



**VENTURA COUNCIL
OF GOVERNMENTS**

AGENDA

The meeting will be via Zoom Webinar

Thursday, March 10, 2022, 4:00 p.m.

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WWW.VENTURACOG.ORG.**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE

2. ROLL CALL

3. Virtual Meeting Declaration Under AB 361. p 4. Virtual Meeting Declaration pursuant to VCOG Resolution No. 2022-01 for compliance with AB 316.- **Action: Approve Staff Recommendation. (Roll Call Vote Required)**

MEMBERS

City of Camarillo
Kevin Kildee, Member
Charlotte Craven, Alternate

City of Fillmore
Simone Alex
Diane McCall, Alternate

City of Moorpark
Janice Parvin, Member
Chris Enegren, Alternate

City of Ojai
Randy Haney, Member
Betsy Stix, Alternate

City of Oxnard
Bert Perello, Member
Oscar Madrigal, Alternate

City of Port Hueneme
Steven Gama, Member
Misty Perez, Alternate

City of San Buenaventura
Mike Johnson, Member
Doug Halter, Alternate

City of Santa Paula
Jenny Crosswhite, Member
Andy Sobel, Alternate

City of Simi Valley
Elaine Litster, Member
Mike Judge, Alternate

City of Thousand Oaks
Kevin McNamee, Member
Bob Engler, Alternate

County of Ventura
Bob Huber, Member
Carmen Ramirez-Alternate

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

At this time, public comments received in advance by VCOG Staff will be read aloud into the meeting record. Individual Board Members may briefly respond to Public Comments or ask questions for clarification.

5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – (Sent Separately)

6. AGENCY REPORTS – Oral Reports If Representatives Attend

- A. Southern California Association of Governments
- B. Ventura County Transportation Commission
- C. League of California Cities
- D. Other

7. CONSENT CALENDAR (Roll Call Vote Required)

- A. **Summary of January 13, 2022 Meeting p. 7** – Approve Meeting Summary for the January 13, 2022 VCOG Council Meeting. **Action:** Approve Meeting Summary as published.
- B. **Financial Report p. 15** - Approve Ventura Council of Governments Financial Report for the Budget Period from January 7, 2022 to March 4, 2022. **Action:** Approve Financial Report
- C. **Register of Warrants & Debit Card Transactions p. 19** - Approve the Register of Warrants for Expenditures and Debit Card Transactions incurred from January 7, 2022 to March 4 2022. **Action:** Approve Register of Warrants and Debit Card Transactions.
- D. **Appointment of 2022 VCOG Administrative Committee p. 22** Upon recommendation of the Chair, approve the appointment of At-Large Members Parvin and Litster to the VCOG Administrative Committee. **Action:** Approve Chair's appointments.
- E. **2022-SCAG Regional Council Election Result- Districts 46 p. 24** - Acknowledge the election of Claudia-Bill de le Pena, Council Member from the City of Thousand Oaks as District 46 Representative to the SCAG Regional Council. **Action:** Acknowledge the election of Claudia-Bill de le Pena as District 46 Representative to the SCAG Regional Council.

9. PRESENTATION ITEMS (Roll Call Vote Required)

- A. **Presentation by the Citizens for Traffic Relief of Ventura County Committee p. 30.** **Action:** Receive report and File.
- B. **2022 VCOG Legislative Program p. 31** - Discuss and Approve Proposed Legislative Program for 2022 as recommended by the VCOG Administrative Committee. **Action:** Approve VCOG Legislative Program for 2022
- C. **2022 VCOG Program of Priorities p. 42** - Discuss and Approve Proposed Program of Priorities for 2022 as recommended by the VCOG Administrative Committee. **Action:** Approve VCOG Program of Priorities for 2022.

10. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Any Council Member present may propose items for placement on a future agenda. Members may discuss whether the item should be placed on the agenda and the description of the agenda item.

11. ADJOURNMENT: Next Meeting- May 12, 2022 at Camarillo City Hall or VIA ZOOM

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ITEM 3

MEMORANDUM

TO: VCOG Members and Alternates

FROM: Hugh R. Riley, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Virtual Meeting Declaration

DATE: March 10, 2022

Recommendation: That the VCOG Governing Body, pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e) and makes the following findings required by Government Code Section 54953(e)(3): (1) a proclaimed state of emergency remains active in connection with the COVID-19 public health crisis, (2) The VCOG Administrative Committee has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency and (iii) state and local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing in relation to the COVID-19 public health crisis and, further the Administrative Committees, established by VCOG Bylaws, will utilize remote teleconference meetings pursuant to and in compliance with Brown Act provisions contained in Government Code Section 54953(e). *(Note: This Recommendation will be recorded in the Meeting Summary for this meeting)*

Discussion:

On January 13, 2022, The VCOG Governing Body adopted VCOG Resolution No. 2022-01 finding that:

- 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.

The Governing Body Action above is in conformance with VCOG Resolution No. 2022-01

Attachment: VCOG Resolution No. 2022-01

**VENTURA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS RESOLUTION
NO. 2022-01**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE VENTURA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS INVOKING AB 361
FOR COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

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

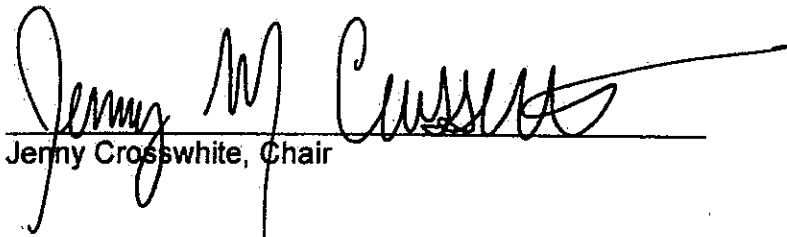
SECTION 1: The Governing Body has reconsidered the circumstances of the COVID-19 Emergency, and finds that the following circumstances exist:

- 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.

SECTION 2: This Declaration shall be reconsidered at each subsequent meeting.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Governing Body of the Ventura Council of Governments Hereby Invokes the Provisions of AB 361 and thereby agrees to Continue to Hold Virtual Council and/or Committee Meetings, including but not limited to the meeting events listed on Exhibit A, and to comply with the Notice and Participation Requirements Imposed by AB 361

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of January 2022.


Jenny Crosswhite, Chair

Attest:


Hugh Riley, Executive Director

EXHIBIT A

Schedule of VCOG Meetings for 2022

Board Meeting- Camarillo City Council Chambers

Thursdays from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. (Council Meetings May be virtual depending on COVID-19 Restrictions in place at the time.)

January 13, 2022

March 10, 2022 (Moorpark)

May 12, 2022

July 14, 2022,

Sept. 8, 2022 (Annual Dinner- Camarillo)*

Oct. 13, 2022

November 10, 2022

**To Be rescheduled- Conflicts with CalCities Annual Conference*

Administrative Committee – Admin or Central Conference

Room- Camarillo City Hall (Committee Meetings May be virtual depending on COVID-19 Restrictions in place at the time.)

Thursdays from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

January 27, 2022

March 24, 2022

May 26, 2022

June 23, 2022

July 21, 2022

October 20, 2022

November 17, 2022



MEETING SUMMARY

ITEM 7A

33 East High St., Suite 200
Moorpark, CA 93012
January 13, 2022
4:00 p.m. VIA ZOOM

1. **CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE** – The meeting was called to Order at 4:00 PM by Chair Crosswhite. The Flag Salute was led by Member Haney.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Present:

Jenny Crosswhite, Chair, City of Santa Paula
Kevin Kildee, Chair-Elect, City of Camarillo
Janice Parvin, IP Chair, City of Moorpark
Al Adam, City of Thousand Oaks
Randy Haney, City of Ojai
Mike Johnson, City of San Buenaventura
Bob Huber, Supervisor, County of Ventura-
Elaine Litster, City of Simi Valley
Bert Perello, City of Oxnard
Simone Alex, City of Fillmore

Absent: Steven Gama, City of Port Hueneme

Alternates Present: Carmen Ramirez*, Alternate for Bob Huber, Bob Engler,* Alternate for Adams and Mayor of Thousand Oaks

*Not Voting

Staff Present:

Hugh Riley, Executive Director
Dr. Chris Williamson, AICP, Housing Programs Specialist-

Guests:

Rachel Wagner, Regional Affairs Officer, SCAG
Amanda Fagan, Director of Planning and Policy, V.C.T.C.
Dr. Chris Williamson, AICP, Housing Programs Specialist
Dave Mullinax, Regional Public Affairs Manager, League of California Cities
Mina Layba, Legislative Affairs Manager, City of Thousand Oaks

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT – NONE**

4. **Virtual Meeting Declaration (Resolution No. 2022-01)** - Virtual Meeting Declaration (VCOG Resolution No. 2022-01) for compliance with AB 316. Staff explained the requirements to comply with AB 316 allowing for the continuation of authority for public agencies to hold meetings virtually. To do, so a Virtual Meeting Declaration must be made prior to the beginning of each meetings business. VCOG Resolution No. 2022-01 was introduced and Riley 7 explained the implementation process and then made the following formal recommendation:

STAFF RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the VCOG Council (VCOG) Adopt VCOG Resolution No. 2022-01 and find that, pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e) and making the following findings required by Government Code Section 54953(e)(3) on the basis of the staff report, (i) a proclaimed state of emergency remains active in connection with the COVID-19 public health crisis, (ii) The VCOG has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency and (iii) state and local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing in relation to the COVID-19 public health crisis and, further all committees established by VCOG Bylaws, to utilize remote teleconference meetings pursuant to and in compliance with Brown Act provisions contained in Government Code Section 54953(e).

Chair Crosswhite asked for a Motion to adopt VCOG Resolution No. 2022-01. A **MOTION** was made by Member Huber to adopt VCOG Resolution No. 2022. The motion was **SECONDED** by Member Perello.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: 10 Nos. 0: The Motion Carried.

Note: This Action will be repeated and ratified at the commencement of each VCOG Meeting until further notice.

5. SEATING OF 2022 VCOG CHAIR AND ELECTION OF CHAIR-ELECT FOR 2022 -
Confirmation of Chair-elect Kevin Kildee be seated as VCOG Chair for 2022 and election of Chair-Elect for 2022 to serve as Chair for 2023. Riley explained that, under the VCOG Joint Powers Authority Agreement, the VCOG Chair-Elect automatically becomes Chair at the beginning of the new calendar year and the Council then elects a new Chair-Elect to serve as Chair for the following calendar year. City of Camarillo Council Member Kevin Kildee was elected Chair-Elect in January 2021, and thus becomes VCOG Chair for 2022. *(At this Point, Kevin Kildee assumed the Chair's Seat and presided over the remainder of the Item and Agenda.)*

Chair Kildee explained that the VCOG Administrative Committee met on November 18, 2021, declined to make a nomination for the office of Chair-elect and recommends that nominations be made from the floor. He further explained the procedure for electing Chair-Elect:

- Chair asks for nominations for Chair-elect from the Council. (Self-nominations are acceptable). Nominations do not require a second but a second is required for a motion to close nominations and a roll call vote is required..
- A voice is required for each nominee in the order of their nomination. Any member may request a secret ballot.
- The first nomination to receive a majority vote of the members present is elected Chair-elect and will succeed as Chair in January 2023.

Chair Kildee then asked for nominations for Chair Elect from the floor. Member Randy Haney was nominated by Member Perello. Board Alternate Carmen Ramirez was nominated by Member Parvin. There being no further nominations from the floor, Chair Kildee asked for a motion to close the nominations.

A **MOTION** was made by Member Adams to close nominations for Chair-elect The motion was **SECONDED** by Member Haney. The Motion Carried

Mr. Haney was asked if he would accept the nomination as Chair-elect. He replied yes and that he would be honored to serve. Mrs. Ramirez thanked Member Parvin but respectfully declined the nomination as she will be assuming the office of SCAG President during 2023

A roll call vote was called for the first nominee, Member Haney for the office of VCOG Chair-elect for 2022;

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: 8 Nos. : 2.

Randy Haney, City of Ojai was elected Chair-elect for 2022 to serve as VCOG Chair for 2023.

6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Executive Director Riley reviewed the written report provided to the Council:

- **New VCTC Executive Director Named** – On January 3, 2022, VCTC announced the selection of Martin Erickson as the new executive director. Erickson has served as the public transit director for VCTC since 2016, and has over 25 years of public sector experience in public transit and transportation. Prior to joining VCTC, Erickson served as the Deputy CEO for Santa Barbara County and as Assistant City Manager of the City of Oxnard. Erickson will transition to his new role as Executive Director on January 16th.
- **SCAG Update-** The December Report from SCAG Regional Affairs Officer, Rachel Wagner is attached. The SCAG Regional Council, at their January 6, 2022 Meeting, voted to support the proposed Community Planning Voter Initiative. The initiative would amend the state's constitution to specify that local city and county land-use and zoning laws override state laws when they conflict. Proponents are attempting to gain enough signatures to place the measure on the November 2022 Ballot.
- **SCAG Regional Council Seat- District 46-** On November 11, 2021, Staff issued a Notice for a Special Election and Call for Candidates for the SCAG, Regional Council Representative for District 46 (Cities of Moorpark, Simi Valley and Thousand Oaks). (Notice Attached). The Current District 46 Representative David Pollock, will not be seeking an additional term on the Regional Council. Notices of Intent or Nominations are due by January 24, 2022. A second Notice was sent on December 2, 2021 and a third on January 5, 2022.
- **Southern California Economic Summit** -On December 2, 2021, SCAG hosted its 12th annual Southern California Economic Summit virtually, focusing on the theme "From Inclusive Recovery to Inclusive Growth." This summit occurred at a time when the regional economy is still recovering from a time of unprecedented crisis. This year's program took a serious look at the ongoing recovery from the global pandemic and featured forecasts from the region's top economists. The full economic report and other conference materials are available at scag.ca.gov/economicssummit.
- **VCOG Administrative Committee**-The Committee will meet on January 27, 2022 via ZOOM Conference Call. The Committee will be planning for the VCOG Council Meeting on March 10, 2022 which will be held in Moorpark or Via Zoom. The Committee will also consider the required declaration for the continuation of virtual meetings. Members interested in serving on the 2022 Admin Committee should contact Chair Kildee.

- **Ventura Citizen's for Traffic Relief** – Ventura Citizen's for Traffic Relief Representatives spoke during public comments at the November 5, 2021 Ventura County Transportation meeting to advise VCTC that they intend to proceed with a ½ cent sales tax measure for transportation. They intend to finalize the wording of their measure, submit it to the County for approval, and then begin the process of gathering signatures with the intention of placing it on the 2022 Ballot. The Commission took no action following the presentation and, at this point, VCTC is not involved in any way.
- **Invitation to Join CLEAN CALIFORNIA Initiative** – Caltrans, District 7 has announced a NEW OPPORTUNITY to collaborate with the cities, counties and local partners in the District to address litter and graffiti around local highways and adjacent areas. As a part of the initiative, Caltrans has developed Clean California Maintenance Agreement (CCMA) to take direct aim at the trash that plagues our communities. These agreements are between local agencies and the State and use verifiable methods to both track and compensate local agencies for trash and graffiti removal in areas that have become magnets for trash and graffiti. A copy of the Final Draft Maintenance Agreement Template is attached along with the Invitation to VCOG from Caltrans.
- **2022 VCOG Meeting Schedule** – The Administrative Committee is recommending the attached VCOG Meeting Schedule for 2022. The Schedule follows past practice for meeting intervals. The Annual VCOG Dinner has been rescheduled to September to avoid having two dinner events in the same fiscal year.

Riley introduced Cpt. Robert "Barr" Kimnach III, USN- New Commander, Naval Base Ventura. Cpt. Kimnach spoke about his naval career, past sea and land duty assignments and briefly current activity and projects at the naval base.

- **REAP Program Update** – Chris Williamson, VCOG Housing Programs Specialist, provided a brief progress report and background on the ongoing REAP Projects.

PROJECT 2: Localized Content for Documents, Presentations, and Public Information Programs – COMPLETE - Work Product has been completed, updated following 2021 Legislative Session and distributed. The Power Point information slides about RHNA "from the State to SCAG to each city" has been reviewed by SCAG were sent to each city staff contact.

PROJECT 3: Regional Inclusionary Ordinance – The Ordinance Template and Appendix has been completed and distributed to City Attorneys. VCOG Staff and Legal Consultant are making a presentation to city planning group today

PROJECT 4: Regional ADU Program for Pre-Fabricated and Garage Conversion ADU's – VCOG Council will be approving the Final MOU with VCOG, OCCOG and GCCOG on January 13. VCOG Will be contributing \$70,000 in REAP Finds toward a total \$289,000 Project Budget. OCCOG Staff will take the lead role in developing the work products for general use by all including the public.

PROJECT 5: Regional CEQA Streamlining VMT Adaptive Management and Mitigation Program – Work is continuing with VCTC and our consultants led by Iteris, Inc. The latest Draft VMT Mitigation Program and Summary Memo are Attached.

REAP Grant Expenditure: As of January 15, 2022, VCOG has expended approximately 20% or \$78,444.20 of the original \$432,000 REAP Grant. VCOG will receive an additional \$21,600 in REAP Funds as a supplemental allocation of excess funds from SCAG. These funds have been allocated to Project No. 4 to increase VCOG's contribution to \$70,000. VCOG Staff will be seeking Housing Element Progress Updates from city managers and planning staff to include in the first REAP Annual Report that will be due in April.

7. **AGENCY REPORTS** – Oral Reports were presented by the following agency representatives:
- A. Rachel Wagner, Regional Affairs Officer for the Southern California Association of Governments referred to her written SCAG Update Report for January 2022. She announced the upcoming SCAG General Assembly on May 5, 2022. At this point the event is being planned as a live event however that could change depending on COVID Conditions as the date approached. Carmen Ramirez, Current, 2nd Vice President of SCAG advised that SCAG is seeking sponsorships for the General Assembly. Business and government entities interested in being a sponsor for the event should contact Rachel Wagner.
 - B. Amanda Fagan, Director of Planning and Policy for the Ventura County Transportation Commission reported that VCTC had executed a Railroad Lease Agreement with Sierra Northern Railway to operate the Santa Paula Branch Line Railroad and Right of Way. This is the 32-mile line that extends from Ventura to Piru through Santa Paula and is owned by VCTC. Sierra Northern will operate freight service and, through its operating partnership with its sister company, Mendocino Railway, will operate tourist and excursion trains, rail bikes and movie production services. In November, VCTC awarded \$1 million in grants to local law enforcement and emergency response agencies across the County through its Incident Responder Grant Program. They have also launched a new Contact List Regional Transit Pass Program called VC Bus Pass which can be used on any of the 8 Transit Bus Operators throughout the county. IT works with a specific app on your phone or with a traditional pass card. More information is available on VCTV's website. As part of the agency's efforts to update the County-wide Transportation Plan, VCTC will initiate a Community and Youth Engagement Activity called "A Community Walk On it" throughout the month of February.
- Member Perello asked for an update on efforts to replace the Santa Clara River rail line that was destroyed by flooding decades ago. He discussed the possible benefits the reactivation of this line may have. Ms. Fagan replied that that project was not a priority for VCTC at the present time and that she would have to research the current status of the restoration project. VCTC does not own that particular rail line.
- C. Dave Mullinax, Regional Public Affairs Manager for the League of California Cities commented on the very large new state budget. There is not much funding in the budget for local governments so the League will be working on ways to seek state assistance for things such as SB 1383, the Organics Bill. He advised the more information would be forthcoming about these efforts in the coming weeks. He reported that bill sponsors whose bills did not make it out of committee had until the end of January to reach the floor of the house or senate. The league expects to see at least 1,500 new bills introduced in February. The proposed Community Planning Voter Initiative will be before the Leagues Housing Policy Committee at the end of January and the Board of Directors next month.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Summary of November 4, 2021 Meeting – Approve Meeting Summary for the November 4, 2021, VCOG Meeting. **Staff Recommendation:** Approve Meeting Summary as published.
- B. Financial Report - Approve Ventura Council of Governments Financial Report for the Budget Period from October 29, 2021 to January 7, 2022. **Staff Recommendation:** Approve Financial Report
- C. Register of Warrants & Debit Card Transactions - Approve the Register of Warrants for Expenditures and Debit Card Transactions incurred from October 29, 2021 to January 7, 2022. **Staff Recommendation:** Approve Register of Warrants and Debit Card Transactions.
- D. Budget Amendment For REAP Program Expenses for F.Y. 2021-2022 Allocating \$21,600 in Additional REAP Funds Available to VCOG Approve Amendment to VCOG 2021-2022 Operating Budget allocating an additional \$21,600 in REAP Funds and adjusting certain other budget line items. **Staff Recommendation:** Adopt VCOG Resolution No. 2022-02
- E. Review DRAFT - 2022 VCOG Legislative Program - Review of Legislative Program for 2022 and refer to Administrative Committee for Recommendations. **Staff Recommendation:** Refer Draft 2022 VCOG Legislative Program to the Administrative Committee for Recommended Changes.
- F. Review DRAFT – 2022 VCOG Program of Priorities - Review of Program of Priorities for 2021 and refer to Administrative Committee for Recommendations. **Staff Recommendation:** Refer Draft 2021 VCOG Program of Priorities to the Administrative Committee for Recommended Changes.
- G. REAP Project No. 4- Regional ADU Program- Joint Project- Joint Memorandum of Understanding and Scope of Work with OCCOG and GCCOG - **Staff Recommendation:** Authorize the Chair to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Scope of Work with the Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG), and Gateway Cities Council of Government (GCCOG), for Project to develop Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) support, housing website, and model ordinance.

A **MOTION** was made by Member Johnson to Approve the Staff Recommendations contained in Items A through G of the Consent Calendar. The motion was **SECONDED** by Chair-elect Haney.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: 10 Nos. 0: The Motion Carried.

9. PRESENTATION ITEMS

Ventura County in 2022- Commentary on the Economic Outlook for Ventura County, Henry Dubroff provided his stimulating perspective and provocative predictions on Ventura County's economic outlook for 2022. Henry is a successful journalist and entrepreneur and the Founder and Editor of the Pacific Coast Business Times The Times, is the weekly business journal for the Central Coast of California and the dominant financial news source in Ventura, Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties.

Henry has graciously provided his notes so we don't miss any of the details:

By any stretch we have a full recovery under way and are likely to see slow steady growth this year. Unemployment 4.4 in November and likely lower now; was 4.6 percent in 2020 pre-₁₂

pandemic. California 6.9 percent and likely lower. The role of the stock market and transfer payments in the recovery and inflation. Snow Globe economy – shake and settle.

Five Trends I'm Watching

*The past decade has been marked by very slow population growth and population loss in some periods. 150th anniversary City of Ventura publication and reinforced in State of the Region. Not much immigration. H1B, H1A, H2A. You might say this is a bit of a snow-globe economy – shake and settle.

*Snow globe economy comparison particularly apt when it comes to Housing and development – before the pandemic real questions about Ventura County. Single family homes were out; dense urban environments were in. Pandemic put new focus on suburbs. Unique mix of ag and urban is very powerful draw. You can see what happens in Santa Paula when housing supply expands.

- The maturing of our startups. After a surge in venture capital investment culminating in a record year in 2021, our attention is going to shift to which companies with high valuations can begin to show rapidly accelerating revenue. The departure of founders. With former Amgen folks starting new life sciences companies in Westlake Village, it seems like we're at the beginning of a new cycle where veterans of the startup world turn around and mentor a new generation. The Trade Desk and its role in downtown Ventura's revival. Aerovironment in Simi Valley.

- Climate change is real but it is colliding with reversion to the mean. Those of us who are alarmed at the warming planet recognize that weather patterns don't persist forever — agribusiness leaders know this, too. This year's rainfall is double normal levels for this point in the season in western Ventura County, a key area for growing citrus and berries.

- I have jokingly referred to the greater Lompoc area as America's "final frontier" because the westernmost edge of Southern California has promised a lot in terms of aerospace and defense, but it has not always delivered. That could be about to change as the launch business, related services and space defense are all getting a lot more attention and funding. Naval Base Ventura County has its own missile test range, onshore research labs and plenty of talent. The Teledyne-Flir combination, AeroVironment's Simi Valley manufacturing center, and units of defense giants like Raytheon give the region a solid commercial base.

In politics, look for U.S. Reps Kevin McCarthy, R-Bakersfield; Salud Carbajal, D-Santa Barbara; and Julia Brownley, D-Thousand Oaks; to put aside fights over just about everything else and support more space-related funding for the state.

The members asked several questions and related discussion followed.

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11. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 PM.
Next Meeting- March 10, 2022 at Moorpark City Hall or VIA ZOOM

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ITEM 7B

MEMORANDUM

TO: Council Members and Alternates

FROM: Hugh R. Riley, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Financial Report

DATE: March 10, 2022

Recommendation:

Receive and file Financial Report for Period ending March 4, 2022.

Discussion:

This report transmits the Ventura Council of Governments (VCOG) Financial reports for the Budget Period to March 4, 2022

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-7/01/21	Rate	Balance
Bank of A	Maximizer 2635	N/A	\$ 5.19	0.03%*	\$62,663.83

* Variable

Payments for REAP Reimbursement Invoice Nos. 8, 7, and 10 for October, November and December 2021 have been received from SCAG. Invoice No. 11 for January 2022 expenses totaling \$22,959.31 is pending. The February Invoice (No. 12) is being prepared.

ATTACHMENTS: Balance Sheet – As of March 4, 2022
Budget vs. Actual Report - July 1, 2021 to March 4, 2022

Ventura Council of Governments

Balance Sheet
As of March 4, 2022

	TOTAL
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
BofA - 5797	0.00
BofA - 9045	56,662.14
BofA MM - 2635	62,663.85
Total Bank Accounts	\$119,325.99
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable (A/R)	22,959.31
Total Accounts Receivable	\$22,959.31
Other Current Assets	
Undeposited Funds	0.00
Total Other Current Assets	\$0.00
Total Current Assets	\$142,285.30
Other Assets	
Fraud	0.00
Total Other Assets	\$0.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$142,285.30
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	31,288.27
Total Equity	\$142,285.30
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$142,285.30

Ventura Council of Governments

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	350.00	300.00	-50.00
Dues Assessments	64,992.00	64,992.00	0.00
Investments			
Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	5.19		-5.19
Total Investments	5.19		-5.19
Other Types of Income			
Bank Interest		10.00	10.00
Total Other Types of Income		10.00	10.00
REAP Income	71,665.51	395,300.00	323,634.49
Research Grant Appropriation		800.00	800.00
Total Income	\$146,012.70	\$467,402.00	\$321,389.30
GROSS PROFIT	\$146,012.70	\$467,402.00	\$321,389.30
Expenses			
Contract Services			
Accounting Fees	913.57	2,000.00	1,086.43
Audit		5,500.00	5,500.00
Executive Administration	26,000.00	45,000.00	19,000.00
Legal Fees		300.00	300.00
Research Grant - CLU	800.00	800.00	0.00
Total Contract Services	27,713.57	53,600.00	25,886.43
Operations			
Printing and Copying	330.50	1,150.00	819.50
Supplies		500.00	500.00
Website	860.00	1,000.00	140.00
Total Operations	1,190.50	2,650.00	1,459.50
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	200.00	2,731.00	2,531.00
Project 1 - TASK B	9,614.75	23,500.00	13,885.25
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	1,756.50		-1,756.50
Project 3 - TASK A	9,440.75	28,400.00	18,959.25
Project 3 - TASK B	9,955.00		-9,955.00
Project 3 - TASK C	6,510.00		-6,510.00
Project 4 - NEW TASK A	725.00	50,000.00	49,275.00
Project 4 - TASK A	1,010.00		-1,010.00

Ventura Council of Governments

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 4 - TASK B	775.00		-775.00
Project 5 - Administration	1,090.78		-1,090.78
Project 5 - TASK A	27,061.56	7,000.00	-20,061.56
Project 5 - TASK B	5,055.42	175,600.00	170,544.58
Project 5 - TASK C		82,590.00	82,590.00
Total REAP Project Costs	73,694.76	395,300.00	321,605.24
Travel and Meetings	70.00		-70.00
Annual Dinner	7,765.16	8,000.00	234.84
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	9,654.72	13,652.00	3,997.28
Total Expenses	\$114,724.43	\$467,402.00	\$352,677.57
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$31,288.27	\$0.00	\$ -31,288.27
NET INCOME	\$31,288.27	\$0.00	\$ -31,288.27



**VENTURA COUNCIL
OF GOVERNMENTS**

ITEM 7C

MEMORANDUM

TO: Council Members and Alternates
FROM: Hugh Riley, Executive Director 
SUBJECT: Register of Warrants and Debt Card Transactions
DATE: March 10, 2022

Recommendation:

Approve the Register of Warrants for expenditures and Debit Card Transactions incurred from January 8, 2022 to March 4, 2022

Discussion:

This report presents expenditures including bank debit card transactions incurred by the Ventura Council of Governments for the period January 8, 2022 to March 4, 2022

It is prepared in addition to the Financial Report so that the Council may be fully informed as to the expenditure of funds for services and other costs to the organization.

ATTACHMENTS: Warrant and Debit Card Registers

Register of Warrants
Ventura Council of Governments
March 10, 2022
Transactions from January 7, 2022 to March 4, 2022

<u>Check #</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Paid To</u>	<u>Inv. Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>
501	01/07/22	Iteris, Inc.	01/05/22	REAP Project No. 5	\$ 14,192.40
502	01/29/22	V.C. Transportation Commission	01/26/22	REAP Project No. 5	\$ 3,455.41
503	01/31/22	Chris Williamson	01/31/22	Consulting Services (REAP)	\$ 2,086.50
504	02/03/22	Hugh Riley, Pro. Management, LLC	02/01/22	REAP Application & Oversight	\$ 2,250.00
505	02/03/22	Hugh Riley, Pro. Management, LLC	02/01/22	Executive Administration-Jan.	\$ 4,812.50
506	02/05/22	VC Digital	01/31/22	Printing & Copying	\$ 83.08
507	02/05/22	Caroline Carter	02/04/22	Accounting Services – Jan. 22	\$ 311.00
508	03/01/22	Chris Williamson	03/01/22	Consulting Services (REAP)	\$ 1,498.00
509	03/02/22	Hugh Riley, Pro. Management, LLC	03/01/22	Executive Administration-Feb..	\$ 1,531.25
510	03/02/22	Hugh Riley, Pro. Management, LLC	03/01/22	REAP Application & Oversight	\$ 531.25
511	03/03/22	Caroline Carter	03/02/22	Accounting Services – Feb.. 22	\$ 97.50

Register of Debit Card Transactions
Ventura Council of Governments

March 10, 2022

Transactions from January 7, 2022 to March 4, 2022

<u>Card #</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Paid To</u>	<u>Inv. Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>
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NONE



**VENTURA COUNCIL
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ITEM 7D.

MEMORANDUM

TO: VCOG Members and Alternates

FROM: Hugh R. Riley, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Appointment of 2022 VCOG Administrative Committee

DATE: March 10, 2022

Recommendation:

Upon recommendation of the Chair, approve the appointment of At-Large Members to the VCOG Administrative Committee for 2022.

Discussion:

The Bylaws of the Ventura Council of Governments establish an Administrative Committee as a Standing Committee of the governing body. The primary responsibilities of the Administrative Committee are to establish the agendas for the VCOG Council Meetings, handle routine legislative and administrative matters, and oversee the activities of the Executive Director.

The bylaws state that the Administrative Committee shall be composed of the Chair, the Chair-elect, the Immediate-past Chair, and two (2) At-Large Members appointed by the Chair. The Administrative Committee would also include the chair of any other standing committee established by the governing body but, as VCOG presently has no other standing committees, this does not apply.

Members of the Administrative Committee for 2021 were:

Jenny Crosswhite, City of Santa Paula - Chair
Janice Parvin, City of Moorpark – Immediate Past Chair
Kevin Kildee, City of Camarillo - Chair-elect
Al Adam, City of Thousand Oaks – Member-At-Large
Randy Haney, City of Ojai – Member-at-Large

The Administrative Committee generally meets in Camarillo within a few weeks following or ahead of the regular VCOG Council Meeting, usually in the afternoon on a Thursday. In the event live meetings resume during the year they be held in the Admin or Central Conference Room of the Camarillo City Hall.

The Schedule for meetings for the Committee for 2022 is:

Thursdays from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on:

March 24, 2022

May 26, 2022

June 23, 2022

July 21, 2022

November 17, 2022

Chair Kildee has appointed Janice Parvin, Mayor, City of Moorpark and Mayor-Pro-Tem Elaine Litster, City of Simi Valley to serve as At-Large Members of the VCOG Admin Committee for 2022.




**VENTURA COUNCIL
OF GOVERNMENTS**

ITEM 7E.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Council Members and Alternates

FROM: Hugh Riley, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: 2022-SCAG Regional Council Election- Districts 46

DATE: March 10, 2022

Recommendation:

Acknowledge and congratulate Claudia-Bill de la Pena as District 46 Representative to the SCAG Regional Council for a two-year term beginning in May 2022.

Discussion

VCOG elects one City Council Member from each Regional Council District to serve on the SCAG, Regional Council. District 46 includes the Cities of Moorpark, Simi Valley, and Thousand Oaks. The term for the current Representative from District 46 will expire in April 2022. VCOG's past practice which conforms to SCAG Regional Council Selection Guidelines, has been to issue a Call for Candidates from the District where the vacancy will occur and, with the assistance of SCAG, administer any election that may be required.

The District Representative is elected by local elected officials of the cities within that district, voting as individuals, by a majority of a quorum. A quorum is defined as at least one (1) elected official from 2/3 of the member cities within a district. Proxy votes may not be accepted. If there is only one candidate, that individual shall be declared the SCAG District Representative without having to conduct an election.

On November 11, 2021, Staff issued a Notice for a Special Election and Call for Candidates for the SCAG, Regional Council Representative for District 46 (Cities of Moorpark, Simi Valley and Thousand Oaks). (Notice Attached). Letters of Intent from candidates were due no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, January 24, 2022. As of that date, only one Letter of Intent (Notice of Candidacy) was received, that being from Claudia Bill-de la Pena, City of Thousand Oaks. (Attached)

ATTACHMENTS: Call for Candidates-SCAG Regional Council Representative-District 46
Notice of Candidacy-Claudia Bill-de la Pena
Notice of Election Cancellation



**VENTURA COUNCIL
OF GOVERNMENTS**

**NOTICE OF 2022 SCAG
REGIONAL COUNCIL DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE
SPECIAL ELECTION FOR DISTRICT #46**

CALL FOR CANDIDATES

Date: November 11, 2021

To: All Mayors and City Council Members within SCAG Regional Council District #46
(This District includes the cities of Moorpark, Simi Valley, and Thousand Oaks)

From: Hugh Riley, Executive Director, Ventura Council of Governments

Subject: 2022 SCAG Regional Council District Representative – Special Election

This is to notify all Mayors/Council Members of Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Regional Council District #46. The term for David Pollock, who is currently serving as the District's Regional Council Representative, will expire in March 2022. Therefore, an election will be required to fill the District 46 Seat. An election has been tentatively scheduled for:

Thursday, March 10, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.
City of Moorpark City Hall (Apricot Room)
799 Moorpark Ave.
Moorpark, CA, Ca 93021

CALL FOR CANDIDATES

Nominations (name and title) for Regional Council Representative must be submitted by either letter or email to Hugh Riley, VCOG Executive Director, P.O. Box 157, Moorpark, CA 91320; email ridgeriley@msn.com. All nominations must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, January 24, 2022.

ELECTION PROCEDURE

The District Representative is elected by local elected officials of the cities within that district, voting as individuals, by a majority of a quorum. A quorum is defined as at least one (1) elected official from 2/3 of the member cities within a district. Proxy votes will not be accepted. If there is only one candidate, that individual shall be declared the SCAG District Representative without having to conduct an election.

TERM OF OFFICE

The District Representative is elected to the SCAG Regional Council for a two-year term commencing in April 2022. The Regional Council meets on the first Thursday of every month in the SCAG Offices in downtown Los Angeles.

If you have any questions regarding the election procedures or the activities of a Regional Council Member, please contact Hugh Riley, VCOG Executive Director, at (805) 217-9448, Maggie Augilar, SCAG Clerk of the Board, at (213) 630-1420 or aguilarm@scag.ca.gov, or Rachel Wagner, SCAG Regional Affairs Officer, at (213) 236-1960 or wagner@scag.ca.gov.

ATTENTION CITY CLERKS: PLEASE POST THIS NOTICE

Ventura Council of Governments Mailing Address: P.O. Box 157, Moorpark, CA 993020

January 6, 2022

Mr. Hugh Riley
Executive Director
Ventura Council of Governments
P.O. Box 157
Moorpark, CA 91320

Via Email- ridgeriley@msn.com

**RE: CANDIDATE FOR DISTRICT 46- SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
ASSOCIATION GOVERNMENT (SCAG) REGIONAL COUNCIL
REPRESENTATIVE**

Dear Mr. Riley:

I respectfully submit my candidacy to represent the Cities of Moorpark, Simi Valley and Thousand Oaks as the SCAG Regional Council Representative for District 46. I am a twenty-six year resident of the City of Thousand Oaks and am honored to serve on the City Council since 2002.

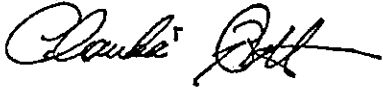
I have experience in a multitude of metropolitan planning areas including land-use, transportation, sustainability, and housing. In fact, I currently serve on the Ventura County Local Area Formation Committee, Ventura County Transportation Commission and I am on the Housing, Community and Economic Development policy committee for the League of California Cities. I have also served on a number of boards including the California Clean Power Alliance, Association of Water Agencies of Ventura County and both the National League of Cities and state league's Environmental Quality and National Resources policy committees.

It is my interest to represent District 46 and provide a voice on important issues as part of the larger metropolitan planning organization. The Cities of Moorpark, Simi Valley and Thousand Oaks are not only geographically aligned but share common concerns with transit, housing and the environment. Our cities also face the same challenges with water resources, need for more affordable housing, as well as the threat of wildfire.

It would be my goal to work closely with SCAG Second Vice President Carmen Ramirez, District 45 Representative Laura Hernandez and Ventura Council of Governments to assure that Ventura County is involved in key decision making to support the quality of life of our residents and vitality of our region.

Thank you for your consideration of my candidacy. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Claudia Bill-de la Peña
Councilmember

C: Resume

cc: Rachel Wagner- SCAG Regional Affairs Officer- wagner@scag.ca.gov
Mayor Janice Parvin, City of Moorpark- jparvin@moorparkca.gov
Mayor Keith Mashburn, City of Simi Valley- kmashburn@simivalley.org





CLAUDIA BILL-DE LA PEÑA

Councilmember

OCCUPATION

Emmy Award-winning Television
NewsWriter/Journalist, CBS2/KCAL9
(retired 2012)

EDUCATION

- Master's Degree, Public Policy & Administration, California Lutheran University
- B.A. Degree, Journalism, University of Texas at El Paso
- Arthur F. Burns Fellow, International Center for Journalists - 1992

PERSONAL

- Thousand Oaks Resident since 1995
- Married to Dr. Ron de la Peña
- Twin sons, Dante and Luca

CONTACT DETAILS

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Twitter: @Claudia_Bill
Instagram: @claudiabilldelapena
Facebook: @claudia.billdelapena
www.toaks.org/citycouncil

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

- Mayor, City of Thousand Oaks, 2005, 2013, 2017, 2021
- Mayor Pro Tem, 2004, 2012, 2016, 2020
- Councilmember, City of Thousand Oaks, elected November 2002
- Chair, Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC) 2020
- Vice-Chair, Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC) 2019
- Chair, Thousand Oaks Planning Commission, February - November 2002
- Commissioner, Thousand Oaks Planning Commission, January 2001 - November 2002

CITY COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS

PRESENT

- Local Agency Formation Commission
- Ad Hoc City Council Homelessness Committee
- Ad Hoc City Council Campus Master Plan Committee
- Ad Hoc City Council Rancho Potrero Community Equestrian Center Committee
- Capital Facilities Committee
- Conejo Coalition for Youth and Families Committee
- Conejo Open Space Conservation Agency (COSCA)
- TOPASS (Thousand Oaks Plan to Assist School Sites) Foundation Board
- Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC)
- League of California Cities Housing, Community and Economic Development Committee

PAST

- California Clean Power Alliance of Southern California
- Ad Hoc City Council Fire Services Review Committee
- Ad Hoc Newbury Park Noise Mitigation Committee
- Ad Hoc City Council Cultural Arts Review Committee
- Ad Hoc City Council Economic Development Committee
- Association of Water Agencies of Ventura County
- Intergovernmental Relations Committee (School District/Park District/City)
- League of California Cities Environmental Quality Policy Committee, 2003
- National League of Cities Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee, 2003
- Thousand Oaks Redevelopment Successor Agency Oversight Board
- Ventura Council of Governments
- Ventura Intercity Service Transit Authority (VISTA) Liaison Ventura
- Regional Sanitation District

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENTS

- Muse Award recipient, 5-Star Theatricals, New West Symphony, and Pacific Festival Ballet, 2019
- Recipient of the Crescendo Award, New West Symphony, 2018
- Angels of the Arts, TOArts, 2017 - Present
- American Heart Association Go Red for Women Campaign Co-Chair, 2015
- Greater Conejo Valley Chamber of Commerce, Woman of the Year, 2014
- San Fernando Business Journal "40 Under 40" Award Winner, 2004
- American Association of University Women
- California Lutheran University Alumni Association
- Conejo Compassion Coalition, a Saint Patrick's Episcopal Church Outreach Ministry
- Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee, 2003 - 2008
- Save the Conejo, 2000
- Writers Guild of America, West, 1993-Present
- St. Patrick's Episcopal Church Member, 2010-Present
- Westlake High School PTSA Member, 2019-Present



**VENTURA COUNCIL
OF GOVERNMENTS**

**2022 SCAG
REGIONAL COUNCIL DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE
ELECTION FOR DISTRICT #46**

NOTICE OF ELECTION CANCELLATION

Date: January 26, 2022

To: All Mayors and City Council Members within SCAG Regional Council District #46. (This District includes the cities of Moorpark, Simi Valley, and Thousand Oaks)

From: Hugh Riley, Executive Director

Subject: 2022 SCAG Regional Council District 46 Representative Election

This is to notify all Mayors/Council Members of Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Regional Council District #46 that the subject election, previously noticed and scheduled for Thursday, March 10, 2022, is uncontested and therefore cancelled.

If you have any questions regarding the election procedure, please contact Hugh Riley, VCOG Executive Director, at (805) 217-9448, or ridgeriley@msn.com.

ATTENTION CITY CLERKS: PLEASE POST THIS NOTICE




**VENTURA COUNCIL
OF GOVERNMENTS**

ITEM 9A.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Council Members and Alternates

FROM: Hugh Riley, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Presentation by the Citizens for Traffic Relief of Ventura County Committee

DATE: March 10, 2022

Recommendation:

Receive Presentation by Citizens for Traffic Relief of Ventura County Committee (CTRVCC) and discuss

Background

The CTRVCC is currently gathering signatures on a petition to allow them to bring a measure to the voters in November to increase the sales tax in Ventura County by 1/2-cent to pay for specific improvements to the community, such as:

- Walking and bicycling paths in many of our communities;
- Improvements to the local streets and roads we drive every day;
- Adding one lane in each direction to our freeways (101, 118 and 23) to allow for electric vehicles and carpools that would help decrease traffic congestion and pollution;
- Improving our bus and rail system to encourage mass transit;
- Investments in the natural environment such as wildlife crossing studies,
- Improving eroding levees on our rivers to prevent flooding and enhance fish corridors;
- Channeling of stormwater runoff to prevent pollutants from reaching the ocean.

KEY ISSUES

1. Must VCTC approve a Spending Plan?
2. If placed on the November 2022 Ballot, can the initiative be passed with a simple majority of Ventura County Voters?




VENTURA COUNCIL
OF GOVERNMENTS

MEMORANDUM

Item 9B.

TO: Council Members and Alternates

FROM: Hugh R. Riley, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Review and Approve - 2022 VCOG Legislative Program

DATE: March 10, 2022

Recommendation:

Review Discuss, and Approve proposed VCOG Legislative Program for 2022 as recommended by the VCOG Administrative Committee.

Discussion:

This report transmits the proposed VCOG 2022 Legislative Program as recommended by the Administrative Committee at their January 27, 2022 Committee Meeting. Changes to the Program recommended by the Administrative Committee are marked in the Legislative Format of the document attached.

A summary of the proposed changes by the Committee is as follows:

Under D. Public Infrastructure, add “support for a weigh station (Commercial Vehicle Enforcement facility) along SR118 between Somis and Moorpark.” Justification: This is a regional roadway impacted by heavy truck volumes (overweight, drivers under the influence). Port Hueneme is also a growing port, and we need to ensure the movement of goods in Ventura County is safe for all of us. The state has budgeted funds for a new weigh station in the area, and VCTC is tasked with identifying a location. Regionally we will need to work together, to make this a priority in Ventura County.

Under F. Public Safety, add “support for Public Safety Shut off (SPS) prevention, and mitigation efforts.

Under I. Public Health, Remove “Encourage the state of California to fund and sponsor further research into the negative impacts of anticoagulant rodenticides to determine whether the use of these products should be further restricted or banned statewide.” Justification: On August 31, 2020, AB1788, California Ecosystems Protection Act was passed. It prohibits most uses of second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides.

There were also several typographical corrections made by Staff.

ATTACHMENTS: Proposed - VCOG 2022 Legislative Program- Leg. Format & Clean Copy 31



VENTURA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

VENTURA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS 2022 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Ventura Council of Governments (VCOG) Legislative Program is to protect and promote the regional interests of the governmental entities within Ventura County on priority issues and matters that may impact those entities. In this vein, VCOG's legislative efforts are intended to support the fiscal stability of local government, and to provide for and preserve local control of governance and service delivery. The annual adoption of a Legislative Platform will guide the VCOG Board (Board) and staff in evaluating and taking appropriate action upon legislative proposals introduced at the state and federal levels. The goals of VCOG's Legislative Program are to:

- Advocate the region's legislative interests at the state and federal levels;
- Inform legislators and the VCOG Board regarding key issues and legislation that could have potential impacts on the region;
- Participate with other Councils of Government, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), the League of California Cities, the California State Association of Counties (CSAC), National League of Cities (NLC), Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC), and other regional agencies on legislative issues of importance to the region;
- Seek support and assistance for regional projects, services and programs that enhance public services.

PROCESS

The VCOG Legislative Committee, comprised of staff from the ten cities, County, and the League of California Cities representative, shall review the status of legislative proposals and make recommendations to the VCOG Board consistent with the annually adopted Legislative Platform. In addition to the direction provided in the Platform, the Committee will consider positions established by the League of California Cities, California State Association of Counties, National League of Cities, and Southern California Association of Governments. VCOG will not address matters that are not pertinent to the region's local government services, such as partisan, socially divisive, or international issues.

When timely action is needed before the VCOG Board is able to convene to authorize a position, staff is authorized to prepare position letters for the Chair's signature, provided such position is consistent with the VCOG Legislative Platform or positions established by the League of California Cities, California State Association of Counties, National League of Cities or the Southern California Association of Governments. Should any of these positions be in conflict, no action will be taken without specific Board direction.

Should the Chair not be available to sign a position letter, the Vice Chair shall be authorized to sign the letter in lieu of the Chair. If neither the Chair nor Vice Chair is available, the Executive Director shall be authorized to sign in lieu.

All members of VCOG shall receive copies of position letters prepared on behalf of VCOG.

PRIORITIES

The primary priority areas for VCOG's 2020 Legislative Program include:

- Land Use and Environment
- Housing and Blight
- Economic Development
- Public Infrastructure
- Solid Waste Management
- Public Safety
- Resources Management
- Local Governance Sustainability
- Public Health

LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

A. LAND USE AND ENVIRONMENT

- Support legislation to extend CEQA streamlining provisions for land use projects that are consistent with the SCAG Sustainable Communities Strategy.
- Support use of cap-and-trade revenues and other funding sources for local planning activities to implement the regional Sustainable Communities Strategy.
- Seek to ensure any future funding for SB 375 implementation includes funding for local initiatives.
- Support legislation that streamlines the environmental review process for mixed-use infill development without compromising environmental quality standards.
- Support legislation and/or funding for remediation of superfund sites.

B. HOUSING AND BLIGHT

- Support amending state policies to give jurisdictions flexibility to provide affordable housing appropriate for their communities and their region, and remove disincentives and regulatory obstacles.

- Support legislation that provides funding opportunities for affordable housing projects and services.
- Support legislation that addresses occupancy levels and strengthens cities' abilities to reduce overcrowding in residential housing.
- Support permitting cities to exercise review and land use regulation of group home facilities and residential care facilities in residential neighborhoods including the application of zoning, building, and safety standards.
- Support legislation that defines an equitable process to determine a fair share of new housing needed to respond to growth trends in the region.
- Oppose legislation or regulations that threaten or usurp local control of land use decision-making.
- Support legislation that provides funding for implementing programs to prevent and address homelessness.

C. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Support the creation where appropriate of economic development programs.
- Support the retention of Naval Base Ventura County.
- Support legislation and programs to encourage job attraction and retention, and to promote a healthy business climate for Ventura County.
- Support legislation related to internet sales to insure fair share disbursement of sales tax as opposed to the current structure.
- Support the enactment and expansion of tax increment financing authority for economic development, infrastructure, and community revitalization.

D. PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE

- Support legislation to provide stable, adequate, and long-term funding for public infrastructure needs including but not limited to transportation alternatives, streets and roads maintenance, water and wastewater systems.
- Support legislative efforts of the Ventura County Transportation Commission, SCAG, Caltrans, and other appropriate agencies to protect transportation funds from being diverted to other purposes.

- Support State funding for support for a weigh station (Commercial Vehicle Enforcement facility) along SR118 between Somis and Moorpark.
- Support efforts of the League of California Cities, California State Association of Counties, Association of California Water Agencies, and California Association of Sanitation Agencies to establish an optional funding system for local agencies to finance storm water management, flood control, sewer and water supply projects, set rates to encourage conservation, and reduce water and sewer bills for low income customers.

E. SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

- Support legislation pertaining to VCOG's responsibility for approval of the regional solid waste plan.
- Support legislation that promotes long-term, cost beneficial recycling and conversion technologies.
- Support extended producer responsibility (EPR) legislation that encourages manufacturers to design environmentally friendly products.
- Oppose legislation that would restrict or limit local government's ability to franchise refuse and recycling collection services, to direct municipal or county solid waste flow (flow control), to contractually require haulers to guarantee achievement of AB 939 goals, or to local government's ability to protect landfill capacity.

F. PUBLIC SAFETY

- Support legislative efforts that strengthen local law enforcement's ability to prevent and reduce crime.
- Support funding opportunities for local law enforcement activities and emergency preparedness.
- Support increased local authority and resources to address impacts of early prisoner release policies and criminal recidivism.
- Support legislation that provides funding and resources to local governments to prevent wildfires, mudslides, and other disasters.
- Support Public Safety Power Shutoffs prevention, and mitigation efforts

G. RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

- Support and encourage regulations and procedures that promote common sense implementation of State and Federal water quality control laws, and ensure State and Federal agencies work in collaboration to enable compliance with these laws.
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- Support legislation that protects local control and ensures equitable, dependable and predictable funding for vital community services.

I. PUBLIC HEALTH

- Support legislation that protects public health and preserves quality of life.
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VENTURA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS 2022 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Ventura Council of Governments (VCOG) Legislative Program is to protect and promote the regional interests of the governmental entities within Ventura County on priority issues and matters that may impact those entities. In this vein, VCOG's legislative efforts are intended to support the fiscal stability of local government, and to provide for and preserve local control of governance and service delivery. The annual adoption of a Legislative Platform will guide the VCOG Board (Board) and staff in evaluating and taking appropriate action upon legislative proposals introduced at the state and federal levels. The goals of VCOG's Legislative Program are to:

- Advocate the region's legislative interests at the state and federal levels;
- Inform legislators and the VCOG Board regarding key issues and legislation that could have potential impacts on the region;
- Participate with other Councils of Government, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), the League of California Cities, the California State Association of Counties (CSAC), National League of Cities (NLC), Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC), and other regional agencies on legislative issues of importance to the region;
- Seek support and assistance for regional projects, services and programs that enhance public services.

PROCESS

The VCOG Legislative Committee, comprised of staff from the ten cities, County, and the League of California Cities representative, shall review the status of legislative proposals and make recommendations to the VCOG Board consistent with the annually adopted Legislative Platform. In addition to the direction provided in the Platform, the Committee will consider positions established by the League of California Cities, California State Association of Counties, National League of Cities, and Southern California Association of Governments. VCOG will not address matters that are not pertinent to the region's local government services, such as partisan, socially divisive, or international issues.

When timely action is needed before the VCOG Board is able to convene to authorize a position, staff is authorized to prepare position letters for the Chair's signature, provided such position is consistent with the VCOG Legislative Platform or positions established by the League of California Cities, California State Association of Counties, National League of Cities or the Southern California Association of Governments. Should any of these positions be in conflict, no action will be taken without specific Board direction.

Should the Chair not be available to sign a position letter, the Vice Chair shall be authorized to sign the letter in lieu of the Chair. If neither the Chair nor Vice Chair is available, the Executive Director shall be authorized to sign in lieu.

All members of VCOG shall receive copies of position letters prepared on behalf of VCOG.

PRIORITIES

The primary priority areas for VCOG's 2020 Legislative Program include:

- Land Use and Environment
- Housing and Blight
- Economic Development
- Public Infrastructure
- Solid Waste Management
- Public Safety
- Resources Management
- Local Governance Sustainability
- Public Health

LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

A. LAND USE AND ENVIRONMENT

- Support legislation to extend CEQA streamlining provisions for land use projects that are consistent with the SCAG Sustainable Communities Strategy.
- Support use of cap-and-trade revenues and other funding sources for local planning activities to implement the regional Sustainable Communities Strategy.
- Seek to ensure any future funding for SB 375 implementation includes funding for local initiatives.
- Support legislation that streamlines the environmental review process for mixed-use infill development without compromising environmental quality standards.
- Support legislation and/or funding for remediation of superfund sites.

B. HOUSING AND BLIGHT

- Support amending state policies to give jurisdictions flexibility to provide affordable housing appropriate for their communities and their region, and remove disincentives and regulatory obstacles.

- Support legislation that provides funding opportunities for affordable housing projects and services.
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- Support permitting cities to exercise review and land use regulation of group home facilities and residential care facilities in residential neighborhoods including the application of zoning, building, and safety standards.
- Support legislation that defines an equitable process to determine a fair share of new housing needed to respond to growth trends in the region.
- Oppose legislation or regulations that threaten or usurp local control of land use decision-making.
- Support legislation that provides funding for implementing programs to prevent and address homelessness.

C. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Support the creation where appropriate of economic development programs.
- Support the retention of Naval Base Ventura County.
- Support legislation and programs to encourage job attraction and retention, and to promote a healthy business climate for Ventura County.
- Support legislation related to internet sales to insure fair share disbursement of sales tax as opposed to the current structure.
- Support the enactment and expansion of tax increment financing authority for economic development, infrastructure, and community revitalization.

D. PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE

- Support legislation to provide stable, adequate, and long-term funding for public infrastructure needs including but not limited to transportation alternatives, streets and roads maintenance, water and wastewater systems.
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E. SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

- Support legislation pertaining to VCOG's responsibility for approval of the regional solid waste plan.
- Support legislation that promotes long-term, cost beneficial recycling and conversion technologies.
- Support extended producer responsibility (EPR) legislation that encourages manufacturers to design environmentally friendly products.
- Oppose legislation that would restrict or limit local government's ability to franchise refuse and recycling collection services, to direct municipal or county solid waste flow (flow control), to contractually require haulers to guarantee achievement of AB 939 goals, or to local government's ability to protect landfill capacity.

F. PUBLIC SAFETY

- Support legislative efforts that strengthen local law enforcement's ability to prevent and reduce crime.
- Support funding opportunities for local law enforcement activities and emergency preparedness.
- Support increased local authority and resources to address impacts of early prisoner release policies and criminal recidivism.
- Support legislation that provides funding and resources to local governments to prevent wildfires, mudslides, and other disasters.
- Support Public Safety Power Shutoffs prevention, and mitigation efforts

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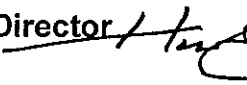
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**VENTURA COUNCIL
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MEMORANDUM

Item 9C.

TO: Council Members and Alternates
FROM: Hugh R. Riley, Executive Director 
SUBJECT: Approve VCOG 2022 Program of Priorities
DATE: March 10, 2022

Recommendation:

Review, discuss and Approve proposed 2022 VCOG Program of Priorities as recommended by the VCOG Administrative Committee.

Discussion:

This report transmits the proposed VCOG 2022 Program of Priorities as recommended by the Administrative Committee at their January 27, 2022 Committee Meeting. Changes to the Program of Priorities recommended by the Administrative Committee are marked in the Legislative Format of the document attached. A clean copy is also attached.

There were also several typographical corrections made by staff.

ATTACHMENTS: Proposed VCOG 2022 Program of Priorities- Legislative & Clean Copy



VCOG 2022 PROGRAM OF PRIORITIES

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- Local preference in contracting and purchasing
- Sales tax measures
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Legislative Priorities of:

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Legislative Advocacy (See Legislative Program)

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~~Power Plant and Energy Related Facility Siting Issue/s~~

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