

SBCAG STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: Committee Appointments

MEETING DATE: January 20, 2022

AGENDA ITEM: 8

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RECOMMENDATION:

- Appoint one delegate and one alternate to the California Association of Councils of Governments (CALCOG).
- B. Appoint one delegate and one alternate to the Los Angeles-San Diego-San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency (LOSSAN).
 - C. Appoint one delegate and one alternate to the Coast Rail Coordinating Council.
 - D. Appoint one member and one alternate to the CalVans Board of Directors.
 - E. Appoint members to the Highway 154 Safety Committee.
 - F. Appoint members to the SBCAG Executive Committee: Chair, Vice-Chair, immediate Past-Chair, Chairs of North County Subregional and South Coast Subregional.

SUMMARY:

SBCAG is a member of certain statewide or multi-county organizations that require the appointment of board member representatives. The board must appoint members to serve as its representatives for 2022 for:

- California Association of Councils of Governments (CALCOG)
- Los Angeles-San Diego-San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency (LOSSAN)
- Coast Rail Coordinating Council (CRCC)
- Calvans board of Directors
- Coastal Express Policy Committee

In addition, the SBCAG bylaws provide for the appointment of an executive committee comprised of the Chair, Vice-chair and immediate past Chair and other members subject to approval of the board. The attached table summarizes the appointments that need to be made for 2022.

The recommended action is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to section 15378 of the CEQA Guidelines.

DISCUSSION:

- A. CALCOG
CALCOG is an association of the 38 regional councils of governments that exist within the state. The attached brochure explains the primary focus areas of CALCOG. CALCOG's role has taken on increased importance as the role of regional agencies and Metropolitan Planning Organizations like SBCAG have expanded in recent years. In

particular, CALCOG has assisted in communicating with state agencies like the Air Resources Board and Strategic Growth Council that have regulatory and funding responsibilities that directly impact our Regional Transportation Plan—Sustainable Communities Strategy required by SB 375. In addition, CALCOG provides a unified voice for regions with the legislature and the administration in implementing existing transportation funding programs and advocating for increased funding at the state level for transportation infrastructure needs.

Director Sierra was appointed to serve as SBCAG’s delegate for CALCOG in 2021 and the alternate appointed was Director Osborne.

Staff recommends that the board appoint one member as the delegate and one member as the alternate to the California Association of Councils of Governments (CALCOG) for the 2020 calendar year. The CALCOG delegate/alternate might be called upon to attend approximately two to three meetings during the course of the year.

B. LOSSAN

The Los Angeles–San Diego–San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency (LOSSAN) was formed through a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) and is composed of Regional Transportation Planning Agencies and transit agencies along the Pacific Surfliner rail corridor, which extends from San Diego to San Luis Obispo. In 2012, state legislation was adopted that allowed for the transfer of responsibility for administering the Pacific Surfliner to pass from the state (Caltrans) to the LOSSAN JPA, and on July 1, 2015, the LOSSAN agency began directly managing the Pacific Surfliner, the second busiest passenger rail service in the country.

Voting membership of the agency includes appointed and elected representatives from the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transit Authority, Orange County Transportation Agency, Ventura County Transportation Commission, SBCAG, San Luis Obispo Council of Governments, San Diego Metropolitan Transit System, North County Transit District and the San Diego Association of Governments. SBCAG became a member of LOSSAN in 2001 (see attached brochure for more information).

In November 2013, LOSSAN executed an agreement with the Orange County Transportation Agency to act as the LOSSAN Managing Agency. On July 1, 2015, OCTA began directly managing the service and staffing board, technical, and Executive Committee meetings. SBCAG staff has worked closely with Managing Agency staff to ensure the region’s priorities are included in any and all evaluations of service levels, schedule adjustments, and capital procurement planning. The Pacific Surfliner service is funded solely by the state—no federal or local funds are currently being used to operate the service.

SBCAG was represented on the LOSSAN Board by Director Hart, and Director Williams served as the alternate. The LOSSAN Board meets monthly in Los Angeles, usually on the third Monday of the month, with some meetings held at member agencies in San Diego, Orange, Santa Barbara, and San Luis Obispo. The LOSSAN meeting schedule for 2022 is attached.

Staff recommends that the board appoint a representative and alternate to LOSSAN.

C. COAST RAIL COORDINATING COUNCIL

The Coast Rail Coordinating Council (CRCC) is composed of Regional Transportation Planning Agencies and local jurisdictions along the coast rail corridor between Los Angeles and San Francisco. The CRCC advocates for the reintroduction of the Coast Daylight Amtrak service, which operated on the Coast Route until 1971.

Director Murillo was appointed to serve as SBCAG's representative to the CRCC for 2021. The alternate representative appointed was Director Williams. Meetings of CRCC policy board are held approximately four times a year at various locations in the corridor. The CRCC meeting schedule for 2022 is attached.

Staff recommends that the board appoint a representative and alternate to the CRCC.

D. CALVANS

Cal Vans is a statewide commuter and farm worker vanpool Joint Powers Authority (JPA) formed between the councils of governments in Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, Monterey, Napa, San Benito, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz, Tulare, Imperial and Ventura. SBCAG joined Cal Vans in April 2011 with the goal of increasing vanpooling in Santa Barbara County. Each member agency must appoint a representative and alternate to sit on the Cal Vans board of directors.

In 2021, Director Julian was appointed to represent SBCAG and Director Hartmann was appointed to be the alternate. The Calvans board meets monthly on the second Thursday of the month from 10:00 am to 11:00 am and meetings can be attended via phone conference.

E. APPOINT MEMBERS TO THE HIGHWAY 154 SAFETY COMMITTEE

SBCAG formed the Highway 154 Safety Committee to support on-going efforts of SBCAG to assist public agencies in addressing safety on Highway 154. Highway 154 is a California state highway that runs between U.S. 101 in Santa Barbara through the San Marcos Pass, Los Padres National Forest, Santa Ynez Valley, and Los Olivos, and State Route 246. Ex-Officio members include representatives for the California's 19th Senate District, 37th Assembly District as well as representatives from the California Highway Patrol and Caltrans, District 5.

In January 2021, the SBCAG Board appointed five Directors to the committee, Joan Hartmann (Supervisor, Third District), Gregg Hart (Supervisor, Second District), Paula Perotte (Mayor, Goleta), Holly Sierra (Mayor, Buellton), and Charlie Uhrig (Mayor, Solvang). An original Highway 154 ad-hoc committee was made up of Directors from County Supervisorial Districts 2 and 3, along with City Council representatives from Goleta and Solvang.

F. SBCAG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The SBCAG bylaws require the appointment of an executive committee. The bylaws specify how members of the committee shall be appointed:

"The Chair shall annually appoint an Executive Committee comprised of the Chair, Vice-chair and immediate past Chair. Other members may be appointed to the Executive Committee subject to the approval of the SBCAG board."

The board elected Director Williams to serve as Chair and Director Osborne to serve as Vice-Chair at its December 16, 2021 meeting. The Chair and Vice Chair will automatically be members of the Executive Committee along with the 2021 Chair (Sierra). The board's past practice has been to appoint the Chairs of the two subregional committees to serve on the executive committee as well. Director Uhrig was elected to serve as the Chair of the North County Subregional Committee and Director Hart was elected to serve as the South Coast Subregional Committee.

Attachments:

- A. Summary Table—SBCAG Board Appointments 2021
- B. CALCOG Brochure
- C. LOSSAN Brochure/2022 LOSSAN Meeting Schedule
- D. What is CRCC?/2022 CRCC Meeting Schedule
- E. Calvans Brochure/2022 Meeting Schedule