

Western Riverside Council of Governments

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Regular Meeting

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Monday, August 5, 2019

2:00 PM

County Administrative Center

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Bonnie Wright at 2:01 p.m. on August 5, 2019, at the Riverside County Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon Street, Riverside.

Jurisdiction	Attendee Name	Status	Arrived / Departed
City of Banning	Daniela Andrade	Present	1:55 PM
City of Beaumont		Absent	
City of Calimesa	Larry Smith	Present	1:55 PM
City of Canyon Lake		Absent	
City of Corona	Jason Scott	Present	1:55 PM
City of Eastvale		Absent	
City of Hemet	Bonnie Wright	Present	1:55 PM
City of Jurupa Valley		Absent	
City of Lake Elsinore	Brian Tisdale	Present	1:55 PM
City of Menifee	Matt Liesemeyer	Present	2:17 PM
City of Moreno Valley	Victoria Baca	Present	1:55 PM
City of Murrieta	Kelly Seyarto	Present	1:55 PM
City of Norco	Kevin Bash	Present	1:55 PM
City of Perris	Rita Rogers	Present	1:55 PM
City of Riverside		Absent	
City of San Jacinto	Crystal Ruiz	Present	1:55 PM
City of Temecula	James Stewart	Present	1:55 PM
City of Wildomar	Ben Benoit	Present	1:55 PM
District 1		Absent	
District 2	Karen Spiegel	Present	1:55 PM
District 3	Chuck Washington	Present	1:55 PM
District 5		Absent	
EMWD	David Slawson	Present	1:55 PM
WMWD	Brenda Dennstedt	Present	1:55 PM
Morongo Band of Mission Indians		Absent	
Office of Education (ex-officio)	Dr. Judy White	Present	1:55 PM
TAC Chair	Chris Lopez	Present	1:55 PM
Executive Director	Rick Bishop	Present	1:55 PM

Note: Times above reflect when the member logged in; they may have arrived at the meeting earlier.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Committee member Kelly Seyarto led members and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Arnold San Miguel, Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), announced that SCAG will be conducting four public hearings in August related to the proposed Regional Housing Needs Assessment allocation methodology. SCAG will be adopting its 6th Cycle Regional Housing Needs Assessment Allocation Plan in October 2019.

4. MINUTES

RESULT:	APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED
MOVER:	District 2
SECONDER:	Wildomar
AYES:	Banning, Calimesa, Corona, Hemet, Lake Elsinore, Moreno Valley, Murrieta, Norco, Perris, San Jacinto, Temecula, Wildomar, District 2, District 3, EMWD, WMWD
ABSENT:	Beaumont, Canyon Lake, Eastvale, Jurupa Valley, Menifee, Riverside, District 1, District 5, and the Morongo Band of Mission Indians

A. Summary Minutes from the June 3, 2019, Executive Committee Meeting are Available for Consideration

Action: 1. *Approved the Summary Minutes from the June 3, 2019, Executive Committee meeting.*

B. Summary Minutes from the June 21, 2019, Executive Committee Meeting are Available for Consideration

Action: 1. *Approved the Summary Minutes from the June 21, 2019, Executive Committee meeting.*

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

RESULT:	APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED
MOVER:	Wildomar
SECONDER:	San Jacinto
AYES:	Banning, Calimesa, Corona, Hemet, Lake Elsinore, Moreno Valley, Murrieta, Norco, Perris, San Jacinto, Temecula, Wildomar, District 2, District 3, EMWD, WMWD
ABSENT:	Beaumont, Canyon Lake, Eastvale, Jurupa Valley, Menifee, Riverside, District 1, District 5, and the Morongo Band of Mission Indians

A. Approval Second Amendment to Professional Services Agreement with Kearns and West, Inc., for On-Call Planning Professional Services for Member Jurisdictions

Action: 1. *Approved the Second Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement between WRCOG and Kearns and West, Inc., to provide WRCOG planning support and advisory services in an amount not to exceed \$60,925 for the WRCOG Clean Cities Program, taking the amended contract in a not to exceed amount of \$206,485 in total, extended the term of the Agreement through June 30, 2020.*

B. TUMF Program Activities Update: Approval of Proposed TUMF Exemption for Transitional Housing for the Homeless, one Reimbursement Agreement, and two Reimbursement Agreement Amendments

- Actions:**
1. *Approved the proposed TUMF exemption for specially built homes that serve as transitional housing for homeless individuals or families.*
 2. *Authorized the Executive Director to execute a TUMF Reimbursement Agreement Amendment with the City of Moreno Valley for the Right-of-Way and Construction Phases of the Nason Street / SR-60 Interchange in an amount not to exceed \$11,261,500.*
 3. *Authorized the Executive Director to execute a TUMF Reimbursement Agreement Amendment with the City of Moreno Valley for the Moreno Beach Drive / SR-60 Interchange in an amount not to exceed \$20,758,480.*
 4. *Authorized the Executive Director to execute a TUMF Reimbursement Agreement with the City of Temecula for the Planning and Engineering Phases of the Diaz Road (Western Bypass) Widening in an amount not to exceed \$1,065,923.*

C. Approval of 4th Quarter Draft Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2018/2019

- Action:**
1. *Approved the 4th Quarter Draft Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2018/2019.*

D. Finance Department Activities Update

- Action:**
1. *Received and filed.*

E. WRCOG Committees and Agency Activities Update

- Action:**
1. *Received and filed.*

F. Western Riverside Energy Partnership Program Activities Update

- Action:**
1. *Received and filed.*

G. Single Signature Authority Report

- Action:**
1. *Received and filed.*

H. Report out of WRCOG Representatives on Various Committees

- Action:**
1. *Received and filed.*

I. California Public Employees Retirement System Unfunded Accrued Liability Update

- Action:**
1. *Received and filed.*

6. REPORTS / DISCUSSION

A. Report from the League of California Cities

Erin Sasse, League of California Cities Regional Public Affairs Manager, reported that the

Legislature returns on Monday.

AB 213 (as introduced, Reyes) is still moving through with no opposition.

SB 5 (as amended, Beall) is still moving forward; the League encourages support.

AB 516 (as amended, Chiu) is still moving forward; the League encourages letters of opposition.

SB 266 (as amended, Leyva) has significant impacts to local jurisdictions; sample letters are available on, and can be submitted through, the League's portal.

The Mayor's breakfast is scheduled for August 9, 2019; Assembly member Mayes is the guest speaker.

The next golf tournament is scheduled for September 13, 2019.

The next Division Meeting will be held at the annual conference on October 16, 2019.

The League is accepting applications for service on the Division Executive Committee and Statewide Policy Committees.

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

B. Regional Water Supply Update: Presentation from Eastern Municipal Water District and Western Municipal Water District

Craig Miller, Western Municipal Water District (WMWD) General Manager, reported that as of July 10, 2019, the State Water Project Allocation has been increased to 75%. The Colorado River Aqueduct Allocation is at 78%. No major rains are anticipated for the remainder of the year and the state is out of long-term drought conditions.

All Statewide reservoirs are nearly full, including the local Diamond Valley Lake. Snowpack levels are above average. While there has not been a huge recovery, the trend has stopped the dive, as water levels are increasing.

Two big projects WMWD is wrapping up are the La Sierra Pipeline and Sterling Pump Station Local Supply Reliability Projects. This is a \$36 million Capital Improvement investment that includes two desalters and reduces the reliance on imported water.

Paul Jones, Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD) General Manager, reported that EMWD serves seven cities and the unincorporated County. EMWD is building a third brackish groundwater desalter. EMWD's service area is only approximately 38% built out. EMWD is looking to create more groundwater banking in the Hemet / San Jacinto basin.

The Perris North Basin Groundwater Contamination Prevention and Remediation Program will recover and reuse groundwater to meet local supply objectives. Benefits include the production of 6,750 acre-feet of new water supply, protects existing wells, and will help address rising groundwater conditions. EMWD applied for a grant for this project and has not yet heard back but is very optimistic.

An emerging contaminant issue is per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances – PFAS. These fall into a class of over 4,500 man-made chemicals. These are the most extensively produced and regulated chemicals and are found in water-proofing materials, non-stick coatings, fire-fighting

foams, paper packing, and food wrappers.

There is evidence that exposure can lead to adverse health impacts. The Science Advisory Board to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the World Health Organization considers PFAS as a likely human carcinogen. There are no federal or state maximum containment level regulations set for drinking water, only advisory levels.

PFAS have not been detected in imported water. PFAS have been detected in three wells at the March Air Reserve Base and the Air Force has been working with EMWD for a couple of years to remove PFAS from that water. Until that occurs, the wells have been taken out of service.

EMWD and other local water agencies are doing extensive monitoring and research for all water supply sources.

Committee member Karen Spiegel asked if there is adequate water for the proposed number of housing units to be built by the cities.

Mr. Jones responded that various water agencies throughout southern California have multiple plans to work with for different scenarios. The agencies are also creating projects and programs to build resilience. There is a very robust importing system.

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

C. Regional Streetlight Program Activities Update

Daniel Soltero, WRCOG Staff Analyst, reported that the City of Murrieta was the first jurisdiction to purchase and convert its streetlights; the City retrofitted approximately 6,469 streetlights and is 99% complete. The City of Eastvale is approximately 76% complete and has retrofitted 4,107 lights. The City of Moreno Valley is over 60% complete and has retrofitted 11,145 lights. The City of Wildomar began retrofitting its lights last month and are approximately 50% complete. The City of Hemet is scheduled to begin retrofitting over 4,200 lights this month. Remaining jurisdictions are scheduled through the end of the year.

Public opinion has been positive; there have been no negative comments received by staff to date.

The Streetlight Program is meeting its goal of mitigating light pollution from previous lights onto private residences and are meeting the American Medical Association's recommendation for LED lights to be no higher than 3,000 Kelvin color temperature. WRCOG's recommendation is 2,700 Kelvin color temperature.

In 2017, the U.S. implemented changes in federal tariffs imposed on Chinese imports. Some of those imports forced the LED manufacturers to increase their pricing between 6% and 10%. In 2018, General Electric formally requested a 5% price increase on LED fixtures. WRCOG was able to negotiate a price lock through the end of June 2019 for the 2017 proposal pricing, and a 5% increase cap from July 2019 through the end of the year. Beginning January 1, 2020, pricing is subject to fair market value. Jurisdictions were able to purchase the necessary lights which saved approximately \$370,300.

Action: 1. *Received and filed.*

D. PACE Program Activities Update: Request for Revisions to HERO Program Residential Dealer Fees, and Approval of Amended Program Reports, Debt Management Policy, and Authorized Maximum Bonding Amounts

Casey Dailey, WRCOG Director of Energy & Environmental Programs, reported that the HERO Dealer Fee Program allows contractors to offer lower interest rates to the customers; this is standard industry-wide in the home improvement arena. The contractor has 90 days to select a set of interest rates based upon multiple year terms. The contractor is then locked into those rates for 90 days.

Renovate America is requesting to provide contractors the flexibility to move within the various sets of interest rates on a project-by-project basis in order to remain competitive in the market place.

The HERO Debt Management Policy establishes the parameters for issuing debt. There have been changes in PACE law which requires an update to the Policy.

The Maximum Bond Indebtedness Limit specifies the total amount of bonds WRCOG may issue under its PACE Programs. In June 2016, this Committee set the limit to \$3 billion due to the high volume of projects. The Program has already exceeded \$2 billion in overall financing for all providers. Staff was requested to break out the financing for each provider. Staff will review these limits on an annual basis.

- Actions:**
1. *Approved updates to the HERO Residential Dealer Fee.*
 2. *Adopted Resolution Number 26-19; A Resolution of the Executive Committee of the Western Riverside Council of Governments approving a Debt Management Policy and taking other actions related thereto.*
 3. *Adopted Resolution Number 27-19; A Resolution of the Executive Committee of the Western Riverside Council of Governments increasing maximum bond authorization for its PACE Programs and making certain required disclosures.*
 4. *Approved the amended California HERO Program Report and the WRCOG Energy Efficiency and Water Conservation Program Report to increase the maximum bond indebtedness.*

RESULT: APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED

MOVER: Lake Elsinore

SECONDER: San Jacinto

AYES: Banning, Calimesa, Corona, Hemet, Lake Elsinore, Moreno Valley, Murrieta, Norco, Perris, San Jacinto, Temecula, Wildomar, District 2, District 3, EMWD, WMWD

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E. Adoption of Resolution Proclaiming October 2, 2019, as California Clean Air Day

Casey Dailey, WRCOG Director of Energy & Environmental Programs, reported that the 2nd Annual California Clean Air Day will be observed on October 2, 2019. The Coalition for Clean Air launched California Clean Air Day to call people to action and do their part to improve air quality. Six regional working Groups have convened to support activities and raise awareness statewide. WRCOG staff has been selected to serve as Co-Chair for the Inland Empire section of the Coalition.

The University of California, Riverside, and the Riverside Public Utilities are hosting a Sustainability Day at the Bourns College of Engineering. Dignity Health in San Bernardino is hosting a Health Walk.

A video is being developed for the Riverside Unified School District K-12 students.

The Coalition is asking people to take a pledge and commit to an activity that will contribute to cleaner air – not driving a vehicle for the day, bike to work, use cleaner cleaning products, etc. Anyone can pledge their commitment at <https://cleanairday.org/take-the-pledge>.

Micro-grants are available and WRCOG has applied for \$1,000 to support Clean Air Day events. For jurisdictions that adopt a similar resolution, WRCOG will host a tree planting ceremony at a location of choice by that jurisdiction.

Committee member Karen Spiegel recommended staff work with the Superintendent of Schools.

Action: 1. *Adopted Resolution Number 30-19; A Resolution of the Executive Committee of the Western Riverside Council of Governments Proclaiming October 2, 2019, as California Clean Air Day.*

RESULT:	APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED
MOVER:	District 2
SECONDER:	San Jacinto
AYES:	Banning, Calimesa, Corona, Hemet, Lake Elsinore, Moreno Valley, Murrieta, Norco, Perris, San Jacinto, Temecula, Wildomar, District 2, District 3, EMWD, WMWD
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7. REPORT FROM THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR

Chris Lopez reported that the Committee received a very thorough presentation by the water districts in July, as well as a presentation on spurring economic development. The TAC is dark in August.

8. REPORT FROM COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

There was nothing to report.

9. REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Rick Bishop, WRCOG Executive Director, reported that staff sends out weekly updates on weekend events staff attend and asked Committee members to let staff know if there are any events, they would like WRCOG to attend. WRCOG is making rounds to provide WRCOG presentations at City Council / Board meetings.

10. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

There were no items for future agendas.

11. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Committee member Kevin Bash announced that the City of Norco has been putting on a Pearl Harbor ceremony for the past 14 years to remember and honor veterans from all wars. This year's event will be held on Saturday, December 7, 2019. Mr. Kelly McKeague, Director of the MIA / KIA Recovery Unit, will be the guest speaker. This will be the first year a Pearl Harbor survivor will not be attending.

Committee member Larry Smith announced that WRCOG staff attends weekend events in the City of Calimesa, most recently the summer concert events, and educates residents on how and where to recycle their used oil.

Committee member Karen Spiegel congratulated Dr. Judy White, Superintendent of School, who was recently recognized by the Richard T. Fields Bar Association for her work in the school system.

12. CLOSED SESSION

In addition to the one item listed on the agenda, staff is requesting that the Committee add an additional item pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) related to potential exposure to litigation.

RESULT:	APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED
MOVER:	District 3
SECONDER:	Wildomar
AYES:	Banning, Calimesa, Corona, Hemet, Lake Elsinore, Moreno Valley, Murrieta, Norco, Perris, San Jacinto, Temecula, Wildomar, District 2, District 3, EMWD, WMWD
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There were no reportable actions.

13. NEXT MEETING

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 9, 2019, at 12:00 p.m., at the County of Riverside Administrative Center, 1st Floor Board Chambers, Riverside.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:26 p.m.
