

City of Los Alamitos

Agenda Report Mayor and Council

April 20, 2015
Item No: 9A

To: Mayor Richard D. Murphy & Members of the City Council

Via: Bret M. Plumlee, City Manager

From: Windmera Quintanar, CMC, City Clerk

Subject: Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) 2015 Regional Conference and General Assembly

Summary: The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Regional Conference and General Assembly will be held May 7-8, 2015, at the JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort and Spa in Palm Dessert, California. Each year, SCAG's member cities select a Delegate and/or Alternate to represent their City and participate at the conference. Council Member Kusumoto has expressed an interest in attending the conference.

Recommendation:

1. Appoint Council Member Kusumoto to attend and serve as the City's Voting Delegate for the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) General Assembly; and,
2. Appoint a Council Member to attend and serve as the City's Alternate Voting Delegate in the event of the Voting Delegate's absence.

Background

Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) is the nation's largest metropolitan planning organization, representing six counties, 191 cities and more than 18 million residents. SCAG undertakes a variety of planning and policy initiatives to encourage a more sustainable Southern California now and in the future.

At least once every year, SCAG convenes the General Assembly to bring together the official representatives of SCAG's membership and help set the agency's course for the coming year. The General Assembly is a forum where policy matters can be identified and addressed. A quorum of the General Assembly consists of official representation from one-third of the member cities and one-third of the member counties.

Each member county and each member city has one official representative and one alternate in the General Assembly, except the City of Los Angeles, which has three official representatives and three alternates due to its population size. Member cities and counties must communicate the names of their official representatives and alternates to SCAG within 45 days before the annual meeting of the General Assembly.

Discussion

The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) 2015 Regional Conference and General Assembly will be held May 7-8, 2015, at the JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort and Spa in Palm Desert, California. One aspect of the Conference is the General Assembly where the membership considers and takes action on the Fiscal Year budget, SCAG Officers, and proposed amendments to the SCAG Bylaws.

In order to facilitate the conduct of business at the General Assembly Meeting, each City Council must designate a Voting Delegate and Alternate. Designation of the Delegate is consistent with SCAG's Bylaws.

The Voting Delegate and Alternate must be registered to attend the conference. The City is currently a member of SCAG and therefore registration and one night's accommodations is free for the Council Member designated as the voting delegate.

At its March 23, 2015 meeting the City Council authorized the City Manager to attend this Conference. Registration is complimentary for City Managers as well.

Fiscal Impact

Attendance at the conference and one night's accommodations are provided at no cost for the voting delegate. The adopted Travel Policy allows reimbursement for lodging, associated meals, and mileage reimbursement upon the submittal and approval of an expense report and documentary evidence.

Submitted



Windmerá Quintanar, CMC
City Clerk

Approved By:



Bret M. Plumlee
City Manager

Fiscal Impact Reviewed By:



Jason Al-Imam
Administrative Services Director

- Attachments:
1. SCAG Request Letter
 2. SCAG Annual Conference Brochure
 3. General Assembly Agenda



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL CONFERENCE & GENERAL ASSEMBLY

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

6:00 pm **PRESIDENT'S VIP RECEPTION**
By Invitation Only

THURSDAY, MAY 7

8:00 am – 10:30 am **NETWORKING & BREAKFAST**

9:15 am – 10:15 am **REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING**

10:30 am – 10:40 am **WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS**
The United States Marine Corps Color Guard

10:40 am – 11:00 am **MORNING KEYNOTE**

11:00 am – 12:00 pm **GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING**

12:15 pm – 1:45 pm **AWARDS LUNCHEON**

2:00 pm – 3:15 pm **BREAKOUT SESSION 1A**
*Start Your Engines – Developing the
Resources Today for Tomorrow's Economy*

BREAKOUT SESSION 1B
*Making Transit the Easy Choice –
Improvements for the First and Last Mile*

BREAKOUT SESSION 1C
*What is Past is Prologue – The Evolution of
Goods Movement in Southern California*

3:15 pm – 3:30 pm **BREAK & NETWORKING**

3:30 pm – 4:45 pm **BREAKOUT SESSION 2A**
*Meeting Public Engagement Challenges on
Large Infrastructure Projects*

BREAKOUT SESSION 2B
Beyond Your Dashboard GPS – Way Beyond

BREAKOUT SESSION 2C
Innovator Power Hour

6:00 pm – 9:00 pm **SCAG'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY GALA**

FRIDAY, MAY 8

6:30 am – 8:30 am **OPTIONAL BIKE TOUR**

8:30 am – 9:30 am **BREAKFAST & WELCOME**

9:00 am – 9:30 am **MORNING KEYNOTE**

9:30 am – 11:30 am **PLENARY SESSION**

11:30 am **CONFERENCE WRAP-UP**

CELEBRATING OUR PAST,
ENVISIONING OUR FUTURE

MAY 7-8, 2015

JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort & Spa
74855 Country Club Drive
Palm Desert, CA 92260

www.scag.ca.gov/ga2015

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

2:00 PM – 3:15 PM

BREAKOUT SESSION 1A:

Start Your Engines – Developing the Resources Today for Tomorrow's Economy

In 2014, SCAG and the Southern California Leadership Council held the Poverty Summit to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the War on Poverty, which revealed a yet growing crisis in Southern California – the increasing numbers of the poor, working poor and under-educated residents in the region. Immediately thereafter, at the 2014 Economic Summit, SCAG laid out the Regional Action Plan for Poverty with short and long-term actions to capitalize on future growth industries, job creation, educating the workforce of tomorrow, and regulatory reform. This panel presents how we are revving up our jobs and economic engines on the road to Southern California's prosperity.

BREAKOUT SESSION 1B:

Making Transit the Easy Choice – Improvements for the First and Last Mile

As the region celebrates its success in creating a transit system that spans hundreds of miles, and hundreds of stations, many communities are now shifting their focus from the "long drive" to their "short game." At the end of every transit trip, transit users must walk, bike, or drive to get to their final destination. Today, more local jurisdictions are making modifications in land-use plans as a way to provide more jobs near stops and stations. This session will explore strategies for improving transit access and increasing ridership through innovative approaches to addressing the first-last mile challenge.

BREAKOUT SESSION 1C:

What is Past is Prologue – The Evolution of Goods Movement in Southern California

Just over 50 years ago, a new type of technology emerged that would transform global trade forever: the advent and adoption of the shipping container. Few people understood at the time when the first ship carrying containerized goods arrived at the Port of Los Angeles, it signaled the beginning of an economic revolution that would transform the SCAG region into the Nation's premier trade gateway. Today, emerging technologies and nascent business models may provide the next major leap in the evolution of goods movement and the logistics industry. This panel will explore these emerging developments and their implication on the future of commerce in Southern California.

3:30 PM – 4:45 PM

BREAKOUT SESSION 2A:

Meeting Public Engagement Challenges on Large Infrastructure Projects

"Why are they doing that? Nobody told me. Not in my backyard! It's about time they do something about that. Why is it taking so long and costing so much?" All this and more is heard from the public during efforts to plan, design and build infrastructure projects which meet transportation, water and energy needs as well as the demands of ratepayers and taxpayers. In addition to finding the funds to make needed projects a reality, project owners face the challenge to educate, engage, and gain public acceptance and support in every project phase. How do they do that? Learn how the biggest project owners engage the public early in project development to meet those challenges and successfully deliver projects collaborating with cities, constituents and the community.

BREAKOUT SESSION 2B:

Beyond Your Dashboard GPS – Way Beyond

Vehicle technology is progressing at such a dramatic rate that in-car GPS is no longer a novelty. Hybrid and electric vehicles are here to stay and rapidly emerging technologies in telematics and automated, semi-automated and connected cars will greatly impact the conversation as we plan for the future of the region. All these innovations have brought to light the limitations of our existing infrastructure and the urgent need to address them with viable solutions. This panel will discuss these new technologies and the proper balance between market innovation and government regulation as we imagine our future transportation system.

BREAKOUT SESSION 2C:

Innovator Power Hour

In a departure from the other breakout panels, this session will feature short presentations on forward-thinking concepts and relevant projects that hope to inform and inspire. Speakers will provide an overview of cutting-edge solutions to current real-world problems as well as those yet to materialize.



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MEETING OF THE

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

PLEASE NOTE DATE AND TIME

Thursday, May 7, 2015

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort & Spa
74855 Country Club Drive
Palm Desert, CA 92260
(760) 341-2211**

If members of the public wish to review the attachments or have any questions on any of the agenda items, please contact Tess Rey-Chaput at (213) 236-1908 or via email at rey@scag.ca.gov. In addition, regular meetings of the Regional Council may be viewed live or on-demand at www.scag.ca.gov/scagtv

Agendas & Minutes for the Regional Council are also available at:
www.scag.ca.gov/committees/rc.htm

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY AGENDA THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2015

The General Assembly may consider and act upon any of the items listed on the agenda regardless of whether they are listed as Information or Action Items.

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(Hon. Carl Morehouse, President)

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – Members of the public desiring to speak on items on the agenda, or items not on the agenda, but within the purview of the General Assembly, must fill out and present a Public Comment Card to the Assistant prior to speaking. Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes per speaker. The President has the discretion to reduce this time limit based upon the number of speakers. The President may limit the total time for all public comments to twenty (20) minutes.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

ACTION ITEMS

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1. Fiscal Year (FY) 2015-16 General Fund Budget and Membership Assessment Schedule Attachment 1
Recommended Action: As recommended by the Regional Council, adopt the FY 2015-16 General Fund Budget and Membership Assessment Schedule. Authorize the Executive Director and the Chief Financial Officer to make adjustments that may be necessary after adoption of the budget (i.e. changes in membership assessment revenue, allocated fringe benefits and indirect cost allocations, etc.)
2. Proposed Amendments to the SCAG Bylaws Attachment 13
Recommended Action: As recommended by the Regional Council, review and approve the proposed amendments to the SCAG Bylaws.
3. Proposed Resolution for Consideration by the General Assembly – Wildlife Corridor Across the Ventura Freeway (US 101) at Liberty Canyon Attachment 42
Recommended Action: As recommended by the Regional Council, that the General Assembly review and adopt a proposed resolution regarding support for a wildlife corridor across the Ventura Freeway (US 101) at Liberty Canyon.



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4. Proposed Resolution for Consideration by the General Assembly – Five-Year Moratorium on Laws That Negatively Impact California Businesses Attachment 46

Recommended Action: That the General Assembly review and consider both the resolution proposed by City of Irvine Mayor Steven Choi which supports a five-year moratorium on laws that negatively impact California businesses (“Resolution A”), and the revised resolution (“Resolution B”), which urges the California Legislature to understand and consider negative impacts upon California businesses prior to enactment of any legislation and whose adoption was recommended to the General assembly in place of Resolution A by a majority vote of the Regional Council taken on March 5, 2015. It should be noted that since the time of the action taken by the Regional Council, Mayor Choi has indicated to SCAG staff his support for Resolution B. Because the SCAG Bylaws require that both resolutions be presented to the General Assembly, Resolution A and Resolution B are both attached with the staff report.

5. 2015-2016 SCAG Officers Attachment 53

Recommended Action: Ratify the 2015-2016 Regional SCAG Officer positions as reviewed and approved by the Regional Council.

6. Minutes of the May 1, 2014 General Assembly Meeting Attachment 54

Recommended Action: Approve.

INFORMATION ITEM

7. 2015 Local Profiles for SCAG Member Jurisdictions Attachment 66
(*Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director*)
8. Active Transportation Safety & Encouragement Campaign: Call for Proposals Attachment 114
(*Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director*)

CONSENT CALENDAR

Receive and File

9. 2015 Summary Report: Waiver of Member Dues Attachment 117



GENERAL ASSEMBLY AGENDA THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2015

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Year in Review Attachment 118
- Recognition of Outgoing President
- Incoming President Remarks

ADJOURNMENT



Windy Quintanar

From: Harris-Neal, Lillian [Harris-Neal@scag.ca.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2015 1:58 PM
To: Windy Quintanar
Subject: SCAG's 50th Annual Regional Conference & General Assembly
Attachments: GA AGenda Packet.pdf; 2015_GAAgendaDraft.pdf

Hello Fellow Clerks,

The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) will be hosting its 50th Annual Regional Conference & General Assembly, "Celebrating Our Past, Envisioning Our Future," May 7 – 8 , 2015, at the JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort and Spa in Palm Desert, CA.

Attached to this email is the General Assembly Agenda packet and a draft schedule.

If you haven't provided your delegate/alternate information, please provide it as soon as possible.

SCAG Delegates will receive complimentary registration and one-night hotel stay. To confirm your City delegates participation and reserve a room, please contact Tess Rey-Chaput at rey@scag.ca.gov or 213-236-1908 by Friday, April 17.

The General Assembly meeting is held in conjunction with SCAG's annual Regional Conference. This year's conference will commemorate 50 years of regional collaboration and service to SCAG's member cities as well as engage attendees in envisioning a sustainable future for Southern California. SCAG's largest event of the year, the conference is a great place to explore emerging trends and issues, and network with elected officials, city staff and business leaders from throughout the region. This premier event draws nearly 1000 elected officials, business leaders and community stakeholders annually. More information on this year's program is available at <http://www.scag.ca.gov/calendar/Pages/GA2015.aspx>.

We are offering complimentary registration to all Council Members (non-delegate), so please share this information.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact Tess Rey-Chaput at rey@scag.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Lillian Harris-Neal, CMC

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