



Agenda Report

File #: 19-0339

**AGENDA REPORT
REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL ACTION**

DATE: 4/3/2019

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Michele Nissen, Acting City Manager

SUBJECT:

City Council consideration of an Amendment to the Joint Powers Agreement of the Western Riverside Council of Governments.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the City Council authorize the Mayor to sign the Amendment to the Joint Powers Agreement of the Western Riverside Council of Governments.

ANALYSIS:

The Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) of the Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG) was made and entered into on April 1, 1991. The purpose of the formation of the WRCOG JPA is to provide an agency to conduct studies and projects designed to improve and coordinate the common governmental responsibilities and services on an area-wide and regional basis through the establishment of an association of governments. From time to time through recommendations of the Executive Committee updates are considered to the JPA requiring approval of a 2/3rds majority of the member agencies. The City Corona is a WRCOG member agency and is represented on the Executive Committee by a member appointed by the City Council.

On November 5, 2018, the Executive Committee acted to amend the JPA as follows:

1. Sections 2.12, 3.1 and 4.5 of the Agreement updates the JPA to formally recognize that the Treasurer/Auditor of WRCOG is a WRCOG employee appointed pursuant to Section 6505.6 of the Government Code.
2. Section 2.12 formally adds the position of a Second Vice-Chair to the JPA. Currently, the Second Vice-Chair position is only listed in the Bylaws.
3. Section 2.4 of the Agreement rewords the language establishing the membership of the General Assembly and Executive Committee to more clearly set forth the voting membership of each Committee. The changes do not impact the current process used by WRCOG. Pursuant to the direction of WRCOG's Administration & Finance Committee, the process for

- appointing Executive Committee alternates for the Board of Supervisors has not been revised.
4. Section 2.15 clarifies the bond requirements for WRCOG Committee members.
 5. Section 2.13 clarifies that the attendance of Executive Committee members at a standing meeting is subject to the Brown Act.

An amendment of the Agreement requires the approval and signatures from 2/3 of WRCOG's member jurisdictions.

WRCOG requested that the City place this matter at an upcoming City Council agenda to consider the recommendation from WRCOG's Executive Committee, which is to Authorize the Mayor to execute the Amendment to the Joint Powers Agreement of the Western Riverside Council of Governments.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

Not applicable.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

Not applicable.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Not applicable.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

Not applicable.

REVIEWED BY: KERRY D. EDEN, ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER/ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIRECTOR

SUBMITTED BY: MICHELE NISSEN, ACTING CITY MANAGER

Attachments:

1. WRCOG Staff Report and Red-line of JPA



Western Riverside Council of Governments Executive Committee

Staff Report

Subject: Update to WRCOG JPA and Bylaws

Contact: Christopher Gray, Director of Transportation, cgray@wrcoq.us, (951) 405-6710

Date: November 5, 2018

The purpose of this item is to present an updated version of the WRCOG Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) and Bylaws. These updates were made based on direction at a previous Administration & Finance Committee meeting to prepare this comprehensive update, and incorporates a variety of changes, mostly minor in nature, based on staff and legal counsel review.

Requested Actions:

1. Adopt WRCOG Resolution Number 43-18; A Resolution of the Executive Committee of the Western Riverside Council of Governments Amending its Bylaws Making a Series of Technical Changes.
 2. Direct WRCOG to forward the JPA Amendment to WRCOG member agencies for their approval.
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Earlier in 2018, WRCOG was asked by several members of the Executive Committee to research and recommend potential options related to the appointment of alternates for the Board of Supervisors. This topic was discussed at the April 11th and June 13th Administration & Finance Committee meetings. During the course of these discussions, the issue of a larger update to the WRCOG JPA and Bylaws was also discussed. It was determined that it would be appropriate to conduct a comprehensive review of both documents as a significant period of time had lapsed (over five years) since the last comprehensive update of these documents.

The items for consideration today are the result of a comprehensive review of both documents by staff and legal counsel. While numerous changes are recommended, many of these changes reflect minor word changes and/or corrections, or address other minor issues. Red-line versions of both documents are attached to this staff report as a reference.

To facilitate review, staff has identified noteworthy changes to the JPA and Bylaws which are discussed below.

Joint Powers Agreement Changes

1. Sections 2.12, 3.1 and 4.5 of the Agreement updates the JPA to formally recognize that the Treasurer / Auditor of WRCOG is a WRCOG employee appointed pursuant to Section 6505.6 of the Government Code. The language in the current agreement includes outdated language referencing the County Treasurer.
2. Section 2.12 formally adds the position of a Second Vice-Chair to the JPA. Currently the Second Vice-Chair is only listed in the Bylaws.
3. Section 2.4 of the Agreement rewords the language establishing the membership of the General Assembly and Executive Committee to more clearly set forth the voting membership of each Committee. The changes do not impact the current process used by WRCOG. Pursuant to the direction of the Administration & Finance Committee, the process for appointing Executive Committee alternates for the Board of Supervisors has not been revised.

4. Section 2.15 clarifies the bond requirements for WRCOG Committee members.
5. Section 2.13 clarifies that the attendance of Executive Committee members at a standing meeting is subject to the Brown Act.

Bylaws Changes

1. Article I expressly clarifies the relationship between the JPA and Bylaws.
2. Article II, Section 2.F specifically empowers the Chair to create and appoint ad hoc committees and members in accordance with WRCOG's standard practices.
3. Article III, Section 5, Article IV, Section 1.D, and Article IV, Section 2.D, adds language making the Bylaws consistent with the JPA in respect to which agencies can vote on TUMF matters.

Staff also wants to highlight areas where changes were not made to either documents. At previous meetings of the Administration & Finance Committee, there have been extended discussions regarding member representation of the Executive Committee.

The first issue concerns the topic of alternates for the Riverside County Board of Supervisors. Staff previously presented several options for consideration and discussion. Specific direction was provided at the June 13, 2018, meeting to not implement any changes and to maintain the current process for alternates for the Board of Supervisors.

The second issue relates to appointments by member cities to the Executive Committee. Staff and legal counsel also reviewed the overall language in the Bylaws related to the appointment of members to the Executive Committee, which currently states:

“The Executive Committee will be composed of the Mayor from each of the member cities, four members of the Riverside County Board of Supervisors, the President of each water district, and the Tribal Chairman of the Morongo Band of Mission Indians. Any City Council, at its discretion, can appoint a Mayor Pro Tem or other City Council member in place of the Mayor. Each water district Board, at its discretion, can appoint another Board member in place of the President. The Tribal Council of the Morongo Band of Mission Indians, at its discretion, can appoint another Tribal Council member in place of the Tribal Chairman.”

The Administration & Finance Committee centered discussions on whether this section created a potential conflict by noting that the Mayor from any member City was the member of the Executive Committee and then noting that the City Council could appoint a representative in place of the Mayor. Staff and legal counsel reviewed this section and determined that the language seems to clearly note that each City shall have the discretion to establish a process to appoint its own representatives to the Executive Committee. Therefore, no changes were made to the Bylaws related to this item.

Implementation

Approval of the Bylaws requires action by the Executive Committee. Once approved, the Bylaws changes take effect immediately. The updated Bylaws will also be brought forward for approval by the WRCOG General Assembly in 2019; however, this approval is a formality as the changes become effective once the Executive Committee acts on them.

The process to approve the updated JPA is more involved. As with the Bylaws, formal action of the Executive Committee is first required. The updated JPA must then be approved by 2/3 of WRCOG member agencies to take effect. Once 2/3 of WRCOG member agencies have approved these changes, the changes become effective. If directed to do so by the Executive Committee, staff will work with each member agency to secure their approval of the updated JPA.

Prior Actions:

- October 10, 2018: The Administration & Finance Committee recommended that the Executive Committee 1) approve the updated Bylaws; 2) approve the updated JPA; and 3) direct WRCOG to forward the updated JPA to WRCOG member agencies for their approval.
- June 13, 2018: The Administration & Finance Committee directed staff to prepare a comprehensive review of the JPA and Bylaws.
- April 11, 2018: The Administration & Finance Committee directed staff to return with options for future consideration and discussion regarding an alternate policy.

Fiscal Impact:

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

Attachments:

1. Redlined Joint Powers Agreement of the Western Riverside Council of Governments.
2. Bylaws for the Western Riverside Council of Governments.
3. WRCOG Resolution Number 43-18; A Resolution of the Executive Committee of the Western Riverside Council of Governments Amending the WRCOG Bylaws.

Item 5.C

Update to WRCOG JPA and Bylaws

Attachment 1

Redlined Joint Powers Agreement of
the Western Riverside Council of
Governments

Updated through ~~June 22XXXXXXX~~, 20172018
Revised

JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT OF
THE WESTERN RIVERSIDE
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

This Agreement is made and entered into on the 1st day of April, 1991, pursuant to Government Code Section 6500 et. seq. and other pertinent provisions of law, by and between six or more of the cities located within Western Riverside County and the County of Riverside.

RECITALS

A. Each member and party to this Agreement is a governmental entity established by law with full powers of government in legislative, administrative, financial, and other related fields.

B. The purpose of the formation is to provide an agency to conduct studies and projects designed to improve and coordinate the common governmental responsibilities and services on an area-wide and regional basis through the establishment of an association of governments. The Council will explore areas of inter-governmental cooperation and coordination of government programs and provide recommendations and solutions to problems of common and general concern.

C. When authorized pursuant to an Implementation Agreement, the Council shall manage and administer thereunder.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants herein contained, the parties hereto agree as follows:

I.

PURPOSE AND POWERS1.1 Agency Created.

There is hereby created a public entity to be known as the "Western Riverside Council of Governments" ("WRCOG" or "the Council"). WRCOG is formed by this Agreement pursuant to the provision of Government Code Section 6500 et. seq. and other pertinent provision of law. WRCOG shall be a public entity separate from the parties hereto.

1.2 Powers.

1.2.1. WRCOG established hereunder shall perform all necessary functions to fulfill the purposes of this Agreement. Among other functions, WRCOG shall:

- a. Serve as a forum for consideration, study and recommendation on area-wide and regional problems;
- b. Assemble information helpful in the consideration of problems peculiar to Western Riverside County;
- c. Explore practical avenues for intergovernmental cooperation, coordination and action in the interest of local public welfare and means of improvements in the administration of governmental services; and
- d. Serve as the clearinghouse review body for Federally-funded projects in accordance with Circular A-95 in conjunction with the Southern California Association of Governments.

1.2.2. The Council shall have the power in its own name to do any of the following;

a. When necessary for the day to day operation of the Council, to make and enter into contracts;

b. To contract for the services of engineers, attorneys, planners, financial consultants and separate and apart therefrom to employ such other persons, as it deems necessary;

c. To apply for an appropriate grant or grants under any federal, state, or local programs.

d. To receive gifts, contributions and donations of property, funds, services and other forms of financial assistance from persons, firms, corporations and any governmental entity;

e. To lease, acquire, construct, manage, maintain, and operate any buildings, works, or improvements;

f. To delegate some or all of its powers to the Executive Committee and the Executive Director of the Council as hereinafter provided.

1.2.3 The association shall have the power in its own name, only with the approval of all affected member agencies to:

a. Acquire, hold and dispose of property by eminent domain, lease, lease purchase or sale.

b. To incur debts, liabilities, obligations, and issue bonds;

II.

ORGANIZATION OF COUNCIL

2.1 Parties.

The parties to WRCOG shall be the County of Riverside and each city located within Western Riverside County which has executed or hereafter executes this Agreement, or any addenda, amendment, or supplement ~~thereto~~hereto and agrees to ~~such~~ become a member upon such terms and conditions as established by the General ~~council~~Assembly or Executive Committee, and which has not, pursuant to provisions hereof, withdrawn ~~therefrom~~herefrom (the “Member Agencies”). Only the parties identified in this section and Associate Members approved under section 8.2 of this Agreement, if any, shall be considered contracting parties to this Agreement under Government Code section 6502, provided that the rights of any Associate Member under this Agreement shall be limited solely those rights expressly set forth in a PACE Agreement authorized in section 8.2 of this Agreement.

2.2 Names.

The names, particular capacities and addresses of the parties ~~at any time~~ shall be shown on Exhibit "A" attached hereto, as amended or supplemented from time to time by the Executive Director. If the Executive Director amends or supplements Exhibit “A”, a copy of the revised Exhibit “A” shall be provided to the members.

2.3 Duties.

WRCOG shall do whatever is necessary and required to carry out the purposes of this Agreement and when authorized by an Implementation Agreement pursuant to section 1.2.3 as appropriate, to make and enter into such contracts, incur such debts and obligations, assess contributions from the members, and perform such other acts as are necessary to the accomplishment of the purposes of such agreement,

within the provisions of Government Code Section 6500 et seq. and as prescribed by the laws of the State of California.

2.4 Governing Body.

2.4.1. WRCOG shall be governed by a General Assembly with membership consisting of ~~the appropriate~~ representatives from the County of Riverside, each city which is a signatory to this Agreement, the Western Municipal Water District, the Eastern Municipal Water District, and the Morongo Band of Mission Indians ("Morongo"), ~~the number of which shall be determined as hereinafter set forth. The~~ (collectively, the "General Assembly shall meet at least once annually, preferably scheduled in the evening. Each Member Agencies"). Each General Assembly Member Agency ~~of the General Assembly~~ shall have one vote for each mayor, council member, county supervisor, water district board member, and tribal council member present at the General Assembly. The General Assembly shall act only upon a majority of a quorum. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the total authorized representatives, provided that ~~members representing~~ voting representatives of a majority of the General Assembly Member Agencies are present. The General Assembly shall adopt and amend by-laws for the administration and management of this Agreement, which when adopted and approved shall be an integral part of this Agreement. Such by-laws may provide for the management and administration of this Agreement. The General Assembly shall meet at least once annually, preferably scheduled in the evening.

2.4.2. There shall be an Executive Committee which exercises the powers of this Agreement between sessions of the General Assembly. Members of the Executive Committee shall be the Mayor from each of the member cities, four members

of the Riverside County Board of Supervisors, the President of each Water District, and the Tribal Chairman of Morongo; ~~(the remaining member of the Board of Supervisors shall serve as an alternate, except any~~ “Executive Committee Members”). Each City Council, at its discretion, can appoint ~~its~~ Mayor Pro Tem or other City Council member in place of the Mayor; Each water district board, at its discretion, can appoint another Board member in place of the President, ~~and.~~ The Tribal Council of Morongo, at its discretion, can appoint another Tribal Council member in place of the Tribal Chairman. The Executive Committee shall act only upon a majority of a quorum. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the ~~member agencies~~ Executive Committee Members. Membership of Morongo on the General Assembly and Executive Committee of WRCOG shall be conditioned on Morongo entering into a separate Memorandum of Understanding with WRCOG.

2.4.3. Each member of the General Assembly and the Executive Committee shall be a current member of the legislative body such member represents.

2.4.4. Each ~~participating member on the~~ Executive Committee Member shall also have an alternate, who must also be a current member of the legislative body of the party such alternate represents. The remaining member of the Board of Supervisors shall serve as an alternate for the Board of Supervisors. The name of the alternate members shall be on file with the Executive Committee. In the absence of the regular member from an agency, the alternate member from such agency shall assume all rights and duties of the absent regular member.

2.5 Executive Director.

The Executive Director shall be the chief administrative officer of the Council. He shall receive such compensation as may be fixed by the Executive Committee. The powers and duties of the Executive Director shall be subject to the authority of the Executive Committee and include the following:

- a. To appoint, direct and remove employees of the Council.
- b. Annually to prepare and present a proposed budget to the Executive Committee and General Assembly.
- c. Serve as Secretary of the ~~Council~~ General Assembly and of the Executive Committee.
- d. To attend meetings of the General Assembly and Executive Committee.
- e. To perform such other and additional duties as the Executive Committee may require.

2.6 Principal Office.

The principal office of WRCOG shall be established by the Executive Committee and shall be located within Western Riverside County. The Executive Committee is hereby granted full power and authority to change said principal office from one location to another within Western Riverside County. Any change shall be noted by the Secretary under this section but shall not be considered an amendment to this Agreement.

2.7 Meetings.

The Executive Committee shall meet at the principal office of the agency or at such other place as may be designated by the Executive Committee. The time and place of regular meetings of the Executive Committee shall be determined by

resolution adopted by the Executive Committee; a copy of such resolution shall be furnished to each party hereto. Regular, adjourned and special meetings shall be called and conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act, Government Code Section 54950 et. seq., as it may be amended.

2.8 Powers and Limitations of the Executive Committee.

Unless otherwise provided herein, each Member or participating alternate of the Executive Committee shall be entitled to one vote, and a vote of the majority of those present and qualified to vote constituting a quorum may adopt any motion, resolution, or order and take any other action they deem appropriate to carry forward the objectives of the Council.

2.9 Minutes.

The secretary of the Council shall cause to be kept minutes of regular adjourned regular and special meetings of the General Assembly and Executive Committee, and shall cause a copy of the minutes to be forwarded to each member ~~and to each of the members hereto.~~

2.10 Rules.

The Executive Committee may adopt from time to time such rules and regulations for the conduct of its affairs consistent with this Agreement or any Implementation Agreement.

2.11 Vote or Assent of Members.

The vote, assent or approval of the members in any manner as may be required, hereunder shall be evidenced by a certified copy of the action of the governing

body of such party filed with the Council. It shall be the responsibility of the Executive Director to obtain certified copies of said actions.

2.12 Officers.

There shall be selected from the membership of the Executive Committee, a chairperson, a vice chairperson and a second vice chairperson. The Executive Director shall be the secretary. The Treasurer ~~of the County of Riverside shall be the Treasurer of the Council and the Controller or Auditor of the County of Riverside shall be the Auditor of the Council. Such persons~~ and the Auditor shall be appointed by the Executive Director and must be officers or employees of WRCOG. The Executive Director may appoint a single officer or employee of WRCOG to serve in both the Treasurer and Auditor positions. Such person(s) shall possess the powers of, and shall perform the treasurer and auditor functions respectively, for WRCOG and perform those functions required of them by Government Code Sections 6505, 6505.5 and 6505.6, and by all other applicable laws and regulations, including any subsequent amendments thereto.

The chairperson ~~and~~, vice chairperson, and second vice chairperson shall hold office for a period of one year commencing ~~July 1st of each and every fiscal year; provided, however, the first chairperson and vice chairperson appointed shall hold office from the date of appointment to June 30th of the ensuing fiscal year~~ at the close of the General Assembly meeting of their election, and ending one year thereafter, or until his or her successor is elected. Except for the Executive Director, any officer, employee, or agent of the Executive Committee may also be an officer, employee, or agent of any of

the members. The appointment by the Executive Committee of such a person shall be evidence that the two positions are compatible.

2.13 Committees.

The Executive Committee may, as it deems appropriate, ~~appoint~~establish committees to accomplish the purposes set forth herein. All standing committee meetings of WRCOG, including those of the Executive Committee, shall be open to all Executive Committee Members. ~~in accordance with the Brown Act~~

2.14 Additional Officers and Employees.

The Executive Committee shall have the power to authorize such additional officers and assistant employees as may be appropriate. ~~Such officers and employees may also be, but are not required to be, officers and employees of the individual members.~~

2.15 Bonding Requirement.

The officers or persons who have charge of, handle, or have access to any property of WRCOG shall be the ~~members of the Executive Committee, the~~ Treasurer, the Executive Director, and any other officers or persons ~~to be~~ designated or empowered by the Executive Committee. Each such officer or person shall be required to file an official bond with the Executive Committee in an amount which shall be established by the Executive Committee. Should the existing bond or bonds of any such officer be extended to cover the obligations provided herein, said bond shall be the official bond required herein. The premiums on any such bonds attributable to the coverage required herein shall be appropriate expenses of WRCOG.

2.16 Status of Officers and Employees.

All of the privileges and immunities from liability, exemption from laws, ordinances and rules, all pension, relief, disability, worker's compensation, and other benefits which apply to the activity of officers, agents, or employees of any of the members when performing their respective functions shall apply to them to the same degree and extent while engaged in the performance of any of the functions and other duties under this Agreement. None of the officers, agents, or employees appointed by the Executive Committee shall be deemed, by reason of their employment by the Executive Committee, to be employed by any of the members or, by reason of their employment by the Executive Committee, to be subject to any of the requirements of such members.

2.17 Restrictions.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 6509, for the purposes of determining the restrictions to be imposed by the Council in its exercise of the above-described joint powers, reference shall be made to, and the Council shall observe, the restrictions imposed [by state law](#) upon the County of Riverside.

2.18 TUMF Matters – Water Districts and Morongo.

Pursuant to this Joint Powers Agreement, WRCOG administers the Transportation Mitigation Fee (“TUMF”) for cities in Western Riverside County. The fee was established prior to the Water District’s and Morongo’s involvement with WRCOG and will fund transportation improvements for the benefit of the County of Riverside and the cities in Western Riverside County. As such, the Western Municipal Water District, the Eastern Municipal Water District, and Morongo General Assembly and Executive

Committee Members shall not vote on any matter related to the administration of the TUMF program or the expenditure of TUMF revenues.

III

FUNDS AND PROPERTY

3.1 Treasurer.

~~The Treasury of the member agency whose Treasurer is the Treasurer for WRCOG shall be the depository for WRCOG.~~ The Treasurer of the Council shall have custody of all funds and shall provide for strict accountability thereof in accordance with Government Code Section 6505.5 and other applicable laws of the State of California. He or she shall perform all of the duties required in Government Code Section 6505 ~~et. seq., and following,~~ such other duties as may be prescribed by the Executive Committee.

3.2. Expenditure of Funds.

The funds under this Agreement shall be expended only in furtherance of the purposes hereof and in accordance with the laws of the State of California and standard accounting practices shall be used to account for all funds received and disbursed.

3.3. Fiscal Year.

WRCOG shall be operated on a fiscal year basis, beginning on July 1 of each year and continuing until June 30 of the succeeding year. 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.

3.4. Contributions/Public Funds.

In preparing the budget, the General Assembly by majority vote of a quorum shall determine the amount of funds which will be required from its members for the purposes of this Agreement. The funds required from its members after approval of the final budget shall be raised by contributions 50% of which will be assessed on a per capita basis and 50% on an assessed valuation basis, each city paying on the basis of its population and assessed valuation and the County paying on the basis of the population and assessed valuation within the unincorporated area of Western Riverside County as defined in the by-laws. The parties, when informed of their respective contributions, shall pay the same before August 1st of the fiscal year for which they are assessed or within sixty days of being informed of the assessment, whichever occurs later. In addition to the contributions provided, advances of public funds from the parties may be made for the purposes of this Agreement. When such advances are made, they shall be repaid from the first available funds of WRCOG.

The General Assembly shall have the power to determine that personnel, equipment or property of one or more of the parties to the Agreement may be used in lieu of fund contributions or advances.

All contributions and funds shall be paid to WRCOG and shall be disbursed by a majority vote of a quorum of the Executive Committee, as authorized by the approved budget.

3.5 Contributions from Water Districts and the Morongo Band of Mission Indians.

The provision of section 3.4 above shall be inapplicable to the Western Municipal Water District, the Eastern Municipal Water District, and Morongo. The amount of

contributions from these water districts and Morongo shall be through the WRCOG budget process.

IV

BUDGETS AND DISBURSEMENTS

4.1 Annual Budget.

The Executive Committee may at any time amend the budget to incorporate additional income and disbursements that might become available to WRCOG for its purposes during a fiscal year.

4.2 Disbursements.

The Executive Director shall request warrants from the Auditor in accordance with budgets approved by the General Assembly or Executive Committee subject to quarterly review by the Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall pay such claims or disbursements and such requisitions for payment in accordance with rules, regulations, policies, procedures and bylaws adopted by the Executive Committee.

4.3 Accounts.

All funds will be placed in appropriate accounts and the receipt, transfer, or disbursement of such funds during the term of this Agreement shall be accounted for in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles applicable to governmental entities and pursuant to Government Code Sections 6505 et seq. and any other applicable laws of the State of California. There shall be strict accountability of all funds. All revenues and expenditures shall be reported to the Executive Committee.

4.4 Expenditures Within Approved Annual Budget.

All expenditures shall be made within the approved annual budget. No expenditures in excess of those budgeted shall be made without the approval of a majority of a quorum of the Executive Committee.

4.5 Audit.

The ~~records and accounts of WRCOG shall be audited annually by Auditor~~ shall make or contract with an independent certified public accountant or public accountant to make an annual audit of WRCOG's accounts and records, and copies of such audit report shall be filed with the County Auditor, State Controller and each party to WRCOG no later than fifteen (15) days after receipt of said audit by the Executive Committee. The Auditor shall perform those functions required of him or her by Government Code Sections 6505, 6505.5 and 6505.6, and by all other applicable laws and regulations, including any subsequent amendments thereto.

4.6 Reimbursement of Funds.

Grant funds received by WRCOG from any federal, state, or local agency to pay for budgeted expenditures for which WRCOG has received all or a portion of said funds from the parties hereto shall be used as determined by WRCOG's Executive Committee.

V

LIABILITIES

5.1 Liabilities.

The debts, liabilities, and obligation of WRCOG shall be the debts, liabilities, or obligations of WRCOG alone and not of the parties to this Agreement.

5.2 Hold Harmless and Indemnity.

Each party hereto agrees to indemnify and hold the other parties harmless from all liability for damage, actual or alleged, to persons or property arising out of or resulting from negligent acts or omissions of the indemnifying party or its employees. Where the General Assembly or Executive Committee itself or its agents or employees are held liable for injuries to persons or property, each party's liability for contribution or indemnity for such injuries shall be based proportionately upon the contributions (less voluntary contributions) of each member. In the event of liability imposed upon any of the parties to this Agreement, or upon the General Assembly or Executive Committee created by this Agreement, for injury which is caused by the negligent or wrongful act or omission of any of the parties in the performance of this Agreement, the contribution of the party or parties not directly responsible for the negligent or wrongful act or omission shall be limited to One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00). The party or parties directly responsible for the negligent or wrongful acts or omissions shall indemnify, defend, and hold all other parties harmless from any liability for personal injury or property damage arising out of the performance of this Agreement. The voting for or against a matter being considered by the General Assembly or executive or other committee or WRCOG, or abstention from voting on such matter, shall not be construed to constitute a wrongful act or omission within the meaning of this Subsection.

VI

ADMISSION AND WITHDRAWAL OF PARTIES

6.1 Admission of New Parties.

It is recognized that additional cities other than the original parties, may wish to participate in WRCOG. Any Western Riverside County city may become a party

to WRCOG upon such terms and conditions as established by the General Assembly or Executive Committee. Any Western Riverside County city shall become a party to WRCOG by the adoption by the city council of this Agreement and the execution of a written addendum ~~thereto~~hereto agreeing to the terms of this Agreement and agreeing to any additional terms and conditions that may be established by the General Assembly or Executive Committee. Special districts which are significantly involved in regional problems and the boundaries of which include territory within the collective area of the membership shall be eligible for advisory membership in the Council by the execution of a separate MOU setting forth the terms of such participation. The representative of any such advisory member may participate in the work of committees of the Council.

6.2 Withdrawal from WRCOG.

It is fully anticipated that each party hereto shall participate in WRCOG until the purposes set forth in this Agreement are accomplished. The withdrawal of any party, either voluntary or involuntary, unless otherwise provided by the General Assembly or Executive Committee, shall be conditioned as follows:

- a. In the case of a voluntary withdrawal following a properly noticed public hearing, written notice shall be given to WRCOG, six months prior to the effective date of withdrawal;
- b. Withdrawal shall not relieve the party of its proportionate share of any debts or other liabilities incurred by WRCOG prior to the effective date of the ~~parties'~~party's notice of withdrawal;

c. Unless otherwise provided by a unanimous vote of the Executive Committee, withdrawal shall result in the forfeiture of that party's rights and claims relating to distribution of property and funds upon termination of WRCOG as set forth in Section VII below;

d. Withdrawal from any Implementation Agreement shall not be deemed withdrawal from membership in WRCOG.

VII

TERMINATION AND DISPOSITION OF ASSETS

7.1 Termination of this Agreement.

WRCOG shall continue to exercise the joint powers herein until the termination of this Agreement and any extension thereof or until the parties shall have mutually rescinded this Agreement; providing, however, that WRCOG and this Agreement shall continue to exist for the purposes of disposing of all claims, distribution of assets and all other functions necessary to conclude the affairs of WRCOG.

Termination shall be accomplished by written consent of all of the parties, or shall occur upon the withdrawal from WRCOG of a sufficient number of the agencies enumerated herein so as to leave less than five of the enumerated agencies remaining in WRCOG.

7.2 Distribution of Property and Funds.

In the event of the termination of this Agreement, any property interest remaining in WRCOG following the discharge of all obligations shall be disposed of as the Executive Committee shall determine with the objective of distributing to each

remaining party a proportionate return on the contributions made to such properties by such parties, less previous returns, if any.

VIII

PACE IMPLEMENTATION AND PARTICIPATION AGREEMENTS;

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

8.1 Execution of Agreement.

When authorized by the Executive Committee, any affected member agency or agencies enumerated herein, may execute an Implementation Agreement for the purpose of authorizing WRCOG to implement, manage and administer area-wide and regional programs in the interest of the local public welfare. The costs incurred by WRCOG in implementing a program including indirect costs, shall be assessed only to those public agencies who are parties to that Implementation Agreement.

8.2 PACE Agreements; Associate Membership.

WRCOG shall be empowered to establish and operate one or more Property Assessed Clean Energy (“PACE”) programs pursuant to Chapter 29 of the Improvement Bond Act of 1911, being Division 7 of the California Streets and Highways Code, and to enter into one or more agreements, including without limitation, participation agreements, implementation agreements and joint powers agreements and amendments thereto to fulfill such programs both within and outside the jurisdictional boundaries of WRCOG.

WRCOG, acting through its Executive Committee, shall be empowered to establish an “Associate Member” status that provides membership in WRCOG to local jurisdictions that are outside WRCOG’s jurisdictional boundaries but within whose

boundaries a PACE program will be established and implemented by WRCOG. Said local jurisdictions shall become Associate Members of WRCOG by adopting one or more agreements (the "PACE Agreement") on the terms and conditions established by the Executive Committee and consistent with the requirements of the Joint Exercise of Powers Act, being 5 of Division 7, Title 1 of the California Government Code (Sections 6500 et seq.). The rights of Associate Members shall be limited solely to those terms and conditions expressly set forth in the PACE Agreement for the purposes of implementing the PACE program within their jurisdictional boundaries. Except as expressly provided for by the PACE Agreement, Associate Members shall not have any rights otherwise granted to WRCOG's members by this Agreement, including but not limited to the right to vote, right to amend this Agreement, and right to sit on committees or boards established under this Agreement or by action of the Executive Committee or the General Assembly, including, without limitation, the General Assembly and the Executive Committee.

IX

MISCELLANEOUS

9.1 Amendments.

This Agreement may be amended with the approval of not less than two-thirds (2/3) of all member agencies.

9.2 Notice.

Any notice or instrument required to be given or delivered by depositing the same in any United States Post Office, registered or certified, postage prepaid, addressed to the addresses of the parties as shown on Exhibit "A", shall be deemed to have been received by the party to whom the same is addressed at the expiration of seventy-two (72) hours after deposit of the same in the United States Post Office for transmission by registered or certified mail as aforesaid.

9.3 Effective Date.

This Agreement shall be effective and WRCOG shall exist from and after such date as this Agreement has been executed by any seven or more of the public agencies, including the County of Riverside, as listed on page 1 hereof.

9.4 Arbitration.

Any controversy or claim between any two or more parties to this Agreement, or between any such party or parties and WRCOG, with respect to disputes, demands, differences, controversies, or misunderstandings arising in relation to interpretation of this Agreement, or any breach thereof, shall be submitted to and determined by arbitration. The party desiring to initiate arbitration shall give notice of its intention to arbitrate to every other party to this Agreement and to the Executive Director of the Council. Such notice shall designate as "respondents" such other parties as the initiating party intends to have bound by any award made therein. Any party not so designated but which desires to join in the arbitration may, within ten (10) days of service upon it of such notice, file with all other parties and with the Executive Director of the Council a response indicating its intention to join in and to be bound by the results of the arbitration, and further designating any other parties it wishes to name as a respondent. Within twenty (20) days of the service of the initial demand for arbitration, the initiating party and the respondent or respondents shall each designate a person to act as an arbitrator. The designated arbitrators shall mutually designate the minimal number of additional persons as arbitrators as may be necessary to create an odd total number of arbitrators but not less than three to serve as arbitrator(s).

The arbitrators shall proceed to arbitrate the matter in accordance with the provisions of Title 9 of Part 3 of the Code of Civil Procedure, Section 1280 et. seq. The parties to this Agreement agree that the decision of the arbitrators will be binding and will not be subject to judicial review except on the ground that the arbitrators have exceeded the scope of their authority.

9.5 Partial Invalidity.

If any one or more of the terms, provisions, sections, promises, covenants or conditions of this Agreement shall to any extent be adjudged invalid, unenforceable, void or voidable for any reason whatsoever by a court of competent jurisdiction, each and all of the remaining terms, provisions, sections, promises, covenants and conditions of this Agreement shall not be affected thereby and shall be valid and enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.

9.6 Successors.

This Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the successors of the parties hereto.

9.7 Assignment.

The parties hereto shall not assign any rights or obligations under this Agreement without written consent of all other parties.

9.8 Execution.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside and the city councils of the cities enumerated herein have each authorized execution of this Agreement as evidenced by the authorized signatures below, respectively.

EXHIBIT “A”

Original Members Agencies

1. City of Banning
2. City of Beaumont (rejoined June 22, 2017)
3. City of Calimesa
4. City of Canyon Lake
5. City of Corona
6. City of Hemet
7. City of Lake Elsinore
8. City of Moreno Valley
9. City of Murrieta
10. City of Norco
11. City of Perris
12. City of Riverside
13. City of San Jacinto
14. City of Temecula
15. County of Riverside

Additional City Members

1. City of Eastvale (added on 08/02/2010, Resolution 01-11)
2. City of Jurupa Valley (added on 07/29/2011, Resolution 02-12)
3. City of Menifee (added on 10/06/2008, Resolution 03-09)
4. City of Wildomar (added on 08/04/2008, Resolution 01-09)

For Reference Only

**THE WESTERN RIVERSIDE
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

Participating Agencies

1. Eastern Municipal Water District (membership on the Governing Board of WRCOG, 05/11/2009)
2. Western Municipal Water District (membership on the Governing Board of WRCOG, 05/11/2009)
3. Riverside County Superintendent of Schools (membership as an ex-officio, advisory member of WRCOG, 11/07/2011)
4. Morongo Band of Mission Indians (membership on the Governing Board of WRCOG, 7/6/2015)

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: _____

Dated: _____

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

By: _____
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

City Clerk
City of Banning

By: _____

Dated: _____

CITY OF BANNING

By: _____
Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk
City of Beaumont

By: _____

Dated: _____

CITY OF BEAUMONT

By: _____
Mayor

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City of Calimesa

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City of Canyon Lake

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City of Eastvale

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City of Wildomar

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CITY OF WILDOMAR

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Mayor

ATTEST:

Council Recording Secretary
Morongo Band of Mission Indians

By: _____

Dated: _____

MORONGO BAND OF MISSION INDIANS

By: _____

Tribal Chairman