approval of the project list by the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee, SCAG staff will work closely with the awarded agencies to further define the scopes of work and develop a project initiation schedule and budgets. Read more about the Last Mile Freight Program at scag.ca.gov/lmfp.

INFO

IAN CARLTON SPEAKS ON ASSESSING THE POTENTIAL IMPACTS OF SENATE BILL 9 ON HOUSING SUPPLY

Ian Carlton, Co-Founder of MapCraft Labs, presented to the Regional Council on research conducted by UC Berkeley's Turner Center for Housing Innovation on a study which used parcel-level data and an economic model to assess the potential impacts of Senate Bill (SB) 9's provisions on housing in the SCAG region.

Signed into law by Governor Newsom in September 2021, SB 9 allows for by-right lot split and duplex developments on single-family residential parcels. The Turner Center study indicates that approximately seven percent of the region's single-family parcels would be financially feasible to develop under SB 9's provisions, approximately



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300,000 new homes in the SCAG region; however, this potential supply increase could address a substantial share of the region's housing need and is significant when compared to recent housing production. Carlton concluded that it is unknown how many homeowners will want to take advantage of this program and that jurisdictions have wide implementation authority to create programs that will work for their communities.

ACTION

REGIONAL COUNCIL APPROVES FUNDING FOR THE INCLUSIVE ECONOMIC RECOVERY STRATEGY

The Regional Council today accepted \$3.5 million in one-time funds from the California Workforce Development Board to support the implementation of recommendations in the Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategy.

The Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategy, adopted by the Regional Council in July 2021, is focused on economic recovery from the pandemic and provides opportunities to ensure inclusive economic growth for SCAG's lower-income communities and communities of color. Through Assembly Bill 129, and with support from Senator Susan Rubio (D-West Covina), SCAG was allocated one-time funds to implement several core recommendations of the strategy including:

- Supporting expansion of the number of, and access to, middle-wage jobs
- Strengthening supply chains and access to contracting opportunities
- Construction apprenticeships and training
- Providing regional data
- Addressing human capital needs

More information on the Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategy can be found at scag.ca.gov/iers.

ACTION

REGIONAL COUNCIL APPROVES UPDATES TO CONNECT SOCAL, FTIP AND PEIR

The Regional Council today approved Connect SoCal Amendment No. 1 and 2021 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Consistency Amendment No. 21-05, including the associated transportation conformity determination, as well as Connect SoCal Program Environmental Impact Report Addendum No. 2.



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CONNECT SOCAL AMENDMENT NO. 1 & 2021 FTIP CONSISTENCY AMENDMENT NO. 21-05

Since the adoption of Connect SoCal, the 2020 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy, in September 2020, several projects included in the plan's Project List have experienced technical changes that are time-sensitive. In addition, the county transportation commissions in the SCAG region have also identified new project priorities in addition to projects that are no longer priorities. The [amendments to Connect SoCal and the 2021 Federal Transportation Improvement Program \(FTIP\)](#) ensure these projects move forward in a timely manner. The amendments will now be forwarded to the appropriate federal and state reviewing agencies for final approval. Learn more about Connect SoCal at scag.ca.gov/connect-socal and the 2021 FTIP at scag.ca.gov/ftip.

CONNECT SOCAL PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT ADDENDUM NO. 2

The [Connect SoCal Program Environmental Impact Report \(PEIR\) Addendum No. 2](#) analyzes the changes documented in the Connect SoCal Amendment No. 1. SCAG staff has determined that the proposed changes resulting from Connect SoCal Amendment No. 1 would not result in a substantial change to the region-wide impacts. It has also been concluded that the projects identified in the amendment are consistent with the analysis, mitigation measures and findings of fact contained in the previously certified PEIR and Addendum No. 1. Learn more about the PEIR at scag.ca.gov/peir.

NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT

PRESIDENT LORIMORE JOINS BIZFED BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEET AND GREET

PRESIDENT LORIMORE VISITS GO HUMAN & LADOT POP-UP AT MAGNOLIA AVENUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

On Wednesday, Oct. 6, President Clint Lorimore joined SCAG's *Go Human* campaign and the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) for a demonstration of temporary street improvements at Magnolia Avenue Elementary School in Los Angeles County on Walk to School Day and Clean Air Day. The demonstration included "School Streets," creating a student plaza adjacent to the school that was closed to vehicle traffic and open to students and families with opportunities to play in the street and provide feedback. The street was reconfigured as a one-way school pick-up and drop-off zone, with safety improvements like bulb-outs and wave delineators to improve safety and streamline access. Air quality monitors were



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placed to assess impacts. SCAG was thrilled to partner with LADOT to showcase and test out these temporary improvements to improve the safety of students and families traveling to school on Walk to School Day, Clean Air Day and every day.

PRESIDENT LORIMORE JOINS ONTARIO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

On Monday, Nov. 1, President Lorimore was pleased to join leaders and stakeholders from the Inland Empire and beyond for a celebration of the Ontario International Airport's (ONT) anniversary and hear from leaders including ONT Authority Board of Commissioners President and SCAG Regional Council member Alan Wapner. Several other elected officials were present for the occasion celebrating continued expansion and contribution to our regional economic recovery. Airports don't just move people; they are a key part of the global economy moving the things we need and want. Happy anniversary to the Ontario International Airport!

SCAG WELCOMES NEW POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Since June 2021, SCAG has welcomed nine new elected officials to the Regional Council and SCAG's Policy Committees.

COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

- Ramon Castro, Imperial County Communities of Concern
- Waymond Fermon, Coachella Valley Association of Governments
- Matt LaVere, Ventura County Communities of Concern
- Gabriel Reyes, San Bernardino County Communities of Concern

ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

- Jonathan Ingram, Western Riverside Council of Governments

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

- Michelle Chambers, Los Angeles County Communities of Concern
- Andrew Do, Orange County Communities of Concern
- Jason Gibbs, North Los Angeles County Transportation Coalition

Michael Vargas, Riverside County Communities of Concern

NEWS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

NEW PROGRAM DETAILS: SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ECONOMIC SUMMIT



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The [12th Annual Southern California Economic Summit](#) is only a few weeks away. SCAG is bringing together leading voices in business, policy, planning and academia on **Thursday, Dec. 2** to develop strategies for kickstarting post-COVID economic growth in the region.

To kick off the event, we are excited to have Senator Susan Rubio (D-West Covina) share updates on economic initiatives in the California legislature. The program also includes an insightful look at the state of the region's economy and the key issues that are affecting the region the most and a panel discussion on the core issues threatening Southern California's ability to stay competitive and resources to kickstart inclusive economic growth.

Don't miss this vital conversation on the region's economic future – [reserve your seat today](#). Elected officials and city managers of SCAG's member jurisdictions may attend for free.

GO HUMAN AWARDED \$1.25M GRANT THROUGH THE CA OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY

Earlier this year, the California Office of Traffic Safety awarded SCAG's *Go Human* program a \$1.25 million grant to continue initiatives to improve traffic safety and expand community engagement across the region. With this funding, *Go Human* will continue to cultivate partnerships and strategies across the region, guided by a holistic, equity-centered approach to safety. [Read the full press release here](#). For details on future activities and events, visit scag.ca.gov/go-human.

SCAG CONGRATULATES ICTC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MARK BAZA ON HIS RETIREMENT

SCAG would like to congratulate Mark Baza upon his retirement as Executive Director of the Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC). Baza has served in his role since May 2010 and during his time has led the development of the agency's new organizational structure, staffing and work programs. Through ICTC, Baza has been actively involved in supporting regional projects that provide immense value to the county and has always shown great appreciation for the role SCAG plays in supporting Imperial County while considering county-specific challenges. We are deeply thankful for his 30+ years of service in regional transportation planning and steadfast commitment to regional collaboration. SCAG will present Baza with a proclamation at his retirement celebration later this month.

Read the full [Executive Director's Report for November 2021](#) and see past reports on the SCAG website.



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HOUSING UPDATES

Save the Date: SCAG's Housing Working Group

The Housing Working Group is a newly formed group that will provide a forum to engage stakeholders on several housing-related priorities. The first Housing Working Group meeting will be held on **Wednesday, Dec. 15, from 9 to 11 a.m.** While one of the immediate priorities of the working group is to help develop supportive land-use strategies for Connect SoCal, the 2024 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy, the group will also be engaged in the development of other regional programs and priorities. These include:

- Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) reform
- Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH)
- Housing element compliance
- Other housing policy goals identified by the working group

Participation is open to all, and city and county staff, housing planners, developers, advocacy and policy organizations, community-based organizations, philanthropy, community members, housing-focused trade organizations, and labor representatives in the housing industry are encouraged to join. Meetings will be held bi-monthly unless a different frequency is determined to be most beneficial to participants. [Sign up here to join the Housing Working Group today!](#)

[Visit SCAG's website to learn more about Regional Planning Working Groups.](#)

Announcing SCAG's Housing Policy Leadership Academy

Through support from the state's Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) grant program, SCAG is offering the Housing Policy Leadership Academy (SCAG-HPLA), a 10-session online training for emerging and established community leaders who want to better understand how to advance policy solutions to increase the supply and availability of affordable housing. The Academy will begin in February 2022. Applications are due **Monday, Jan. 10, 2022**, and can be completed online. [Apply now!](#) [Learn more about the Academy or check out the SCAG-HPLA brochure here.](#)

View additional housing updates & information [here](#)



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UPCOMING MEETINGS

NOVEMBER

9th Transportation Demand Management Technical Advisory Committee

16th Legislative/Communications & Membership Committee

18th Technical Working Group

23rd Transportation Conformity Working Group

DECEMBER

1st Executive/Administration Committee

7th Transportation Conformity Working Group

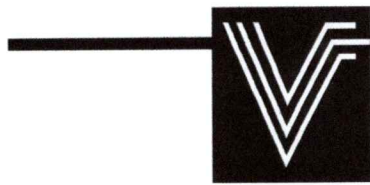
7th Sustainable and Resilient Communities Working Group

9th Safe and Active Streets Working Group

9th Equity Working Group

15th Regional Housing Planning Working Group


21st Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee



ITEM 4c

MEMORANDUM

TO: Administrative Committee

FROM: Hugh R. Riley, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Additional 5% REAP SRP Subregional Allocations Announced

DATE: November 18, 2021

Recommendation:

Receive Report and Continue Consideration for the use of the additional funds to January 2022. for Period ending November 15, 2021.

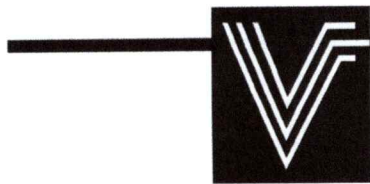
Discussion:

To meet the dynamic project management needs of our subregional partners, SCAG has increased the allocation available for each subregional partner by 5%. This would mean an additional \$21,600 for use on VCOG REAP Projects. The additional funds can only be used to increase the budget for new or existing tasks in the executed scope of work approval forms (SAF) or for VCOG project management. It cannot be used for new projects or for administrative costs.

The increase was a result of cost savings in the REAP program and SCAG's total REAP amount remains the same. The deadline to program all or a portion of the additional 5% is April 1, 2022.

Possible Projects to consider include:

- Additional funding for Project 3 - If the Inclusionary Zoning Ordinance generates interest from city attorneys the project may need more funding.
- Allocate additional funds to the ADU Project 4, raising the VCOG Contribution to about \$70K




**VENTURA COUNCIL
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ITEM 4d

MEMORANDUM

TO: Administrative Committee

FROM: Hugh R. Riley, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Ethics Training Reminder and Financial Disclosure (FORM 700)

DATE: November 18, 2021

Recommendation:

Receive Report on Ethics Training Requirements

Discussion:

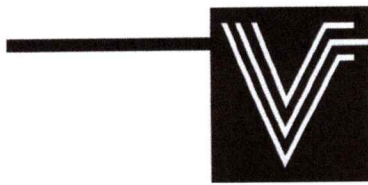
In addition to the requirement for VCOG Members and Alternates (VCOG Members) to file an annual FPPC FORM 700 Statement of Economic Interest, VCOG Members are required to complete a minimum of two (2) hours of AB 134 Ethics Training within one year of being appointed, and every two years thereafter.

A reminder email (or letter) from the Ventura County Clerk of the Board's Office has been sent to each member and alternate on the VCOG Council that must renew or complete his/her Ethics Training.

Members not in compliance may obtain online training from the Fair Political Practices Commission at <http://localethics.fppc.ca.gov/login.aspx>. Some member cities also offer this training on a periodic basis. At the conclusion of the training, a certificate indicating the participation time is available for the member to print, sign and email to clerkoftheboard@ventura.org or mail to:

Clerk of the Board
800 S. Victoria Avenue, L# 1920
Ventura, CA 93009

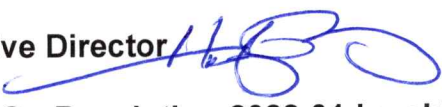
Some member cities offer this training on a periodic basis. If a member has a certificate from another source that was issued within the past two years, he/she may submit that to the Clerk of the Board's Office to satisfy the Ethics Training requirement.



ITEM 6

MEMORANDUM

TO: Administrative Committee

FROM: Hugh R. Riley, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Consideration of VCOG Resolution 2022-01 Invoking AB 361 for Subsequent VCOG Meetings to the VCOG Council on January 13, 2022

DATE: November 18, 2021

Recommendation:

The Committee Recommend the Consideration of VCOG Resolution 2022-01 Invoking AB 361 for Subsequent VCOG Meetings to the VCOG Council on January 13, 2022

Background:

On September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed Assembly Bill 361 (2021-2022) ("AB 361"), which incorporated into California state law some aspects of the teleconferencing rules that have applied by Executive Order to local public agencies during the COVID-19 pandemic. Notably, because AB 361 included an urgency measure, the law was immediately effective as of the date of the Governor's signature. AB 361 provides that it sunsets on January 1, 2024.

Benefits of operating under AB 361 during the COVID-19 pandemic, as opposed to under the normal open meeting laws, include the following:

- Agendas need not be posted at all teleconference locations;
- Each teleconference location need not be identified in the notice and agenda of the meeting;
- Each teleconference location need not be accessible to the public; and
- A quorum of the members of the legislative body do not need to participate in the meeting from locations within the boundaries of the territory over which the public agency exercises jurisdiction.

Following are requirements for invoking AB 361 the first time that a public agency does so:

1. There must be a “proclaimed state of emergency,” *as there is currently, in that the Governor’s State of Emergency Declaration, issued on March 4, 2020, has not been lifted, and*
2. One of the following three circumstances must exist:
 1. State or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing;
 2. The meeting is held to determine, by majority vote, whether as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to health or safety of attendees; or
 3. The majority of the legislative body has voted that, as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risk to the health or safety of attendees.

If a public agency wishes to consider invoking AB 361 for subsequent meetings, the following is required for those subsequent meetings:

1. The proclaimed state of emergency must remain active; or
2. State or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing; and
3. Not later than 30 days after teleconferencing for the first time under the AB 361 rules, and every 30 days thereafter, the Legislative body shall make the following findings by majority vote:
 - The legislative body has reconsidered the circumstances of emergency, and at least one of the following circumstances exist:
 1. The state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person; or
 2. State or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.

If a public agency were to invoke AB 361, following are notice and participation requirements:

Notice Requirements

- Each notice of the meeting and agenda must identify the means by which members of the public may access the meeting and offer public comment by a call-in option or an internet-based service option (does not need to be both)

Participation Requirements

- Cannot require public comments to be submitted in advance of the meeting (although the agency may provide this as an option along with the call-in or internet-based service option)

- Public must be able to attend via call-in option or internet-based service option (does not need to be both)
- Public must be able to address the legislative body “directly” via call-in option or internet-based service option
- The public agency must provide an opportunity for the public to address the Legislative body and “offer comment in real time”
- If there is a disruption that prevents the public agency from broadcasting the meeting using the call-in option or internet-based service option, or if there is a disruption within the public agency’s control that prevents members of the public from offering public comments using the call-in option or internet-based service option, the body “shall take no further action on items appearing on the agenda until public access to the meeting via the call-in option or internet-based service option is restore”
- Timing of Public Comment Period
 - If a legislative body does not provide a timed public comment period, but takes public comment separately on each agenda item, it shall allow a “reasonable amount of time per agenda item to allow public members the opportunity to provide public comment,” including time for members of the public to register to provide comment or otherwise be recognized for the purpose of providing public comment
 - If a legislative body provides a timed general public comment period that does not correspond to a specific agenda item, it shall not close the public comment period or the opportunity to register until the timed general public comment period has elapsed
 - If a legislative body provides a timed public comment period for each agenda time, it shall not close the public comment period or the opportunity to register until the timed public comment has elapsed

A Final Note

The current teleconferencing Executive Orders will remain in effect, if not rescinded, until September 30, 2021. Therefore, public agencies should have a couple of weeks to assess how to conduct their meetings in light of AB 361.

And, if legislative bodies will not be meeting until October 2021, AB 361 provides that its provisions may be invoked once under the conditions described, without having the legislative body make, by majority vote, the legislative findings noted above.

ATTACHMENT

VENTURA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS RESOLUTION NO. 2022-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE VENTURA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS INVOKING AB 361 FOR SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Ventura Council of Governments as follows:

SECTION 1: The Governing Body has reconsidered the circumstances of the COVID-19 Emergency, and the following circumstances exist:

- A. The state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person; or
- B. State or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.

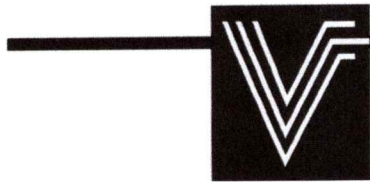
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Governing Body of the Ventura Council of Governments Hereby Invokes the Provisions of B 361 and Thereby Agrees to Continue to Hold Virtual Council and Committee Meetings and to Comply with The Notice and Participation Requirements Imposed by AB 361

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of January 2022.

Kevin Kildee, Chair

Attest:

Hugh Riley, Executive Director




VENTURA COUNCIL
OF GOVERNMENTS

ITEM 7d.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Administrative Committee

FROM: Hugh R. Riley, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Resolution of Support- Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative

DATE: November 18, 2021

Recommendation:

Review and Discuss recommending consideration by the VCOG Full Council of a resolution of support for Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative

Discussion:

At the November 4, 2021, VCOG Council Meeting the Council heard a presentation from the Livable California Organization and from proponents of the "Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative." The initiative seeks to amend Article XI of the California Constitution to make zoning and land-use locally controlled. The measure was Introduced by Assembly Member Al Muratsuchi and co-authored by State Senator Stephen Glazer as ACA7. The proposed amendment does not affect Fair Housing Laws or CEQA requirements but does supersede any previously enacted State laws such as SB9 & SB10.

Staff has prepared the attached Draft VCOG Resolution No. 2022-02 for possible consideration by the VCOG Council on January 13, 2022, if recommended by the Administrative Committee.

Attachment: Draft VCOG Resolution No. 2022-02



**VENTURA COUNCIL
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**VENTURA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS RESOLUTION
NO. 2022-02**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE VENTURA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE
“BRAND-HUANG-MENDOZA TRIPARTISAN LAND USE INITIATIVE” TO AMEND
ARTICLE XI OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO MAKE
ZONING AND LAND USE COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, AND NOT OF STATE INTEREST**

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of California in recent years has proposed, passed, and signed into law thirty-six bills addressing a range of land use planning and housing issues; and

WHEREAS, many of these bills usurp the authority of local jurisdictions to determine for themselves the land use policies and practices that best suit each city and its residents and instead impose “one-size-fits-all” mandates that do not consider the unique needs and differences of local jurisdictions throughout the State of California; and

WHEREAS, many of these bills do not provide incentives or requirements for low-income affordable or moderate-income workforce housing, but instead impose new policies that will incentivize speculation and result in the addition of market-rate or luxury housing, thereby eliminating the opportunity for local jurisdictions to implement effective policies that will create more affordable housing and affirmatively further fair housing practices; and

WHEREAS, the ability of local jurisdictions to determine for themselves which projects require review beyond ministerial approval; what parking requirements are appropriate for various neighborhoods; what housing plans and programs are suitable and practical for each community; and what zoning should be allowed for residential properties, rather than having these decisions imposed upon cities without regard for the unique circumstances and needs of each individual community, is a matter of critical importance to the Ventura Council of Governments (VCOG).; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of VCOG hereby determines that local government entities are best able to assess and respond to the unique needs of their respective communities and hereby objects to the proliferation of State legislation (including SB 9 and SB 10) that would deprive us of that ability.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE VENTURA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That the Governing Body VCOG is opposed to the legislature of the State of California continually proposing and adopting legislation that overrides the zoning and land use authority of local government and inhibits the ability of local government to effectively plan for and implement policies to stimulate the efficient production of affordable housing in the County of Ventura.

SECTION 2. That the Governing Body of VCOG supports the Brand-Huang-Mendoza Trip artisan Land Use Initiative to ensure that zoning and land use authority rests with the local government entities that represent the communities in which the residents reside, and to allow local government to participate in solving our affordable housing crisis through solutions that effectively address the unique needs and conditions of each local community.

SECTION 3. That the Governing Body of the Ventura Council of Governments incorporates each recital set forth herein above.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of January 2022.

Kevin Kildee, Chair

Attest:

Hugh Riley, Executive Director