



Western Riverside Council of Governments WRCOG Executive Committee

AGENDA

**Monday, April 1, 2024
2:00 PM**

**Western Riverside Council of Governments
County of Riverside Administrative Center
4080 Lemon Street, 1st Floor, Board Chambers
Riverside, CA 92501**

Remote Location:

**31526 Railroad Canyon Road, Suite 5
Canyon Lake, CA 92587**

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The Committee may take any action on any item listed on the agenda, regardless of the Requested Action.

1. CALL TO ORDER (Chris Barajas, Chair)

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

At this time members of the public can address the Committee regarding any items within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Committee that are not separately listed on this agenda. Members of the public will have an opportunity to speak on agenda items at the time the item is called for discussion. No action may be taken on items not listed on the agenda unless authorized by law. Whenever possible, lengthy testimony should be presented to the Committee in writing and only pertinent points presented orally.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

All items listed under the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and may be enacted by one motion. Prior to the motion to consider any action by the Committee, any public comments on any of the Consent Items will be heard. There will be no separate action unless members of the Committee request specific items be removed from the Consent Calendar.

A. Action Minutes from the March 4, 2024, WRCOG Executive Committee Meeting

Requested Action(s): 1. Approve the Action Minutes from the March 4, 2024, WRCOG Executive Committee meeting.

B. Finance Department Activities Update

Requested Action(s): 1. Receive and file.

C. WRCOG Committees and Agency Activities Update

Requested Action(s): 1. Receive and file.

D. Report out of WRCOG Representatives on Various Committees

Requested Action(s): 1. Receive and file.

E. TUMF Program Activities Update: Approval of One TUMF Reimbursement Agreement Amendment

Requested Action(s): 1. Authorize the Executive Director to execute a TUMF Reimbursement Agreement Amendment No. 1 between WRCOG and the City of Calimesa for all phases of the I-10 / Singleton Road Interchange Project in an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000.

6. REPORTS / DISCUSSION

Members of the public will have an opportunity to speak on agendized items at the time the item is called for discussion.

A. Regional Food Rescue & Technical Assistance Program Activities Update

Requested Action(s): 1. Receive and file.

B. 2024 General Assembly Community Service Awards

Requested Action(s): 1. Approve nominations from the Administration & Finance Committee for the 2024 Awards for Outstanding Community Service to be presented at the General Assembly & Leadership Address.

C. Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Agency Budget

Requested Action(s): 1. Recommend that the General Assembly adopt Resolution Number 04-24; A Resolution of the General Assembly of the Western Riverside Council of Governments adopting the Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Agency Budget.

7. REPORT FROM THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR

Rod Butler, City of Jurupa Valley

8. REPORT FROM COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

CALCOG, Brian Tisdale

SANDAG Borders Committee, Crystal Ruiz

SAWPA OWOW Steering Committee, Wes Speake

SCAG Regional Council and Policy Committee Representatives

WRCOG Ad Hoc Committees

I-REN Executive Committee

9. REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHAIR

Chris Barajas, City of Jurupa Valley

10. REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dr. Kurt Wilson

Access the report [here](#).

11. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Members are invited to suggest additional items to be brought forward for discussion at future Committee meetings.

12. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Members are invited to announce items / activities which may be of general interest to the Committee.

13. NEXT MEETING

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 6, 2024, at 2:00 p.m., in the County of Riverside Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon Street, 1st Floor, Board Chambers, Riverside.

14. ADJOURNMENT

WRCOG Executive Committee

Action Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the WRCOG Executive Committee was called to order by Chair Chris Barajas at 2:00 p.m. on March 4, 2024, at the Riverside County Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon Street, 1st Floor Board Chambers, Riverside.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dr. Kurt Wilson, WRCOG Executive Director, led the Committee members and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. WELCOME NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Chair welcomed two new members: Sheri Flynn, City of Banning, and Lisa DeForest, City of Murrieta.

4. ROLL CALL

- City of Banning - Sheri Flynn
- City of Calimesa - Wendy Hewitt
- City of Canyon Lake - Mark Terry
- City of Corona - Jacque Casillas
- City of Eastvale - Christian Dinco
- City of Hemet - Jackie Peterson
- City of Jurupa Valley - Chris Barajas (Chair)
- City of Lake Elsinore - Brian Tisdale
- City of Menifee - Bob Karwin
- City of Murrieta - Lisa DeForest
- City of Norco - Kevin Bash
- City of Perris - Rita Rogers
- City of San Jacinto - Crystal Ruiz
- City of Temecula - Zak Schwank
- City of Wildomar - Joseph Morabito
- County, District 1 - Kevin Jeffries
- County, District 2 - Karen Spiegel
- County, District 3 - Chuck Washington
- Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD) - Phil Paule
- Western Water - Brenda Dennstedt

Absent:

- City of Beaumont
- City of Moreno Valley
- City of Riverside
- County, District 5
- Riverside Co. Superintendent of Schools

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

RESULT:	APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED
MOVER:	San Jacinto
SECONDER:	Norco
AYES:	Banning, Calimesa, Canyon Lake, Corona, Eastvale, Hemet, Jurupa Valley, Lake Elsinore, Menifee, Murrieta, Norco, Perris, San Jacinto, Temecula, Wildomar, District 1, District 2, District 3, EMWD, Western Water
ABSTAIN:	Banning abstained from items 6.A and 6.B

A. Action Minutes from the December 4, 2023, WRCOG Executive Committee Meeting

Action:

1. Approved the Action Minutes from the December 4, 2023, WRCOG Executive Committee meeting.

B. Action Minutes from the January 12, 2024, WRCOG Executive Committee Special Meeting

Action:

1. Approved the Action Minutes from the January 12, 2024, WRCOG Executive Committee special meeting.

C. Finance Department Activities Update

Action:

1. Received and filed.

D. WRCOG Committees and Agency Activities Update

Action:

1. Received and filed.

E. Report out of WRCOG Representatives on Various Committees

Action:

1. Received and filed.

F. Greenworks Commercial PACE Program Amended and Restated Master Indenture

Action:

1. Adopted Resolution Number 03-24; A Resolution of the Executive Committee of the Western Riverside Council of Governments approving the form of Amended and Restated Master Indenture for the issuance of the Limited Obligations Bonds for the Greenworks Commercial PACE Program and approving other actions in connection thereto.

G. TUMF Program Activities Update: Approval of One TUMF Reimbursement Agreement, One TUMF Reimbursement Agreement Amendment, Three TUMF Credit Agreements, One TUMF Cooperative Agreement, and One TUMF Funding Agreement

Actions:

1. Authorized the Executive Director to execute a TUMF Reimbursement Agreement between WRCOG and the City of Hemet for the Planning and Engineering Phases of the Esplanade Avenue Widening Project in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.
2. Authorized the Executive Director to execute a TUMF Reimbursement Agreement Amendment with the City of Beaumont for the Engineering and Construction Phases of the Potrero Boulevard Interchange Project in an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000.
3. Authorized the Executive Director to execute a TUMF Credit Agreement between WRCOG, the City of Perris, and PW Land Investments, L.P., for the improvements of Evans Road for a maximum credit of \$2,912,258.
4. Authorized the Executive Director to execute a TUMF Credit Agreement between WRCOG, the City of Eastvale, and Arroyo CAP III-2, LLC., for the Widening of Limonite Avenue between Hamner Avenue to Sumner Avenue and Widening Hamner Avenue between Amberhill Avenue to Limonite Avenue with a maximum credit of \$1,905,270.55.
5. Authorized the Executive Director to execute a TUMF Credit Agreement between WRCOG, the City of Wildomar, and D.R. Horton Los Angeles Holding Company, Inc., for the improvements to Palomar Road, construction of an additional lane of approximately 800 linear feet from the western limits of the project to Starbuck Circle, with a maximum credit of \$392,000.
6. Authorized the Executive Director to execute a TUMF Cooperative Agreement between WRCOG, the Riverside County Transportation Commission, the City of Wildomar, for the Bundy Canyon Road and Wildomar Trail Interchanges at I-15.
7. Authorized the Executive Director to execute a TUMF Funding Agreement between the Riverside County Transportation Commission and WRCOG for the I10 / Highland Springs Interchange PA&ED Phase.

7. REPORTS / DISCUSSION

A. Strategic Planning Session Changes to Mission Statement and Guiding Principles

Action:

1. Approved the revisions to the WRCOG Strategic Plan to include the addition of clarifying language to the Mission Statement and the addition of Guiding Principles.

RESULT:	APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED
MOVER:	Lake Elsinore
SECONDER:	Western Water

AYES:	Banning, Calimesa, Canyon Lake, Corona, Eastvale, Hemet, Jurupa Valley, Lake Elsinore, Menifee, Murrieta, Norco, Perris, San Jacinto, Temecula, Wildomar, District 1, District 2, District 3, EMWD, Western Water
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B. Approval of Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Mid-Year Budget Amendment

Action:

1. Approved the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Mid-Year Budget Amendment.

RESULT:	APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED
MOVER:	Perris
SECONDER:	Temecula
AYES:	Banning, Calimesa, Canyon Lake, Corona, Eastvale, Hemet, Jurupa Valley, Lake Elsinore, Menifee, Murrieta, Norco, Perris, San Jacinto, Temecula, Wildomar, District 1, District 2, District 3, EMWD, Western Water

C. Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Memorandum of Agreement

Action:

1. Authorized the Executive Director to negotiate and execute, subject to approval as to form by General Counsel, a Memorandum of Agreement between WRCOG, the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority / San Bernardino Council of Governments, and the Coachella Valley Association of Governments, and the execution of future amendments for the Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant Program.

RESULT:	APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED
MOVER:	Perris
SECONDER:	Temecula
AYES:	Banning, Calimesa, Canyon Lake, Corona, Eastvale, Hemet, Jurupa Valley, Lake Elsinore, Menifee, Murrieta, Norco, Perris, San Jacinto, Temecula, Wildomar, District 1, District 2, District 3, EMWD, Western Water

D. Clean Mobility Options Voucher Pilot Program - Community Car Share Pilot Funding

Action:

1. Adopted Resolution Number 02-24; A Resolution of the Executive Committee of the Western Riverside Council of Governments approving participation in the Clean Mobility Options Voucher Pilot Program.

RESULT:	APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED
MOVER:	San Jacinto
SECONDER:	Temecula
AYES:	Banning, Calimesa, Canyon Lake, Corona, Jurupa Valley, Lake Elsinore, Murrieta, Norco, Perris, San Jacinto, Temecula, Wildomar, District 2, District 3, EMWD, Western Water
NAYS:	Eastvale, Menifee
ABSTAIN:	District 1

E. Addition of Direct Capital Providers and Program Administrators to the Commercial PACE Program

Chairman Barajas indicated that a public comment in support of this item will be filed in the meeting records.

Action:

1. Adopted Resolution Number 01-24, A Resolution of the Executive Committee of the Western Riverside Council of Governments authorizing WRCOG to issue and directly place bonds to finance eligible improvements to be installed on commercial properties located within the boundaries of both the WRCOG Energy Efficiency and Water Conservation Program for Western Riverside County and the California HERO Program with Direct Capital Providers, and in connection with such authorization, approving amendments to the Program Report for such programs, Assessment Contract, Indenture and Bond Purchase Agreement, and authorizing the issuance of bonds pursuant to such Indenture or secured by assessments levied on commercial properties to finance the installation of eligible improvements on such commercial properties and approving other actions in connection thereto.

RESULT:	APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED
MOVER:	Wildomar
SECONDER:	San Jacinto
AYES:	Banning, Calimesa, Canyon Lake, Corona, Eastvale, Hemet, Jurupa Valley, Lake Elsinore, Menifee, Murrieta, Norco, Perris, San Jacinto, Temecula, Wildomar, District 2, District 3, EMWD, Western Water
ABSTAIN:	District 1

F. Presentation from California Contract Cities Association

Action:

1. Received and filed.

8. REPORT FROM THE TECHNIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Chair Rod Butler reported that the member dues working group has made progress in its evaluation of the member dues structure. Mr. Butler expects that the TAC will have a recommendation to the Executive Committee regarding member dues in either May or June, 2024.

9. REPORT FROM COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

Brian Tisdale, CALCOG representative, reported that the Governor has withdrawn \$300M of REAP 2.0 funding, and CALCOG is asking the Governor to reconsider re-establishing the funds. In this year's budget, the State will give healthcare to undocumented immigrants, which will cost approximately \$2B plus approximately \$60M in legal fees. Finally, the vehicle miles traveled did not take the gas tax into consideration, which will cause the State to lose an estimated \$1B per year, and will affect street and highway repairs. The State is intent on electrifying with vehicles, no matter what the cost.

10. REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHAIR

Chair Barajas had nothing to report.

11. REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dr. Kurt Wilson reported that the Statements of Economic Interest Form 700s are due on April 2, 2024. The General Assembly Community Service Award nominations are due this week and will be evaluated during next week's Administration & Finance Committee meeting.

12. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

There were no items for future agendas.

13. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no general announcements.

14. NEXT MEETING

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 1, 2024, at 2:00 p.m., at the Riverside County , 4080 Lemon Street, Riverside.

15. CLOSED SESSION

There were no reportable actions on the Closed Session items.

16. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:28 p.m.



Western Riverside Council of Governments

WRCOG Executive Committee

Staff Report

Subject: Finance Department Activities Update
Contact: Andrew Ruiz, Chief Financial Officer, aruiz@wrcog.us, (951) 405-6741
Date: April 1, 2024

Recommended Action(s):

1. Receive and file.

Summary:

The Finance Department is nearing the end of the annual audit and preparing for the issuance of its Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. WRCOG has also nearly finalized the Fiscal Year 2024/2025 budget.

Purpose / WRCOG 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Goal:

The purpose of this item is to provide information regarding Finance Department activities. This effort aligns with WRCOG's 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Goal #3 (Ensure fiscal solvency and stability of the Western Riverside Council of Governments).

Discussion:

Background

The Finance Department provides regular updates to WRCOG Committees regarding the financial status of WRCOG and also provides summaries of on-going activities that might be of interest to member agencies. The financial reports document Agency revenues and expenditures through the current fiscal year, as reported by various programs, funds, and other administrative divisions. On-going activities include the preparation of the Agency audit, budget amendments, and preparation of the WRCOG budget for consideration and approval by WRCOG Committees.

Present Situation

Fiscal Year 2024/2025 budget: WRCOG has prepared the Fiscal Year 2024/2025 budget and presented it to its various committees. It is now being considered at this meeting for recommendation to the General Assembly for approval. The budget is listed under a separate item in this agenda.

Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Year End and Agency Audit: The final audit started in October 2023 and is

currently approximately 90% complete. It is anticipated to be completed with the Agency's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report to be issued in April 2024.

Financial Documents

All of WRCOG's most recent financial statements, budget, monthly financials, amendments, etc., are located on the Agency's website [here](#).

Prior Action(s):

None.

Financial Summary:

This item is for informational purposes only; therefore, there is no fiscal impact. Finance Department activities are included in the Agency's adopted Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Budget under the Finance Department under Fund 110.

Attachment(s):

None.



Western Riverside Council of Governments WRCOG Executive Committee

Staff Report

Subject: WRCOG Committees and Agency Activities Update
Contact: Chris Gray, Deputy Executive Director, cgray@wrcog.us, (951) 405-6710
Date: April 1, 2024

Recommended Action(s):

1. Receive and file.
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Summary:

Attached are summary recaps of actions and activities from recent WRCOG standing Committee meetings that occurred during the month of March 2024.

Purpose / WRCOG 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Goal:

The purpose of this item is to inform the Committee of actions and activities from WRCOG standing Committee meetings. This item aligns with WRCOG's 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Goal #4 (Communicate proactively about the role and activities of the Council of Governments).

Discussion:

Summaries are provided for the following meetings in March 2024:

- March 4, 2024 - Executive Committee
- March 13, 2024 - Administration & Finance Committee
- March 21, 2024 - Technical Advisory Committee

Prior Action(s):

None.

Financial Summary:

This item is for informational purposes only; therefore, there is no fiscal impact.

Attachment(s):

[Attachment 1 - WRCOG Committees Activities Update March 2024](#)



Western Riverside Council of Governments Executive Committee Meeting Recap March 4, 2024

Following is a summary of key items discussed at the last Executive Committee meeting.

Agenda Packet: <https://wrcog.us/DocumentCenter/View/10190/revised-ec-ap-0324>

PowerPoint Presentation: <https://wrcog.us/DocumentCenter/View/10200/Exec-PPT-0324>

Strategic Planning Session Changes to Mission Statement and Guiding Principles

- On January 12, the Executive Committee met for its annual strategic planning session, where Committee members reviewed and requested changes to its current mission statement and its guiding principles. An Ad Hoc Committee was formed, and the following changes were proposed
 - Mission Statement (additional language added in red): The Mission of the Western Riverside Council of Governments is to facilitate, plan, and identify funding opportunities for critical infrastructure projects and **implement regionally-significant** programs that benefit its member agencies and the communities they serve.
 - Guiding Principles (revision of guiding principles language):
 - STAY TRUE TO OUR MISSION
 - Maximize value to member agencies by prioritizing resources to support issues of mutual concern that are consistent with our core mission.
 - PRIORITIZE FAIRNESS
 - Strive for an environment in which each member agency's voice is heard and respected, and employees work in an environment where they feel safe, protected, and valued.
 - EARN PUBLIC TRUST
 - Respect the obligations and responsibilities of handling the public's business by maximizing transparency, incorporating industry best practices, and representing the interests of the people we serve.
 - THINK WITH A LONG-TERM FOCUS
 - Evaluate programs through a holistic and long-term lens that protects the general fund by mitigating unintended consequences, protecting the WRCOG brand, and striking a responsible balance between innovation and risk.
- These additions were presented and accepted at the Administration & Finance Committee meeting and were reviewed and adopted at the March 4 Executive Committee meeting.

Approval of Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Mid-Year Budget Amendment

- The mid-year budget review identified eight budget items with revenue or expenditure levels different from the adopted levels.
- Along with frugal spending habits, this is primarily the result of new funding sources or, in the case of the Transportation Uniform Mitigation Fee (TUMF) Program, revenues far exceeding projections.
- The combined revenue increases equal \$95,174 and the combined expenditure decreases equal \$1,206,225 for a net impact (improvement) of \$1,301,399.

Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Memorandum of Agreement

- Casey Dailey, Director of Energy & Environmental Programs, presented the Memorandum of Agreement between WRCOG, the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority / San Bernardino Council of

Governments, and the Coachella Valley Association of Governments, and the execution of future amendments for the Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant Program.

- SBCTA, WRCOG, and CVAG developed the priority regional measures (PRM) in collaboration with SCAQMD. The three PRMs proposed are 1) Public building decarbonization led by WRCOG through the Inland Regional Energy Network, 2) Residential decarbonization led by CVAG, and 3) Light-Duty Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) charging led by SBCTA/SBCOG.
- The Executive Committee authorized the Executive Director to negotiate and execute the MOA for CPRG. The MOA identifies at a high-level which agencies will lead the effort on the three priority regional measure programs included in the MSA CPRG Implementation Grant application.

Clean Mobility Options Voucher Pilot Program – Community Car Share Pilot Funding

- WRCOG has been awarded a grant through the Community Mobility Options Voucher Pilot Program, which provides \$1.5 million to deploy electric community car share vehicles in the cities of Moreno Valley, Corona, Hemet, and San Jacinto. A total of 15 vehicles will be deployed across the three cities.
- Project partner EVGIDE will own and operate vehicles and WRCOG will serve as program lead and lead community and stakeholder engagement in support of deployment.
- The project is expected to begin in July 2024.

Addition of Direct Capital Providers and Program Administrators to the Commercial PACE Program

- At the request of the Executive Committee Chair Chris Barajas, a PACE Ad Hoc Committee was convened and met on three separate occasions to discuss the options of expanding C-PACE to Direct Capital Providers and to allow additional C-PACE providers join the program.
- The Ad Hoc Committee agreed to recommend to the Administration & Finance Committee to move forward with the expansion to partner with Direct Capital Providers.
- The Administration & Finance Committee approved continuing the C-PACE Program including the financing of Direct Capital Providers, and the expansion of program administration services to include additional C-PACE providers with additional safeguards.
- The item was adopted by Resolution No. 01-24, at the March 4 Executive Committee meeting.

Presentation from California Contract Cities Association

- Marcel Rodarte, Executive Director of California Contract Cities Association provided an update regarding the activities of the Association.

Next Meeting

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 1, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., at the County of Riverside Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon Street, 1st Floor Board Chambers, Riverside.



Western Riverside Council of Governments
Administration & Finance Committee
Meeting Recap
March 13, 2024

Following is a summary of key items discussed at the last Administration & Finance Committee meeting.

Agenda Packet: <https://wrcog.us/DocumentCenter/View/10193/af-0324-agendapacket>

PowerPoint Presentation: <https://wrcog.us/DocumentCenter/View/10201/AF-PPT-0324>

2024 General Assembly & Leadership Address Community Service Award (CSA) Nominations

- Three group and five individual nominations were received and reviewed by the A&F Committee.
- The Committee is recommending Don Gonse, Tracy Davis, and Noland Turnage for the individual awards and Blue Star Mothers H.O.M.E. and Leaps and Bounds Pediatric Therapy for the group awards.
- The nominees above will be presented at the April 1, 2024, Executive Committee meeting for final approval.

Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Agency Budget

- The draft FY 2024/2025 Agency budget currently has revenues of \$20,157,658 against \$19,545,980 in expenditures.
- Compared to the FY2023/2024 budget, this represents a 1.4% increase in revenues and 6.5% increase in expenditures.
- This is largely attributable to the I-REN budget and the REAP grant funding being withdrawn by the State.

Next Meeting

The next Administration & Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 10, 2024, at 12:00 p.m., in WRCOG's office at 3390 University Avenue, Suite 200.



**Western Riverside Council of Governments
Technical Advisory Committee
Meeting Recap
March 21, 2024**

Following is a summary of key items discussed at the last Technical Advisory Committee meeting.

Agenda Packet: <https://wrcog.us/DocumentCenter/View/10202/TAC-0324-ap>

PowerPoint Presentation: <https://wrcog.us/DocumentCenter/View/10206/TAC-PPT-032124>

Regional Food Rescue & Technical Assistance Program Activities Update

- SB 1383 mandates rescuing 20% of surplus food by 2025. A contract was awarded to manage regional food rescue efforts, including public outreach, compliance, and education plans.
- The project scope involves creating plans, authorizations, and inspections for Tier I & Tier II Edible Food Generators (EFGs) and Food Rescue Organizations (FROs), as well as deploying the Careit app for food rescue.
- Inspections are conducted to ensure compliance with SB 1383, educate businesses on food rescue efforts, and promote the use of the Careit app, with ongoing tasks including identification of EFGs, marketing, and continued education on food rescue methods.
- Year two of the program includes tasks such as continued identification of EFGs, marketing, education, and scheduling inspections of EFGs & FROs to maintain compliance.

Energy Resilience Plan 2.0 Update

- The Energy Resilience Plan (ERP) 2.0 will assist member agencies with increasing the resilience of their facilities, infrastructure, and community against climate hazards and power outages.
- The ERP 2.0 will assist member agencies with identifying and prioritizing facilities and infrastructure, conduct outreach and engagement with member agencies and the community, and prepare feasibility studies to identify potential for implementing microgrids and community resilience centers at agency-owned sites.
- Staff have requested locations and facility data from each member agency for sites that would be good candidates for the microgrid and community resilience center feasibility studies. Staff are setting up meetings with member agency staff to discuss the proposed sites, understand the climate hazards that impact the sites and social vulnerabilities from nearby populations, and operational needs for each facility.

Update on Regional Innovation Initiatives

- The County of Riverside is using ARPA funding to provide funding to a number of groups and others to further the growth of Riverside County's economy in terms of higher skilled and higher wage jobs.
- The Murrieta Innovation Center is an incubator for bio-tech and health tech companies. It works closely with the Entrepreneurial Research Center in Temecula and UC Riverside. The Center also provides counseling and mentorship for incubator companies as well as entrepreneurial programming.
- The Inland Empire Trade Tech Center (IETTC) will provide training and education for high-demand, high-skill jobs for Riverside County residents. IETTC will be located in Jurupa Valley and has received federal and state funding for the site purchase and facility development.

- The Inland Empire Tech Bridge is a joint effort between the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Riverside Community College District, and Riverside County. The purpose of the Tech Bridge is to develop a regional hub for national security innovation while also helping the region's economy grow.
- The Temecula Entrepreneurship Center is focused on assisting small businesses, women owned businesses, and international businesses in the Temecula area. This effort is partnership between the City of Temecula, Riverside County, and Cal State San Bernardino.

Next Meeting

The next Technical Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 18, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. in the WRCOG office at 3390 University Avenue, Riverside.



Western Riverside Council of Governments

WRCOG Executive Committee

Staff Report

Subject: Report out of WRCOG Representatives on Various Committees
Contact: Chris Gray, Deputy Executive Director, cgray@wrcog.us, (951) 405-6710
Date: April 1, 2024

Recommended Action(s):

1. Receive and file.

Summary:

One key function of the Executive Committee is to appoint representatives to various external agencies, groups, and committees on behalf of WRCOG. This Staff Report provides a summary of activities related to appointments for CALCOG, the SANDAG Borders Committee, and the SAWPA OWOW Steering Committee.

Purpose / WRCOG 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Goal:

The purpose of this item to provide information regarding various external agencies, groups, and committees related to WRCOG where WRCOG has appointed one or more representative(s) to serve as its representative. This item supports WRCOG's 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Goal #4 (Communicate proactively about the role and activities of the Council of Governments).

Discussion:

CALCOG Board of Directors (Brian Tisdale)

The CALCOG Board of Directors met on March 15, 2024. Agenda highlights include:

1. Strategic Priority Status Report.
2. Legislative Report.
3. REAP Budget Update.
4. AB 2485.

The next CALCOG Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for April 12, 2024.

SANDAG Borders Committee (Crystal Ruiz)

The SANDAG Borders Committee met on March 22, 2024. Agenda highlights include:

1. Tijuana River Valley U.S. – Mexico Transborder Pollution Environmental Crisis.
2. Public Health Report on Exposure Risks from Contaminated Water in the Tijuana River Valley.
3. Cross Border Xpress Update.

The next SANDAG Borders Committee meeting is scheduled for April 26, 2024.

SAWPA OWOW Steering Committee (Wes Speake)

The next SAWPA OWOW Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for March 28, 2024. Agenda highlights include:

1. Grant Funded Project Highlights: Replenish Big Bear Project.
2. Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program Regional Resilience Planning and Implementation Grant Program Award and Development of the Santa Ana River Watershed Climate Adaptation and Resilience Plan.
3. Overview of Headwaters Resiliency Partnership and Forest First Joint Presentation between SAWPA and San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District.
4. Weather Modification Pilot Program Update.

The SAWPA OWOW Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for May 23, 2024.

Prior Action(s):

None.

Financial Summary:

Appointed Committee members are paid \$150 to attend their respective meetings. WRCOG stipends are included in the Agency's adopted Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Budget under the Administration Department in the General Fund (Fund 110).

Attachment(s):

[Attachment 1 - CALCOG Board agenda 0324](#)

[Attachment 2 - SANDAG Borders Committee agenda 0324](#)

[Attachment 3 - SAWPA OWOW agenda 0324](#)

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CALCOG Board of Directors

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Effective Regions Through Partnership



California Association of Councils of Governments

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MEETING AGENDA

**March 15, 2024
10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.
VIRTUAL**

Meeting Connection Information:

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6759856183>

Meeting ID: 675 985 6183

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BOARD MEETING AGENDA

TIME	ITEM	DESCRIPTION	PURPOSE	PAGE
10:00 am	1	Welcome & Introductions. Attendance will be recorded as members enter the room or the virtual meeting space. Virtual board members attendees should type your name in the Zoom identifier and turn on your video. For agency staff, please type in your name and turn off your video.		
10:10 am	2	Approve February Board Meeting Minutes.	Action	5
10:15 am	3	Executive Director Report. Work program update.	Information	7
10:25 am	4	Strategic Priority Status Report. Update on progress on the strategic priorities.	Information	8
10:35 am	5	Legislative Report. A report on priority legislation.	Information	9
11:00 am	6	REAP Budget Update. Report on actions CALCOG is taking in response to the proposed budget cut.	Information	15
11:15 am	7	AB 2485 (Carrillo). SCAG Sponsored legislation related to RHNA reform.	Action	20
11:30 am		Announcements & Adjourn		

CALCOG Calendar for 2024

March 15: (10:00 am to 12:00 pm) **Board Meeting. Virtual**

April 1: (10:00 am to 12:00 pm) **COG Directors (CDAC) Policy Update.** (Legislative & Administrative). **Virtual**

April 12: (1:00 pm to 3:00 pm) **Board Meeting** (HOLD: if needed). In-person & **Virtual**

May 22: (10 am to 4 pm) **Legislative Day & Board Meeting, In Person.** (Include Meetings with State Agency Leaders; key Legislators) **CDAC and Board.**

June 13: (evening). **CARL Cohort graduating ceremony** at the Awards Dinner hosted by the California Transportation Foundation (Sacramento). **In Person.**

June 24: (10:00 am to 12:00 pm) **Short Business Meeting to Adopt Budget** (HOLD: if needed). **Virtual**

August 2: (10 am to 12 pm) **COG Directors Group (CDAC)** (Late Leg. Session Check-in). **Virtual**

August 12: (1 to 3 pm) **Board Meeting.** Hold: Late Session Policy Meeting (if needed). **Virtual**

September 23: (10 am to 12 pm). **COG Directors Group (CDAC) Update Briefing.** **Virtual**

September 30: (2:00 to 3:30 pm). **Board Update Briefing** (HOLD: if needed). **Virtual**

October 28 & 29: **Fall Board Meeting.** **In Person** (TBD). Dinner on the 28th, Fall Board Meeting on the 29th, (8:30 am to 2:00 pm)

December 9: **Board &/or CDAC: Policy Update** (Hold: use if needed) **Virtual**

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- **Steve Teshara**, Board Representative, Tahoe Transportation District
- **Michael LeBarre**, Mayor, City of Kings City, Transportation Agency for Monterey County
- **Amy Shuklian**, Supervisor, Tulare County, Tulare County Association of Governments
- **Mike Johnson**, Councilmember, City of Ventura, Ventura County Transportation Commission

* Designates Executive Committee Member

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Current Vacancies: Butte County Association of Governments, Calaveras Council of Governments, City/County Association of San Mateo Governments, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, Orange County Council of Governments, Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority, Transportation Agency of Marin, Tuolumne County Transportation Council

2. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES

ACTION

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CALCOG Board Meeting Minutes February 7, 2024

1. ATTENDANCE

This attendance represents those in attendance at some point in the meeting. Attendance was taken visually as members entered the room or logged into their accounts via the Zoom meeting platform:

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2. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER BOARD MEETING MINUTES

INFORMATION

The minutes of December 8, 2023, were approved. Motion by Steve Teshara, and seconded by Loella Haskew.

3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

INFORMATION

The executive director provided a brief report for information only.

4. STRATEGIC PRIORITY PROGRESS REPORT**INFORMATION**

Staff provided a brief update on progress being made on CALCOG's priorities identified at the December board meeting. Details are in the agenda.

5. REAP BUDGET UPDATE**ACTION**

The board approved the general staff recommended strategy for advocacy related directly to protecting REAP funding. The board additionally authorized staff to explore obtaining a joint statement with other stakeholders specific to opposing the REAP program recission. Motion by Fred Strong, seconded by Patric Harper.

6. CALCOG LEGISLATIVE PRINCIPLES UPDATE**ACTION**

The Board approved the staff recommended changes to the legislative principles. Motion by Richard O'Brien, seconded by Britt Huff.

7. REPLACEMENT OF GAS TAX EDUCATION**INFORMATION**

Staff provided an informational update on the joint grant agreement that is taking shape between CALCOG, Caltrans, TRPA, SCAG, SANDAG, MTC, and SACOG. More details are in the agenda.

8. SUSTAINABLE PARTNERSHIP GRANT APPLICATIONS**DISCUSSION**

Staff provided an update on the Sustainable Communities Partnership Grant submitted by AMBAG, in collaboration with CALCOG. Staff also sought feedback on an idea for creating a fund that could provide match funding for future grant applications. Staff will return with more information at a future meeting regarding a framework such a fund.

3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

INFORMATION

A. BACKGROUND

The executive director usually gives a quick update about work program elements that are not otherwise on the agenda for the meeting.

1. Regional Leadership Forum Recap and Next Year.

2. We are moving! This is a reminder that we are moving into SACOG offices at 1415 L Street, Sacramento.

3. Legislative Day Save the Date: Wednesday, May 22. We will host a joint Legislative Day with Self Help County Coalition. Watch for a registration link to this free event. Board members and staff are encouraged to attend. The event will be followed by a board meeting.

4. Regional Infrastructure Accelerator Grant. Caltrans has confirmed that CALCOG will lead work on a task that will investigate and summarize how pricing can improve the transportation system and will produce a communication toolkit for project sponsors. This will be informed by both a literature review and public engagement activities. The team will produce a report summarizing communications around congestion pricing that have and have not worked. The work will include conducting public surveys, focus groups, and polling in multiple regions of the state to understand public perceptions towards pricing and to refine and test specific messages. CALCOG and grant partners will organize a series of "Pricing Leadership Academies" to educate and inform agency staff and government officials on the costs and benefits, including financing opportunities, of pricing.

4. STRATEGIC PRIORITIES PROGRESS REPORT.

INFORMATION

A. FOCUS 1: Transportation Funding

Objective: Focus on education and storytelling about the importance of identifying replacement revenue sources for the gas tax and helping people understand the need to shift to a new funding model.

Progress:

- RIA Grant Work Program. (As described in the Executive Director report).
- Provided Focused Sessions at the RLF. Several sessions at the conference focused on the lost revenues from fuel transitions and the need to explore pricing alternatives.
- CALCOG News. Started to highlight stories and resources related to this issue in CALCOG News, which goes out to about 1,200 member, industry and state agency staff.

B. FOCUS 2: Housing

Objective: Focus on RHNA reform, REAP funding, and development of housing trusts and policies that are tailored to meet local needs.

Progress:

- Budget. Invited to Testify on Behalf of REAP before Senate Budget Subcommittee.
- Data Collection: CALCOG staff started to collect details on the projects that are/were going to be funded by REAP in order to share success stories.
- RLF Session: What Is REAP Sowing? This session highlighted progress to date of projects from around the state.

C. FOCUS 3: Alternative Fuels, EV & Hydrogen

Objective: explore what is needed related to the grid as regions help transition to alternative fueled vehicles (ZEVs and Hydrogen).

Progress:

- RLF Session that featured updates on Federal, State, and Regional efforts related to Zero Emission Vehicles.

5. REAP BUDGET UPDATE

INFORMATION

A. BACKGROUND

In coordination with many of our members, CALCOG staff has been advocating that the Legislature reject the Governor's proposed rescission of \$300 Million in the Regional Early Action Program (REAP). On Thursday, March 14 the Senate Budget Subcommittee 4 will meet and discuss the proposed REAP cut along with other housing funding cuts. In an unusual step, CALCOG has been asked to testify to comment on the cuts. Staff will provide a verbal update at the meeting.

B. SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

3. **Documenting The Problem.** With the help of our member agency staff, CALCOG has compiled information about (1) funded projects; (2) projects already contracted and started; and (3) administrative/staffing commitments have already been made. There are some compelling stories to share. Projects have broken ground, staff have been hired, and projects will not more forward.
4. **Educating.** Member and CALCOG staff have been meeting with committee and legislative staff. A number of CALCOG member agencies have submitted letters to leadership highlighting projects that are at risk. We recommend continuing to submit these letters and setting up meetings with legislators.
5. **Finding a \$300 M "Elegant Alternative."** We are currently focusing our message around rejecting the governor's proposed cuts and restoring funds. But we may reach a point in which we will need to push for either a delay in funding or bring forward ideas on alternative funding sources that could backfill this program.
6. **Building Coalitions.** CALCOG received word last week that Assembly Member Friedman was interested in circulating a sign on letter for legislators that oppose the governor's proposed cuts to REAP. She has already submitted a letter of her own and is gathering signatures from other legislators this week. TransForm also [submitted a letter](#) opposing the cuts and posted it on [its website](#) for others to sign on. CALCOG is continuing to connect with housing advocates to explore opportunities for coalition building.

C. NEXT STEPS

1. **Next hearing – April 9.** The Assembly Budget Subcommittee 5 hearing on April 9 will be the next REAP-related hearing. We will keep you informed of our discussions with legislative staff and coalition building efforts leading up to that meeting.
2. **Keep us informed.** Let us know about meetings and conversations you are having –it helps inform our conversations with others.



TRANSMITTED ELECTRONICALLY

March 4, 2024

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Re: Restore Funding for Regional Early Action Planning Grants of 2021 (REAP 2.0)

Dear President Pro Tempore McGuire, Speaker Rivas, Chair Wiener and Chair Gabriel:

California Association of Councils of Governments (CALCOG) urges the Legislature to reject the \$300 million rescission of the Regional Early Action Planning Grants of 2021 (REAP 2.0) included in Governor Newsom's 2024-25 January Budget proposal. CALCOG's membership includes all 18 Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) that are the designated recipients of 70 percent of the REAP 2.0 funds as well as other partnering regional agencies that will be involved in the selection and implementation of the program's "transformative" projects.

There are two reasons REAP 2.0 deserves special consideration despite the current budget circumstances. First, much of the funding has already been awarded on projects that have started. Second, this program sits at an important nexus of achieving both the state's affordable housing and climate goals. As such, the proposed rescission has many unintended consequences. Below we have outlined these issues in more detail:

- **Funding is Already Obligated and Projects are Underway.** REAP 2.0 is a reimbursement-based program. While it may appear that there is a large chunk of funding that has not been spent, much of the funding has already been committed to local partners. Thus, contractually obligated work was started on the promise of that they would be reimbursed. Additionally, work that MPOs have already done to negotiate and execute contracts and initiate work will have to be redone in order to rescope or scrap projects. Our members have already spent substantial staff time, and



in many instances have hired new staff, to deeply engage with communities, develop competitive proposals, and initiate projects to meet aggressive implementation timelines.

- **Funding for Implementation of SB 375.** MPOs in California are required to develop Sustainable Communities Strategies that meet greenhouse gas reduction targets through regional plans that connect transportation and land use. REAP 2.0 funding is the first state funding that affords MPOs discretion to provide early funding on transformative projects that can accelerate state housing and climate goals. MPOs receive state and federal funding for transportation projects, but REAP 2.0 funding is unique in that it has allowed them to advance infill and affordable housing projects in locations that will maximize greenhouse gas reductions.
- **Affordable and Infill Housing Projects are at Risk.** The majority of REAP 2.0 funding will go directly to building more housing units, supportive infrastructure investments (e.g., necessary sewer, water and utility upgrades) that will unlock sites for housing developments, and/or innovative financing strategies such as housing trusts. We urge the legislature to fully fund this program because it supports tens of thousands of housing units and in many cases is supporting programs that will continue to provide loans for future housing units.

For these reasons, we urge you to reject the governor's proposed rescission of REAP 2.0 funding program. Please contact me (bhiggins@calcog.org or (916) 717-8324) if you have any questions or if I can be of any assistance.

Sincerely,



Bill Higgins
Executive Director



March __, 2024

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We write to urge you to reject the \$300 million rescission of the Regional Early Action Planning Grants of 2021 (REAP 2.0) included in Governor Newsom’s 2024-25 January Budget proposal. While we recognize the incredible budget challenge we now face, transportation and housing programs must be protected if we are to meet our ambitious housing and climate goals.

The REAP 2.0 program is the first state funding that specifically supports implementation of the Sustainable Communities Strategies developed by Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs). It accelerates progress toward California’s housing and climate goals through strengthened partnerships between regional, local, county, and tribal governments. These funds are to be targeted for “transformative projects” related building providing affordable housing, infill infrastructure, reducing vehicle miles traveled, completing active transportation networks, and addressing transit linkages.

REAP 2.0 also supports implementation of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment, which provides the baseline pathway for achieving California’s housing production goal of 2.5 million units. Until the investment of the first REAP program in 2018, no state funding had ever been allocated directly to regional councils of governments to implement state housing goals.

In his January budget proposal, the Governor proposes a \$300 million reversion of REAP 2.0. But this cut will have dramatic impacts for local and regional agencies across the state. This 50 percent cut is unusual considering that the program is nearly three years old. A great deal of work has already been undertaken to plan and obligate these funds. In many cases, applicants have already initiated work on the promise of reimbursement.

For example, the Southern California Association of Governments’ (SCAG), has sub-allocated nearly \$192 million primarily through competitive programs to more than 100 local projects. And the results are remarkable. The awarded projects support as many as 10,000 new housing units on surplus LA Metro transit lands, more than 1,150 affordable housing units in the Coachella Valley, a low-to-zero-interest loan program to expedite accessory dwelling units in Orange County, infrastructure improvements to support nearly 5,000 newly-zoned housing units in Rialto, and a long-term loan program to promote hundreds of infill homes in Ventura County, among others.

Significantly, each MPO’s expenditure budget for the REAP 2.0 program had to be approved by the Department of Housing and Community Development. It’s perhaps not surprising that these kinds of transformative projects are proposed or planned to be proposed across the state:

- Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority has been sub-allocated funding from SCAG to develop the Urban Wilderness Access Feasibility Plan, which will be a comprehensive park access strategy to increase access and improve circulation to Griffith Park and surrounding parklands in the Hollywood Hills with a specific focus on improving access for disadvantaged communities. The plan will identify new transit routes and operation considerations, pedestrian infrastructure improvements, equity community engagement, cost estimates, renderings, conceptual designs, and implementation strategies for the area.
- The Tulare County Association of Governments reports that they are using the funds for affordable housing projects totaling about 100 units in three communities. All three are close to transit centers and the proposed cross county rail project that will (when built) connect to high-speed rail. They will also have electric car sharing available on site and have developed partnerships with local schools for after school care. One of the projects is already out for construction and is experiencing delays already due to limitations in funding.
- The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) reports using more than \$48 million for an innovative Housing Preservation and Priority Sites pilot program to provide housing preservation and pre-development funding to communities that have few resources for either strategy. These programs will serve as “proofs of concept” for a

coordinated regional housing strategy that can inspire investment in more ambitious future programs, while incrementally building capacity and expertise. MTC anticipates a direct increase of up to 1,600 permanently affordable homes that will benefit approximately 14,500 households over the life of the deed restrictions.

- The Sacramento Area Council of Governments is using its entire \$31.8 million REAP 2.0 allocation to implement its Green Means Go program, which accelerates infill housing development. They have already awarded funding to local cities and counties for infrastructure projects and local land use planning activities that are expected to accelerate the development of 8,000 infill housing units, 6,000 of which are projected to be affordable to low- and moderate-income households.
- The San Diego Association of Governments reports that they will create a regional housing trust fund with \$13 million that would be leveraged with funding from partners across the region to directly support affordable housing development. This is a one-time investment of REAP 2.0 funding that will establish ongoing support for affordable housing. They also received a \$10 million award from the REAP 2.0 High Impact Transformative grant program, which will support a transit-oriented affordable housing development at the Palm Avenue Transit Station, convert an alleyway into a safer corridor for pedestrians and bikes, and establish rent-to-own opportunities for residents in San Ysidro.

Accordingly, the proposal to rescind REAP 2.0 funding is not sound policy. The majority of REAP 2.0 funding will go directly to building more housing units, supportive infrastructure investments (e.g., necessary sewer, water and utility upgrades) that will unlock sites for housing developments, and investments that will improve mobility options. It is taking funding away from significant priorities in a way that will increase our costs going forward.

For these reasons, we urge you to reject the Governor's proposed rescission of REAP 2.0 funding program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Laura Friedman", written in a cursive style.

LAURA FRIEDMAN
Assemblymember, 44th District

6. LEGISLATIVE REPORT

INFORMATION

A. SUMMARY

Staff will provide an update on bills on which CALCOG has taken a position because they align with the Legislative Principles that govern our advocacy. Staff are authorized to take action when the principles provide direction and guidance. A summary of such actions must be presented to the Board at the next regularly scheduled meeting (though we are likely to make an email announcement). This report will identify priority legislation at this early phase in the process.

Visit our online bill tracker for a list of all tracked bills: www.calcog.org/bill-tracker.

B. BILLS THAT HAVE “SEEK AMENDMENTS” STATUS

Discussion

The “Seek Amendments” indicates staff engaging engage in conversation with the author and sponsors to express concerns. Depending on how those conversations go, staff will recommend a position to support, oppose, or continue to watch the bill. Thus, these bills may appear with a more specific recommendation at future meetings.

1. **AB 2086 (Schiavo) – Transportation funding: report and public dashboard.** Would require the California Transportation Commission to adopt guidelines for Caltrans to use to determine whether transportation funding and project selection is advancing CalSTA’s “Core Four” priorities of safety, equity, climate action, and economic prosperity. The Guidelines would be developed through a prescribed public process.

Status: **Seek Amendments.**

Comments:

- a. The Sponsors reached out to CALCOG early in the year to brief us on the idea. We shared a concern about layering a new reporting process on top of the new Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI), which has similar objectives. In addition, Caltrans is currently developing of a complex scoring process to implement CAPTI. It seems like a lot. While Caltrans should be fully transparent, the system for reporting should make sense and be integrated.
- b. Costs: given this year, it might be easy to dismiss a bill like this that has obvious staffing costs in the current budget situation. But the sponsors have noted that much of the transportation funds come from special sources that are insulated from the budget.
- c. Many of our partner organizations have similar concerns. There may be an opportunity to take a joint position with other stakeholders.

- 2. AB 2290 (Friedman) – Transportation: Class III bikeways: bicycle facilities: Bikeway Quick-Build Project Pilot Program.** Current law requires the CTC to develop guidelines and project selection criteria for the Active Transportation Program. Current law establishes 4 classifications of bikeways and defines a “Class III bikeway” as a bikeway that provides a right-of-way on-street or off-street, designated by signs or permanent markings and shared with pedestrians and motorists. This bill would prohibit the allocation of Active Transportation Program funds for a project that creates a Class III bikeway unless the project is on a residential street with a posted speed limit of 20 miles per hour or less. It further requires that a bicycle facility identified for a street in a bicycle plan or an active transportation plan that is adopted by a city, a county, or the department shall be included in a project funded by the program that includes that street.

Status: Seek Amendments.

Comments:

- a. Parts of this bill seem promising. For example, offering a “quick build pilot” for the types of projects that the state wants to encourage makes sense.
- b. But other parts make less sense. For example, requiring any project to include any planned bicycle facilities may discourage typical maintenance costs or other projects where the available funding is more limited.

- 3. AB 2535 (Bonta) – Trade Corridor Enhancement Program.** Current law requires the CTC under the Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP) program, to allocate revenues from a portion of the state excise tax on diesel fuel and certain federal funds for infrastructure projects located on or along specified transportation corridors. Under existing law, eligible projects under the program include, among others, highway improvements to more efficiently accommodate the movement of freight and environmental and community mitigation, or efforts to reduce environmental impacts of freight movement. This bill would prohibit the CTC from allocating funding under the program to a project that adds a general purpose lane to a highway or expands highway capacity in a community that meets certain criteria relating to pollution impacts.

Status: Seek Amendments.

Comments:

- a. Some of the provisions in the bill seem redundant as existing law already aims to mitigate environmental and community impacts more efficiently.
- b. This bill could affect projects in the pipeline; we are reaching out to partners to get more information.

4. **SB 960 (Wiener) – Transportation: planning: transit priority projects: multimodal.** Would require all transportation projects funded or overseen by Caltrans to provide “comfortable, convenient, and connected complete streets facilities” unless an exemption is documented and approved.

Recommendation: Seek Amendments.

Comments:

- a. We have not had an opportunity to fully understand the effects of this bill. It adds extensive requirements for the state asset management plan and the “SHOPP” that governs maintenance on operational costs on the state highway system. It would prioritize investments in pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure on state highways where such investments are appropriate.
- b. We note that this bill B could have positive implications for members to the extent that it would require Caltrans to fund improvements on state highways that members might otherwise not have sufficient funding to accomplish.
- c. The author is notably very determined, is a budget committee chair, and is carrying a bill sponsored by MTC (See SB 925 below).

B. SELECTED INTRODUCED BILLS: WATCH STATUS

Information

1. **SB 925 (Wiener) San Francisco Bay area: local revenue measure: transportation improvements.** This bill is sponsored by MTC. It’s currently in “spot bill” format serving as a placeholder that would allow the Legislature to enact subsequent legislation to authorize MTC to propose a revenue measure to the voters in its jurisdiction to fund the operation, expansion, and transformation of the San Francisco Bay area’s public transportation system, as well as other transportation improvements.
2. **SB 947 (Seyarto) – Caltrans: state highway projects: agreements with public entities: project design changes.** Would require the Caltrans, in an agreement with a city, county, or other public entity for the contribution of funds for the acquisition, construction, or improvement of any portion of state highway, to include a provision that makes the department responsible for any additional costs associated with a new project design adopted by the department after the project is included in the state transportation improvement program or the state highway operation and protection program.
3. **SB 1098 (Blakespear) – Passenger and freight rail: LOSSAN Rail Corridor.** Would require the Secretary of Transportation to provide strategic guidance, recommendations, and facilitate all necessary coordination, collaboration, and intervention when necessary between stakeholders, to ensure the performance of the LOSSAN Rail Corridor. Would also require the Secretary of Transportation, in consultation with the Director of Transportation, to submit a report to the Legislature regarding the LOSSAN Rail Corridor that includes specified information, including certain recommendations made by Caltrans

and the CTC, in consultation with the Secretary for Environmental Protection. The bill would also require the Secretary of Transportation to submit a report to the Legislature biennially on the management of the LOSSAN Rail Corridor.

C. TWO YEAR BILLS OF NOTE

Information

The following is a list of two-year bills where action may be taken up this year. Most of these bills passed the house of origin last year, thus the January deadline for two year house of origin bills to move does not apply. We are uncertain whether or when action may be taken on any of these bills. But they are worth noting.

1. **AB 6 (Friedman) Sustainable Communities.** The current version would have set the years 2035 and 2045 as a new target years under SB 375. It also included other language that would have weakened the limits placed on ARB in their review of whether an SCS would achieve the target. The author was also circulating additional language related to SB 375 reform ideas, including VMT mitigation banks. There was additional language that the author intended as amendments but could not get them in due to a procedural rule.
2. **AB 7 (Friedman) Sustainable Communities.** The current version of the bill has two parts. The first part would require the state to include a fiscal analysis and explanation of planning assumptions in the California Transportation Plan. In addition, it also would require the CTP to include an analysis of how the CalSTA, Caltrans, & the CTC are achieving principles in the CAPTI, IJIA, and the federal Justice40 initiative. The second part (which had more of the attention from our membership) would have required the CalSTA, Caltrans, and the CTC to the extent possible, feasible, applicable, and cost effective to incorporate 9 specified principles into their processes for project development, selection, and implementation.
3. **AB 1335 (Zbur) Transportation Projects: Priority Populations.** As currently written, this bill would require MPOs to include the total number of new housing units specified through RHNA necessary to house all the population of the region over the course of the planning period of its RTP.
4. **SB 670 (Allen) ARB. VMT Maps.** Requires ARB to develop a methodology for assessing and spatially representing light-duty VMT and to develop maps to display average light-duty VMT per capita in the state at the local, regional, and statewide level.
5. **SB 768 (Caballero) – CEQA: CARB: VMT Study.** This bill would require CARB to conduct and submit to the Legislature a study on how vehicle miles traveled is used as a metric for measuring transportation impacts pursuant to CEQA.

Comments:

- a. Originally, this bill would have created opportunities for projects to move forward without a legislative body needing to approve a statement of overriding consideration if a project's VMT impacts were below certain thresholds. The bill was not able to

make it out of Environmental committee and was then amended to be a study bill. We have heard the author is committed to working with CBIA on amendments and will not move the bill forward if CBIA is not agreeable to the amendments. We expect these amendments to appear in print soon.

6. **AB 930 (Friedman) RISE Districts.** This bill introduces a new tax increment funding tool that relies largely on difference in sales tax revenues (where Redevelopment relied on property tax revenues. Locations would have to be sustainable (where average VMT would be reduced; Portions of the revenue would have to be used for affordable housing.

Comments:

- a. The amount of revenues generated would probably make this tool of limited value.

D. OTHER LEGISLATION IN WHICH CALCOG ALEADY HAS TAKEN A POSITION

1. **AB 817 (Pacheco) – Open meetings: teleconferencing: subsidiary body.** This bill would provide subsidiary bodies (such as advisory committees) with more flexibility for the members of the subsidiary body to teleconference into meetings. **Support.**
- Comment: Last year this bill did not make it out of Assembly Local Government Committee, but with a new committee chair it is now over to the Senate. CALCOG supported this bill last year as it aligns with Legislative Principle 1(i): *Support changes to open meeting laws that incorporate virtual participation while maintaining important transparency and access requirements of the Brown Act*
2. **SCR 13 (Roth) – Joseph Tavaglione Interchange.** Would designate the interchange where State Highway Routes 60 and 91 meet Interstate 215 in the County of Riverside as the Joseph Tavaglione Interchange. **Support.**
- Comment: The basis of support is merely recognizing the years of service of Mr. Tavaglione on the California Transportation Commission.

7. AB 2485 (CARRILLO) – RECOMMENDATION**ACTION****A. BILL SUMMARY**

This RHNA bill (currently a “spot” bill) is sponsored by SCAG. The intent is that the bill would improve the development of the RHNA determination by ensuring its accuracy and transparency in two ways. First, it would establish procedures for HCD to publicize its data sources, analyses, and methodology before finalizing a region’s determination. Second, it would require HCD to establish and convene a panel of experts to advise the department on its assumptions, data, and analyses before making its final determination for a region. The panel of experts would include a US Census Bureau-affiliated practitioner, an expert in the region’s demographics, and a representative from the COG. Proposed language is attached.

B. STAFF RECOMMENDATION**Support****C. ANALYSIS**

- **Increases transparency and accountability.** We have heard from a number of members that they would like to better understand how Regional Housing Needs Determinations (RHND) are made by HCD. This bill could provide that by requiring HCD to be more transparent about the data and assumptions it is using to develop these housing unit numbers for regions.
- **More COG involvement in the process.** This bill could have the benefit of creating a more collaborative process for developing a region’s RHND.
- **Aligns with Legislative Principle 8(i).** This bill aligns with Legislative Principle 8(i): *Engage in the Governor’s process to review and “revamp” the RHNA process; work with member agencies to identify elements that worked well in the last RHNA process and things that need to be improved.*

Substantive

AMENDMENTS TO ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 2485

Amendment 1

On page 2, in line 3, after “(a)” insert:

(1)

Amendment 2

On page 2, between lines 26 and 27, insert:

(2) The department shall publish on its internet website the data sources, analyses, and methodology, including the assumptions and factors used in and applied to the Department of Finance projections and engagement process with the council of governments, prior to finalization of the regional determination pursuant to subdivision (b).

Amendment 3

On page 4, in line 1, strike out “After”, strike out lines 2 to 9, inclusive, and insert:

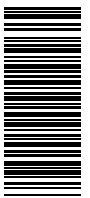
(3) For the seventh and subsequent revisions of the housing element pursuant to Section 65588, the department shall assemble and convene an advisory panel to advise the department on its assumptions and methodology it shall use. The panel shall be composed of all of the following:

(A) A United States Census Bureau-affiliated practitioner.

(B) An expert on the data described in subparagraphs (A) to (I), inclusive, of paragraph (1).

(C) A representative from the council of governments.

(4) After consultation with the council of governments and, for the seventh and subsequent revisions of the housing element pursuant to Section 65588, the advisory panel described in paragraph (3), the department shall make determinations in writing on the assumptions for each of the factors listed in subparagraphs (A) to (I), inclusive, of paragraph (1) and the methodology it shall use and shall provide these determinations to the council of governments and publish these determinations on the department’s internet website. The methodology submitted by the department may make adjustments based on the region’s total projected households, which includes existing households as well as projected households.



PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 2485
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ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2485

Introduced by Assembly Member Juan Carrillo

February 13, 2024



RN2410150

An act to amend Section 65584.01 of the Government Code, relating to housing.

legislative counsel's digest

AB 2485, as introduced, Juan Carrillo. ~~Planning and zoning: regional~~
~~Regional housing need: need: determination.~~

The Planning and Zoning Law requires each county and city to adopt a comprehensive, long-term general plan for the physical development of the county or city, which includes, among other mandatory elements, a housing element. That law requires, for the 4th and subsequent revisions of the housing element, the Department of Housing and Community Development (department) to determine the existing and projected need for housing for each region, as specified. That law requires the department, in consultation with the council of governments, to determine the existing and projected need of housing for each region in a specified manner. That law requires the department's determination to be based upon population projections produced by the Department of Finance, as specified. That law also requires the department to meet and consult with the council of governments regarding the assumptions and methodologies to be used to determine each region's housing need and requires the council of governments to provide data assumptions from the council of governments' projections, as specified. That law authorizes the department to accept or reject the information provided by the council of governments and, after consultation with each council

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of governments, to make determinations on the council of governments' data assumptions and the methodology the department will use to determine each region's housing need. That law requires the department to provide its determinations to each council of governments, as specified.

This bill would require the department to publish on its internet website the data sources, analyses, and methodology, as specified, prior to finalization of the regional determination. The bill would also require the department, for the 7th and subsequent revisions of the housing element, to assemble and convene an advisory panel that includes, among others, an expert on the data assumptions by each council of governments to advise the department on the assumptions and methodology it will use to determine each region housing need. The bill would also require the department to consult with the advisory panel before making determinations on the council of governments' data assumptions and methodology it will use to determine each region's housing need for the 7th and subsequent revisions of the housing element. The bill would also additionally require the department to publish its determination on its internet website.

~~Existing law, the Planning and Zoning Law, requires the legislative body of each county and city to adopt a comprehensive, long-term general plan for the physical development of the county or city and specified land outside its boundaries that includes, among other mandatory elements, a housing element. For the 4th and subsequent revisions of the housing element, as specified, existing law requires the Department of Housing and Community Development to determine the existing and projected need for housing for each region, as prescribed.~~

~~This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to those provisions.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~-yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

Page 1 1 SECTION 1. Section 65584.01 of the Government Code is
 2 amended to read:
 3 65584.01. For the fourth and subsequent revision of the housing
 4 element pursuant to Section 65588, the department, in consultation
Page 2 5 with each council of governments, where applicable, shall
 1 determine the existing and projected need for housing for each
 2 region in the following manner:

Page 2 3 (a) (1) The department's determination shall be based upon
 4 population projections produced by the Department of Finance
 5 and regional population forecasts used in preparing regional
 6 transportation plans, in consultation with each council of
 7 governments. If the total regional population forecast for the
 8 projection year, developed by the council of governments and used
 9 for the preparation of the regional transportation plan, is within a
 10 range of 1.5 percent of the total regional population forecast for
 11 the projection year by the Department of Finance, then the
 12 population forecast developed by the council of governments shall
 13 be the basis from which the department determines the existing
 14 and projected need for housing in the region. If the difference
 15 between the total population projected by the council of
 16 governments and the total population projected for the region by
 17 the Department of Finance is greater than 1.5 percent, then the
 18 department and the council of governments shall meet to discuss
 19 variances in methodology used for population projections and seek
 20 agreement on a population projection for the region to be used as
 21 a basis for determining the existing and projected housing need
 22 for the region. If agreement is not reached, then the population
 23 projection for the region shall be the population projection for the
 24 region prepared by the Department of Finance as may be modified
 25 by the department as a result of discussions with the council of
 26 governments.

+ (2) *The department shall publish on its internet website the data*
 + *sources, analyses, and methodology, including the assumptions*
 + *and factors used in and applied to the Department of Finance*
 + *projections and engagement process with the council of*
 + *governments, prior to finalization of the regional determination*
 + *pursuant to subdivision (b).*

27 (b) (1) At least 26 months before the scheduled revision
 28 pursuant to Section 65588 and before developing the existing and
 29 projected housing need for a region, the department shall meet and
 30 consult with the council of governments regarding the assumptions
 31 and methodology to be used by the department to determine the
 32 region's housing needs. The council of governments shall provide
 33 data assumptions from the council's projections, including, if
 34 available, the following data for the region:

36 (A) Anticipated household growth associated with projected
 37 population increases.

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Page 2 38 (B) Household size data and trends in household size.
 Page 3 1 (C) The percentage of households that are overcrowded and the
 2 overcrowding rate for a comparable housing market. For purposes
 3 of this subparagraph:
 4 (i) The term “overcrowded” means more than one resident per
 5 room in each room in a dwelling.
 6 (ii) The term “overcrowded rate for a comparable housing
 7 market” means that the overcrowding rate is no more than the
 8 average overcrowding rate in comparable regions throughout the
 9 nation, as determined by the council of governments.
 10 (D) The rate of household formation, or headship rates, based
 11 on age, gender, ethnicity, or other established demographic
 12 measures.
 13 (E) The vacancy rates in existing housing stock, and the vacancy
 14 rates for healthy housing market functioning and regional mobility,
 15 as well as housing replacement needs. For purposes of this
 16 subparagraph, the vacancy rate for a healthy rental housing market
 17 shall be considered no less than 5 percent.
 18 (F) Other characteristics of the composition of the projected
 19 population.
 20 (G) The relationship between jobs and housing, including any
 21 imbalance between jobs and housing.
 22 (H) The percentage of households that are cost burdened and
 23 the rate of housing cost burden for a healthy housing market. For
 24 the purposes of this subparagraph:
 25 (i) The term “cost burdened” means the share of very low, low-,
 26 moderate-, and above moderate-income households that are paying
 27 more than 30 percent of household income on housing costs.
 28 (ii) The term “rate of housing cost burden for a healthy housing
 29 market” means that the rate of households that are cost burdened
 30 is no more than the average rate of households that are cost
 31 burdened in comparable regions throughout the nation, as
 32 determined by the council of governments.
 33 (I) The loss of units during a state of emergency that was
 34 declared by the Governor pursuant to the California Emergency
 35 Services Act (Chapter 7 (commencing with Section 8550) of
 36 Division 1 of Title 2), during the planning period immediately
 37 preceding the relevant revision pursuant to Section 65588 that
 38 have yet to be rebuilt or replaced at the time of the data request.

Page 3 39 (2) The department may accept or reject the information
 40 provided by the council of governments or modify its own
 Page 4 1 assumptions or methodology based on this information. ~~After~~
 2 ~~consultation with the council of governments, the department shall~~
 3 ~~make determinations in writing on the assumptions for each of the~~
 4 ~~factors listed in subparagraphs (A) to (I), inclusive, of paragraph~~
 5 ~~(1) and the methodology it shall use and shall provide these~~
 6 ~~determinations to the council of governments. The methodology~~
 7 ~~submitted by the department may make adjustments based on the~~
 8 ~~region's total projected households, which includes existing~~
 9 ~~households as well as projected households.~~
 + (3) *For the seventh and subsequent revisions of the housing*
 + *element pursuant to Section 65588, the department shall assemble*
 + *and convene an advisory panel to advise the department on its*
 + *assumptions and methodology it shall use. The panel shall be*
 + *composed of all of the following:*
 + (A) *A United States Census Bureau-affiliated practitioner.*
 + (B) *An expert on the data described in subparagraphs (A) to*
 + *(I), inclusive, of paragraph (1).*
 + (C) *A representative from the council of governments.*
 + (4) *After consultation with the council of governments and, for*
 + *the seventh and subsequent revisions of the housing element*
 + *pursuant to Section 65588, the advisory panel described in*
 + *paragraph (3), the department shall make determinations in writing*
 + *on the assumptions for each of the factors listed in subparagraphs*
 + *(A) to (I), inclusive, of paragraph (1) and the methodology it shall*
 + *use and shall provide these determinations to the council of*
 + *governments and publish these determinations on the department's*
 + *internet website. The methodology submitted by the department*
 + *may make adjustments based on the region's total projected*
 + *households, which includes existing households as well as*
 + *projected households.*
 10 (c) (1) After consultation with the council of governments, the
 11 department shall make a determination of the region's existing
 12 and projected housing need based upon the assumptions and
 13 methodology determined pursuant to subdivision (b). The region's
 14 existing and projected housing need shall reflect the achievement
 15 of a feasible balance between jobs and housing within the region
 16 using the regional employment projections in the applicable
 17 regional transportation plan. Within 30 days following notice of

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Page 4 18 the determination from the department, the council of governments
19 may file an objection to the department's determination of the
20 region's existing and projected housing need with the department.
21 (2) The objection shall be based on and substantiate either of
22 the following:
23 (A) The department failed to base its determination on the
24 population projection for the region established pursuant to
25 subdivision (a), and shall identify the population projection that
26 the council of governments believes should instead be used for the
27 determination and explain the basis for its rationale.
28 (B) The regional housing need determined by the department
29 is not a reasonable application of the methodology and assumptions
30 determined pursuant to subdivision (b). The objection shall include
31 a proposed alternative determination of its regional housing need
32 based upon the determinations made in subdivision (b), including
33 analysis of why the proposed alternative would be a more
34 reasonable application of the methodology and assumptions
35 determined pursuant to subdivision (b).
36 (3) If a council of governments files an objection pursuant to
37 this subdivision and includes with the objection a proposed
38 alternative determination of its regional housing need, it shall also
39 include documentation of its basis for the alternative determination.
40 Within 45 days of receiving an objection filed pursuant to this
Page 5 1 section, the department shall consider the objection and make a
2 final written determination of the region's existing and projected
3 housing need that includes an explanation of the information upon
4 which the determination was made.
5 (d) Statutory changes enacted after the date the department
6 issued a final determination pursuant to this section shall not be a
7 basis for a revision of the final determination.

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SANDAG Borders Committee
agenda 3/22/24



Borders Committee Agenda

Friday, March 22, 2024

1 p.m.

Welcome to SANDAG. The Borders Committee meeting scheduled for Friday, March 22, 2024, will be held in person in the SANDAG Board Room. While Borders Committee members will attend in person, members of the public will have the option of participating either in person or virtually.

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We are committed to creating a San Diego region where every person who visits, works, and lives can thrive.

Borders Committee

Friday, March 22, 2024

Comments and Communications

1. Non-Agenda Public Comments/Member Comments

Members of the public shall have the opportunity to address the Borders Committee on any issue within the jurisdiction of the Borders Committee that is not on this agenda. Public speakers are limited to three minutes or less per person. Public comments under this agenda item will be limited to five public speakers. If the number of public comments under this agenda item exceeds five, additional public comments will be taken at the end of the agenda. Borders Committee members and SANDAG staff also may present brief updates and announcements under this agenda item.

Consent

+2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Tessa Lero, Francesca Webb, SANDAG

Approve

The Borders Committee is asked to approve the minutes from its January 26, 2024, meeting.

[Meeting Minutes](#)

Reports

+3. Tijuana River Valley U.S. – Mexico Transborder Pollution Environmental Crisis

Mayor Paloma Aguirre, City of Imperial Beach

Information

Mayor Aguirre will present on the status of the Tijuana River Valley emergency, the comprehensive plan to address the issue, and current implementation challenges.

[Tijuana River Valley U.S. - Environmental Crisis.pdf](#)
[Att. 1- Board Resolution No. 2024-05](#)

+4. Public Health Report on Exposure Risks from Contaminated Water in the Tijuana River Valley

Prof. Paula Stigler-Granados, San Diego State University

Discussion

Prof. Stigler-Granados will discuss how public health impact may extend far further than beach closures due to sewage and toxic spill on the Tijuana River estuary.

[Att. 1 - SDSU Public Health and Tijuana River-white-paper.pdf](#)

5. Cross Border Xpress Update

Jorge Goytortua, Cross Border Xpress

Information

Cross Border Xpress (CBX) is an enclosed pedestrian bridge that connects users of the Tijuana International Airport directly through the U.S.-Mexico border at Otay Mesa. CBX began operating in December 2015, serving the cross-border community. Jorge Goytortua will present an overview of the operation, crossing volumes, and plans to meet future demand.

6. Adjournment

The next Borders Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 26, 2024, at 1 p.m.

+ next to an agenda item indicates an attachment

March 22, 2024

January 26, 2024, Meeting Minutes

[View Meeting Video](#)

Vice Chair Jesus Eduardo Escobar (Imperial County) called the Borders Committee to order at 1:26 p.m.

1. Public Comments/Communications/Member Comments

Truth, member of the public, spoke regarding border issues.

Blair Beekman, member of the public, spoke in support of collaboration with Mexico.

The OriginalDra, member of the public, spoke regarding immigration issues.

Vice Chair Escobar welcomed the new members of the Borders Committee and acknowledged the work of Consul General Carlos González Gutiérrez.

Councilmember Carolina Chavez (South County) acknowledged the work of Consul General Carlos González Gutiérrez.

Consent

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

The Borders Committee is asked to approve the minutes from its September 22, 2023, and its November 15, 2023, meetings.

3. 2025 Regional Plan Tribal and Binational Outreach Summary

This report provided a summary of tribal and binational outreach SANDAG conducted in support of 2025 Regional Plan development.

The OriginalDra spoke regarding immigration issues.

Blair Beekman spoke regarding tribal collaboration on the Regional Plan.

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Chavez and a second by Supervisor Joel Anderson (County of San Diego), the Borders Committee voted to approve the consent agenda.

The motion passed.

Yes: Vice Chair Escobar, Supervisor Anderson, Councilmember Patricia Dillard (East County), and Councilmember Chavez.

No: None.

Abstain: Councilmember Terry Gaasterland (North County Coastal).

Absent: City of San Diego and North County Inland.

Reports

5. 2024 World Design Capital

Mai Nguyen, 2024 World Design Capital, presented updates on the San Diego-Tijuana 2024 World Design Capital, the first binational designation.

Action: Information only.

6. SANDAG's Approach to 2024 World Design Capital

Borders Program Manager Hector Vanegas and Regional Planners Marisa Mangan and Zach Hernandez presented an update on the designation of San Diego-Tijuana binational region as the 2024 World Design Capital and how SANDAG aims to participate.

The Original Dra spoke regarding the climate action plan.

Blair Beekman spoke regarding binational collaboration.

Action: Information only.

4. San Diego and Imperial Counties Sustainable Freight Implementation Strategy

Regional Planner Tim Garrett and Senior Regional Planner Mariela Rodriguez presented an update on the San Diego and Imperial Counties Sustainable Freight Implementation Strategy.

Blair Beekman spoke regarding hydrogen fuel cells as an alternative energy source.

The Original Dra spoke regarding goods movement and climate mitigation.

Action: Information only.

7. Adjournment

The next Borders Committee meeting is Friday, February 23, 2024, at 1 p.m.

Vice Chair Escobar adjourned the meeting at 2:40 p.m.

Confirmed Attendance at Borders Committee Meeting

Jurisdiction	Name	Member/ Alternate	Attended
South County	Carolina Chavez	Member	Yes
	Mitch McKay	Alternate	No
East County	Laura Koval	Member	No
	Patricia Dillard	Alternate	Yes
City of San Diego	Vivian Moreno	Member	No
	Sean Elo-Rivera	Alternate	No
County of San Diego	Joel Anderson	Member	Yes
	Nora Vargas	Alternate	No
Imperial County	Jesus Eduardo Escobar, Vice Chair	Member	Yes
	Luis Plancarte	Alternate	No
North County Coastal	Terry Gaasterland	Member	Yes
	Ryan Keim	Alternate	No
North County Inland	Dane White	Member	No
	Joe Garcia	Alternate	No
Riverside County	Crystal Ruiz	Member	No
	Yxstian Gutierrez	Alternate	No
Republic of Mexico	Carlos González Gutiérrez	Member	No
	Luisana Gonzalez	Alternate	Yes
Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association	Raymond Welch	Member	Yes
	Cody Martinez	Alternate	No
Caltrans	Everett Townsend	Member	No
	Roy Abboud	Alternate	No
	Mario Orso	Alternate	No
San Diego County Water Authority	Valentine Macedo, Jr.	Member	No
	Steve Casteneda	Alternate	No
Southern California Association of Governments	Vacant	Member	
	David C. Salgado	Alternate	No
Orange County	Vacant	Member	
	Vacant	Alternate	

March 22, 2024

Tijuana River Valley U.S. - Mexico Transborder Pollution Environmental Crisis

Overview

On September 22, 2023, the SANDAG Board of Directors adopted [Resolution No. 2024-05](#), (Attachment 1) joining the cities of San Diego and Imperial Beach, and the County of San Diego, in declaring a local emergency in the Tijuana River Valley from sewage, sedimentation and trash, and requesting federal and state action to address the water quality crisis.

Key Considerations

Persistent impact of transborder flows of untreated wastewater in the Tijuana River, excessive discharge of sediment into the Tijuana Estuary during storm events, and the continued impact of trash and waste tires in the Tijuana River Valley have resulted in an international water quality problem along the south San Diego County shoreline. This has resulted in significant impacts to residents and visitors of the Tijuana Slough, Imperial Beach, Silver Strand State Beach, and Coronado. For example, the Tijuana Slough beach area was closed for a total of 246 days in 2021; 365 days in 2022; and 257 days in 2023.

In July 2022, U.S. and Mexican federal agencies, in cooperation with state and local stakeholders, unveiled a comprehensive solution and signed [binational agreements](#) as a commitment to reduce transborder pollution through a suite of capital infrastructure projects on both sides of the border.

The binational agreements outline sanitation projects to be constructed in San Diego and Tijuana using approximately \$330 million from the U.S. government and \$144 million from the Mexican government.

Next Steps

Staff will follow up discussions and recommendations and will continue including this topic in future agendas.

Antoinette Meier, Senior Director of Regional Planning

Attachment 1. Board Resolution No. 2024-05

Action: Information

Mayor Paloma Aguirre (City of Imperial Beach) will present on the status of the Tijuana River Valley emergency, the comprehensive plan to address the issue, and current implementation challenges.

Fiscal Impact:

None.

Schedule/Scope Impact:

None.

Resolution in Support of Local Emergency for U.S.-Mexico Transborder Pollution Environmental Crisis and Request for Federal and State Action

WHEREAS, the City of [Imperial Beach](#), and the [City](#) and [County](#) of San Diego have declared a local emergency from the persistent impact of transborder flows of untreated wastewater in the Tijuana River, excessive discharge of sediment into the Tijuana Estuary during storm events, and the continued impact of trash and waste tires in the Tijuana River Valley; and

WHEREAS, transboundary flow events in the Tijuana River impacts water quality along the south San Diego county shoreline resulting in significant beach including Imperial Beach, Silver Strand State Beach, Tijuana Slough, and Coronado closure days. The Tijuana Slough area closures total 246 days in 2021; 365 days in 2022; and 257 days in 2023.

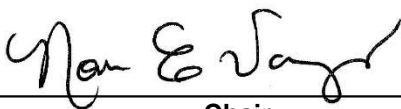
WHEREAS, the presence of pollution is creating unsafe conditions for residents and visitors who live, work, or recreate in the Tijuana River Valley and south San Diego shoreline who may come in contact with contaminated water; and

WHEREAS, in July 2022 U.S. and Mexican federal agencies, in cooperation with state and local stakeholders, have developed a comprehensive solution and signed [binational agreements](#) as a commitment to reduce transborder pollution through a suite of capital infrastructure projects on both sides of the border,

WHEREAS, the binational agreements outline sanitation projects to be constructed in San Diego and Tijuana using approximately \$330 million from the U.S. government and \$144 million from the Mexican government;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the SANDAG Board of Directors:

- 1) Supports the City of Imperial Beach, and City and County of San Diego in their proclamation of a local emergency for the Tijuana River Valley due to transboundary pollution and the work of our congressional delegation to request a federal state of emergency; and
- 2) Requests that the Governor of the State of California and President of the United States proclaim a California and federal state of emergency for the Tijuana River Valley, and
- 3) Will work with federal, state, local agencies, and stakeholders to seek federal and state funding to implement a comprehensive solution consistent with Goal No. 17 of the SANDAG 2023 Legislative Program, and
- 4) Will utilize the SANDAG Borders Committee as a forum for collaboration to help address the transborder pollution environmental crisis occurring in the Tijuana River Valley.



Chair

Attest:



Secretary

Member Agencies: Cities of Carlsbad, Chula Vista, Coronado, Del Mar, El Cajon, Encinitas, Escondido, Imperial Beach, La Mesa, Lemon Grove, National City, Oceanside, Poway, San Diego, San Marcos, Santee, Solana Beach, Vista, and County of San Diego.

Advisory Members: California Department of Transportation, Metropolitan Transit System, North County Transit District, Imperial County, U.S. Department of Defense, Port of San Diego, San Diego County Water Authority, Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association, and Mexico.

Tijuana River Contamination from Urban Runoff and Sewage: A Public Health Crisis at the Border

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Introduction

The Tijuana River flows north from Tijuana into the Tijuana River and Estuary (TJRE) in the US, emptying into the Pacific Ocean at Imperial Beach, CA (Figure 1). The TJRE is severely contaminated by untreated sewage, industrial waste, and urban run-off due to inadequate infrastructure and urbanization and the watershed is classified as an impaired water body according to the U.S. Clean Water Act.¹⁻⁷ This contamination is a persistent environmental and **public health threat** with major economic, legal, social, and **health implications** for the nearby California communities such as San Ysidro and Imperial Beach, who have long been concerned about this devastating problem. Threats to public health include known concerns posed by any exposure to untreated sewage in the U.S., but of special concern and specific to this watershed are the unusual threats to health from pollutants arising in Mexico, including human and livestock diseases eradicated in California, pathogens carrying antibiotic-resistant genes, and industrial and municipal chemicals not permitted to be discharged into the environment in California, among others. Heavy rainfall events, including the recent Hurricane Hilary, have caused further damage to the aging infrastructure and continue to overwhelm the systems on both sides of the border, exacerbating concerns.⁸ Extreme events related to climate change are only anticipated to become more frequent and intense, increasing the urgency for a solution to this crisis.⁹⁻¹¹ Contaminated water is flowing into the ocean year-round, and, especially after rain events, has forced beach closures in the region for several years (Figure 2)^{12,13}; however, this problem does not just adversely affect beachgoers and surfers exposed to contaminated seawater. Exposures impact the health of people who live and work nearby like children, seniors, lifeguards, military personnel, border patrol officers and other at-risk populations.¹⁴ Current regulation and monitoring measures are inadequate in relation to known contaminants yet the potential health risks to surrounding communities from **harmful viruses, bacteria and parasites as well as toxic chemicals in water and air**, presenting a pressing **public health crisis**.¹⁵⁻¹⁸

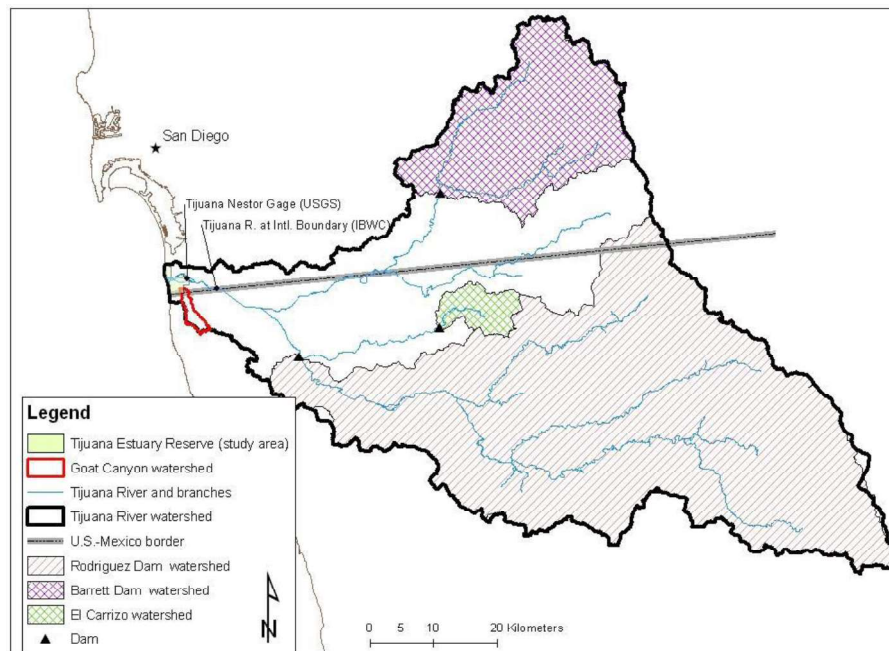


Figure1. Map of the Tijuana River Watershed, from Biggs, et.al. ¹⁹

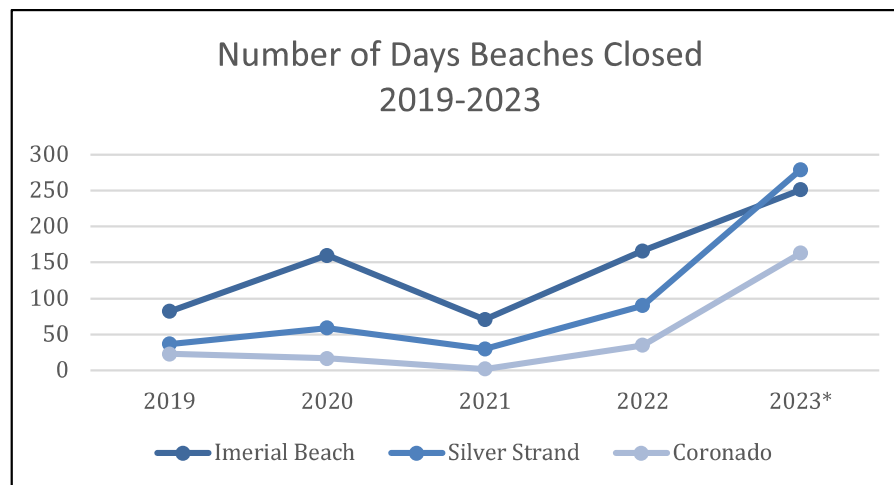


Figure 2. Beach closures due to contamination, 2019-2023, *data as of October 20,2023 from San Diego County Department of Environmental Health and Quality

What's in the soil, water, and the air?

Water Contamination

Multiple studies over the last decade done by our team at SDSU and other regional experts have shown the presence of **serious pathogens** such as viruses and bacteria, including SARS-CoV-2 and Hepatitis in the water sampled from the TJRE.^{2,5,13,20-25} These pathogens pose a serious health risk to both humans and aquatic species.²⁶⁻²⁹ One recent example of an emerging zoonotic pathogen of concern impacting our local

aquatic system was documented in bottle nosed dolphins found stranded in San Diego. The animals were found to have died from sepsis caused by a bacterium called *Erysipelothrix rhusiopathiae*, which is generally transmitted through contact with feces or urine in contaminated water, food or soil.²⁷ The authors of the study also noted an increase in the number of stranded dolphins in the region, indicating that changes in their environment or exposures to contaminated water could be causing illness and subsequent death. These dolphins serve as sentinels for the risk of possible human exposures to dangerous bacteria such as *E. rhusiopathiae* by both recreational water users and through occupational health exposures.³⁰

Research into the extent of **chemical contamination** has been sporadic, however studies by local government agencies have reported high levels of metals, pesticides, herbicides, volatile organic carbons (VOCs), and semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs).^{13,20,31} Additionally, researchers have found highly concentrated toxicants such as acetone, methanol, xylene, plasticizers, hormones, and flame retardants.^{32,33} Another recent study by SDSU experts identified 392 organic chemical contaminants in the border water by applying a novel analytical approach, mass spectrometry based nontargeted analysis. Out of the 392 identified compounds, 224 appeared on a regulatory list, and 175 appeared in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agencies Toxic Substance Control Act. A substantial number of **contaminants of emerging concern** were detected in the water for the first time.³

Another developing threat recently found through the application of metagenomic analysis by SDSU researchers is the significantly elevated levels of microbes carrying antibiotic-resistant genes (ARG), including beta-lactamases (resistant to antibiotics including penicillin), and resistant strains of *E. coli* and *Legionella*, which are of considerable public health concern.^{23,34} This study also revealed the presence of microbial species that are not routinely monitored but are potential pathogens such as *Acrobacter cryaerophilus*, which can cause severe gastrointestinal illness, and was the most common species of bacteria found.³⁴⁻³⁷ Other pathogens that can cause significant illness were identified and included bacteria such as *Salmonella enterica*, *Vibrio parahaemolyticus*, *Streptococcus pneumoniae*, *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* and *Listeria monocytogenes*, parasites like *Trichomonas vaginalis*, and viruses such as HIV-1, Hepatitis B and C.²³ These findings indicate the **potential for community exposure to harmful pathogens including antibiotic resistant varieties** due to cross-border sewage contamination and illustrate the need for increased surveillance of a broader range of contaminants.

Air Contamination

Air contamination originating from nearby impaired water bodies and contaminated ocean water is a concern and is a pathway of exposure that has hardly been studied.^{15,16,38-41} A recent study examining air over the coastal waters near TJRE

documented airborne microbes and chemicals related to the sewage and runoff over the ocean.¹⁵ However, no studies have been conducted inside communities where people live, work and play. Contaminated air from the nearby Tijuana River outflows can possibly diffuse across the community of San Ysidro and Imperial Beach and enter homes, childcare centers, schools, and potentially **increase the health risks of local community members without any direct water contact**. Community concerns about strong odors and pollution within San Ysidro from the Tijuana River have been frequently reported.^{42,43} Air mass transport patterns that can potentially transfer pollutants to border communities are not well characterized. While long-range transport of persistent chemicals transferring from water to air has a strong theoretical basis^{18,44-46}, and is a well-known cause of global chemical contamination, pollution transfer to air basins inside communities next to or near impaired water bodies has not been thoroughly explored and poses a potentially serious health threat to already at-risk communities.^{40,47-49} This is an area of urgent need for increased monitoring and surveillance.

Soil Contamination

Analysis conducted on soil sediments in and around the Tijuana River and Estuary by the authors and others have detected over 170 organic chemicals and inorganic elements including toxic polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), banned pesticides such as chlordane and DDT, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), heavy metals, and phthalates.^{4,49-53} Many of the detected contaminants are a direct result of the transboundary sewage flows and are known to be **persistent, bio-accumulative, carcinogenic, toxic** and can be **resuspended in water and air** during weather events in both the wet and dry seasons, exposing nearby communities.^{4,53} San SDSU experts found significant levels of harmful chemical contaminants in the soil from Los Laureles-Goat Canyon, a sub watershed located within the Tijuana River Watershed. Arsenic and cadmium concentrations were higher than the EPA recommended levels (0.07 ppm for arsenic and 1.7 ppm for cadmium) in soil samples taken from Los Laureles Canyon and TJRE (Figure 3).⁵⁴ Bisphenol A (BPA) and triclosan were also high and comparable to concentrations found in sewage sludge and soils amended with sewage sludge.⁵⁴ The results of this study indicate that the heavy metals and organic contaminants in the soil are not just coming from solid waste disposal sources but are also from wastewater flows and pose a health risk to residents in the area. Exposure to these contaminants may come from ingestion, respiration or/and dermal contact and are known to have significant harmful effects on humans and wildlife.⁵⁵⁻⁵⁸

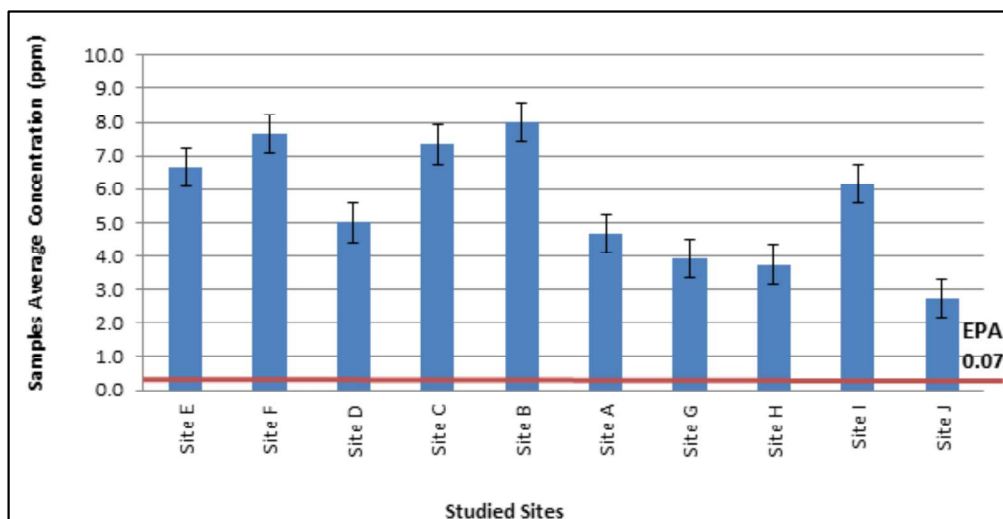


Figure 3. Average concentrations of arsenic found at study sites in Los Laureles Canyon and TJRE, A-F are sites in Mexico and G-J are sites in the U.S., n=22⁵⁴

Exposures Pathways and Risks

Dangerous pathogens and chemicals in contaminated waters pose a spectrum of short and long-term health risks, spanning gastrointestinal illnesses to neurological disorders.^{26,59} Sewage and runoff are reservoirs for diverse and prevalent pathogenic bacteria (including antibiotic resistant), viruses, harmful chemicals, and pollutants that can cause both acute and long-term health consequences, especially when being chronically exposed.^{34,60} Contaminated soils from years of transborder flows of polluted waters are laden with dangerous and toxic legacy chemicals, and when they enter the waterways or become airborne during dry weather seasons, they present major health concerns for residents and workers. Exposure pathways include contact/touching, leading to ingestion, either through contaminated soil, water or house dust, and this pathway may be especially significant for infants and toddlers. Inhalation is also a pathway of exposure, as these dangerous contaminants can also be airborne.^{15,40,61} Contaminated aerosols can be transported over land and deposited through various mechanisms, exposing residents and workers by inhalation.⁶¹



Figure 4. Photos taken of the TJRE during sampling events by SDSU researchers, courtesy of Dr. Kari Sant

Public Health Significance

Community concerns and the documented presence in the Tijuana River and Estuary of toxic chemicals and human and animal pathogens, especially antibiotic resistant pathogens, demands urgent attention. Monitoring for a wide suite of chemicals and microbes in water and air is necessary to characterize the risks and geographic extent of the contamination to our region. In addition, special populations within this area may be at heightened risk, including workers such as lifeguards, other outdoor workers and border patrol agents, pregnant women, with their increased risk from exposure to chemical and microbial pollutants, and children, who are both highly susceptible and at increased risk of exposures due to hand-to-mouth behaviors. The possibility for a **heightened incidence of illnesses** linked to the influx and constant exposure to wastewater into California communities along the U.S.-Mexico border should be investigated. New analytical tools (e.g. non-targeted analysis of chemicals and microbial genomes) that allow characterization of a wide range of chemical and microbial pollutants much beyond the contaminants currently measured should be used to help paint a better picture of the magnitude of the problem. Especially, **poorly understood pathways of exposure should be carefully and explicitly studied**, such as

exposures through breathing community air and through particulate matter and dust deposited on

surfaces touched by children. The potential for acute infectious diseases as well as long-term health impacts in both humans and animals necessitates comprehensive monitoring and more research. Health data collection for environmental epidemiology, a robust monitoring program assessing chemicals and pathogens correlated to toxicity and a broad suite of microbial risks should be considered. A multidisciplinary approach such as this is critical for understanding the current ecological and human health risks prevalent in the region and to determine best solutions for reducing the flow of sewage and improving public health.

Environmental Justice

The U.S. border communities of San Ysidro and Imperial Beach are located directly adjacent to the border and are both within the boundaries of the Tijuana River Watershed. Both cities are characterized as having a majority of residents who are resource limited and economically marginalized with an overall elevated risk of chronic diseases compared to surrounding cities in San Diego county.⁶² Increased exposure to soil, air and waterborne contaminants from the pollution in the region could be one potential factor for the increased risk of disease. Also, despite being on the coast, both cities are designated as being “park poor”.⁶³ By definition this means that there is less than three acres of green space per 1,000 residents, and there is inequitable access to these green spaces and their quality is subpar.⁶⁴ A qualitative study looking at community perceptions of their environment and the sewage contamination issues demonstrated that the majority of youth living in or near Imperial Beach are “disgusted” with the environmental issues and feel the beaches and water are unsafe.⁶⁵ This environmental injustice has created both real and perceived barriers for these communities to access outdoor spaces and healthy environments. These current environmental health challenges faced in the region may have lasting effects that will be difficult to mitigate if urgent action is not taken.

Next Steps

To better understand the human and environmental risks both short term and long term imposed by this public health crisis and environmental disaster, activities focused on **monitoring of environmental contaminants and investigating nearby community exposures and health effects** are urgently needed, especially exposures to at-risk individuals. Collaborations among healthcare professionals, public health departments, researchers, local organizations, and government agencies are necessary to ensure adequate data access and collection to provide evidence-based solutions and allocate appropriate resources. Investments by Congress and federal and state agencies are desperately needed to not only slow and prevent the ongoing and egregious contamination but to also assess the health and environmental harm that has occurred

as a result. Strategic planning amongst partners in both Mexico and the U.S. to prioritize infrastructure investments and find a reliable funding stream to implement improvements is of utmost urgency and should be prioritized to prevent further harm to the residents, visitors, workers and wildlife in our region.⁶⁶

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SAWPA OWOW Steering Committee
agenda 3/28/24



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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
OWOW STEERING COMMITTEE
SAWPA, 11615 STERLING AVENUE, RIVERSIDE, CA 92503**

THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2024 – 11:00 A.M.

AGENDA

- 1. CALL TO ORDER | PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (Brenda Dennstedt, Convener)**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Members of the public may address the Committee on items within the jurisdiction of the Committee; however, no action may be taken on an item not appearing on the agenda unless the action is otherwise authorized by Government Code §54954.2(b).

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- 4. ITEMS TO BE ADDED OR DELETED**

Pursuant to Government Code §54954.2(b), items may be added on which there is a need to take immediate action and the need for action came to the attention of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority subsequent to the posting of the agenda.



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5. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed on the Consent Calendar are considered routine and non-controversial and will be acted upon by the Committee by one motion as listed below.

A. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: NOVEMBER 16, 2023

Recommendation: Approve as posted.

B. GRANT ADMINISTRATION UPDATE

Recommendation: Approve as posted

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. GRANT FUNDED PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS: REPLENISH BIG BEAR PROJECT (SC#2024.1)

Presenter: Marie Jauregui

Recommendation: Receive and file.

B. INTEGRATED CLIMATE ADAPTATION AND RESILIENCY PROGRAM REGIONAL RESILIENCE PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION GRANT PROGRAM AWARD AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE SANTA ANA RIVER WATERSHED CLIMATE ADAPTATION AND RESILIENCE PLAN (SC#2024.2)

Presenter: Rachel Gray

Recommendation: Receive and file.

C. OVERVIEW OF HEADWATERS RESILIENCY PARTNERSHIP AND FOREST FIRST JOINT PRESENTATION BETWEEN SAWPA AND SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT (SC#2024.3)

Presenter: Rachel Gray

Recommendation: Receive and file.

D. WEATHER MODIFICATION PILOT PROGRAM UPDATE (SC#2024.4)

Presenter: Rachel Gray

Recommendation: Receive and file.

7. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

8. CHAIR'S COMMENTS/REPORT

9. COMMITTEE MEMBERS' COMMENTS

10. REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

11. ADJOURNMENT



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2024 OWOW Steering Committee Regular Meetings

Fourth Thursday of Every Other Month (January, March, May, July, September, November)

(Note: All meetings begin at 11:00 a.m., unless otherwise noticed, and are held at SAWPA.)

January	March
1/25/24 Regular Committee Meeting [cancelled]	3/28/24 Regular Committee Meeting
May	July
5/23/24 Regular Committee Meeting	7/25/24 Regular Committee Meeting
September	November
9/26/24 Regular Committee Meeting	11/21/24* Regular Committee Meeting*

* Meeting date adjusted due to conflicting holiday.



Western Riverside Council of Governments

WRCOG Executive Committee

Staff Report

Subject: TUMF Program Activities Update: Approval of One TUMF Reimbursement Agreement Amendment

Contact: Brian Piche-Cifuentes, Transportation Analyst I, bpiche-cifuentes@wrcog.us, (951) 405-6705

Date: April 1, 2024

Recommended Action(s):

1. Authorize the Executive Director to execute a TUMF Reimbursement Agreement Amendment No. 1 between WRCOG and the City of Calimesa for all phases of the I-10 / Singleton Road Interchange Project in an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000.

Summary:

The City of Calimesa is requesting and amendment to update its TUMF Reimbursement Agreement with WRCOG. This initiative involves an investment of up to \$2M dollars which will be directed towards the I-10 / Singleton Road Interchange Project and will allow for significant enhancements in roads and transportation systems throughout the subregion. Such an investment will improve the infrastructure, stimulate economic growth, reduce traffic congestion, and enhance the overall quality of life for residents and businesses in the area.

Purpose / WRCOG 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Goal:

The purpose of this item is to request approval of one TUMF Reimbursement Agreement Amendment. This effort aligns with WRCOG's 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Goal #5 (Develop projects and programs that improve infrastructure and sustainable development in our subregion).

Discussion:

Background

WRCOG's TUMF Program is a subregional fee program designed to provide transportation and transit infrastructure that mitigates the impact of new growth in western Riverside County. A Reimbursement Agreement is a document between WRCOG and a member agency that allows WRCOG to provide funding for TUMF expenses incurred for the Planning, Design, Engineering, and/or Construction phase(s) of a TUMF project. To enter into a Reimbursement Agreement, the funding for the project must first be allocated in the appropriate TUMF Zone Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). TUMF Agreements and Amendments are initiated by their respective agencies when that agency is ready for

the infrastructure development.

A TUMF Credit Agreement is a document between WRCOG, a member agency, and a developer, and allows WRCOG to provide credit towards TUMF fees. This credit is established by work completed for the Planning, Design, Engineering, and/or Construction Phase(s) of a TUMF facility. To enter into a Credit Agreement, the project must have eligible funding identified in WRCOG's current TUMF Nexus Study. TUMF Credit Agreements give credit for eligible infrastructure built as part of new development. Developers contribute to the TUMF Program through direct work on facilities. The maximum amount of credit a developer can receive is determined through the TUMF Nexus Study project list.

Present Situation

TUMF Reimbursement Agreement Amendment:

1. The I-10 / Singleton Road Interchange Project (20-PS-CAL-1208) set the amount of funding in the Construction Phase to an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000. An increase in project funding has now been requested by the City of Calimesa in an Amendment not to exceed a total of \$5,000,000.

Prior Action(s):

November 2, 2021: The Executive Committee authorized the Executive Director to execute a TUMF Reimbursement Agreement with the City of Calimesa for I-10 / Singleton Road Interchange Project for an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.

Financial Summary:

TUMF-related activities are included in the Agency's most recently approved Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) under their respective Zones.

Attachment(s):

[Attachment 1 - TUMF Reimbursement Agreement - I-10-Singleton Interchange Project](#)

Attachment

TUMF Reimbursement
Agreement with the City of
Calimesa – Amendment No. 1
– I-10/Singleton Road
Interchange Project

**AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO TRANSPORTATION UNIFORM MITIGATION FEE
PROGRAM AGREEMENT TO REIMBURSE TUMF FUNDS**

I-10/SINGLETON ROAD INTERCHANGE PROJECT

This Amendment No. 1 to Transportation Uniform Mitigation Fee Program Agreement (“Amendment No. 1”) is entered into this _____ day of _____, 2024, by and between the **WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (“WRCOG”)** and the **CITY OF CALIMESA (“AGENCY”)**. **WRCOG** and the **AGENCY** are sometimes referred to individually as “**PARTY**” and collectively as “**PARTIES**.”

RECITALS

A. **WHEREAS, WRCOG** and the **AGENCY** have entered into an agreement titled “Transportation Uniform Mitigation Fee Program Agreement to Reimburse TUMF Funds” that is dated November 2, 2021 (“**AGREEMENT**”). The **AGREEMENT** provides the terms and conditions, scope of work, schedule and funding amount for the construction phase of the **I-10/SINGLETON ROAD INTERCHANGE PROJECT** (hereinafter the “**PROJECT**”),

B. **WHEREAS, WRCOG** and Pass Zone Members approved the FY’23-’24 Pass Zone 5-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) designating \$5 million for the **PROJECT**, \$3 million for FY’23-’24 and \$2 million for FY’24-’25. Funds were designated for Construction,

C. **WHEREAS,** the development funding the **AGENCY**’s application with Caltrans using the Streamlined Oversight Processing halted operations,

D. **WHEREAS,** the **AGENCY** desires to complete Caltrans processing and construction of the interchange improvements,

E. **WHEREAS**, the **AGENCY** desires to amend the **AGREEMENT** to redistribute the '23-'24 funding amounts,

F. **WHEREAS**, the **AGENCY** has incurred costs for PA&ED and PS&E, and

G. **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 33 of the **AGREEMENT**, the **PARTIES** mutually agree to amend the **AGREEMENT**.

AGREEMENT

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and subject to the conditions contained herein, the **PARTIES** hereby agree as follows:

1. The Funding Amount contained in Section 2 of the **AGREEMENT** is hereby increased by three million dollars (\$3,000,000) from two million dollars (\$2,000,000) to an amount not to exceed not to five million dollars (\$5,000,000).

2. The foregoing increase in the Funding Amount is within the Maximum TUMF Share.

3. Exhibits "A", "A-1", and "A-2" of the **AGREEMENT** are hereby replaced in their entirety by Exhibits "A", "A-1", and "A-2" of this Amendment No. 1, which are attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

4. The **AGENCY** desires to receive reimbursement for amounts expended to date and will invoice upon execution of this Amendment No. 1.

5. The above-stated Recitals are hereby fully incorporated into this Amendment No. 1.

6. Except to the extent specifically modified or amended hereunder, all of the terms, covenants and conditions of the **AGREEMENT** shall remain in full force and effect between the **PARTIES** hereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the **PARTIES** have caused this Amendment No. 1 to be executed by their duly authorized representatives to be effective on the day and year first written above.

WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNCIL
OF GOVERNMENTS

CITY OF CALIMESA

By: _____
Dr. Kurt Wilson, Executive Director

By: _____
William Davis, Mayor

Approved to Form:

Approved to Form:

By: _____
Steven C. DeBaun
General Counsel

By: _____
Quinn Borrow
City Attorney

Attest:

By: _____
Darlene Gerdes,
City Clerk

EXHIBIT “A”**SCOPE OF SERVICES**

1. **SCOPE OF WORK:** The **AGENCY**, in coordination with Caltrans, proposes to complete a partial interchange at Interstate 10/Singleton Road Interchange to improve traffic circulation and provide traffic congestion relief. The project proposes to add westbound entrance ramp and an eastbound exit ramp to complete the interchange. The project includes installation of traffic signals, right turn lanes, drainage system improvements, and retaining walls. Funds will be used for PA&ED, PS&E, Right-of-Way, and Construction.

EXHIBIT “A-1”
ESTIMATE OF COST

Phase	TUMF	LOCAL	TOTAL
PA&ED	\$300,000	\$0	\$300,000
PS&E	\$600,000	\$0	\$600,000
RIGHT OF WAY	\$2,100,000	\$0	\$2,100,000
CONSTRUCTION	\$2,000,000	\$8,000,000	\$10,000,000
TOTAL	\$5,000,000	\$8,000,000	\$13,000,000

EXHIBIT “A-2”**PROJECT SCHEDULE****TIMETABLE:**

Phase	Estimated Completion Date	Estimated Cost	Comments
PA&ED	Aug ‘24	\$300,000	
PS&E	Dec ‘24	\$600,000	
RIGHT OF WAY	Apr ‘25	\$2,100,000	
CONSTRUCTION	Apr ‘26	\$10,000,000	
TOTAL		\$13,000,000	



Western Riverside Council of Governments WRCOG Executive Committee

Staff Report

Subject: Regional Food Rescue & Technical Assistance Program Activities Update
Contact: Olivia Sanchez, Program Manager, osanchez@wrcog.us, (951) 405-6721
Date: April 1, 2024

Recommended Action(s):

1. Receive and file.
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Summary:

The Regional Food Rescue Program (RFRP), a partnership between WRCOG and five of its member agencies, aims to identify edible food waste generators, connect them with food rescue organizations, and provide education on waste reduction. Progress includes outreach to businesses, social media content creation, workshops, addressing resource gaps, surveying Food Rescue Organizations, and implementing a formal complaint system.

Purpose / WRCOG 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Goal:

The purpose of this item is to provide an update of the Regional Food Rescue Program activities. This effort aligns with WRCOG's 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Goal #6 (Develop and implement programs that support resilience for our region) and sub-goal #6.3 (Continuing to support the Solid Waste and Recycling Program).

Discussion:

Background

Senate Bill (SB) 1383 is a 'short-lived climate pollutant' bill that addresses reducing organic waste disposal by 75% and rescuing at least 20% of currently disposed surplus food by the year 2025. Organic waste in landfills emits 20% of the state's methane. SB 1383 outlines specific mandatory requirements for local jurisdictions to undertake to meet these goals. Jurisdictions that fail to comply with SB 1383 requirements could be subject to financial penalties.

WRCOG has been updating its member agencies regarding SB 1383 in a variety of means, including regular meetings of its Solid Waste Committee and other Committees. In addition, WRCOG issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a consultant to provide a scope of work and associated costs for an edible food rescue program. The selected proposer, MSW Consultants, is working on the following areas:

- Project management - team coordination.
- Capacity and compliance - food recovery agencies, Tier I & Tier II edible food waste compliance.
 - Tiers relate to the size and type of each facility / business. Tier I includes supermarkets with over \$2M or more in annual gross sales, grocery stores with a total facility size equal to or greater than 10,000 square feet, food service providers, food distributors, and wholesale food vendors. Tier II includes restaurants with 250 or more seats, or a total facility size equal to or greater than 5,000 square feet, hotels with an onsite food facility and 200 or more rooms, health facilities with an onsite food facility and 100 or more beds, large venues, large events, state agencies with a cafeteria with 250 or more seats or total cafeteria facility size equal to or greater than 5,000 square feet, and local education agency facilities with an onsite food facility.
- Public outreach - communication & education plan, research, surveys, audience mapping, and media audit.
- Implementation of outreach and education plan.
- Inspection schedule and plan - Tier I & Tier II.
- Regional food recovery plan - CAREIT mobile application database and written plan Final Report.

Five cities are participating in this project: Jurupa Valley, Moreno Valley, Murrieta, Perris, and San Jacinto. The total cost is \$299,845 for the first year. The agreement term for this project is three years from the date of execution with the option of two, one-year extensions. The agreement includes a "not to exceed" clause and is specific to task orders for each participating city, whereby work cannot commence until approved and ordered by the Executive Committee. Each task order will identify which tasks in the scope will be performed by MSW Consultants for each city. The WRCOG administrative fee for each agreement with participating cities is 7.5% of the total for each city, which WRCOG will bill accordingly.

Present Situation

MSW Consultants and their subcontractors, DeGrave Communications and Mariposa Eco Consulting, worked together to develop an implementation plan to complete inspections of Tier I and Tier II edible food generators. Inspections commenced after participating agencies approved and reviewed outreach materials. The consultant is working with WRCOG staff to inspect food rescue organizations and food service organizations.

The implementation plans identified the edible food waste generators, developing education and outreach pieces, setting up meetings with the participating cities, developing marketing and collateral pieces to ensure proper education of Tier I and Tier II generators, and ultimately, scheduling inspections to occur in the months of October through December 31, 2024. Staff has been working with the contractors to review materials, meet with participating cities, provide feedback, and work with CalRecycle on approvals and direction.

MSW Consultants, in collaboration with Mariposa Eco Consulting, have successfully conducted inspections of all Tier I and Tier II food waste generators within the jurisdictions of participating member agencies. Outreach education efforts targeted Edible Food Generators (EFGs) Tier I and Tier II businesses, providing comprehensive information and demonstrations on utilizing the food rescue application, CAREIT. This included instructions on how to add administrators, post food for rescue, select a specific Food Rescue Organization (FRO), and view posts and reports. The businesses showed a positive response to the information and requirements outlined in SB 1383, understanding their

assorted options. However, a consistent challenge observed across many participating jurisdictions and neighboring cities is the limited capacity for FROs to rescue hot or prepared food. Only a select few have the capability to collect such prepared foods, and even then, it is subject to specific exceptions.

The challenge of food rescue, particularly concerning prepared food, poses a significant issue for cities in western Riverside County. The existing gap in resources demands urgent attention from municipalities, aligning with the provisions set forth by SB 1383 and enforced by CalRecycle. To ensure compliance with these regulations, cities must proactively address the inadequacy in the current food rescue infrastructure. This necessitates the cultivation of partnerships with organizations capable of managing prepared food, the establishment of efficient logistical frameworks, and the implementation of comprehensive strategies to bridge the existing gap. By undertaking these measures, WRCOG member cities can not only meet regulatory requirements, but also contribute to the reduction of food waste and the promotion of a more sustainable community.

WRCOG staff has maintained effective communication with CalRecycle in order to emphasize the importance of jurisdictions to address crucial aspects, such as the acceptance of hot or prepared food to align with the requirements of SB 1383. Recognizing the significance of this legislation, which targets organic waste reduction, WRCOG staff has actively engaged with CalRecycle to facilitate discussion around compliance and ensure the successful implementation of SB 1383 mandates. To gain a comprehensive understanding of the FROs and community needs regarding the acceptance of hot and prepared foods, WRCOG and MSW Consultants are in the process of meeting with FROs to conduct assessments of those needs and gaps via a detailed survey.

Year two of this project will focus on the required capacity planning due to Riverside County for CalRecycle in August 2024, continuing outreach / education to EFGs and FROs, and inspections which are required every year. WRCOG staff will schedule a meeting with current participating member agencies. Those member agencies not participating still have an opportunity to consider joining for year two.

Prior Action(s):

None.

Financial Summary:

Activities related to the Food Rescue and Technical Assistance initiatives are not currently included in the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 budget; however, a budget amendment has been brought forward to amend accordingly. This is primarily due to the fact that agreements with participating agencies were not fully executed at the time of the budget being adopted. These activities will be budgeted under the Solid Waste Program (1038) in the General Fund (110).

Attachment(s):

[Attachment 1 - FRO-FRS Capacity Planning Survey](#)

FRO/FRS Capacity Planning Survey

The survey will take approximately 5 minutes to complete.

* Required

1. Name of organization *

2. Street name and number *

3. City and zip code *

4. Contact name *

5. Phone number *

6. Email address *

7. Distribution days and hours *

8. Eligibility requirements *

9. Food Bank Affiliation

10. How much food is currently being recovered in pounds at each facility?
(Meal = 1.2 pounds, Bag of food = 20 pounds, Average family in CA = 2.94) *

11. What is the max edible food donation capacity? List by facility if your business has multiple operations within the jurisdiction. *

12. How much additional food recovery capacity is available each month?
Please use variables above to calculate in pounds. *

13. What kind of food is accepted for recovery? *

- ☐ Fresh produce
- ☐ Non-perishable / Shelf-stable foods
- ☐ Fresh grocery requiring refrigeration
- ☐ Baked goods
- ☐ Frozen prepared foods
- ☐ Cold prepared foods
- ☐ Hot prepared foods
- ☐ None or N/A
- ☐ Other

14. What types of food donors do you typically recover food from? *

- ☐ Supermarkets and grocery stores
- ☐ Big box warehouse stores (i.e. Walmart, Costco, Target, etc.)
- ☐ Food wholesalers
- ☐ Food distributors
- ☐ Restaurants
- ☐ Corporate cafeterias
- ☐ Hotels
- ☐ Hospitals
- ☐ Large events
- ☐ Large venues (i.e. stadiums, amusement parks, airports)
- ☐ K-12 schools
- ☐ Universities
- ☐ Food producers (i.e. farms and growers)
- ☐ Food manufacturers
- ☐ Other

15. Are there plans to purchase or build new infrastructure? *

16. How many new food donors can you add? *

17. If you cannot accept any more food or food donors, what is most needed to recover additional food and begin working with new donors? *

18. What new infrastructure needs to be built and does it require new funding? *

19. If there are plans to build new infrastructure including new food recovery services, what would be their capacity and estimated time of commencement? *

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Western Riverside Council of Governments

WRCOG Executive Committee

Staff Report

Subject: 2024 General Assembly Community Service Awards

Contact: Bonnie Woodrome, Manager, Communications and External Affairs,
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Date: April 1, 2024

Recommended Action(s):

1. Approve nominations from the Administration & Finance Committee for the 2024 Awards for Outstanding Community Service to be presented at the General Assembly & Leadership Address.

Summary:

The WRCOG Community Service Awards recognize individuals and groups in western Riverside County who significantly contribute beyond their roles to support the community, with nominations provided by WRCOG member agencies and selected through a process involving the Executive Committee. This process culminates in honoring the awardees at the annual General Assembly & Leadership Address. This year, three individuals and two groups are recommended for the award.

Purpose / WRCOG 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Goal:

The purpose of this item is to present nominations for consideration of Community Service Awards to be presented at the 2024 General Assembly & Leadership Address. This item aligns with WRCOG's 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Goal #4 (Communicate proactively about the role and activities of the Council of Governments).

Discussion:

WRCOG's Community Service Awards highlight community members that have gone above and beyond their respective roles and responsibilities to support western Riverside County. The role of the Administration & Finance Committee is to serve as the nominating body for the Community Service Awards.

WRCOG member agency representatives provide nominations, which are then considered by the Administration & Finance Committee, which makes a recommendation to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee then makes the final selection, and the awardees are then honored at WRCOG's Annual General Assembly & Leadership Address.

This year, staff notified member agencies on February 16, 2024, that the nomination period was open.

The nomination period closed on Friday, March 8, 2024.

At its March 13, 2024, meeting, staff presented to the Administration & Committee the list of nominees for review and discussion. This year, a total of eight nominations were received for the Community Service Awards.

The process for award nomination and selection includes the following:

1. Staff notifies member agencies' elected officials and staff that the nomination period is open.
2. Applications are submitted to WRCOG.
3. WRCOG compiles all nominations. Staff presents all submitted nominations to the Administration & Finance Committee for review and discussion.
4. The Administration & Finance Committee provides a recommendation of award recipients to the Executive Committee.
5. The Executive Committee approves award recipients.
6. Award recipients are honored at the General Assembly & Leadership Address.

The list below outlines the approved Community Service Award selection guidelines for this year's nomination process:

1. Recipient exhibits exemplary volunteerism;
2. Recipient is not a current public elected official;
3. Recipient is not currently employed by a WRCOG member agency; and
4. There are two award categories: individual and group.

After review and discussion, the Administration & Finance Committee recommended the following nominees:

Individual:

1. Dan Gonse - nominated by Council member Joseph Morabito and Mayor Bridget Moore, City of Wildomar
2. Noland Turnage - nominated by Council member Rita Rogers, City of Perris
3. Tracy Davis - nominated by Supervisor Karen Spiegel, County of Riverside

Group:

1. Leaps and Bounds Pediatric Therapy - nominated by Mayor Kevin Bash, City of Norco
2. Blue Star Mothers H.O.M.E. - nominated by Supervisor Karen Spiegel, County of Riverside

All nominations are included in the attachments to this Staff Report.

Prior Action(s):

March 13, 2024: The Administration & Finance Committee recommended three individuals and two groups for consideration this year.

February 14, 2024: The Administration & Finance Committee approved the Community Service Award

selection guidelines.

Financial Summary:

Activities related to the WRCOG General Assembly & Leadership Address are included in the WRCOG Supporting Foundation's Fiscal Year 2023/2024 budget.

Attachment(s):

[Attachment 1 - Community Service Awards 2024 Individual nominations](#)

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Attachment
WRCOG Community Service
Award Nominations:
Individual

Community Service Awards 2024:

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Individuals

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Joseph Morabito

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City of Wildomar

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* Name of nominee

Dan Gonse

*** Phone Number of nominee**

7144460271

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rarew30@gmail.com

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* Name of nominator

Bridgette Moore

* Title of nominator

Mayor

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City of Wildomar

* Phone number of nominator

9512190951

* Email address of nominator

bmoore@cityofwildomar.org

* Name of nominee

Dan Gonse

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Nominee: Dan Gonse

Support material:

Day 61 of 2024 Saturday 3/2/24 - Thank you to the 5 volunteers who manned the WBV booth at the French Valley Community Fair!

Robin Adkins, Jerry Orchard, Leyxi Barrios, Rocio Botello and Bridgette Moore!

2024 Totals as of 03/02:

303 volunteers

499 hours

433 bags

52 signs

2 pickup full

16 illegal dumps

24 trailer fulls

12 graffiti removals

2 trash cans full

4 resident assistance

Can of beans

Piles of carpet,

1 Cultured marble sink top

2 each 4x4 fence posts,

3 car tires with rim,

9 car tires without rims,

3 big rig truck tires

18 Albertsons shopping carts, returned to Albertsons

3 Stater Brothers shopping cart, returned to Stater Brothers.

1 Grocery Outlet shopping cart, returned to Grocery Outlet

1 CVS shopping cart, returned to CVS

1 Cardenas shopping cart, returned to Cardenas

1 Big Lots shopping cart, returned to Big Lots

1 Rite-Aid shopping cart

5 shopping carts

1 Cinder block
2 bike tires w/o rims
1 Car par A/C Condenser
1 bike trailer
1 illegal sign on a stick
1 large bag of CRV bottles
1 milk crate
5 large cardboard boxes
3 rebar 6 feet long
1 fence post 8 foot
3 knives
1 set of keys
3 utility boxes repainted
3 Christmas trees
5 hubcaps
1 tree branch
\$10 cash found
1 mattress/box spring
1 truck door
1 hospital transport
2 accident cleanups
4 pick-up fulls
1 Disco ball
1 toy stuffed panda bear
1 bicycle
11 plastic chairs
1 rubber snake 
4 booths at events
1 cell phone found
1 non city maintained road



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City of Perris

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rrogers@cityofperris.org

* Name of nominee

Noland Turnage

*** Phone Number of nominee**

9515719090

*** Email address of nominee**

nturnage@thegrove.cc

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City Councilmember

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City of Moreno Valley

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* Name of nominee

Maria Rodriguez

*** Phone Number of nominee**

9514133008

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elenab@moval.org

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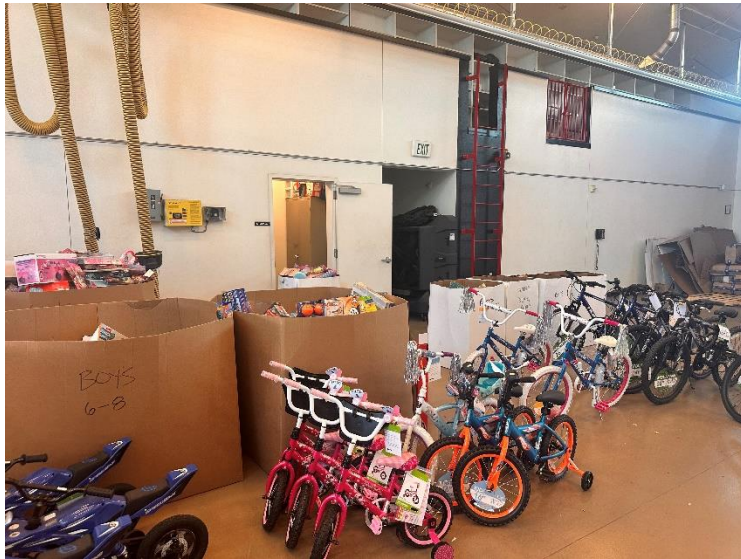
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Nominee: Maria Rodriguez, Individual



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Mayor

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Jerry Orchard

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*** Email address of nominee**

jerry_lori@outlook.com

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* Name of nominee

Tracy Davis

*** Phone Number of nominee**

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tracycyto@yahoo.com

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TRACY DAVIS COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERISM (PARTIAL)

MASTER COMPOSTER & WASTE RESOURCES VOLUNTEER Tracy last month received a certificate of appreciation from the county's Department of Waste Resources in recognition of her 15 years of participation in the Master Composter and Vermicomposting program. Years ago, people would wonder about that "crazy lady" who gathered worms crawling on the sidewalk as she walked her son to school after a rain! Tracy has attended all the environmental education classes related to waste reduction and sustainability offered by the county, and now she teaches those courses on a volunteer basis. She also promotes all the county classes on several social media pages.

MONARCH BUTTERFLIES When the plight of the endangered monarch butterfly became known in 2015, Tracy took on a community project to make Temescal Valley the Home of the Monarch. She self-educated the best she could on the life span of the monarchs and then went online to further educate herself through programs offered by Xerces Society, Monarch Joint Venture, and National Wildlife Federation. When she found native milkweed -- the only food monarchs consume, was not readily available in the area, she convinced a local nursery to grow it, benefiting the monarchs and the local business as well! Tracy is a monarch expert, giving presentations not only for the county's Green Landscaping program, but also for the Riverside-Corona Resource Conservation District and private organizations such as garden clubs. Her presentation in January at the Sycamore Creek Interpretive Center drew over 50 participants countywide and a couple from San Diego! The native milkweed you see growing wild in Temescal Valley is due to Tracy broadcasting seed in the springtime and nicely "coercing" developers to plant it while building their projects. Temescal Valley Water District is constructing a new reservoir in the foothills above Wildrose Ranch, and it will have a one-acre milkweed garden thanks to Tracy's persuasion.

MURAL PROJECT Tracy is an active member in the We Are Temescal Valley community group where she serves as Identity Committee chairperson and co-chairman of the Beautification Committee. During Temescal Valley's Bicentennial Celebration in 2018, Tracy led a project to paint murals on the three schools located here and on the Community Room building at Deleo Regional Sports Park. It was a massive project requiring the enlistment of many volunteers to do the painting, each mural resembling a citrus crate label relative to the name of the school.

COMMUNITY CLEAN OUTS While it's not unusual for the county to sponsor community clean outs for the unincorporated areas, Temescal Valley was always overlooked. Tracy has taken the leadership role in staging two such clean outs and is working on another one for later this year. During the last event, 1.5 tons of documents were shredded, four walk-in bins from El Sobrante Landfill were filled with large items, 10 truckloads of used clothing were donated to the Cole Peterson St. Jude Pediatric Oncology fundraiser, box after box filled with books were given to the El Cerrito Public Library, two huge trucks were filled with discarded electronic equipment, and 22 mattresses were taken to a recycler.

COMMUNITY CLEANUPS Since 2014, the We Are Temescal Valley Beautification Committee has scheduled three or four community cleanups a year. An area is selected where trash has accumulated along the roadside. Tracy manages all the publicity for the cleanups aimed at recruiting volunteers and has participated in all but a couple of the early morning three-hour events.

EDUCATION INVOLVEMENT Tracy is a member of the We Are Temescal Valley Education Committee. The select eight member committee has been meeting for the past seven years on a quarterly basis with the administrative staff of the Corona-Norco Unified School District. The purpose of the committee is to have a high school built in Temescal Valley. Tracy also lobbied for school busing for students residing in North Temescal Valley which was granted by the district three years ago. She also is a member of the Corona-Norco Branch of the Assistance League of Riverside and is a volunteer tutor three times a week to help students with their reading skills and financial literacy.

TEMESCAL HERITAGE FOUNDATION & FAIRE Tracy is on the Board of Directors of the Temescal Heritage Foundation and serves as secretary and assistant treasurer. She has worked on 11 annual Temescal Valley Community Faires sponsored by the Foundation. She is responsible for the children's craft table that usually involves painting a pot and planting a posy or milkweed seedling in it. In recent years, because volunteers are lacking, she has taken on the responsibility of recruiting and setup for all exhibitors -- both businesses, and county departments and service providers. **WILDROSE RANCH HOA** She is a resident of the Wildrose Ranch community and has served as the Homeowners Association's Architectural Review Committee chairperson for the past decade. The committee meets monthly to review all changes homeowners want to make to their property.

EL SOBRANTE COC She is also a member of the El Sobrante Landfill Citizens Oversight Committee. The purpose of the committee is to act in an advisory capacity to the Board of Supervisors on matters involving the landfill. Tracy's knowledge of native plants has aided other committee members in better understanding the needs of the native vegetation planted on the slopes of the landfill.

Murals popping up in Temescal Valley



BE KIND TO BEES: The unveiling at the Faire in May of the mural painted on the Community Room at Deleo Park. Pictured, from left, Joan Tyler, El Cerrito Community Library; artist Kathryn Duncan; Tracy Davis, mural coordinator, and Nancy Reiter, Home Gardens Community Library.

Murals are appearing on public buildings in Temescal Valley, thanks to the We Are Temescal Valley Beautification Committee and a group of dedicated volunteers.

Long-time Cal Meadows resident Gena Osborne for many years has wanted murals painted throughout Temescal Valley. With the community's Bicentennial birthday in progress, the Beautification Committee thought now would be the opportune time.

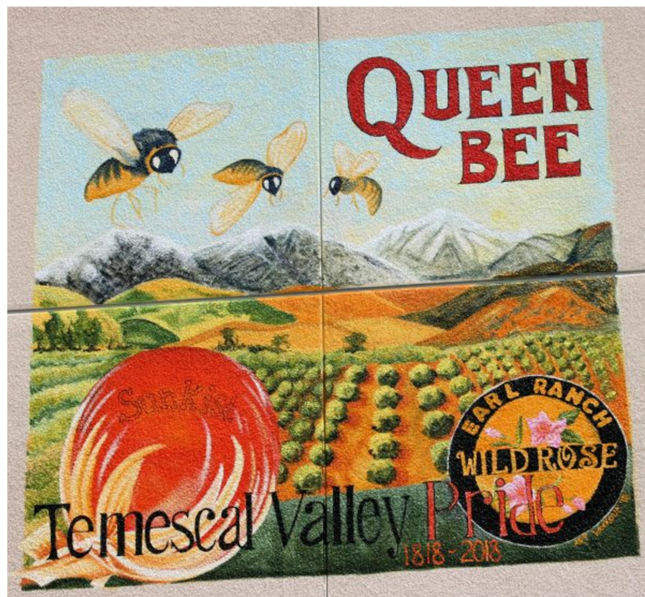
It was fitting that the first mural was painted on the front wall of Temescal Valley Elementary School. It was Gena, with other members of the early Temescal Heritage Foundation, that proved to the CNUSD Board of Trustees the name chosen by the district (Temescal Canyon), was geographically incorrect.

Working under the direction of committee member Tracy Davis and artist Kathryn Duncan, the mural was painted by volunteers Priscilla Zarata, Shruthi Rajamani and Melanie Johnson.

The next mural came about as a partnership with El Cerrito Community Library and a Books to Action grant that paid for books to spread word about the importance of bees and other pollinators.

Volunteers working on this mural, painted on the wall of the Community Room at Deleo Regional Sports Park, were Tracy, Kathryn and Shruthi, joined by Krista Brantsma, **Rob Mucha**, Jennifer Runnings and Bob Hafner.

Hopefully, next in line will be murals at Todd Academy and Luiseno School. Anyone interested in the mural program should contact Tracy: tracycyto@yahoo.com.



EARL RANCH WILDROSE LABEL: The new citrus crate mural painted on the front of Temescal Valley Elementary School.

Monarch update



It’s that monarch-butterfly-time-of-year. Are you ready

SHOW PRIDE IN YOUR MILKWEED PROJECT: Tracy Davis will stencil this monarch butterfly on your curb if you have either 12 milkweed plants or seeds, and nectar plants in your garden. For gated HOAs, she will stencil the butterfly on a plain stepping stone for display in your yard. To learn more, phone Tracy, 951-277-3253.

By TRACY DAVIS Identity Committee Chairwoman

How’s your milkweed growing? The native milkweed should be sprouting by the end of February. Mine isn’t yet, but I did see sprouting milkweed at the tanning vats monument.

The monarch butterfly migration from the coast has started and peaks mid-month. With the warm winter this year, some monarchs did not migrate and those likely are the butterflies we have seen in our yards. If you have tropical milkweed, instead of cutting it back, you now can let it grow for the first generation of caterpillars.

As part of our recent cleanup along Temescal Canyon Road, we scattered hundreds of seeds of the native milkweed varieties showy milkweed, (*Asclepias speciosa*), and wooly pod milkweed, (*Asclepias eriocarpa*), adding to the wild seed bank in the soil.

We also have seeds left over to share with residents to plant in their yards. This donation was provided by longtime Temescal Valley resident and Beautification Committee member Gena Osborne.

7 Oaks Nursery is germinating the narrow leaf milkweed, (*Asclepias fascicularis*), for us again this year. The plants will be ready in April. Don’t miss their first sale of the season, March 17 and 18, to add more nectar plants to your yards to help attract all pollinators!

This entry was posted in [BEAUTIFICATION](#) on [February 27, 2018](#).

Milkweed to Monarch project? Learn all about it here



Why the monarch? We see butterflies everywhere.

The plight of the monarch butterflies was brought up at our Identity and Beautification meetings in November 2015, inspired by articles appearing in the Orange County Register and The Press-Enterprise the week before.



Monarch caterpillars chomp away on native milkweed.

Milkweed is the preferred plant of monarch caterpillars which hatch from eggs laid on the milkweed plants by mama monarchs. One of the reasons the monarchs are in decline is because native milkweed is becoming harder for them to find.

The 90 percent decline in the monarch population for the last 10 years was all we needed to know to start our project. Pulling both committees into the solution, I took the lead because of my love and fascination for insects, knowing full well it would be a huge project.

PARTNERSHIPS ARE FORMED

A month later, lo and behold my friend Nancy Reiter, who is Branch Manager at El Cerrito Public Library, had seen the same article and was looking into a Books2Action grant for books on the monarch subject. She contacted me to see if the We Are Temescal Valley group would sign off as a partner in the project, helping secure the grant. We got together for a committee planning session and worked with the Temescal Heritage Foundation to secure the grant as partners.

This set the ball rolling to include the Sycamore Creek Interpretive Center — a Riverside-Corona Resource Conservation District (RCRCD) nature center located in the heart of Sycamore Creek. They, too, were planning a conservation project for native milkweed.



7 Oaks Nursery and The Acorn Cap, both located in Temescal Valley, sell native milkweed.

Now came our dilemma — no known local nurseries grew the native milkweed or had sources. We needed to convince our local 7 Oaks Nursery to grow the native milkweed for the project. Bringing all the facts and known sources for seeds to 7 Oaks, it took about a month to convince them it was good for the nursery and the monarchs.

In checking the seed sources, a native nursery popped up — The Acorn Cap, a nursery that specialized in California natives. It was located in Horsethief Canyon Ranch but had not yet changed its postal designation to Temescal Valley. By the end of January, we had not one but two local nurseries growing milkweed for us and the caterpillars!

Educating the people of Temescal Valley would take time. We began with the homeowners’ associations. I attended nearly all of the HOA board meetings in Temescal Valley to share the need to use native milkweed rather than other variations to bring back the monarch.

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WRCOG Community Service Award Nominations: Group

Community Service Award Nominations
Group

Nominee	Nomination
Leaps and Bounds Pediatric Therapy	Leaps and Bounds Pediatric Therapy is an organization dedicated to serving children with disabilities through a wide variety of physical therapy treatment protocols: most specifically through the use of hippotherapy and adaptive riding: horses best replicate the motion of walking and the results for even severely affected children is astonishing. Dozens of volunteers support this non-profit to literally serve thousands of children. Most recently Leaps and Bounds was selected as Senator Seyartos choice for non-profit of the year. Led by Cassandra Sanders Holly, I cannot think of a more deserving recipient than Leaps and Bounds.
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2024 WRCOG Community Service Award Nomination Form

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* Name of nominator

Kevin Bash

* Title of nominator

Mayor

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City of Norco

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9517688981

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* Name of nominee

Leaps and Bounds Pediatric Therapyatric Th

*** Phone Number of nominee**

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* Name of nominator

Elena Baca-Santa Cruz

* Title of nominator

Councilmember

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City of Moreno Valley

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Explorer Post 882

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* Name of nominee

Blue Star Mothers H.O.M.E.

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BLUE STAR MOTHERS H.O.M.E. CA30

Heartfelt Care Packages: One of the most tangible ways to support our troops is by sending care packages. These packages filled with snacks, toiletries, and heartfelt letters provide a piece of home to those stationed abroad. Blue Star Mothers regularly send care packages to our troops.

Volunteer For Military Support Organizations: Many non-profit organizations are dedicated to supporting our troops. By volunteering your time, you can contribute to their efforts. Whether it's helping with fundraisers, organizing events, or assisting with administrative tasks, your involvement can be invaluable.

Offer Financial Support: Contributing to military charities or setting up regular donations can provide much-needed financial support to organizations that aid veterans and active-duty personnel. Blue Star Mothers regularly raises money to help support our troops and veterans.

Send Letters And Cards: A heartfelt letter or a simple "thank you" card can brighten a soldier's day. Blue Star Mothers send letters to deployed troops, reminding them that their service is appreciated.

Support Veterans In Your Community: Show your appreciation by supporting local veterans. Attend events, donate to veterans' organizations, or simply spend time with veterans in your community. Your involvement can help create a sense of belonging for those who have served.

Fly The Flag: Displaying the American flag shows your support for the troops and your pride in your country. Consider flying the flag at your home or business, especially on military holidays or when a loved one is deployed. It's a simple yet powerful gesture.

Advocacy for Military Personnel: Supporting our troops also means advocating for their rights and well-being. Blue Star Mothers' advocacy program promotes causes that directly benefit our troops, ensuring their well-being and recognition.

Care For Military Families: Remember that it's not just the troops who make sacrifices; their families do too. Blue Star Mothers support and assistance to military families in our community. Simple acts of kindness, like providing meals or babysitting, can make a big difference.

In addition, they volunteer for many civic and community events: 9/11 programs. Memorial Day Mile March, Chamber of Commerce Veterans Programs, school programs and an extensive list of activities.

THE GOLD STAR FAMILY MEMORIAL:

HONORING SACRIFICE AND FREEDOM IN NORCO, CA



Remembering Those Who Sacrificed For Our Freedom

In the heart of Norco, California, a beacon of remembrance stands tall—the Gold Star Family Memorial. This monument pays homage to the families of military personnel and servicemen and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. It’s a testament to the enduring patriotic spirit that unites a nation.

From The Vision Of A Hero: Hershel “Woody” Williams

Medal of Honor Recipient Hershel “Woody” Williams, a true American hero, envisioned this memorial. He understood that dying for freedom, while an immense sacrifice, is not the worst fate. Being forgotten is. In his honor, the Gold Star Family Memorial was created to ensure that these families’ sacrifices are eternally remembered.

Honoring Gold Star And Blue Star Families

The Gold Star Family Memorial includes a touching tribute with three illuminated stars: one gold and two blue. These stars honor Gold Star and Blue Star families alike. Gold Star families, who have lost a loved one in service, find solace in this monument. Blue Star families, those with immediate family members serving in the U.S. military during times of conflict, also have their place in this patriotic haven.

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The Blue Star Mothers, CA 30, the Inland Empire chapter worked tirelessly to bring this beautiful memorial to Norco. We pray it brings comfort to our Gold Star Families and honor to our brave men and women who have paid the ultimate price for our freedom. God bless our troops.

Blue Star Mothers H.O.M.E. CA30

Serving our Active-Duty Military, Veterans and Gold Star Families
www.BlueStarMothersHOME.org

March 2023

To Whom it May Concern,

My name is MaryAnn Sherman, and I am working on behalf of our President Moira Fisher. Blue Star Mothers CA30 is a non-profit 501(c) 3 organization under the direction of Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. A national veteran's service organization chartered in February 1942, we consist of mothers of active duty or honorably discharged members of all branches of the U.S. military. As a veteran's service organization, we provide emotional support to Gold Star families, monetary assistance to veteran's organizations and a host of other services for active duty and retired military personnel.

I am requesting your consideration for a donation to the Silent Auction for our chapter's 11th Annual Gold and Blue Star Mothers Luncheon. Each year we honor Southern California Gold Star Mothers – mothers whose child has died while on active duty. This day gives them the opportunity to remember their child with other mothers who understand their loss. Below are several but not all the ways we serve the Inland Empire:

- We provide the annual Christmas party for Loma Linda Veteran's Hospital
- We donate to organizations such as Honoring the Fallen, Rebuilding Warriors, Veterans Honoring Veterans, The American Legion and many more.
- We support the non-profit arm of the VA called VAVS (Veterans Administration Volunteer Services) with our time and money
- We ship between 250-300 care packages every year. We receive donations to fill the boxes from the community and from the patrons of SAMS club. We usually ship them in early summer and again in late fall for Christmas arrival. Each box costs \$20 to ship.
- At Riverside National Cemetery we place flags on graves for Memorial Day and Veterans Day and wreaths on graves for Christmas.
- We provide the annual 4th of July picnic for Corona Veteran's Center

Thank you for your attention and please reach out any time.

Yours in service,

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Western Riverside Council of Governments

WRCOG Executive Committee

Staff Report

Subject: Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Agency Budget
Contact: Andrew Ruiz, Chief Financial Officer, aruiz@wrcog.us, (951) 405-6741
Date: April 1, 2024

Recommended Action(s):

1. Recommend that the General Assembly adopt Resolution Number 04-24; A Resolution of the General Assembly of the Western Riverside Council of Governments adopting the Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Agency Budget.

Summary:

The WRCOG fiscal year begins on July 1 each year. Prior to that, the budget is adopted by the WRCOG General Assembly based on a recommendation from the Executive Committee. This year, the Executive Committee is scheduled to consider the item at its April 1 meeting. The Committee is asked to consider the draft budget and forward it, along with any recommendations or changes, to the General Assembly.

Purpose / WRCOG 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Goal:

The purpose of this item is to review the draft agency budget in order to provide a recommendation, along with any changes, to the General Assembly for consideration. The budget adoption is a regulatory requirement and aligns with WRCOG's 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Goal #3 (Ensure fiscal solvency and stability of the Western Riverside Council of Governments).

Discussion:

Background

The draft Fiscal Year (FY) 2024/2025 Budget reflects the stability of the organization with only modest changes to various programs compared to FY 2023/2024. Additionally, no new Programs are being added to the FY 2024/2025 Budget. A more detailed description of each fund is attached to this report.

Present Situation

Several items to highlight:

1. Agency-wide revenues have increased by 2.9%
2. The member dues recalculation project is underway and being led by the Technical Advisory

Committee. The final recommendation won't be available in time to include in the FY 2024/2025 Budget; however, this draft budget anticipates a new calculation of member dues based on the existing formula. The current formula considers population and assessed valuation. By applying current data to the old formula, there is no change to the cumulative member-dues revenue of \$294,410 but individual member agencies will see slight increases or decreases to their dues.

3. The Clean Cities Program, which continues to work toward closing a long-standing structural funding gap, includes an increase in member dues (paid by agencies which opt into the Program) by an average of \$2,310 per agency.
4. The Fellowship Program continues to function by spending the equivalent of a wasting endowment. The number of participating agencies and Fellows will continue to remain well below previous years in an attempt to lengthen the available funding. This is partially offset by an increase in the hourly pay rate for Fellows based on market conditions.
5. The HERO (residential PACE) Program continues its years-long wind down process where revenue declines outpace expenditure declines on an annual basis. This results in a negative net annual activity that is offset by decreasing Program expenditures and fund balance transfers. The fund has been segregated from the general fund but aligned with the Commercial PACE Program in order to more clearly identify financial transactions related to the Program.
6. The Inland Regional Energy Network (I-REN) continues to grow toward full capacity. While Program spending ramps up, the revenues are adjusted to account for the gradual increase. Program revenues are allocated by the California Public Utilities Commission with a fixed number of \$65M spread over a six-year period. Slower spending in the early years will be offset by higher spending in the out years with the goal of spending all available funds throughout the authorization period. Additionally, three new positions related to the I-REN Program are being budgeted for Fiscal Year 2024/2025; however, will not be immediately filled until further analysis is performed on these positions. These three positions come at a cost of approximately \$100k per position, and are fully funded by the I-REN. These positions are to support administrative functions, advocacy and outreach, and programmatic functions.
7. The Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the area reflects an inflation rate of 4.7%. The proposed Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for staff of 4% reflects current CPI and the Agency's ability to pay. No COLA was provided during the last budget cycle.
8. The Streetlights Program includes a revenue decrease to reflect the exit of one participating agency. The expenditures are adjusted accordingly with the bulk of the spending allocated to the contractor performing maintenance services.
9. The Used Oil Program is a public-facing program that continues to be popular and well-received by members of the public. The state funding source for this Program, the California Department of Resources and Recycling Recovery (CalRecycle), has largely declined or remained static in recent years while the costs associated with administering the Program have risen. While this does not cause an immediate threat to the Program, this will likely be a point of discussion in future years.
10. The Transportation Uniform Mitigation Fee (TUMF) Program continues to outpace expectations with strong revenues. Those revenues are expected to be similar to the recently revised revenue estimates for the current year. \$70M in total collections are estimated for Fiscal Year 2024/2025, including \$2.8M of non-pass through funds that are included in this budget.

Several key focus areas related to the FY 2024/2025 Budget were discussed with the Technical Advisory and Finance Directors Committees in February, and the Administration & Finance Committee in March. Additionally, a Technical Advisory Committee Ad Hoc Committee has been providing input related to member dues, and will continue to provide input as they are being updated and evaluated.

Prior Action(s):

None.

Financial Summary:

The draft Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Budget currently has revenues of \$20,449,609 against \$19,815,397 in expenditures. Compared to the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 budget, this represents a 2.9% increase in revenues and 7.9% increase in expenditures. This is largely attributable to the I-REN budget and the Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) grant funding being pulled by the State.

Attachment(s):

[Attachment 1 - Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Draft Budget](#)

[Attachment 2 - Resolution Number 04-24 FY 2024/2025 budget](#)

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Fiscal Year
2024/2025 Draft
Budget

Fund	110	110	110	110
Administration FY 24/25 Budget	Admin	Admin	Admin	Admin (0000)
Revenues	Actual	FY 23/24 Budget	Difference	Proposed
Member Dues	\$ 294,410	\$ 294,410	\$ -	294,410
Fellowship Revenue	-	-	-	-
Interest Revenue	264,723	500,000	235,277	400,000
Overhead Transfer In	1,332,960	1,516,768	183,807	1,147,364
Total Revenues	\$ 1,892,094	\$ 2,311,178	\$ 419,084	\$ 1,841,774
Expenses	Actual	Budget	Difference	Proposed
Salaries & Wages	246,834	510,486	263,652	\$ 407,025
Fringe Benefits	199,985	206,232	6,247	184,430
Legal	27,905	95,000	67,095	90,000
Audit Svcs - Professional Fees	-	-	-	-
Bank Fees	-	1,000	1,000	0
Commissioners Per Diem	31,050	60,000	28,950	80,000
Parking Validations	-	-	-	-
Office Lease Costs	232,827	431,000	198,173	485,000
WRCOG Auto Related Expenses	145	1,500	1,355	1,500
Staff Recognition	2,165	4,000	1,835	4,000
Event Support	17,462	30,000	12,538	30,000
Postage	2,937	6,000	3,063	6,000
Program/Office Supplies & Materials	8,749	20,500	11,751	19,500
Computer Software	61,771	21,000	(40,771)	52,800
Rent/Lease Equipment	8,739	13,000	4,261	14,000
Printing Services	-	2,500	2,500	3,000
Membership Dues	13,792	25,000	11,208	25,000
Subscription/Publications	9,541	15,000	5,459	17,000
Meeting Support Services	90	200	110	200
Storage	-	1,800	1,800	-
Computer Equipment/Supplies	100	8,000	7,900	8,000
Communications - Cellular Phones	-	-	-	-
Communications	17,883	39,000	21,117	41,500
Equipment Maintenance - Comp/Software	-	-	-	-
Equipment Maintenance	206	1,000	794	1,000
Insurance - Gen/Busi Liab/Auto	-	-	-	-
Insurance	97,884	101,500	3,616	128,000
Travel Related Expenses	16,712	16,000	(712)	18,000
Seminars/Conferences	7,907	10,000	2,093	17,000
Training	9,622	28,000	18,378	28,000
OPEB Repayment	-	110,526	110,526	-
Staff Education Reimbursement	-	2,500	2,500	2,500
Direct Expenses	-	-	-	-
Consulting Labor	108,482	250,000	141,518	178,000
Overhead	-	-	-	-
Data Processing Support	-	-	-	-
PACE Recording	-	-	-	-
Advertising Media	-	-	-	-
Compliance Settlements	-	-	-	-
COG REN Reimbursement	-	-	-	-
Total Expenses	\$ 1,129,049	\$ 2,010,744	\$ 881,695	\$ 1,841,455
Excess Rev/Exp	\$ 763,044	\$ 300,433	\$ (462,611)	\$ 320

Fund	110	110	110	110
Administration FY 24/25 Budget	Fellowship	Fellowship	Fellowship	Fellowship (4700)
Revenues	Actual	FY 23/24 Budget	Difference	Proposed
Member Dues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
Fellowship Revenue	13,803	100,000	86,197	100,000
Interest Revenue	-	-	-	-
Overhead Transfer In	-	-	-	-
Total Revenues	\$ 13,803	\$ 100,000	\$ 86,197	\$ 100,000
Expenses	Actual	Budget	Difference	Proposed
Salaries & Wages	25,973	87,626	61,653	\$ 100,154
Fringe Benefits	971	8,145	7,174	8,552
Legal	-	500	500	500
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Commissioners Per Diem	-	-	-	-
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Staff Recognition	-	500	500	500
Event Support	-	1,000	1,000	500
Postage	-	-	-	-
Program/Office Supplies & Materials	-	500	500	200
Computer Software	-	-	-	-
Rent/Lease Equipment	-	-	-	-
Printing Services	-	-	-	-
Membership Dues	-	-	-	-
Subscription/Publications	-	-	-	-
Meeting Support Services	-	-	-	-
Storage	-	-	-	-
Computer Equipment/Supplies	-	-	-	-
Communications - Cellular Phones	-	-	-	-
Communications	-	-	-	-
Equipment Maintenance - Comp/Software	-	-	-	-
Equipment Maintenance	-	-	-	-
Insurance - Gen/Busi Liab/Auto	-	-	-	-
Insurance	-	-	-	-
Travel Related Expenses	197	-	(197)	200
Seminars/Conferences	-	-	-	-
Training	-	-	-	-
OPEB Repayment	-	-	-	-
Staff Education Reimbursement	-	-	-	-
Direct Expenses	-	-	-	-
Consulting Labor	-	-	-	-
Overhead	-	-	-	-
Data Processing Support	-	-	-	-
PACE Recording	-	-	-	-
Advertising Media	-	-	-	-
Compliance Settlements	-	-	-	-
COG REN Reimbursement	-	-	-	-
Total Expenses	\$ 27,141	\$ 98,271	\$ 71,130	\$ 110,605
Excess Rev/Exp	\$ (13,339)	\$ 1,729	\$ 15,067	\$ (10,605)

Fund	110	110	110	110
Administration FY 24/25 Budget	Fiscal	Fiscal	Fiscal	Finance (4100)
Revenues	Actual	FY 23/24 Budget	Difference	Proposed
Member Dues			\$ -	-
Fellowship Revenue			-	-
Interest Revenue			-	-
Overhead Transfer In	-	556,061	556,061	574,148
Total Revenues	\$ -	\$ 556,061	\$ 556,061	\$ 574,148
Expenses	Actual	Budget	Difference	Proposed
Salaries & Wages	189,808	286,934	\$ 97,125	\$ 259,854
Fringe Benefits	51,095	105,401	54,306	105,491
Legal	-	-	-	-
Audit Svcs - Professional Fees	-	27,250	27,250	30,600
Bank Fees	-	-	-	-
Commissioners Per Diem	-	-	-	-
Parking Validations	-	-	-	-
Office Lease Costs	-	-	-	-
WRCOG Auto Related Expenses	-	-	-	-
Staff Recognition	-	-	-	-
Event Support	-	-	-	-
Postage	-	-	-	-
Program/Office Supplies & Materials	-	-	-	-
Computer Software	-	126,102	126,102	138,402
Rent/Lease Equipment	-	-	-	-
Printing Services	-	-	-	-
Membership Dues	-	1,800	1,800	1,800
Subscription/Publications	-	-	-	-
Meeting Support Services	-	-	-	-
Storage	-	-	-	-
Computer Equipment/Supplies	-	-	-	-
Communications - Cellular Phones	-	-	-	-
Communications	-	-	-	-
Equipment Maintenance - Comp/Software	-	-	-	-
Equipment Maintenance	-	-	-	-
Insurance - Gen/Busi Liab/Auto	-	-	-	-
Insurance	-	-	-	-
Travel Related Expenses	-	4,835	-	6,500
Seminars/Conferences	-	2,540	2,540	3,500
Training	-	1,200	1,200	3,000
OPEB Repayment	-	-	-	-
Staff Education Reimbursement	-	-	-	-
Direct Expenses	-	-	-	-
Consulting Labor	-	-	-	25,000
Overhead	-	-	-	-
Data Processing Support	-	-	-	-
PACE Recording	-	-	-	-
Advertising Media	-	-	-	-
Compliance Settlements	-	-	-	-
COG REN Reimbursement	-	-	-	-
Total Expenses	\$ 240,903	\$ 556,061	\$ 310,323	\$ 574,148
Excess Rev/Exp	\$ (240,903)	\$ (0)	\$ 245,738	\$ -

Fund	110	110	110	110
Administration FY 24/25 Budget	Executive Director	Executive Director	Executive Director	Executive Director (4200)
Revenues	Actual	FY 23/24 Budget	Difference	Proposed
Member Dues			\$ -	-
Fellowship Revenue			-	-
Interest Revenue			-	-
Overhead Transfer In	-	348,516	348,516	574,902
Total Revenues	\$ -	\$ 348,516	\$ 348,516	\$ 574,902
Expenses	Actual	Budget	Difference	Proposed
Salaries & Wages	142,431	209,300	\$ 66,869	\$ 333,732
Fringe Benefits	49,254	127,216	77,962	189,670
Legal	-	-	-	-
Audit Svcs - Professional Fees	-	-	-	-
Bank Fees	-	-	-	-
Commissioners Per Diem	-	-	-	-
Parking Validations	-	-	-	-
Office Lease Costs	-	-	-	-
WRCOG Auto Related Expenses	-	-	-	-
Staff Recognition	-	-	-	-
Event Support	-	-	-	-
Postage	-	-	-	-
Program/Office Supplies & Materials	-	-	-	-
Computer Software	-	-	-	-
Rent/Lease Equipment	-	-	-	-
Printing Services	-	-	-	-
Membership Dues	-	-	-	-
Subscription/Publications	-	-	-	-
Meeting Support Services	-	-	-	-
Storage	-	-	-	-
Computer Equipment/Supplies	-	-	-	-
Communications - Cellular Phones	-	-	-	-
Communications	-	-	-	-
Equipment Maintenance - Comp/Software	-	-	-	-
Equipment Maintenance	-	-	-	-
Insurance - Gen/Busi Liab/Auto	-	-	-	-
Insurance	-	-	-	-
Travel Related Expenses	-	7,000	-	7,000
Seminars/Conferences	-	3,000	3,000	3,000
Training	-	2,000	2,000	9,500
OPEB Repayment	-	-	-	-
Staff Education Reimbursement	-	-	-	-
Direct Expenses	-	-	-	-
Consulting Labor	-	-	-	32,000
Overhead	-	-	-	-
Data Processing Support	-	-	-	-
PACE Recording	-	-	-	-
Advertising Media	-	-	-	-
Compliance Settlements	-	-	-	-
COG REN Reimbursement	-	-	-	-
Total Expenses	\$ 191,684	\$ 348,516	\$ 149,832	\$ 574,902
Excess Rev/Exp	\$ (191,684)	\$ 0	\$ 198,684	\$ -

Fund		Agency-wide Summary FY 24/25 Bu		
Administration FY 24/25 Budget		Total Administration	T&P	E&E
Revenues		Proposed		
Member Dues	\$	294,410		
Fellowship Revenue		100,000		
Interest Revenue		400,000		
Overhead Transfer In		2,296,414		
Total Revenues	\$	3,090,824	4,148,750	13,210,035
Expenses				
Salaries & Wages		1,100,764	1,045,459	1,841,954
Fringe Benefits		488,143	461,590	801,752
Legal		90,500	140,000	413,500
Audit Svcs - Professional Fees		30,600	-	-
Bank Fees		-	-	5,000
Commissioners Per Diem		80,000	-	-
Parking Validations		-	1,000	3,700
Office Lease Costs		485,000	-	-
WRCOG Auto Related Expenses		1,500	-	-
Staff Recognition		4,500	-	-
Event Support		30,500	-	199,497
Postage		6,000	300	1,150
Program/Office Supplies & Materials		19,700	2,000	27,300
Computer Software		191,202	76,000	3,800
Rent/Lease Equipment		14,000	-	-
Printing Services		3,000	-	9,100
Membership Dues		26,800	2,500	327,000
Subscription/Publications		17,000	500	3,750
Meeting Support Services		200	-	9,000
Storage		-	-	4,500
Computer Equipment/Supplies		8,000	250	-
Communications - Cellular Phones		-	4,000	-
Communications		41,500	-	32,280
Equipment Maintenance - Comp/Software		-	1,500	500
Equipment Maintenance		1,000	-	10,500
Insurance - Gen/Busi Liab/Auto		-	3,000	-
Insurance		128,000	-	-
Travel Related Expenses		31,700	15,000	221,695
Seminars/Conferences		23,500	7,000	27,800
Training		40,500	-	76,250
OPEB Repayment		-	-	-
Staff Education Reimbursement		2,500	-	-
Direct Expenses		-	-	400,000
Consulting Labor		235,000	900,251	6,099,068
Overhead		-	803,530	1,141,390
Data Processing Support		-	-	20,921
PACE Recording		-	-	12,500
Advertising Media		-	-	31,500
Compliance Settlements		-	-	25,000
COG REN Reimbursement		-	-	1,500,000
Total Expenses	\$	3,101,109	\$ 3,463,880	\$ 13,250,408
Excess Rev/Exp	\$	(10,285)	684,870	(40,373)

Fund		Budget
Administration FY 24/25 Budget		Total
Revenues		
Member Dues		
Fellowship Revenue		
Interest Revenue		
Overhead Transfer In		
Total Revenues		20,449,609
Expenses		
Salaries & Wages	3,988,177	
Fringe Benefits	1,751,486	
Legal	644,000	
Audit Svcs - Professional Fees	30,600	
Bank Fees	5,000	
Commissioners Per Diem	80,000	
Parking Validations	4,700	
Office Lease Costs	485,000	
WRCOG Auto Related Expenses	1,500	
Staff Recognition	4,500	
Event Support	229,997	
Postage	7,450	
Program/Office Supplies & Materials	49,000	
Computer Software	271,002	
Rent/Lease Equipment	14,000	
Printing Services	12,100	
Membership Dues	356,300	
Subscription/Publications	21,250	
Meeting Support Services	9,200	
Storage	4,500	
Computer Equipment/Supplies	8,250	
Communications - Cellular Phones	4,000	
Communications	73,780	
Equipment Maintenance - Comp/Software	2,000	
Equipment Maintenance	11,500	
Insurance - Gen/Busi Liab/Auto	3,000	
Insurance	128,000	
Travel Related Expenses	268,395	
Seminars/Conferences	58,300	
Training	116,750	
OPEB Repayment	-	
Staff Education Reimbursement	2,500	
Direct Expenses	400,000	
Consulting Labor	7,234,319	
Overhead	1,944,920	
Data Processing Support	20,921	
PACE Recording	12,500	
Advertising Media	31,500	
Compliance Settlements	25,000	
COG REN Reimbursement	1,500,000	
Total Expenses	\$ 19,815,397.33	
Excess Rev/Exp		634,212

Fund	110	110	110	110
Transportation & Planning FY 24/25 Budget	TUMF Admin (1148)	TUMF Admin (1148)	TUMF Admin (1148)	TUMF Admin (1148)
Beginning Fund Balance				\$ -
Revenues	Actual	Budget	Difference	Proposed
Commerical/Service	\$ 17,845	\$ 72,500	\$ 54,655	\$ 28,000
Retail	16,925	72,500	55,575	28,000
Industrial	353,062	580,000	226,938	560,000
Residential/Multi/Single	1,186,537	1,740,000	553,463	1,680,000
Multi-Family	305,992	435,000	129,008	504,000
Beaumont Measure A	33,723	52,000	18,277	50,000
LTF Revenue	-	-	-	-
RivTAM	-	-	-	-
REAP Revenue	-	-	-	-
Total Revenues	\$ 1,914,083	\$ 2,952,000	\$ 1,037,917	\$ 2,850,000
Expenses	Actual	Budget	Difference	Proposed
Salaries & Wages	289,407	513,539	\$ 224,132	\$ 580,106
Fringe Benefits	92,730	204,991	\$ 112,261	\$ 251,641
Overhead	382,509	655,730	273,221	518,012
Legal	39,042	95,000	55,958	125,000
Parking Validations	-	500	500	500
Program/Office Supplies & Materials	81	1,000	919	1,500
Computer Equipment/Supplies	109	250	141	250
Computer Software	72,394	65,000	(7,394)	75,000
Membership Dues	844	1,500	656	1,500
Subscription/Publications	160	150	(10)	250
Postage	-	150	150	250
Communications - Cellular Phones	842	3,000	2,158	3,000
Equipment Maintenance - Comp/Software	-	1,500	1,500	1,500
Insurance - Gen/Busi Liab/Auto	-	3,000	3,000	3,000
Seminars/Conferences	565	1,500	935	1,500
Travel Related Expenses	1,925	5,050		5,000
Consulting Labor	221,494	500,000	278,506	600,000
Total Expenses	\$ 1,102,102	\$ 2,051,860	\$ 946,633	\$ 2,168,008
Excess Rev/Exp	\$ 811,981	\$ 900,140	\$ 91,284	\$ 681,992
Ending Fund Balance				\$ 681,992

Fund	210	210	210	210
Transportation & Planning FY 24/25 Budget	Local Transportation Fund	Local Transportation Fund	Local Transportation Fund	Local Transportation Fund (1400)
Beginning Fund Balance				\$ 2,773,724
Revenues	Actual	FY 23/24 Budget	Difference	Proposed
Commerical/Service	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Retail	-	-	-	-
Industrial	-	-	-	-
Residential/Multi/Single	-	-	-	-
Multi-Family	-	-	-	-
Beaumont Measure A	-	-	-	-
LTF Revenue	1,208,750	1,208,750	-	1,278,750
RivTAM	-	-	-	-
REAP Revenue	-	-	-	-
Total Revenues	\$ 1,208,750	\$ 1,208,750	\$ -	\$ 1,278,750
Expenses	Actual	Budget	Difference	Proposed
Salaries & Wages	207,081	451,370	\$ 244,289	\$ 457,870
Fringe Benefits	76,738	172,696	95,959	\$ 206,102
Overhead	168,404	288,693	120,289	280,727
Legal	20,183	20,000	(183)	15,000
Parking Validations	-	500	500	500
Program/Office Supplies & Materials	-	-	-	500
Computer Equipment/Supplies	-	-	-	-
Computer Software	-	1,175	1,175	1,000
Membership Dues	-	1,200	1,200	1,000
Subscription/Publications	108	250	142	250
Postage	-	50	50	50
Communications - Cellular Phones	656	1,350	694	1,000
Equipment Maintenance - Comp/Software	-	-	-	-
Insurance - Gen/Busi Liab/Auto	-	-	-	-
Seminars/Conferences	1,321	5,500	4,179	5,500
Travel Related Expenses	2,669	9,000	6,331	10,000
Consulting Labor	100,060	250,000	149,940	299,251
Total Expenses	\$ 577,220	\$ 1,203,060	\$ 625,840	\$ 1,278,750
Excess Rev/Exp	\$ 631,530	\$ 5,690	\$ (625,840)	\$ 0
Ending Fund Balance				\$ 2,773,725

Fund	110	110	110	110
Transportation & Planning FY 24/25 Budget	RivTAM	RivTAM	RivTAM	RivTAM (2039)
Beginning Fund Balance				\$ -
Revenues	Actual	FY 23/24 Budget	Difference	Proposed
Commerical/Service	-	-	\$ -	\$ -
Retail	-	-	-	-
Industrial	-	-	-	-
Residential/Multi/Single	-	-	-	-
Multi-Family	-	-	-	-
Beaumont Measure A	-	-	-	-
LTF Revenue	-	-	-	-
RivTAM	17,000	25,000	8,000	20,000
REAP Revenue	-	-	-	-
Total Revenues	\$ 17,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 20,000
Expenses	Actual	Budget	Difference	Proposed
Salaries & Wages	4,233	6,853	\$ 2,620	\$ 7,484
Fringe Benefits	1,808	3,393	\$ 1,585	\$ 3,847
Overhead	3,662	6,277	2,615	4,791
Legal	-	-	-	-
Parking Validations	-	-	-	-
Program/Office Supplies & Materials	-	-		
Computer Equipment/Supplies	-	-	-	-
Computer Software	-	-	-	-
Membership Dues	-	-	-	-
Subscription/Publications	-	-	-	-
Postage	-	-	-	-
Communications - Cellular Phones	-	-	-	-
Equipment Maintenance - Comp/Software	-	-	-	-
Insurance - Gen/Busi Liab/Auto	-	-	-	-
Seminars/Conferences	-	-	-	-
Travel Related Expenses	-	-		
Consulting Labor	14,558	1,000	(13,558)	1,000
Total Expenses	\$ 24,261	\$ 17,523	\$ (6,737)	\$ 17,122
Excess Rev/Exp	\$ (7,261)	\$ 7,477	\$ 14,737	\$ 2,878
Ending Fund Balance				\$ 2,878

Fund	110	110	110	110
Transportation & Planning FY 24/25 Budget	REAP	REAP	REAP	REAP 1.0 (2235)
Beginning Fund Balance				\$ -
Revenues	Actual	FY 23/24 Budget	Difference	Proposed
Commerical/Service	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Retail	-	-	-	-
Industrial	-	-	-	-
Residential/Multi/Single	-	-	-	-
Multi-Family	-	-	-	-
Beaumont Measure A	-	-	-	-
LTF Revenue	-	-	-	-
RivTAM	-	-	-	-
REAP Revenue	282,310	300,000	17,690	-
Total Revenues	\$ 282,310	\$ 300,000	\$ 17,690	\$ -
Expenses	Actual	Budget	Difference	Proposed
Salaries & Wages	119,505	64,583	\$ (54,922)	\$ -
Fringe Benefits	42,269	25,953	(16,315)	\$ -
Overhead	-	-	-	-
Legal	1,162	-	(1,162)	-
Parking Validations	-	-	-	-
Program/Office Supplies & Materials				
Computer Equipment/Supplies	-	-	-	-
Computer Software	-	-	-	-
Membership Dues	-	-	-	-
Subscription/Publications	-	-	-	-
Postage	-	-	-	-
Communications - Cellular Phones	-	-	-	-
Equipment Maintenance - Comp/Software	-	-	-	-
Insurance - Gen/Busi Liab/Auto	-	-	-	-
Seminars/Conferences	-	-	-	-
Travel Related Expenses				
Consulting Labor	114,750	209,414	94,664	-
Total Expenses	\$ 277,685	\$ 299,951	\$ 22,266	\$ -
Excess Rev/Exp	\$ 4,625	\$ 49	\$ (4,576)	\$ -
Ending Fund Balance				\$ -

Fund	110	110	110	110
Transportation & Planning FY 24/25 Budget	REAP 2.0	REAP 2.0	REAP 2.0	REAP 2.0
Beginning Fund Balance				\$ -
Revenues	Actual	FY 23/24 Budget	Difference	Proposed
Commerical/Service	-	-	\$ -	\$ -
Retail	-	-	-	-
Industrial	-	-	-	-
Residential/Multi/Single	-	-	-	-
Multi-Family	-	-	-	-
Beaumont Measure A	-	-	-	-
LTF Revenue	-	-	-	-
RivTAM	-	-	-	-
REAP Revenue	-	500,000	500,000.00	-
Total Revenues	\$ -	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ -
Expenses	Actual	Budget	Difference	Proposed
Salaries & Wages	-	64,583	\$ 64,583	\$ -
Fringe Benefits	-	25,953	25,953.47	-
Overhead	32,353	55,463	23,109.50	-
Legal	-	15,000	15,000	-
Parking Validations	-	-	-	-
Program/Office Supplies & Materials	-	-	-	-
Computer Equipment/Supplies	-	-	-	-
Computer Software	-	-	-	-
Membership Dues	-	-	-	-
Subscription/Publications	-	-	-	-
Postage	-	-	-	-
Communications - Cellular Phones	-	-	-	-
Equipment Maintenance - Comp/Software	-	-	-	-
Insurance - Gen/Busi Liab/Auto	-	-	-	-
Seminars/Conferences	-	-	-	-
Travel Related Expenses	-	-	-	-
Consulting Labor	-	338,921	338,921	-
Total Expenses	\$ 32,353	\$ 499,921	\$ 467,567	\$ -
Excess Rev/Exp	\$ (32,353)	\$ 79	\$ 32,433	\$ -
Ending Fund Balance				\$ -

Fund	
Transportation & Planning FY 24/25 Budget	Total Transportation & Planning
Beginning Fund Balance	
Revenues	Proposed
Commerical/Service	28,000
Retail	28,000
Industrial	560,000
Residential/Multi/Single	1,680,000
Multi-Family	504,000
Beaumont Measure A	50,000
LTF Revenue	1,278,750
RivTAM	20,000
REAP Revenue	-
Total Revenues	\$ 4,148,750
Expenses	Proposed
Salaries & Wages	1,045,459
Fringe Benefits	461,590
Overhead	803,530
Legal	140,000
Parking Validations	1,000
Program/Office Supplies & Materials	2,000
Computer Equipment/Supplies	250
Computer Software	76,000
Membership Dues	2,500
Subscription/Publications	500
Postage	300
Communications - Cellular Phones	4,000
Equipment Maintenance - Comp/Software	1,500
Insurance - Gen/Busi Liab/Auto	3,000
Seminars/Conferences	7,000
Travel Related Expenses	15,000
Consulting Labor	900,251
Total Expenses	\$ 3,463,880
Excess Rev/Exp	\$ 684,870
Ending Fund Balance	

Fund	120	120	120	120
Energy & Environment FY 24/25 Budget	Clean Cities (1010)	Clean Cities (1010)	Clean Cities (1010)	Clean Cities (1010)
Beginning Assigned Fund Balance				\$ 199,230
Revenues	Actual	FY 23/24 Budget	Difference	Proposed
Clean Cities	\$ 213,752	\$ 470,637	\$ 256,885	491,120
Solid Waste	-	-	-	-
Gas Company Partnership	-	-	-	-
ICARP	-	-	-	-
Streetlights	-	-	-	-
Used Oil Grant	-	-	-	-
Regional Energy Network	-	-	-	-
PACE Commercial	-	-	-	-
Twain	-	-	-	-
HERO Admin Revenue	-	-	-	-
Total Revenues	\$ 283,752	\$ 540,637	\$ 256,885	\$ 491,120
Expenses	Actual	Budget	Difference	Proposed
Salaries & Wages	119,206	224,871	\$ 105,665	\$ 233,873
Fringe Benefits	47,203	91,270	44,067	106,138
Overhead	87,171	149,437	62,265	86,119
Legal	-	-	-	-
Bank Fees	-	-	-	-
Parking Validations	-	-	-	-
Program/Office Supplies & Materials	60	2,000	1,940	-
Computer Software	-	-	-	-
Membership Dues	-	-	-	-
Subscription/Publications	-	-	-	-
Meeting Support Services	163	1,000	837	1,000
Postage	-	-	-	-
Storage	-	-	-	-
Printing Services	-	-	-	-
Computer Equipment/Supplies	-	2,200	2,200	-
Communications	334	600	266	2,000
Equipment Maintenance - Comp/Software	-	-	-	-
Data Processing Support	-	-	-	-
PACE Recording	-	-	-	-
Seminars/Conferences	-	-	-	2,000
Travel Related Expenses	7,499	10,211	2,712	16,500
Training	-	-	-	-
Advertising Media	-	-	-	-
Compliance Settlements	-	-	-	-
Direct Expenses	-	-	-	-
Event Support	16	10,000	9,984	15,000
COG REN Reimbursement	-	-	-	-
Consulting Labor	15,000	48,834	33,834	25,000
Total Expenses	\$ 276,652	\$ 540,423	\$ 263,771	\$ 487,629
Excess Rev/Exp	\$ 7,100	\$ 214	\$ (6,886)	\$ 3,491
Ending Fund Balance				\$ 202,721

Fund	130	130	130	130
Energy & Environment FY 24/25 Budget	Consolidated Solid Waste (1038)	Consolidated Solid Waste (1038)	Consolidated Solid Waste (1038)	Consolidated Solid Waste (1038)
Beginning Assigned Fund Balance				\$ 103,958
Revenues	Actual	FY 23/24 Budget	Difference	Proposed
Clean Cities	-	-	\$ -	-
Solid Waste	473,079	555,913	82,834	493,051
Gas Company Partnership	-	-	-	-
ICARP	-	-	-	-
Streetlights	-	-	-	-
Used Oil Grant	-	-	-	-
Regional Energy Network	-	-	-	-
PACE Commercial	-	-	-	-
Twain	-	-	-	-
HERO Admin Revenue	-	-	-	-
Total Revenues	\$ 473,079	\$ 555,913	\$ 82,834	\$ 493,051
Expenses	Actual	Budget	Difference	Proposed
Salaries & Wages	40,313	72,444	32,131	\$ 98,108
Fringe Benefits	13,591	27,538	13,947	43,258
Overhead	35,729	61,249	25,521	45,633
Legal	6,972	4,012	(2,960)	8,500
Bank Fees	-	-	-	-
Parking Validations	-	1,000	1,000	1,000
Program/Office Supplies & Materials	-	3,291	3,291	2,000
Computer Software	-	-	-	-
Membership Dues	-	1,500	1,500	-
Subscription/Publications	-	-	-	-
Meeting Support Services	-	-	-	-
Postage	-	-	-	-
Storage	-	-	-	-
Printing Services	-	-	-	-
Computer Equipment/Supplies	-	2,000	2,000	-
Communications	13,535	18,564	5,029	15,200
Equipment Maintenance - Comp/Software	-	-	-	-
Data Processing Support	-	-	-	-
PACE Recording	-	-	-	-
Seminars/Conferences	-	2,046	2,046	5,000
Travel Related Expenses	221	3,592	3,371	2,850
Training	-	-	-	500
Advertising Media	-	-	-	-
Compliance Settlements	-	-	-	-
Direct Expenses	-	-	-	-
Event Support	5,316	10,000	4,684	11,552
COG REN Reimbursement	-	-	-	-
Consulting Labor	201,023	327,910	126,887	239,992
Total Expenses	\$ 316,700	\$ 535,147	\$ 218,447	\$ 473,592
Excess Rev/Exp	\$ 156,379	\$ 20,766	\$ (135,613)	\$ 19,459
Ending Fund Balance				\$ 123,417

Fund	110	110	110	110
Energy & Environment FY 24/25 Budget	Gas Co Partnership (2024)	Gas Co Partnership (2024)	Gas Co Partnership (2024)	Gas Co Partnership (2024)
Beginning Assigned Fund Balance				\$ -
Revenues	Actual	FY 23/24 Budget	Difference	Proposed
Clean Cities	-	-	\$ -	-
Solid Waste	-	-	-	-
Gas Company Partnership	-	40,000	40,000	75,000
ICARP	-	-	-	-
Streetlights	-	-	-	-
Used Oil Grant	-	-	-	-
Regional Energy Network	-	-	-	-
PACE Commercial	-	-	-	-
Twain	-	-	-	-
HERO Admin Revenue	-	-	-	-
Total Revenues	\$ -	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 75,000
Expenses	Actual	Budget	Difference	Proposed
Salaries & Wages	\$ 2,164	\$ 11,250	\$ 9,086	\$ 29,953
Fringe Benefits	667	3,879	3,212	11,122
Overhead	-	9,268	9,268	25,581
Legal	-	1,250	1,250	2,500
Bank Fees	-	-	-	-
Parking Validations	-	125	125	100
Program/Office Supplies & Materials	-	750	750	500
Computer Software	-	-	-	-
Membership Dues	-	-	-	-
Subscription/Publications	-	-	-	1,500
Meeting Support Services	-	1,250	1,250	-
Postage	-	125	125	100
Storage	-	-	-	-
Printing Services	-	-	-	-
Computer Equipment/Supplies	-	-	-	-
Communications	-	-	-	-
Equipment Maintenance - Comp/Software	-	-	-	-
Data Processing Support	-	-	-	-
PACE Recording	-	-	-	-
Seminars/Conferences	-	250	250	350
Travel Related Expenses	-	1,375	-	1,295
Training	-	-	-	-
Advertising Media	-	-	-	-
Compliance Settlements	-	-	-	-
Direct Expenses	-	-	-	-
Event Support	-	1,250	1,250	2,000
COG REN Reimbursement	-	-	-	-
Consulting Labor	-	9,229	9,229	-
Total Expenses	\$ 2,831	\$ 40,001	\$ 35,795	\$ 75,000
Excess Rev/Exp	\$ (2,831)	\$ (1)	\$ 4,205	\$ (0)
Ending Fund Balance				

Fund	110	110	110	110
Energy & Environment FY 24/25 Budget	ICARP (2250)	ICARP (2250)	ICARP (2250)	ICARP (2250)
Beginning Assigned Fund Balance				\$ -
Revenues	Actual	FY 23/24 Budget	Difference	Proposed
Clean Cities	-	-	\$ -	-
Solid Waste	-	-	-	-
Gas Company Partnership	-	-	-	-
ICARP	-	94,200	94,200	308,133
Streetlights	-	-	-	-
Used Oil Grant	-	-	-	-
Regional Energy Network	-	-	-	-
PACE Commercial	-	-	-	-
Twain	-	-	-	-
HERO Admin Revenue	-	-	-	-
Total Revenues	\$ -	\$ 94,200	\$ 94,200	\$ 308,133
Expenses	Actual	Budget	Difference	Proposed
Salaries & Wages	\$ 1,731	\$ 11,250	\$ 9,519	\$ 23,962
Fringe Benefits	534	3,879	3,345	8,897
Overhead	-	9,267	9,267	20,465
Legal	-	5,000	5,000	2,500
Bank Fees	-	-	-	-
Parking Validations	-	-	-	250
Program/Office Supplies & Materials	-	-	-	6,500
Computer Software	-	-	-	-
Membership Dues	-	-	-	-
Subscription/Publications	-	-	-	-
Meeting Support Services	-	-	-	7,000
Postage	-	-	-	150
Storage	-	-	-	-
Printing Services	-	-	-	4,000
Computer Equipment/Supplies	-	-	-	-
Communications	-	-	-	7,500
Equipment Maintenance - Comp/Software	-	-	-	-
Data Processing Support	-	-	-	-
PACE Recording	-	-	-	-
Seminars/Conferences	-	-	-	2,750
Travel Related Expenses	-	-	-	4,000
Training	-	-	-	2,750
Advertising Media	-	-	-	8,500
Compliance Settlements	-	-	-	-
Direct Expenses	-	-	-	-
Event Support	-	-	-	8,000
COG REN Reimbursement	-	-	-	-
Consulting Labor	-	64,804	64,804	200,909
Total Expenses	\$ 2,265	\$ 94,200	\$ 91,935	\$ 308,133
Excess Rev/Exp	\$ (2,265)	\$ -	\$ 2,265	\$ (0)
Ending Fund Balance				

Fund	110	110	110	110
Energy & Environment FY 24/25 Budget	Streetlights (2026)	Streetlights (2026)	Streetlights (2026)	Streetlights (2026)
Beginning Assigned Fund Balance				\$ 47,838
Revenues	Actual	FY 23/24 Budget	Difference	Proposed
Clean Cities	-	-	\$ -	-
Solid Waste	-	-	-	-
Gas Company Partnership	-	-	-	-
ICARP	-	-	-	-
Streetlights	130,688	139,608	8,920	131,417
Used Oil Grant	-	-	-	-
Regional Energy Network	-	-	-	-
PACE Commercial	-	-	-	-
Twain	-	-	-	-
HERO Admin Revenue	-	-	-	-
Total Revenues	\$ 130,688	\$ 139,608	\$ 8,920	\$ 131,417
Expenses	Actual	Budget	Difference	Proposed
Salaries & Wages	27,370	28,124	755	\$ 32,053
Fringe Benefits	8,083	9,696	1,613	15,106
Overhead	13,515	23,169	9,654	19,939
Legal	13,161	20,000	6,839	20,000
Bank Fees	-	-	-	-
Parking Validations	-	250	250	250
Program/Office Supplies & Materials	-	2,200	2,200	2,200
Computer Software	-	-	-	-
Membership Dues	-	-	-	-
Subscription/Publications	-	2,150	2,150	2,250
Meeting Support Services	-	1,000	1,000	1,000
Postage	-	150	150	150
Storage	-	-	-	-
Printing Services	-	-	-	-
Computer Equipment/Supplies	-	-	-	1,500
Communications	155	500	345	650
Equipment Maintenance - Comp/Software	-	-	-	500
Data Processing Support	-	-	-	-
PACE Recording	-	-	-	-
Seminars/Conferences	-	1,500	1,500	1,500
Travel Related Expenses	-	5,250	5,250	5,250
Training	-	-	-	2,500
Advertising Media	-	-	-	-
Compliance Settlements	-	-	-	-
Direct Expenses	-	-	-	-
Event Support	-	1,000	1,000	1,000
COG REN Reimbursement	-	-	-	-
Consulting Labor	825	30,000	29,175	10,000
Total Expenses	\$ 63,109	\$ 124,989	\$ 61,880	\$ 115,847
Excess Rev/Exp	\$ 67,579	\$ 14,619	\$ (52,960)	\$ 15,570
Ending Fund Balance				\$ 63,408

Fund	140	140	140	140
Energy & Environment FY 24/25 Budget	Used Oil (2058)	Used Oil (2058)	Used Oil (2058)	Used Oil (2058)
Beginning Assigned Fund Balance				\$ -
Revenues	Actual	FY 23/24 Budget	Difference	Proposed
Clean Cities	-	-	\$ -	-
Solid Waste	-	-	-	-
Gas Company Partnership	-	-	-	-
ICARP	-	-	-	-
Streetlights	-	-	-	-
Used Oil Grant	220,753	220,753	-	201,267
Regional Energy Network	-	-	-	-
PACE Commercial	-	-	-	-
Twain	-	-	-	-
HERO Admin Revenue	-	-	-	-
Total Revenues	\$ 220,753	\$ 220,753	\$ -	\$ 201,267
Expenses	Actual	Budget	Difference	Proposed
Salaries & Wages	42,984	77,113	34,129	\$ 77,086
Fringe Benefits	14,312	28,776	14,464	33,942
Overhead	11,590	19,868	8,278	18,114
Legal	-	1,000	1,000	
Bank Fees	-	-	-	
Parking Validations	-	250	250	
Program/Office Supplies & Materials	-	1,500	1,500	100
Computer Software	-	-	-	
Membership Dues	-	500	500	
Subscription/Publications	-	-	-	
Meeting Support Services	-	1,000	1,000	
Postage	-	-	-	
Storage	4,324	4,000	(324)	4,500
Printing Services	-	200	200	100
Computer Equipment/Supplies	-	-	-	
Communications	180	500	321	230
Equipment Maintenance - Comp/Software	-	-	-	
Data Processing Support	-	-	-	
PACE Recording	-	-	-	
Seminars/Conferences	-	1,000	1,000	700
Travel Related Expenses	-	3,150	3,150	1,550
Training	-	-	-	
Advertising Media	-	30,000	30,000	23,000
Compliance Settlements	-	-	-	
Direct Expenses	-	-	-	
Event Support	39,674	50,200	10,526	36,945
COG REN Reimbursement	-	-	-	
Consulting Labor	-	-	-	5,000
Total Expenses	\$ 113,063	\$ 220,057	\$ 106,994	\$ 201,267
Excess Rev/Exp	\$ 107,690	\$ 696	\$ (106,994)	\$ (0)
Ending Fund Balance				\$ (0)

Fund	180	180	180	180
Energy & Environment FY 24/25 Budget	REN Public Sector (2080)	REN Public Sector (2080)	REN Public Sector (2080)	REN Public Sector (2080)
Beginning Assigned Fund Balance				\$ -
Revenues	Actual	FY 23/24 Budget	Difference	Proposed
Clean Cities	-	-	\$ -	-
Solid Waste	-	-	-	-
Gas Company Partnership	-	-	-	-
ICARP	-	-	-	-
Streetlights	-	-	-	-
Used Oil Grant	-	-	-	-
Regional Energy Network	1,490,967	4,950,125	3,459,158	6,244,237
PACE Commercial	-	-	-	-
Twain	-	-	-	-
HERO Admin Revenue	-	-	-	-
Total Revenues	\$ 1,490,967	\$ 4,950,125	\$ 3,459,158	\$ 6,244,237
Expenses	Actual	Budget	Difference	Proposed
Salaries & Wages	159,115	273,995	\$ 114,880	\$ 787,162
Fringe Benefits	53,783	100,168	46,385	327,056
Overhead	132,593	229,212	96,619	543,519
Legal	5,553	20,000	14,447	20,000
Bank Fees	-	-	-	-
Parking Validations	-	2,000	2,000	2,000
Program/Office Supplies & Materials	2,395	6,000	3,605	6,000
Computer Software	-	-	-	-
Membership Dues	1,365	25,000	23,635	25,000
Subscription/Publications	-	-	-	-
Meeting Support Services	-	-	-	-
Postage	-	-	-	-
Storage	-	-	-	-
Printing Services	-	5,000	5,000	5,000
Computer Equipment/Supplies	-	8,000	8,000	8,000
Communications	1,261	3,600	2,339	5,000
Equipment Maintenance - Comp/Software	-	-	-	-
Data Processing Support	-	-	-	-
PACE Recording	-	-	-	-
Seminars/Conferences	1,024	10,000	8,976	10,000
Travel Related Expenses	3,613	125,000	121,387	150,000
Training	-	-	-	-
Advertising Media	-	-	-	-
Compliance Settlements	-	-	-	-
Direct Expenses	-	125,000	125,000	400,000
Event Support	158	25,000	24,842	50,000
COG REN Reimbursement	-	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Consulting Labor	1,130,108	2,905,500	1,775,392	2,905,500
Total Expenses	\$ 1,490,967	\$ 4,863,474	\$ 3,372,507	\$ 6,244,237
Excess Rev/Exp	\$ -	\$ 86,651	\$ 86,651	\$ -
Ending Fund Balance				\$ -

Fund	180	180	180	180
Energy & Environment FY 24/25 Budget	REN Workforce Training (2080)	REN Workforce Training (2080)	REN Workforce Training (2080)	REN Workforce Training (2080)
Beginning Assigned Fund Balance				\$ -
Revenues	Actual	FY 23/24 Budget	Difference	Proposed
Clean Cities	-	-	\$ -	-
Solid Waste	-	-	-	-
Gas Company Partnership	-	-	-	-
ICARP	-	-	-	-
Streetlights	-	-	-	-
Used Oil Grant	-	-	-	-
Regional Energy Network	644,215	2,454,864	1,810,649	2,797,670
PACE Commercial	-	-	-	-
Twain	-	-	-	-
HERO Admin Revenue	-	-	-	-
Total Revenues	\$ 644,215	\$ 2,454,864	\$ 1,810,649	\$ 2,797,670
Expenses	Actual	Budget	Difference	Proposed
Salaries & Wages	80,999	137,150	56,151	\$ 171,316
Fringe Benefits	29,073	54,398	25,325	72,894
Overhead	68,553	117,342	48,790	133,292
Legal	5,553	20,000	14,447	20,000
Bank Fees	-	-	-	-
Parking Validations	-	-	-	-
Program/Office Supplies & Materials	2,350	-	-	5,000
Computer Software	-	-	-	-
Membership Dues	34,575	302,000	267,425	302,000
Subscription/Publications	-	-	-	-
Meeting Support Services	-	-	-	-
Postage	-	-	-	-
Storage	-	-	-	-
Printing Services	-	-	-	-
Computer Equipment/Supplies	-	-	-	-
Communications	-	-	-	-
Equipment Maintenance - Comp/Software	-	-	-	-
Data Processing Support	-	-	-	-
PACE Recording	-	-	-	-
Seminars/Conferences	440	-	(440)	5,000
Travel Related Expenses	643	-	-	39,000
Training	-	70,000	70,000	70,000
Advertising Media	-	-	-	-
Compliance Settlements	-	-	-	-
Direct Expenses	-	-	-	-
Event Support	35,000	25,000	(10,000)	50,000
COG REN Reimbursement	-	250,000	250,000	250,000
Consulting Labor	387,029	1,084,167	697,138	1,679,167
Total Expenses	\$ 644,215	\$ 2,060,058	\$ 1,418,837	\$ 2,797,670
Excess Rev/Exp	\$ -	\$ 394,806	\$ 391,813	\$ -
Ending Fund Balance				\$ -

Fund	180	180	180	180
Energy & Environment FY 24/25 Budget	REN Codes & Standards (2080)	REN Codes & Standards (2080)	REN Codes & Standards (2080)	REN Codes & Standards (2080)
Beginning Assigned Fund Balance				\$ -
Revenues	Actual	FY 23/24 Budget	Difference	Proposed
Clean Cities	-	-	\$ -	-
Solid Waste	-	-	-	-
Gas Company Partnership	-	-	-	-
ICARP	-	-	-	-
Streetlights	-	-	-	-
Used Oil Grant	-	-	-	-
Regional Energy Network	481,828	1,573,600	1,091,772	1,468,890
PACE Commercial	-	-	-	-
Twain	-	-	-	-
HERO Admin Revenue	-	-	-	-
Total Revenues	\$ 481,828	\$ 1,573,600	\$ 1,091,772	\$ 1,468,890
Expenses	Actual	Budget	Difference	Proposed
Salaries & Wages	38,861	63,666	\$ 24,805	\$ 92,838
Fringe Benefits	12,496	22,147	9,651	36,071
Overhead	31,985	52,569	20,584	61,482
Legal	5,553	20,000	14,447	20,000
Bank Fees	-	-	-	-
Parking Validations	-	-	-	-
Program/Office Supplies & Materials	2,350	-	(2,350)	5,000
Computer Software	-	-	-	-
Membership Dues	-	-	-	-
Subscription/Publications	-	-	-	-
Meeting Support Services	-	-	-	-
Postage	-	-	-	-
Storage	-	-	-	-
Printing Services	-	-	-	-
Computer Equipment/Supplies	-	-	-	-
Communications	-	-	-	-
Equipment Maintenance - Comp/Software	-	-	-	-
Data Processing Support	-	-	-	-
PACE Recording	-	-	-	-
Seminars/Conferences	-	-	-	-
Travel Related Expenses	143	-	(143)	-
Training	-	-	-	-
Advertising Media	-	-	-	-
Compliance Settlements	-	-	-	-
Direct Expenses	-	-	-	-
Event Support	5,000	25,000	20,000	25,000
COG REN Reimbursement	-	250,000	250,000	250,000
Consulting Labor	385,440	978,500	593,060	978,500
Total Expenses	\$ 481,828	\$ 1,411,882	\$ 930,053	\$ 1,468,890
Excess Rev/Exp	-	161,718.25	161,718.25	\$ -
Ending Fund Balance				\$ -

Fund	110	110	110	110
Energy & Environment FY 24/25 Budget	PACE Commercial (2130)	PACE Commercial (2130)	PACE Commercial (2130)	PACE Commercial (2130)
Beginning Assigned Fund Balance				\$ 969,351
Revenues	Actual	FY 23/24 Budget	Difference	Proposed
Clean Cities	-	-	\$ -	-
Solid Waste	-	-	-	-
Gas Company Partnership	-	-	-	-
ICARP	-	-	-	-
Streetlights	-	-	-	-
Used Oil Grant	-	-	-	-
Regional Energy Network	-	-	-	-
PACE Commercial	228,736	120,714	(108,022)	334,250
Twain	-	120,714	120,714	-
HERO Admin Revenue	192	-	(192)	-
Total Revenues	\$ 228,928	\$ 241,427	\$ 12,500	\$ 334,250
Expenses	Actual	Budget	Difference	Proposed
Salaries & Wages	37,271	63,337	\$ 26,066	\$ 136,826
Fringe Benefits	15,224	28,734	13,510	69,844
Overhead	32,901	56,402	23,501	87,380
Legal	350	-	(350)	20,000
Bank Fees	-	-	-	-
Parking Validations	-	-	-	-
Program/Office Supplies & Materials	-	-	-	-
Computer Software	-	-	-	-
Membership Dues	-	-	-	-
Subscription/Publications	-	-	-	-
Meeting Support Services	-	-	-	-
Postage	-	-	-	-
Storage	-	-	-	-
Printing Services	-	-	-	-
Computer Equipment/Supplies	-	-	-	-
Communications	189	400	211	200
Equipment Maintenance - Comp/Software	-	-	-	-
Data Processing Support	-	-	-	-
PACE Recording	2,463	3,050	587	5,000
Seminars/Conferences	-	-	-	-
Travel Related Expenses	-	-	-	-
Training	-	-	-	-
Advertising Media	-	-	-	-
Compliance Settlements	-	-	-	-
Direct Expenses	-	-	-	-
Event Support	-	-	-	-
COG REN Reimbursement	-	-	-	-
Consulting Labor	-	-	-	15,000
Total Expenses	\$ 88,398	\$ 151,922	\$ 63,524	\$ 334,250
Excess Rev/Exp	\$ 140,530	\$ 89,505	\$ (51,025)	\$ -
Ending Fund Balance				\$ 524,292

Fund	110	110	110	110
Energy & Environment FY 24/25 Budget	CA HERO	CA HERO	CA HERO	CA HERO (5000)
Beginning Assigned Fund Balance				\$ (41,390)
Revenues	Actual	FY 23/24 Budget	Difference	Proposed
Clean Cities	-	-	\$ -	-
Solid Waste	-	-	-	-
Gas Company Partnership	-	-	-	-
ICARP	-	-	-	-
Streetlights	-	-	-	-
Used Oil Grant	-	-	-	-
Regional Energy Network	-	-	-	-
PACE Commercial	-	-	-	-
Twain	-	-	-	-
HERO Admin Revenue	209,873	764,000	554,127	665,000
Total Revenues	\$ 209,873	\$ 764,000	\$ 554,127	\$ 665,000
Expenses	Actual	Budget	Difference	Budget
Salaries & Wages	181,621	314,578	\$ 132,957	\$ 158,778
Fringe Benefits	76,717	150,558	73,841	77,425
Overhead	166,216	284,942	118,726	99,867
Legal	247,468	300,000	52,532	300,000
Bank Fees	-	5,000	5,000	5,000
Parking Validations	-	50	50	100
Program/Office Supplies & Materials	-	-	-	-
Computer Software	3,090	3,510	420	3,800
Membership Dues	-	250	250	-
Subscription/Publications	-	1,000	1,000	-
Meeting Support Services	-	100	100	-
Postage	46	750	704	750
Storage	-	-	-	-
Printing Services	-	-	-	-
Computer Equipment/Supplies	-	1,000	1,000	1,000
Communications	612	1,500	888	1,500
Equipment Maintenance - Comp/Software	-	-	-	-
Data Processing Support	10,273	21,000	10,727	20,921
PACE Recording	5,707	7,500	1,793	7,500
Seminars/Conferences	-	500	500	500
Travel Related Expenses	641	1,000	359	1,250
Training	222	500	278	500
Advertising Media	-	-	-	-
Compliance Settlements	104,471	103,500	(971)	25,000
Direct Expenses	-	-	-	-
Event Support	-	-	-	-
COG REN Reimbursement	-	-	-	-
Consulting Labor	-	40,000	40,000	40,000
Total Expenses	\$ 797,085	\$ 1,237,238	\$ 440,154	\$ 743,891
Excess Rev/Exp	\$ (587,211)	\$ (473,238)	\$ 113,973	\$ (78,891)
Ending Fund Balance				\$ 195,284

Fund	
Energy & Environment FY 24/25 Budget	Total Energy & Environment
Beginning Assigned Fund Balance	
Revenues	Proposed
Clean Cities	491,120
Solid Waste	493,051
Gas Company Partnership	75,000
ICARP	308,133
Streetlights	131,417
Used Oil Grant	201,267
Regional Energy Network	10,510,797
PACE Commercial	334,250
Twain	-
HERO Admin Revenue	665,000
Total Revenues	\$ 13,210,035
Expenses	Proposed
Salaries & Wages	1,841,954
Fringe Benefits	801,752
Overhead	1,141,390
Legal	413,500
Bank Fees	5,000
Parking Validations	3,700
Program/Office Supplies & Materials	27,300
Computer Software	3,800
Membership Dues	327,000
Subscription/Publications	3,750
Meeting Support Services	9,000
Postage	1,150
Storage	4,500
Printing Services	9,100
Computer Equipment/Supplies	10,500
Communications	32,280
Equipment Maintenance - Comp/Software	500
Data Processing Support	20,921
PACE Recording	12,500
Seminars/Conferences	27,800
Travel Related Expenses	221,695
Training	76,250
Advertising Media	31,500
Compliance Settlements	25,000
Direct Expenses	400,000
Event Support	199,497
COG REN Reimbursement	1,500,000
Consulting Labor	6,099,068
Total Expenses	\$ 13,250,408
Excess Rev/Exp	\$ (40,373)
Ending Fund Balance	

Attachment

Resolution Number 04-24; A
Resolution of the General Assembly
of the Western Riverside Council of
Governments adopting the Fiscal
Year 2024/2025 Agency Budget

RESOLUTION NUMBER 04-24

A RESOLUTION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025 AGENCY BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG) is a joint powers authority consisting of the County of Riverside and 18 cities, the Eastern Municipal Water District, the Western Municipal Water District, and the Riverside County Superintendent of Schools, situated in western Riverside County; and

WHEREAS, WRCOG operates on a fiscal year basis, beginning on July 1 of each year and continuing until June 30 of the succeeding year; and

WHEREAS, Article III, Section 3.3 of the WRCOG Joint Powers Agreement states that prior to July 1 of each year, the General Assembly shall adopt a final budget for the expenditures of WRCOG during the following fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, Article III, Section 6, Subdivision (A) of the WRCOG Bylaws states that the Executive Committee of WRCOG shall prepare and recommend to the General Assembly a yearly budget for funds and distribution and to determine the estimated share of contributions from each member agency; and

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2024, a proposed Agency Budget for Fiscal Year 2024/2025 was presented to the Executive Committee, and the Executive Committee recommended the proposed Agency Budget for Fiscal Year 2024/2025 to the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, WRCOG serves as the administrative lead for the Inland Regional Energy Network (I-REN) and incorporates the I-REN Budget in the WRCOG budget; and

WHEREAS, the I-REN has a governing body consisting of elected officials from throughout the I-REN service area, including WRCOG; and

WHEREAS, the I-REN revenues are fixed, approved, and provided exclusively through the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC); and

WHEREAS, the categories and amounts of I-REN spending are constrained by the WRCOG-approved I-REN Business Plan; and

WHEREAS, the CPUC allocates I-REN funding based on a calendar year rather than the WRCOG fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, WRCOG provided the public with proper notice that the meeting to approve the proposed Agency Budget for Fiscal Year 2024/2025 is to be held on June 20, 2024, at the General Assembly meeting; and

WHEREAS, on June 20, 2024, the proposed Agency Budget for Fiscal Year 2023/2024 was presented to the General Assembly and the General Assembly held a public hearing on the proposed Budget.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the General Assembly of the Western Riverside Council of Governments as follows:

Section 1. RECITALS

The above recitals are incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2. BUDGET

- (a) The General Assembly hereby approves and adopts the WRCOG Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Agency Budget with expenditure appropriations of \$19,815,397.
- (b) The continuation of Fiscal Year 2023/2024 appropriations to Fiscal Year 2024/2025 is authorized for the completion of programs and activities currently underway.

Section 3. INLAND REGIONAL ENERGY NETWORK (I-REN)

- (a) The General Assembly hereby directs the WRCOG Executive Committee to monitor the finances of the I-REN and provides for:
 - (1) Expanded budget authority to impose new fiscal requirements on the I-REN Executive Committee as it deems necessary; and
 - (2) Make mid-year budget adjustments in any amount, provided they meet the following criteria:
 - a) consistent with the intent and purpose of I-REN
 - b) revenue assumptions are consistent with CPUC allocations
 - c) expenditures are consistent with the WRCOG-approved I-REN Business Plan
- (b) The General Assembly hereby provides the I-REN Executive Committee with limited delegated authority to approve and amend the I-REN budget subject to the following conditions:
 - (1) Revenues shall be consistent with the CPUC funds allocation.
 - (2) Expenditures shall be consistent with the WRCOG-approved I-REN Business Plan.
 - (3) The WRCOG Executive Committee may impose additional constraints at its sole discretion.
 - (4) The WRCOG Executive Committee reserves the right to revoke this limited delegation of authority.

Section 4. AMENDING THE FINAL BUDGET

- (a) In accordance with Sections 4.1 and 1.2.2, Subdivision (f) of the WRCOG Joint Powers Agreement and Government Code Section 29092, the General Assembly hereby delegates its power to amend the WRCOG Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Agency Budget and approve Budget transfers throughout the Fiscal Year to the Executive Director within the following control levels:
 - (1) Level of Budgetary Control: Budgetary control is established at the following levels: a) General Fund – Department Level, and b) Other Funds – Fund level.
- (b) The Executive Director is authorized to establish and amend revenue estimates and expenditure appropriations subject to the receipt or award of corresponding revenues (i.e., grant funding, donations, contract or bond revenues, and reimbursements).

- (c) The Executive Director may revise the schedule of any appropriation made in this Resolution where the revision is of a technical nature, is consistent with the intent of the governing board, and provided that any net increase in expenditures is paired with a corresponding revenue increase. Notice of any revisions shall be included in subsequent budget updates to the Executive Committee.
- (d) The Executive Director is authorized to adjust classifications, including salary and benefit, and allocation adjustments, and to make related inter-fund transfers and appropriation adjustments, to ensure comparability with similar classifications to maintain equity in WRCOG's salary schedules and to incorporate changes into the Salary Schedule, as appropriate.

Section 5. IMPLEMENTATION OF ANNUAL BUDGET

The Executive Director is hereby authorized to take necessary and appropriate actions to carry out the purpose and intent of this resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the General Assembly of the Western Riverside Council of Governments on June 20, 2024.

Chris Barajas, Chair
WRCOG Executive Committee

Dr. Kurt Wilson, Secretary
WRCOG Executive Committee

Approved as to form:

Steven DeBaun
WRCOG Legal Counsel

AYES: _____ NAYS: _____ ABSENT: _____ ABSTAIN: _____