

ORANGE COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT

BOARD MEMBER TALKING POINTS

January 2022

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OC San's training and development program is being offered to all member agencies. A letter is being sent to city/agency staff with specific program information, course content, and availability. For more information on the program, emails can be sent to ocsanu@ocsan.gov.

Biosolids Compost Program

In an effort to help cities with SB 1383 requirements, OC San has a Compost Outreach Program that includes a toolbox, videos, and options to sample our compost. City staff can visit www.ocsan.gov/compost for information and resources on reaching SB 1383 compliance.

General Manager's Work Plan Mid-Year Update

Each year, the General Manager prepares a [work plan of activities](#) to be accomplished during the fiscal year. In August 2021, the 2021/2022 General Manager's Work Plan was approved with 23 goals under four categories: Business Principles, Environmental Stewardship, Wastewater Management, and Workplace Environment. At mid-year, five items have reached completion and all remaining items are on track to be completed by, or prior to, the end of the fiscal year and the deadline of the overall work plan.

Bay Bridge Pump Station Location Identified

The Board of Director's hosted a public hearing and took action to adopt a Resolution of Necessity to move forward on the design for the Bay Bridge Pump Station in the City of Newport Beach. This pump station is critical to convey wastewater from the city to OC San's treatment facility in Huntington Beach.

OC San Sewer Construction Project Updates

Los Alamitos/Seal Beach/Rossmoor specific – Manhole construction on the [Los Alamitos Trunk Sewer Project](#) has begun. Over the next couple of weeks daywork will begin on Los Alamitos Blvd. and nightwork will continue on Katella Avenue and portions of Los Alamitos Blvd./Seal Beach Blvd. The entire project is expected to be completed by winter 2023.

Anaheim/Buena Park specific – Construction on the [Orange-Western Trunk Sewer Project](#) is starting next month on Western Avenue just north of Crescent Avenue. The project will clean the pipeline, reinforce the pipe joints, replace or rehabilitate manholes, and replace segments of pipe. Public outreach efforts are underway.

Westminster specific – On the [Westminster Sewer Project](#), construction is taking place on Westminster Blvd. between Bolsa Chica Road and Rancho Road with the excavation of access pits in preparation of slip-lining the second pipeline. Actual slip-lining work of the second pipeline will begin after the wet weather season ends in mid-April to ensure there is enough capacity during heavy rain events.

Fountain Valley specific: Foundation work on the new [Headquarters building](#) is ongoing and about 50 percent complete. Construction at Plant No. 1 has begun which will include demolition of trailers in preparation for the new pedestrian bridge that will connect the new Headquarters to Plant No. 1. Live footage of the construction can be found on the project webpage: <https://www.ocsan.gov/headquarters>.

Also at Plant No. 1 is construction of the [Security Improvement Project](#). The chain-link fence along Ward Avenue is being replaced with an 8-foot block wall with new landscaping and added security enhancements.

Any project related question can be directed to the OC San Construction Hotline at 714.378.2965 or via email at ConstructionHotline@ocsan.gov.



BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

For January 13, 2022, Meeting

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BOARDS SELECT 2022 CHAIRS AND VICE CHAIRS

On January 13, the San Joaquin Hills Transportation Corridor Agency (SJHTCA) and Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency (F/ETCA) Boards of Directors held leadership elections for the current calendar year. The SJHTCA Board of Directors unanimously elected Newport Beach Councilmember Will O'Neill as Chair and Laguna Hills Mayor Pro Tempore Janine Heft as Vice Chair. The F/ETCA Board of Directors unanimously re-elected Yorba Linda Councilmember Peggy Huang as Chair and Dana Point Mayor Joe Muller as Vice Chair.

Director O'Neill succeeds Mission Viejo Councilmember Trish Kelley after two terms as Chair of the SJHTCA. Former Chairwoman Kelley and O'Neill worked as a team to oversee historic successes for the Agency that included navigating the COVID-19 pandemic and overseeing the successful reduction in debt service payments of \$138.7 million, net of all transaction costs, without extending bond maturity dates. Chair O'Neill served as part of the leadership for the Agencies' Joint Finance & Investment Committee that developed and garnered Board support for adoption of Debt Management Policies that have further strengthened the Agencies' cash position while creating additional flexibility to pay down other bonds early or invest in key capital projects. Kelley will continue to serve as a Director for the SJHTCA.

Chair Huang continues in her leadership role for the F/ETCA Board after overseeing similar success with a bond refunding which resulted in savings of \$214 million and positioned the Agency for a potential early pay down of \$125 million in principle in 2022. She was also at the helm for opening the Oso Parkway Bridge to traffic and advancing the 241/91 Express Connector project. Huang is actively engaged in policy discussions at the regional and state levels and was recently named one of Orange County's 125 top influencers by *The Orange County Register*.



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CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTER SYSTEM CONTRACT AMENDMENT APPROVED

The SJHTCA and F/ETCA Boards of Directors unanimously approved an amendment to extend the Customer Service Center back-office system contract with BRIC-TPS. The contract's amendment provides authorization for continued maintenance until the transition to the new customer service back-office system is in place. The transition is expected to occur in summer 2022.





MONTHLY UPDATE

February 2022

Below are upcoming items for the February 9 regular meeting. Due to the pandemic, this meeting will be conducted virtually. Zoom sign-in information for Commissioners will be distributed to the Board in the coming week, and public access will be published in the agenda by February 2.

OC LAFCO Policies and Procedures Updates

At the February meeting, the Commission will consider amendments to the agency's personnel policies and procedures. A review of the administrative policies that include personnel, records and retention and public records requests is performed annually to ensure consistency and compliance with any changes in state and federal laws.

Legislative Policy Guidelines Update

A review and update to the Commission's legislative policy and guidelines is identified in the FY 2021-2022 OC LAFCO Work Plan. Originally adopted by the Commission in May 1999, the policy guides the Commission and staff in the review of legislation of LAFCO-interest and adoption of positions on bills. At the next meeting, the Commission will receive a report on recommended updates to the policy and guidelines to further support the effectiveness of the Commission on the legislative front.

Six-Month Strategic Objectives Update

The report will provide an update on three key objectives that were identified by the Commission to be completed by February 2022. These objectives are shown in the chart below.

Goal	Objective
Optimization of External Communication	Prepare a report to Commissioners on increased public engagement from stakeholders (public comments, attendance at public meetings, and sign-ups for bi-annual news).
South Orange County Governance	Prepare a document that outlines the processes for potential governance options for South Orange County Connected Communities (SOCCC).
MSRs	Survey other LAFCOs to examine the types of MSRs that is used, and report results to the Commission.

2022 Meeting and Events Calendar

The Commission will consider amending the Meeting and Events calendar and to reschedule the Strategic Planning Workshop to June 8.



MONTHLY UPDATE

February 2022

(Continued)

Informational Items and Announcements:

Municipal Services Dashboard and Shared Services Program Virtual Presentations

Two new milestones completed! We are excited to unveil the **Municipal Services Dashboard** and the latest improvements to the **Shared Services Program**. The Dashboard not only serves as a great resource to the public but was developed to maintain ongoing demographic information for our local agencies and assist in streamlining data requests for future MSRs. Secondly, the newly improved Shared Services Program has been integrated with the OC LAFCO website and is available for use by our local agencies. The Program was enhanced in response to requests from some special districts to provide a resource focused on shared services opportunities. The Commission will receive a virtual presentation of the programs at the February meeting. Next steps – Getting the agencies to sign up!

LAFCO Appointments

At its most recent Board meeting, the Board of Supervisors reappointed Commissioner Bartlett and Vice Chair Wagner to the Regular County Member seats. Additionally, and through the action of the Board, we welcome back Supervisor Andrew Do as the LAFCO Alternate County Member. Commissioner Do served briefly as the Alternate County Member in 2015 and will be seated at the February meeting.

Congratulations – It's Official!

At the July 21 CALAFCO Board meeting, the Board officially appointed Commissioner Derek J. McGregor to the Executive Board. In this role, Commissioner McGregor will serve as one of the four Board members representing the southern region LAFCOs (Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernadino, and San Diego).

LAFCO Center Stage

Continuing the effort of optimizing external relations and sharing OC LAFCO news, on February 9, Executive Officer Carolyn Emery will present an introduction to LAFCO to the State of California Tax Managers. In part to the presentation, she will discuss the collaboration of LAFCOs and the County Auditor-Controller Offices involving boundary changes and the process involving the consolidation of tax rate areas. Approximately 70 Tax Managers from across the State are expected to attend the event in Irvine.

On February 23, Executive Officer Carolyn Emery has been invited to share OC LAFCO's experience with hiring during the pandemic as a panelist for a CALAFCO webinar that will highlight best practices for employee recruitment during the pandemic.

Agency Outreach

Staff has been requested by the City of San Clemente to participate in their February 1st City Council meeting to address questions on the annexation process. During previous discussions, the City was made aware of the Commission's current effort and objectives for South Orange County.

Additionally, staff has been invited to participate in the Placentia's City Council meeting on February 15. At the meeting, the council will be discussing initiating the annexation of the Hamer unincorporated island. Staff will be in attendance to address any questions from Councilmembers or residents on the annexation process.

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To: Marcia Brown
Subject: Fw: Regional Council Spotlight, February 2022

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To: Peggy Huang <phuang@yorbalinga.gov>
Subject: Regional Council Spotlight, February 2022

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SPOTLIGHT

SCAG REGIONAL COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



ABOUT

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.

AGENDA

[Click here](#) for current and archived Regional Council meeting agendas.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MEETING



In February 2022, SCAG leadership joined Imperial County officials for a tour of several regionally significant projects underway in the county.

ACTION

REGIONAL COUNCIL APPROVES REAP 2.0 APPLICATION FOR ADVANCE FUNDING

SCAG's Regional Council today approved a resolution authorizing the application for and acceptance of the advance funding for the Regional Early Action Planning Grant Program for 2021 (REAP 2021). SCAG staff will now apply for funding of up to 10 percent of the \$246 million available to SCAG to support outreach and engagement, early studies and partnerships for program development, expansion of existing Connect SoCal implementation programs, and development of a full program application.

INFORMATION

JOINT POLICY COMMITTEE RECEIVES CONNECT SOCAL UPDATE

Today, SCAG held a Joint Policy Committee meeting to provide members with an update on the development of Connect SoCal 2024. The meeting included presentations by staff followed by a panel discussion with regional partners.

PRELIMINARY REGIONAL AND COUNTY GROWTH PROJECTIONS

Among the first steps in Connect SoCal 2024 is the development of growth projections for households, employment, and population in the region and six counties to the year 2050. With the help of an expert panel and consultants, staff developed a technical approach and high, medium and low growth scenarios for discussion. Fewer births, the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and new data from Census 2020 all suggest that the region's future population growth will be much slower than previously expected. However, the strength of the region's economic base, innovation hubs, welcoming culture and encouraging signs about housing production indicate that growth to 2050 will be only slightly below the middle growth scenario titled "Slower Growth, Steady Improvement."

EMERGING ISSUES UPDATE

With the approval of Connect SoCal 2020, the Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy, SCAG outlined several data and trends that were impacted by COVID-19 including transportation funding, congestion and travel behavior, goods movement and supply chain demand, and housing production. In addition to the pandemic-influenced changes occurring within the region, SCAG also identified multiple emerging issues that would need to be more fully addressed in the next plan, Connect SoCal 2024, including equity, regional resilience and economic opportunity. Throughout 2022, staff will continue to work with partners and policymakers to address these trends and issues facing the region.

Continuing the discussion, Executive Director Kome Ajise moderated a panel discussion with Anne Mayer, Riverside County Transportation Commission; Darrell Johnson, Orange County Transportation Authority; Lynn von Koch-Liebert, California Strategic Growth Council; and Seleta Reynolds, Los Angeles Department of Transportation, to hear their perspectives on the recent trends and priorities for the upcoming plan. For more information on Connect SoCal, visit scag.ca.gov/connect-socal.

ACTION

REGIONAL COUNCIL APPROVES FUNDING FOR THREE SCAG PROGRAMS

The Regional Council today approved \$6.75 million in awards for the [Last Mile Freight Program](#) Phase 1 Contingency List Projects and to extend the program contract by 18 months; the acceptance of one-time funds of \$238,977 to support the Los Angeles Cleantech Incubator-led project, "Testing and Evaluation of Curb Management and Integrated Strategies to Catalyze Market Adoption of Electric Vehicles;" and \$30,000 for a partner program with the University of California-Irvine for an AI-Based Mobility Monitoring System and Analytics Demonstration Pilot.

ACTION

REGIONAL COUNCIL APPROVES 2022 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY TARGETS

The Regional Council today adopted the 2022 Regional Transportation Safety Targets. The Federal Highway Administration mandates that states, working with Metropolitan Planning Organizations, are required to establish targets for reducing the numbers and rates of transportation fatalities and serious injuries. To meet this requirement, SCAG has adopted region-specific targets consistent with SCAG's new safety models, which consider traffic, socioeconomic and other trends. The adopted resolution reaffirms SCAG's regional leadership role and commitment to achieving these targets by advancing activities outlined in Connect SoCal and the Regional Safety Strategy and endorses Zero Deaths as part of a comprehensive effort to achieve zero transportation-related fatalities and serious injuries in the SCAG region. More information on SCAG's transportation safety program can be found at scag.ca.gov/transportation-safety.

NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT



SCAG TOURS IMPERIAL COUNTY

SCAG President Clint Lorimore joined Regional Council members Cheryl Viegas-Walker and Luis Plancarte for a tour of several regionally significant projects underway in Imperial County. The tour began with an up-close look at the Calexico, U.S./Mexico land Ports of Entry border improvement projects that

will improve the flow of goods and people, further supporting the region's ongoing economic recovery. The tour also allowed for an opportunity to see Imperial County's vital role as an agricultural leader in the state and nation, highlighting the county's vast agricultural area. The afternoon concluded with a visit to the Salton Sea area Geothermal Fields where investments in lithium extraction and further geothermal energy development will help the state continue to meet the future needs for clean, reliable energy.

SCAG WELCOMES 3 NEW MEMBERS TO THE REGIONAL COUNCIL

SCAG welcomed 3 new members today to the Regional Council and Policy Committees.

- Brian Goodell, Orange County Transportation Authority
- Tammy Kim, Irvine, District 14
- Hilda Solis, Los Angeles County

NEWS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



SAVE THE DATE! 57TH REGIONAL CONFERENCE & GENERAL ASSEMBLY

For the first time in three years, we will be convening in person for the 57th Regional Conference & General Assembly on May 5–6 at the JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort & Spa in Palm Desert, Calif. Mark your calendars to join

Southern California's most influential leaders, innovators and policymakers for collaborative, solution-oriented discussions on fostering change and addressing challenges in our communities.

Registration, which will be free for elected officials and city managers in the region, will be opening soon — stay tuned! You can find the latest details on the event webpage at scag.ca.gov/ga2022.

To learn more about opportunities for sponsorship of the event, contact Houston Laney at laney@scag.ca.gov.

TWO OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS IN THE SCAG REGION

SCAG is excited to announce two major opportunities for students in the region!

2022 STUDENT SHOWCASE

The [2022 Student Showcase](#) is a storymapping competition that challenges students to think innovatively and compete for cash prizes in two award categories: **Best in Show** and **Audience Awards**. Student participants are invited to conceptualize, create and submit planning themed ArcGIS StoryMaps using SCAG's open data. This is a meaningful way to tell a story or provide insight, showcase plans and projects, engage supporters and stakeholders, illustrate the possibilities of data, and highlight the usefulness of open data at the regional level.

Students are instructed to [submit abstracts of their projects](#) by **Tuesday, Feb. 22**, and if selected, SCAG will request an ArcGIS StoryMap to be submitted. **In all, there will be a total of \$6,000 awarded.**

2022 SCAG SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Applications are now available for the [2022 SCAG Scholarship Program](#)! The SCAG Scholarship Program offers a **\$4,000 scholarship award** for seven high school seniors or community college students from the SCAG region (and potentially two additional scholarship awards that are not tied to a specific county but may be awarded at the Regional Council's discretion) and the opportunity to meet with elected officials and practicing planners to learn more about careers in public service.

To be eligible for the scholarship, students must be a resident within the SCAG region, enrolled as a high school senior or community college student, have at least a 3.0 GPA and be eligible to work in the United States. Applicants must [complete an application form](#) and submit an essay, two letters of recommendation, and a current transcript. All materials must be submitted by **Friday, April 1**.

For more information on both opportunities, visit scag.ca.gov/students.

The full [Executive Director's Report](#) and past reports will be available on the SCAG website.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

FEBRUARY

14th General Assembly Host Committee
15th Legislative/Communications & Membership Committee
18th Regional Advanced Mitigation Planning – Advisory Task Group
22nd Housing Working Group
22nd Transportation Conformity Working Group
23rd Audit Committee
24th Emerging Technology Committee
28th General Assembly Host Committee

MARCH

2nd Executive/Administration Committee
3rd Regional Council and Policy Committees
8th Regional Transit Lanes Technical Advisory Committee
10th Safe and Active Streets Working Group
14th General Assembly Host Committee
15th Legislative/Communications & Membership Committee
17th Technical Working Group
22nd Transportation Conformity Working Group
23rd Modeling Task Force
24th Equity Working Group
28th General Assembly Host Committee
30th Regional Transit Technical Advisory Committee



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