



RESOLUTION NO. 00021-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ORANGE COUNTY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS OPPOSING THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS' SOCAL GREENPRINT PROCESS

RECITALS

WHEREAS, as part of its mitigation efforts for the 2016 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy ("RTP/SCS"), the Southern California Association of Governments ("SCAG") has undertaken an effort to develop a regional "Greenprint" document ("SoCal Greenprint");

WHEREAS, the Orange County Council of Governments ("OCCOG") Board finds that SCAG developed the SoCal Greenprint process in a manner that was not transparent in that the only jurisdiction involved in the development of the project was the County of Los Angeles;

WHEREAS, the SoCal Greenprint was not reviewed or vetted by the SCAG Technical Working Group, prior to it being introduced to the policy committees for approval;

WHEREAS, the consultant selected to lead the SoCal Greenprint effort was not fully vetted and may not be impartial in its selection of data layers;

WHEREAS, the SoCal Greenprint data layers suffer from the following problems:

- The data layers have not been vetted or approved by SCAG's member agencies, the local jurisdictions, and should not be publicly available without disclaimers that the data may not be the most up-to-date or accurate information,
- They are not publicly accessible and require a special log-in to access information;
- They are not based in scientific fact and include information written by advocates or provided by citizens in an open database.
- Several data layers include information that is not applicable to the SCAG region and a connection of why this information may apply to the SCAG region has not been made.
- Several of the data layers may include data that is in conflict with a jurisdiction's existing General Plan or could provide project information that is hypothetical.
- The proposed list of data layers for the SoCal Greenprint has been modified at least three times over the past six months, without notification to member agencies or interested parties that the data layer has been modified.
- Several of the data layers include information at a geography that would not be usable for the SCAG region (national or state geographies), or require special manipulation to be usable at a local level for development project assessment.

WHEREAS, SCAG pursued a sole source procurement of the Nature Conservancy to steward the SoCal Greenprint, which, as conservators of open space, many believe may have a built-in conflict of interest;

WHEREAS, SCAG has continued to ignore the legitimate concerns with SoCal Greenprint



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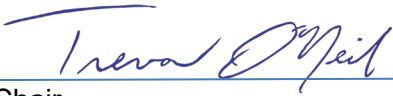
identified by a variety of parties, including member jurisdictions, over the past six months. **NOW, THEREFORE,** THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ORANGE COUNTY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS, RESOLVES, AND ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated into this Resolution by this reference.

Section 2. In light of the concerns described in the Recitals above, the OCCOG Board hereby opposes the SoCal Greenprint and requests that SCAG consider the OCCOG's concerns and respond to OCCOG addressing such concerns. The OCCOG Board further requests that SCAG include OCCOG on any SoCal Greenprint "task force" or other ad hoc committee convened by SCAG and that the SCAG Technical Working Group be the technical body that is authorized to provide feedback on, and otherwise vet, any draft of the SoCal Greenprint before such draft is returned to SCAG's Community, Economic and Human Resources Committee.

Section 3. The Executive Director is hereby authorized and directed to deliver a copy of this Resolution to SCAG and take all actions necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Resolution.

ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED this 6th day of December, 2021.


Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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