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The Regional Council is the governing board of the Southern California Association of Governments and consists of 86 elected officials representing 191 cities, six counties, county transportation commissions, transportation corridor agencies, tribal governments and air districts in Southern California.

A G E N D A

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MEETING



Wayne Nastri and Dr. Philip Fine of SCAQMD speaking before the Regional Council

INFORMATION

SCAQMD PRESENTS DRAFT 2016 AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN TO RC

Wayne Nastri, Acting Executive Officer of the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD), and Deputy Executive Officer Dr. Philip Fine were invited to today's meeting of the Regional Council to present an overview of the Draft 2016 Air Quality Management Plan. The plan, a blueprint for how to meet and maintain state and federal air quality standards, is being jointly prepared by lead agency SCAQMD, the California Air Resources Board and SCAG. Nastri asserted that while sufficiently improving the region's air quality presents a tremendous challenge, the plan is "a bold, innovative step toward attainment." With a heavy focus on incentives, the strategy includes traditional regulatory measures, an incentive-based program, co-benefits from existing greenhouse gas reduction programs, further deployment of cleaner technologies and reductions from mobile sources under state and federal jurisdictions. The Revised Draft 2016 AQMP was released for public comment and review on September 21, and materials are available online: <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/library/clean-air-plans/air-quality-mgt-plan/Draft2016AQMP> SCAQMD will be conducting public hearings in four counties across the region. A final plan is scheduled to be adopted in December.

ACTION

RC APPROVES SUSTAINABILITY PLANNING GRANTS GUIDELINES

The Regional Council voted today to approve the guidelines and scoring criteria for the Call for Proposals for SCAG's Sustainability Planning Grants program. The grants will range from \$50,000 to \$1 million in the categories of Active Transportation, Integrated Land Use, and Green Region Initiative. Proposals will be evaluated based on project need, goals, objectives, outcomes and community support. All SCAG-member jurisdictions, including cities, counties and Councils of Governments (COGs) are encouraged to apply. The deadline for submitting a project for consideration is November 18, 2016. A webinar for potential applicants will be held on Oct. 13. For guidelines, application forms, and submission information, please visit the Sustainability website at <http://sustain.scag.ca.gov/Pages/default.aspx>.

INFORMATION

GOVERNOR VETOES AB 2170 – TRADE CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT FUND

On Sept. 28, Governor Brown vetoed SCAG-sponsored AB 2170, a bill which would have kept intact the Trade Corridor Improvement Fund (TCIF) program as a method of allocating federal FAST Act freight funds. SCAG believes the existing TCIF program administered by the California Transportation Commission is the most efficient, secure manner to both determine which projects should be funded, and to allocate critically needed funds without delay. Unfortunately the Governor vetoed the bill citing exclusion from the bill of end-of-session negotiated amendments to improve border crossings and include rail safety projects. While SCAG is undeniably disappointed with the Governor's decision, the agency is very satisfied with the policy discussion held throughout the state that this bill engendered, as well as the tremendous collaboration and support we received from stakeholder partners throughout the process of passing this bill from the Legislature. We sincerely thank the local transportation commissions, ports, local governments, business groups and others who supported AB 2170 from the beginning, and we look forward to again working collaboratively with our partners to assure the region's most critical infrastructure projects are recipient of these new federal funds.

NEWS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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SCAG MAKES FINAL PREPARATIONS FOR CALIFORNIA HOUSING SUMMIT

For the past several months, SCAG staff have been working with more than 30 partners to plan the California Housing Summit, happening Oct. 11 at the L.A. Hotel in downtown Los Angeles. The summit, "The Cost of Not Housing," will address the critical issue of housing affordability across the state and its impact on local, regional and statewide economies. Online registration has been closed, as the event has almost reached its full capacity. But there are a limited number of seats available to elected officials and city managers. For more information and to download the latest program, visit www.scag.ca.gov/housingsummit.

SCAG TO HOST SEMINARS ON EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDNESS INITIATIVE

As reported last month, SCAG is working in partnership with world-renowned seismologist Dr. Lucy Jones and the Center for Science and Society on a new Regional Earthquake Preparedness Initiative to help local jurisdictions prepare for the "Big One" and protect the Southern California economy from disruption following an earthquake. Beginning in late October, Dr. Jones will lead a series of regional seminars that will cover the region's earthquake risks and how local jurisdictions can take the lead in strengthening their infrastructure. The seminars are open to elected officials and city managers. For more information, please contact Mark Butala at butala@scag.ca.gov.

SCAG LAUNCHES PILOT PROGRAM ON NEW LOCAL FINANCING TOOLS

SCAG recently initiated a pilot study to examine the economic development opportunities available through tax increment financing. Established under Senate Bill 628 and Assembly Bill 2, Enhanced Infrastructure Finance Districts (EIFDs) and Community Revitalization and Investment Authorities (CRIAs) are economic development strategies and financing mechanisms now available to local jurisdictions. SCAG's new pilot study will result in location-specific analysis on the potential economic benefits of an EIFD or CRIA for funding sustainable infrastructure and constructing affordable housing. Staff are working with county transportation commissions and local jurisdictions on this study.

AIR RESOURCES BOARD SETTING STAGE FOR GHG REDUCTION PLAN UPDATE

The California Air Resources Board (ARB) is in the process of updating its Climate Change Scoping Plan, which includes the state's vision, goals, and strategies for reducing greenhouse gas emissions by year 2030. This is an important update, as it will shape climate change priorities and funding opportunities for the next few years. ARB has been hosting a series of preliminary workshops to inform development of the update. At a Sept. 14 workshop on the transportation sector, ARB released for public input a white paper on potential land use strategies and a document on potential strategies to reduce vehicle miles of travel (VMT). SCAG will keep the Regional Council informed throughout this important update process. For more information on the Scoping Plan update, visit the [ARB website](#).

U P C O M I N G M E E T I N G S

October

11th California Housing Summit

18th Legislative/Communications & Membership Committee

20th Technical Working Group

25th Transportation Conformity Working Group

November

3rd Regional Council & Policy Committee Meetings

15th Legislative/Communications & Membership Committee

17th Technical Working Group

22nd Transportation Conformity Working Group

23rd Modeling Task Force

29th Audit Committee



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