ORANGE COUNTY
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
Technical Advisory Committee

Meeting Date / Location

Tuesday, September 6, 2011
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon
Orange County Transportation Authority Headquarters
Conference Room 154 (OCTA/OCCOG Board Room)
600 South Main Street
Orange, California 92863

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PUBLIC COMMENTS	(Chair Modugno)	

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> At this time members of the public may address the TAC regarding any items within the subject matter jurisdiction, which are not separately listed on this agenda. Members of the public will have an opportunity to speak on agendized 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. Comments shall be limited to three minutes per person and an overall time limit of twenty minutes for the Public Comments portion of the agenda.
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> Any person wishing to address the TAC on any matter, whether or not it appears on this agenda, is requested to complete a "Request to Speak" form available at the door. The completed form is to be submitted to the TAC Chair prior to an individual being heard. Whenever possible, lengthy testimony should be presented to the TAC in writing and only pertinent points presented orally.

ADMINISTRATION

1.	**OCCOG TAC Meeting Minutes** ♦ **Draft OCCOG TAC minutes for August 2, 2011 and August 23, 2011**	(Chair Modugno)	**1**

Recommended Action: Approve the draft OCCOG TAC meeting minutes for August 2, 2011 and August 23, 2011.

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5. **Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG) and Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Update**

(David Simpson, OCCOG Executive Director, Chair Modugno) – 15 minutes

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- SCAG Regional Council and Policy Committee Meetings of September 1, 2011
- SCAG Subregional Coordinators Group meeting of August 30, 2011
- SCAG Plans and Programs Technical Advisory Committee meeting of August 10, 2011
- OCCOG Board Meeting of September 22, 2011

Recommended Action: Receive report. Discussion.

6. **The Future of the Orange County Council of Governments**

(David Simpson, OCCOG Executive Director, Chair Modugno) – 50 minutes

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- The Importance of OCCOG and the Benefits Received from OCCOG

Recommended Action: Receive report. Discussion.

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

REPORT FROM THE OCCOG EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

MATTERS FROM OCCOG TAC MEMBERS

IMPORTANT DATES OR UPCOMING EVENTS
- September 13, 2011: Plans and Programs Technical Advisory Committee
- September 16, 2011: RHNA Subcommittee Meeting
- September 16, 2011: RTP Subcommittee Meeting
- September 22, 2011: OCCOG Board of Directors
- October 6, 2011: SCAG Regional Council and Joint Policy Committee workshop to discuss the 2012 RTP/SCS
- October 11, 2011: Public Hearing for Proposed RHNA Methodology
- October 19, 2011: Public Hearing for Proposed RHNA Methodology

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn to: **Tuesday, October 4, 2011**
                  Orange County Transportation Authority Headquarters
                  600 South Main Street
                  Orange, California

ORANGE COUNTY
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
Technical Advisory Committee

Draft Action Minutes

Meeting of August 2, 2011

The Orange County Council of Governments Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting of August 2, 2011 was called to order by Chair Marika Modugno at the offices of the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), Conference Room 154, 600 South Main Street, Orange, California at 9:00 a.m. Attendees were invited by the Chair to introduce themselves. The list of meeting attendees is attached.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

ADMINISTRATION:

1. OCCOG TAC Meeting Minutes

The OCCOG TAC meeting minutes for July 12, 2011 were unanimously approved by the TAC upon a motion by Vice Chair Tracy Sato, City of Anaheim, and a second by Ms. Linda Padilla-Smyth, City of La Habra.

PRESENTATIONS, DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS, REPORTS

2. Southern California Association of Governments Application for HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant

Vice Chair Tracy Sato, City of Anaheim, provided an update on the SCAG application for the HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant, including the action taken by the OCCOG Board of Directors at their July 28, 2011 meeting. Vice Chair Sato requested that any jurisdiction or group of jurisdictions interested in being the project manager for the grant should contact her or Mr. David Simpson, Executive Director of OCCOG, by Friday, August 5, 2011.

Action: Received report. Discussion.

3. 2012 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy Update

Chair Marika Modugno, City of Irvine, and Vice Chair Sato provided an update on the SCAG 2012 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy, including a preview of the agenda for the 2012 RTP/SCS SCAG workshops scheduled to be held in Orange County on August 3, 2011, August 10, 2011, and August 15, 2011. Chair Modugno and Vice Chair Sato also provided copies of the draft alternative scenarios distributed by SCAG at the July Plans and Programs Technical Advisory Committee meeting. According to the presentation given by Doug Williford, SCAG Deputy Director, the alternative scenarios were created to encourage discussion and do not reflect the preferred alternative that will be developed prior to the distribution of the draft 2012 RTP/SCS. There was also a report on the SCAG RTP Subcommittee meeting of July 22, 2011 and TAC members were provided with a copy of the

"Methodology for Air Resources Board Review of Greenhouse Gas Reductions from Sustainable Communities Strategy Pursuant to Senate Bill 375.

Action: Received report. Discussion.

4. Center for Demographic Research Update

Ms. Deborah Diep, Director for the Center for Demographic Research, provided the TAC with an update on the following items:
- January – June 2011 Housing Inventory System (HIS) Collection
- Update on Demolition Affected Parcels

Action: Received report. Discussion.

5. Regional Housing Needs Assessment Update

Chair Modugno and Vice-Chair Sato provided a brief update on the following items:
- RHNA Integration into the Sustainable Communities Strategy
- The SCAG Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Subcommittee meeting of August 12, 2011
- HCD RHNA Working Group Update

Action: Received report. Discussion.

6. Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG) and Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Update

Mr. David Simpson, OCCOG Executive Director, provided an update on the Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG) and Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) meetings in June and July. This included an update on the following items:
- Orange County Council of Governments Board meeting of July 28, 2011
- SCAG Transportation Committee meeting of August 4, 2011
- SCAG Subregional Coordinators Group meeting of August 2, 2011
- SCAG Plans and Programs Technical Advisory Committee meeting of July 12, 2011

Action: Received report. Discussion.

7. Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee

The OCCOG TAC unanimously approved the appointment of Jamie Lai, City of Anaheim, as the Orange County representative to the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee (MRSC) Technical Advisory Committee. The motion was made by Chair Modugno and seconded by Vice Chair Sato. Chair Modugno was appointed the alternate on a motion by Vice Chair Sato and a second from Ms. Melanie McCann, City of Santa Ana.

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

None

REPORT FROM THE OCCOG EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

None

MATTERS FROM OCCOG TAC MEMBERS

None

ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- The Future of the Orange County Council of Governments

IMPORTANT DATES OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- August 2, 2011: SCAG Subregional Coordinators Group meeting
- August 3, 2011: SCAG 2012 RTP/SCS Workshop 1 (Anaheim)
- August 4, 2011: SCAG Transportation Committee Special Workshop (Los Angeles)
- August 10, 2011: SCAG 2012 RTP/SCS Workshop 2 (OCTA)
- August 12, 2011: SCAG RHNA Subcommittee (Los Angeles)
- August 15, 2011: SCAG 2012 RTP/SCS Workshop 3 (Mission Viejo)
- October 2011: SCAG Regional Council and Joint Policy Committee workshop to discuss the 2012 RTP/SCS

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Modugno at 11:15 a.m. to Tuesday, September 6, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. at the Orange County Transportation Authority offices.

Submitted by:

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Marika Modugno, City of Irvine
OCCOG TAC Chair

Attendees List for August 2, 2011 Meeting

Marika Modugno, City of Irvine
Tracy Sato, City of Anaheim
Linda Padilla-Smith, City of La Habra
Aileen Kennedy, Caltrans
Tony Petros, LSA Associates
Minoo Ashabi, City of Costa Mesa
Ron Santos, City of Lake Forest
Deborah Diep, Center for Demographic Research/Cal State Fullerton
Jamie Lai, City of Anaheim
Fern Nueno, City of Newport Beach
Scott Martin, Center for Demographic Research/Cal State Fullerton
Bruce Cook, City of Aliso Viejo
Carolyn Mamaradlo, Orange County Transportation Authority
Julie Molloy, City of Laguna Hills
Jay Saltzberg, City of Buena Park
Elaine Lister, City of Mission Viejo
Kori Nevarez, City of Cypress
Carla Walecka, Transportation Corridor Agency
Ruby Maldonado, County of Orange
Larry Longenecker, City of Laguna Niguel
Ian Boles, Center for Demographic Research/Cal State Fullerton
Linda Tang, Kennedy Commission
Erica Roess, City of Aliso Viejo
Wallace Walrod, Orange County Business Council
Anna Pehoushek, City of Orange
David Simpson, Orange County Council of Governments
Douglas Reilly, City of Laguna Woods
Maria Parra, City of Garden Grove
Melinda Whelan, City of Newport Beach

ORANGE COUNTY
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
Technical Advisory Committee

Draft Action Minutes
Meeting of August 23, 2011

The Orange County Council of Governments Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) special meeting of August 23, 2011 was called to order by Chair Marika Modugno at the Anaheim City Hall at 200 South Anaheim Boulevard, Anaheim, California 92805-3820 at 2:00 p.m. Attendees were invited by the Chair to introduce themselves. The list of meeting attendees is attached.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

PRESENTATIONS, DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS, REPORTS

1. Proposed Methodology for the Regional Housing Needs Assessment

Chair Marika Modugno, City of Irvine, and Vice Chair Tracy Sato, City of Anaheim, briefed the members of the OCCOG TAC on the proposed methodology for the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA). The proposed methodology was discussed at the August 12, 2011 Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) RHNA Subcommittee meeting, but was continued to allow SCAG staff time to modify the proposed methodology based on direction from the California Housing and Community Development Department (HCD). The August 23, 2011 special meeting of the OCCOG TAC was scheduled to allow TAC members the opportunity to review the proposed RHNA methodology and provide comments to the Orange County representatives prior to the August 26, 2011 SCAG RHNA Subcommittee meeting and prior to the release of the proposed methodology for public review. Vice Chair Sato provided the TAC with an example of how the RHNA would be calculated using the proposed methodology.

Action: Received report. Discussion

2. Draft Integrated Growth Forecast for Orange County

Chair Modugno, City of Irvine, Vice Chair Tracy Sato, City of Anaheim, and Ms. Deborah Diep, Director for the Center for Demographic Research, provided an explanation of the draft integrated growth forecast for Orange County provided to SCAG for use in the calculation of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment. SCAG staff requires the use of households, which accounts for the absorption of vacant units, as an input for the RHNA, which is consistent with the data collected throughout the SCAG region. OCCOG TAC members were provided with a table outlining the number of households for Orange County and the individual jurisdictions located within the County and the housing units that were used to calculate households.

Action: Received report. Discussion.

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

None

REPORT FROM THE OCCOG EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

None

MATTERS FROM OCCOG TAC MEMBERS

None

ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

IMPORTANT DATES OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- August 26, 2011: SCAG Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Subcommittee
- September 1, 2011: SCAG Regional Council and Policy Committee meetings
- October 6, 2011: SCAG Regional Council and Joint Policy Committee workshop to discuss the 2012 RTP/SCS
- October 11, 2011: SCAG RHNA Methodology Public Hearing
- October 19, 2011: SCAG RHNA Methodology Public Hearing

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Modugno at 3:20 p.m. to Tuesday, September 6, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. at the Orange County Transportation Authority offices.

Submitted by:

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Marika Modugno, City of Irvine
OCCOG TAC Chair

Attendees List for August 23, 2011 Meeting

Marika Modugno, City of Irvine
Tracy Sato, City of Anaheim
Rob Ferrier, City of Fullerton
Scott Huller, City of La Palma
Roy Ramsland, City of La Habra
Adrienne Gladson, City of Brea
Linda Tang, Kennedy Commission
Scott Reekstin, City of Tustin
Christy Teague, City of Dana Point
Julie Molloy, City of Laguna Hills
Jay Saltzberg, City of Buena Park
Cheryl Kuta, City of Lake Forest
Kelly Hart, City of Stanton
John Douglas, JHDA
Greg Rehmer, City of Yorba Linda
Gregg Ramirez, City of Newport Beach
Nate Farnsworth, City of Rancho Santa Margarita
Melinda Whelan, City of Newport Beach
Anna Pehoushek, City of Orange
Erica Roess, City of Aliso Viejo
Linda Padilla-Smyth, City of La Habra
Minoo Ashabi, City of Costa Mesa
Steve Holtz, City of Irvine
Scott Martin, Center for Demographic Research/Cal State Fullerton
Deborah Diep, Center for Demographic Research/Cal State Fullerton
Douglas Reilly, City of Laguna Woods
Jeff Hook, City of San Clemente
Tiffany Abrahms, Southern California Association of Governments

Item 2:   **2012 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy Update**

Recommended Action: Receive report. Discussion.

Report

Mr. David Simpson, Orange County Council of Governments Executive Director, Chair Marika Modugno, City of Irvine, and Vice-Chair Tracy Sato, City of Anaheim, will provide the TAC with an update on a number of issues associated with the development of the 2012 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS). This includes an update on the RTP/SCS public workshops held throughout the SCAG region, highlights from a presentation from SCAG Executive Director Hasan Ikhrata to the Regional Council on September 1, 2011 on the 2012 RTP/SCS and Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA), an update on the development of the 2012 RTP/SCS preferred alternative, and a recap of the SCAG RTP Subcommittee meeting on August 19, 2011 that includes the discussion of the 2012 RTP overarching goals and policies and the proposed Performance Measures.

The presentation from SCAG Executive Director Hasan Ikhrata to the Regional Council on September 1, 2011 on the 2012 RTP/SCS/RHNA can be downloaded at:
http://www.scag.ca.gov/committees/pdf/rc/2011/sep/rc090111_EDreport.pdf

The 2012 RTP overarching goals and policies can be downloaded at:
http://www.scag.ca.gov/committees/pdf/tcc/2011/sep/tc090111agn_5.pdf

The proposed 2012 RTP Performance Measures can be downloaded at:
http://www.scag.ca.gov/pptac/pdfs/agendas/081211/pptac081211_5_2.pdf

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Item 3:   **Center for Demographic Research Update**
Recommended Action: Receive report.

Reports

- CDR Census Products

  Below are links to the special edition Census reports from the CDR containing data by Orange County jurisdiction from Census 2010. Due to the timing of the release of the Census data and State Department of Finance historical data discrepancies with Census 2010 data, these special reports are being delivered in lieu of the this year's Orange County Progress Report. Instead, the next OC Progress Report will incorporate all of the 2010 Census data and any updated State DOF data and is anticipated to be delivered in spring 2012.

  The reports can also be downloaded at www.fullerton.edu/cdr/census.asp. The direct links and descriptions are below.

  We encourage you to share these reports with your staff and Board members.

  Orange County 2010 Census Places Demographic Profile
  www.fullerton.edu/cdr/Census2010_OC_DP.pdf

  This document contains two-page profiles for California, Orange County, and Orange County's 41 Census Places, plus total unincorporated and the remainder unincorporated county areas. Data is from the 2010 Census Demographic Profile. PDF format.

  2000-2010 Orange County Change Profile
  www.fullerton.edu/cdr/Census2010_OC_change.pdf

  This document contains maps and tables displaying data from Census 2000 and 2010 along with the numeric and percent change over time for Orange County jurisdictions. Tables display total population, population by race/ethnicity, adult and youth populations, group quarters populations by type, and housing units. PDF format.

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Item 4: **Regional Housing Needs Assessment Update**

Recommended Action: Receive report. Discussion.

Report

Chair Marika Modugno, City of Irvine, and Vice Chair Tracy Sato, City of Anaheim, will
provide a brief update on the following items:
- RHNA Subcommittee Meeting of August 26, 2011
- RHNA Allocation for the SCAG Region – Next Steps for Distribution
- Public Hearings to Discuss Proposed RHNA Methodology
- RHNA Subcommittee Meeting of September 16, 2011

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Item 5: **Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG) and Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Update**

Recommended Action: Receive report. Discussion.

Report

Mr. David Simpson, OCCOG Executive Director, will brief the TAC on the key highlights of the following items:

- SCAG Regional Council and Policy Committee Meetings of September 1, 2011
- SCAG Subregional Coordinators Group Meeting of August 30, 2011
- SCAG Plans and Programs Technical Advisory Committee Meeting of August 10, 2011
- OCCOG Board of Directors Meeting scheduled for September 22, 2011

The agendas for all SCAG meetings are posted at www.scag.ca.gov and are located on each committee's webpage included below.

- SCAG Regional Council: http://www.scag.ca.gov/committees/rc090111.htm
- SCAG CEHD: http://www.scag.ca.gov/committees/cehd090111.htm
- SCAG TC: http://www.scag.ca.gov/committees/tc090111.htm
- SCAG EEC: http://www.scag.ca.gov/committees/eec090111.htm
- Plans and Programs TAC: http://www.scag.ca.gov/pptac/index.htm
- Subregional Coordinators Group: http://www.scag.ca.gov/agendas.htm

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| **Item 6:** | **The Future of the Orange County Council of Governments** |
| **Recommended Action:** | Receive report. Discussion. |

Report

At the August 2, 2011 meeting of the OCCOG TAC, David Simpson, Executive Director of the OCCOG, engaged the TAC in initial discussion of the purpose of the OCCOG, including the benefits of the organization.   Per the suggestion of several OCCOG Technical Advisory Committee members at the August 2, 2011 meeting, the TAC will begin discussing the benefits of the Orange County Council of Governments that they currently receive and realize. It is expected that this discussion item will be included as a topic at TAC meetings over the next several months. The focus of this month's meeting will be to discuss the importance of the OCCOG and the benefits local jurisdictions receive from OCCOG. A copy of the amended bylaws of the OCCOG, adopted in June 2009, is attached for reference.

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ARTICLE II. PURPOSE AND RESPONSIBILITIES

AMENDED BYLAWS OF THE ORANGE COUNTY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
Adopted by the Orange County Council of Governments
June 25, 2009

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE AND RESPONSIBILITIES

2.1 Purpose of OCCOG

The OCCOG is an agency voluntarily established by its Members pursuant to a Joint Powers Agreement (Agreement). The public interest requires a joint powers agency, known as the OCCOG, to represent the collective interests of Orange County Member Agencies in performing the general purpose as stated below.

The general purpose of the OCCOG is to:

A. Serve as the Subregional Organization that represents Orange County on mandated and non-mandated SCAG regional planning activities. Through such designation as a Subregional Organization, OCCOG shall participate and provide an Orange County voice of its Members on input and recommendations relating to SCAG planning activities, including but not limited to, the federally and state mandated Regional Transportation Plan, the state mandated Regional Housing Needs Assessment process, the state-mandated Sustainable Communities Strategy, and other SCAG programs.

B. Develop and adopt an Orange County Projections that serves as Orange County's official growth forecast for local, area wide and regional planning activities.

C. Provide a vehicle for the Members to engage cooperatively and voluntarily on additional regional and cooperative planning efforts with federal, state and regional agencies, including such planning issues as air quality, water quality, and other issues as determined by the Board and OCCOG's member agencies,

and to provide an Orange County voice on recommendations and solutions on such additional planning issues to federal, state and regional agencies.

D. 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 a council of governments.

It is the express intent of its Members that the OCCOG shall not possess the authority to compel any Member to conduct any activity or implement any plan or strategy that the Member does not wish to undertake (except for the payment of dues). The goal and intent of the OCCOG is one of voluntary cooperation among its member agencies for the collective benefit of member agencies in Orange County.

2.2 Responsibilities

A. To conduct the purpose of OCCOG serving as the SCAG subregional organization that represents Orange County, the OCCOG shall have the following responsibilities:

1. To serve as the subregional organization that represents Orange County to SCAG, and which functions as a collaborative partner with SCAG subregions and SCAG staff, policy committees and its Governing Board, to:

    a. Provide Orange County's technical and policy level review, input and recommendations on SCAG activities, plans, programs and processes that are mandated by State and Federal law, such as the state-mandated Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA), the federal and state-mandated Regional Transportation Plan, and the state-mandated Sustainable Communities Strategy.

    b. Provide Orange County's technical and policy level review, input and recommendations on SCAG activities, plans, programs and processes that are not mandated by State and Federal law, such as SCAG's 2% Compass Blueprint planning and SCAG's Regional Comprehensive Plan.

c. Conduct demographic activities, including the review of growth forecasts as developed by SCAG.

2. To represent the interests of the Member Agencies on SCAG plans, programs, policies and proposed legislative platforms.

3. To build consensus among Member Agencies on the development, planning, and implementation of SCAG policies and programs.

B. To conduct the purpose of OCCOG developing and adopting Orange County's official growth forecast for use in local, areawide and regional planning, the OCCOG shall have the following responsibilities:

1. To serve as a sponsor agency of the Center for Demographic Research, CSUF (CDR) with other CDR sponsors in CDR's technical development of a growth forecast for Orange County.

2. To conduct a technical and policy level review and approval of Orange County's growth forecast, for transmittal to SCAG as Orange County's official growth forecast for regional planning, including the state and federally-mandated Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy.

3. To conduct a technical and policy level review and approval of Orange County's growth forecast, for use by Orange County jurisdictions, Orange County transportation agencies, and Orange County special districts, as the official growth forecast for Orange County planning efforts.

4. To approve and support Orange County's official growth forecast against any alternate forecasts developed for Orange County at the State or regional levels, including any forecasts developed through the Regional Housing Needs Assessment, State Compass Blueprint planning, or SCAG's 2% Compass Blueprint planning programs.

C.   To conduct the purpose of OCCOG serving as a vehicle for cooperative planning for OCCOG Member Agencies, the OCCOG shall have the following responsibilities:

1.   To serve as a forum for the review, consideration, study, development, and recommendation on planning issues at the area wide, regional, state and federal arenas that are of mutual interest and concern to the Member Agencies.

2.   To serve as a forum for the exchange of ideas and information among its Member Agencies, and to consider questions of mutual interest and concern to Member Agencies and to develop technical, policy and action recommendations.

3.   To monitor, review and analyze regional, state and federal air quality plans, programs, legislation and proposed rules and regulations as they affect Member Agencies.

4.   To serve as an advocate in representing the Member Agencies at the federal, state and regional levels on issues of importance to OCCOG.

5.   To facilitate intergovernmental coordination with the public and private sectors in Orange County on issues of common interest and concern to Orange County governmental and special district agencies.

D.   To employ agents, officers and employees.

E.   To make and enter into contracts, including contracts for the services of engineers, consultants, planners, financial consultants, attorneys and single-purpose public/private groups, and separate and apart there from to employ such other persons, as it deems necessary.

F.   To serve as a mechanism for obtaining regional, state and federal grants to assist in financing the expenditures of the OCCOG.

G.   To apply for, receive, and administer a grant or grants under any local, regional, state or federal program.

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

I.   To delegate some or all of its powers to the Executive Director as provided herein.

OCCOG staff shall also have the authority to examine issues as requested by Member and Non-Member Agencies and present recommendations to the Board. Non-Member agency affiliations shall include, but not be limited to:

- Planning Directors Association of Orange County
- Orange County Public Works City Engineers Association

However, the Executive Director and Board may not implement any authority beyond those enumerated in Section 2.2 above, without the approval of two-thirds (2/3) of the total voting membership of the Board and the concurrence of affected agencies. For the purposes of these Bylaws, "concurrence of affected agencies" shall mean all of those agencies statutorily responsible for providing the service. Legal Counsel shall advise the Board on any procedural steps required for the expansion of OCCOG's authority prior to Board approval of such new authority.

2.3   General Powers

The OCCOG shall possess the authority to exercise any and all those legislative, administrative, and financial powers which are common to all Members at the time the power is exercised and are necessary to accomplish the purposes of the OCCOG as stated above and throughout the Agreement, subject to the limitations specified in Section 2.4 of these Bylaws below.

2.4   Limitation of Powers

The exercise of power by the OCCOG shall be limited by the following:

A.   The OCCOG shall have no authority or jurisdiction to impose any land use requirements on the owner, developer, or occupant of any property, nor shall OCCOG mandate that any public entity must adopt any such requirement. The OCCOG shall have no authority or jurisdiction with respect to the establishment of land use planning, spheres of influence for cities, or land use approvals. Further no action by the OCCOG will change, reduce, or interfere with the local authority and decision-making of cities or the County.

B.   The OCCOG shall have no authority or jurisdiction to impose any tax or assessment, nor shall OCCOG impose any fee that is not reasonably related to recover the cost of a service provided by OCCOG.