



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
GENERAL ASSEMBLY – ANNUAL BUSINESS SESSION
THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2025**

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. A VIDEO RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE ON THE SCAG WEBSITE AT: <http://scag.iqm2.com/Citizens/>

The General Assembly of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) held its Business Session at the JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort and Spa, Sinatra Ballroom, 74-855 Country Club Drive, Palm Desert, CA 92260. A quorum was present.

Delegate and/or Alternate Representatives from the following Cities, Counties and County Transportation Commissions were in attendance:

Imperial County: Brawley, Calexico, Calipatria, Holtville, Imperial, and the County of Imperial

Los Angeles County: Alhambra, Azusa, Bell, Burbank, Calabasas, Carson, Cerritos, Claremont, Compton, Cudahy, Diamond Bar, Downey, Duarte, El Monte, Gardena, Glendora, Hawthorne, Hermosa Beach, Industry, Irwindale, La Cañada Flintridge, La Habra Heights, Lakewood, Lawndale, Lomita, Long Beach, Lynwood, Malibu, Maywood, Monrovia, Montebello, Monterey Park, Norwalk, Palmdale, Paramount, Pomona, Rancho Palos Verdes, Rolling Hills Estates, Rosemead, San Dimas, San Fernando, San Gabriel, San Marino, Santa Clarita, Santa Fe Springs, Santa Monica, Signal Hill, South Pasadena, Torrance, Walnut, West Covina, West Hollywood, and Westlake Village

Orange County: Aliso Viejo, Anaheim, Brea, Cypress, Dana Point, Fountain Valley, Fullerton, Garden Grove, Irvine, La Habra, La Palma, Laguna Hills, Los Alamitos, Mission Viejo, Orange, Placentia, San Clemente, San Juan Capistrano, Seal Beach, Stanton, Tustin, Villa Park, and Westminster

Riverside County: Banning, Beaumont, Calimesa, Canyon Lake, Cathedral City, Coachella, Desert Hot Springs, Eastvale, Hemet, Indian Wells, Indio, La Quinta, Lake Elsinore, Menifee, Murrieta, Norco, Palm Desert, Perris, Riverside, San Jacinto, Wildomar, and the County of Riverside

San Bernardino County: Adelanto, Barstow, Chino, Chino Hills, Colton, Grand Terrace, Highland, Montclair, Needles, Ontario, Rancho Cucamonga, Redlands, San Bernardino, Upland, Yucaipa, Yucca Valley, and the County of San Bernardino



Ventura County: Camarillo, Fillmore, Moorpark, Ojai, Port Hueneme, Santa Paula, Simi Valley, Thousand Oaks, Ventura, and the County of Ventura

County Transportation Commissions: Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC), Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC), San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA) and Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC)

Tribal Governments: Cahuilla Band of Indians and Saboba Band of Luiseño Indians

Staff Present

Kome Ajise, Executive Director
Darin Chidsey, Chief Operating Officer
Carmen Flores, Chief Human Resources Officer
Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer
Sarah Jepson, Chief Planning Officer
Javiera Cartagena, Chief Government and Public Affairs Officer
Julie Shroyer, Chief Information Officer
Jeffery Elder, Chief Counsel/Director Legal Services
Ruben Duran, Board Counsel
Maggie Aguilar, Clerk of the Board
Cecilia Pulido, Deputy Clerk of the Board

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SCAG President Curt Hagman, representing the County of San Bernadino, called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m. President Hagman welcomed attendees to SCAG’s Annual General Assembly meeting.

Presentation of Colors was led by the Cathedral City Police and Fire Department Color Guard.

President Hagman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

President Hagman opened the Public Comment Period and outlined instructions for public comments.

The Board Clerk and Ruben Duran, Board Counsel, acknowledged there were no written public comments received for the General Assembly’s business.

Seeing no public comment speakers, President Hagman closed the Public Comment Period.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

There was no reprioritization of agenda items.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2025-26 General Fund Budget and Membership Assessment Schedule, and Authorization to the Executive Administration Committee to Make Administrative Amendments to the General Fund Budget

There were no public comments on Item No. 1.

Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer, reported that the fiscal year 2026 comprehensive budget, including the general fund and membership schedule, was presented to the Executive Administration Committee (EAC) and the Regional Council on March 6, and again on April 30 to the EAC and to the Regional Council earlier that day. She noted that the \$2.8 million general fund supports the work of the Regional Council, its subcommittees, regional legislative initiatives, and educational events such as the General Assembly. She explained that membership dues from participating agencies finance the general fund in accordance with the SCAG bylaws governing dues allocation. She recommended that the General Assembly adopt and approve the general fund budget and membership schedule.

The comprehensive staff report was included in the agenda packet and posted on the SCAG website. The meeting video is also available on the SCAG website.

A MOTION was made (Saleh, Bell) that the General Assembly: 1) Adopt the Fiscal Year 2025-26 (FY 2025-26) General Fund Budget and Membership Assessment Schedule; and 2) Authorize the Executive Administration Committee to make administrative amendments to the FY 2025-26 General Fund Budget that do not impact the Membership Assessment Schedule, including amending the General Fund Budget approved by the General Assembly, when such exceedance can be covered by the Unassigned General Fund balance. Motion was SECONDED (Navarro, Colton) and passed by the following votes:

AYES: **Imperial County:** Kelley, Brawley; Goodsell, Holtville; Mendoza, Imperial; and Escobar, County of Imperial; **Los Angeles County:** Bow, Azusa; Saleh, Bell; Perez, Burbank; Shapiro, Calabasas; Hilton, Carson; Yokoyama, Cerritos; Leano, Claremont; Sharif, Compton; Lomeli, Cudahy; Tye, Diamond Bar; Frometa, Downey; Finlay, Duarte; Herrera, El Monte; Henderson, Gardena; Elias, Glendora; Jackson, Hermosa

Beach; Moss, Industry; Breceda, Irwindale; Eich, La Cañada Flintridge; Zezula, La Habra Heights; Arellano, Lakewood; Talavera, Lawndale; Waronek, Lomita; Allen, Long Beach; Muñoz-Guevara, Lynwood, Riggins, Malibu; H. Marquez, Maywood; Shevlin, Monrovia; Peralta, Montebello; Wong, Monterey Park; Ayala, Norwalk; Bishop, Palmdale; Aguayo, Paramount; Sandoval, Pomona; Bradley, Rancho Palos Verdes; Zerunyan, Rolling Hills Estates; Clark, Rosemead; Nakano, San Dimas; Garcia, San Fernando; Herrera Avila, San Gabriel; Chou, San Marino; Zamora, Santa Fe Springs; Negrete, Santa Monica; K. Jones, Signal Hill; Ferguson, South Pasadena; Chen, Torrance; A. Wu, Walnut; T. Wu, West Covina; Byers, West Hollywood; and N. Davis, Westlake Village; **Orange County:** Hurt, Aliso Viejo; Balias, Anaheim; Simonoff, Brea; Burke, Cypress; Gabbard, Dana Point; Harper, Fountain Valley; Jung, Fullerton; C. Tran, Garden Grove; Go, Irvine; Espinoza, La Habra; Baker, La Palma; Caskey, Laguna Hills; Hasselbrink, Los Alamitos; Bucknum, Mission Viejo; Dumitru, Orange; Smith, Placentia; Cabral, San Clemente; Campbell, San Juan Capistrano; Kalmick, Seal Beach; Lombard, Tustin; J. Wu, Villa Park; and Nguyen, Westminster; **Riverside County:** Molina, Calimesa; Welty, Canyon Lake; Ross, Cathedral City; Delgado, Coachella; Gardner, Desert Hot Springs; Lorimore, Eastvale; Krupa, Hemet; Taylor, Indian Wells; Ortiz, Indio; Sanchez, La Quinta; Temple, Menifee; Stone, Murrieta; Bash, Norco; Quintanilla, Palm Desert; Nava, Perris; Lock Dawson, Riverside; Morabito, Wildomar; and the Spiegel, County of Riverside; **San Bernardino County:** Ramos, Adelanto; Silva, Barstow; Lucio, Chino; R. Marquez, Chino Hills; Navarro, Colton; Wilson, Grand Terrace; McCallon, Highland; Dutrey, Montclair; Jernigan, Needles; Dorst-Porada, Ontario; Michael, Rancho Cucamonga; D. Davis, Redlands; H. Tran San Bernardino; Breitling, Upland; Woolsey, Yucaipa; Denison, Yucca Valley; and Hagman, County of San Bernardino; **Ventura County:** Tennesen, Camarillo; Mendez, Fillmore; Enegren, Moorpark; Lang, Ojai; Hernandez, Port Hueneme; Crosswhite, Santa Paula; Rhodes, Simi Valley; Adam, Thousand Oaks; Sanchez-Palacios, Ventura; and Lopez, County of Ventura; **County Transportation Commissions:** Cardenas-Singh, ICTC; Leon, OCTA; Harnik, RCTC; Wapner, SBCTA; and Judge, VCTC **Tribal Governments:** Leash, Cahuilla Band of Indians (127)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

General Assembly Members Steve Manos (Riverside County) indicated that his voting device was not working and expressed support for Item 1.

2. Ratification of 2025-26 Slate of Elected SCAG Officers

There were no public comments on Item No. 2.

Board Counsel Duran reported that pursuant to SCAG bylaws, the Nominating Committee met in March to consider a slate of candidates put forward for the Regional Council to consider at its April meeting. He noted that the slate of candidates put forward by the Nominating Committee and voted by the Regional Council was as follows: for the position of Second Vice President, the Honorable Jenny Crosswhite from the city of Santa Paula; for the position of First Vice President, the Honorable Ray Marquez from the city of Chino Hills; and for the position of President for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the Honorable Cindy Allen from the city of Long Beach. He reported that the Regional Council voted to approve all these candidates for the General Assembly's consideration.

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A MOTION was made (Ramos, Adelanto) to ratify the Regional Council's election of the 2025-26 SCAG officers. Motion was SECONDED (Yokoyama, Cerritos) and passed by the following votes:

AYES: **Imperial County:** Kelley, Brawley; Legaspi, Calexico; Rivas, Calipatria; Goodsell, Holtville; Mendoza, Imperial; and Escobar, County of Imperial; **6 Los Angeles County:** Wag, Alhambra; Bow, Azusa; Saleh, Bell; Perez, Burbank; Shapiro, Calabasas; Yokoyama, Cerritos; Leano, Claremont; Sharif, Compton; Lomeli, Cudahy; Tye, Diamond Bar; Frometa, Downey; Finlay, Duarte; Herrera, El Monte; Henderson, Gardena; Elias, Glendora; Jackson, Monteiro, Hawthorne; Hermosa Beach; Moss, Industry; Breceda, Irwindale; Eich, La Cañada Flintridge; Zezula, La Habra Heights; Arellano, Lakewood; Talavera, Lawndale; Waronek, Lomita; Allen, Long Beach; Muñoz-Guevara, Lynwood, Riggins, Malibu; H. Marquez, Maywood; Shevlin, Monrovia; Wong, Monterey Park; Ayala, Norwalk; Bishop, Palmdale; Aguayo, Paramount; Sandoval, Pomona; Bradley, Rancho Palos Verdes; Zerunyan, Rolling Hills Estates; Clark, Rosemead; Nakano, San Dimas; Garcia, San Fernando; Herrera Avila, San Gabriel; Chou, San Marino; Zamora, Santa Fe Springs; Negrete, Santa Monica; Ferguson, South Pasadena; Chen, Torrance; A. Wu, Walnut; Byers, West Hollywood; and N. Davis, Westlake Village; **48 Orange County:** Hurt, Aliso Viejo; Balius, Anaheim; Simonoff, Brea; Burke, Cypress; Gabbard, Dana Point; Harper, Fountain Valley; Jung, Fullerton; C. Tran, Garden Grove; Go, Irvine; Espinoza, La Habra; Baker, La Palma; Caskey, Laguna Hills; Hasselbrink, Los Alamitos; Bucknum, Mission Viejo; Cabral, San Clemente; Campbell, San Juan Capistrano; Kalmick, Seal Beach; Shawver, Stanton; Lumbard, Tustin; J. Wu, Villa Park; and Nguyen, Westminster; **21 Riverside County:** Royce, Banning; Martinez, Beaumont; Molina, Calimesa; Welty, Canyon Lake; Ross, Cathedral City; Delgado, Coachella; Gardner, Desert Hot Springs; Lorimore, Eastvale; Krupa, Hemet; Taylor, Indian Wells; Ortiz, Indio; Sanchez, La Quinta; Manos, Lake Elsinore; Temple, Menifee; Stone, Murrieta; Bash, Norco; Nava, Perris; Lock Dawson, Riverside; Vandever, San Jacinto; Morabito,

Wildomar; and the Spiegel, County of Riverside; 21 **San Bernardino County:** Ramos, Adelanto; Silva, Barstow; Lucio, Chino; R. Marquez, Chino Hills; Wilson, Grand Terrace; McCallon, Highland; Dutrey, Montclair; Jernigan, Needles; Dorst-Porada, Ontario; Michael, Rancho Cucamonga; D. Davis, Redlands; Woolsey, Yucaipa; Denison, Yucca Valley; and Hagman, County of San Bernardino; 14 **Ventura County:** Mendez, Fillmore; Enegren, Moorpark; Lang, Ojai; Crosswhite, Santa Paula; Rhodes, Simi Valley; Adam, Thousand Oaks; and Lopez, County of Ventura; 7 **County Transportation Commissions:** Cardenas-Singh, ICTC; Leon, OCTA; and Harnik, RCTC; **Tribal Governments:** Leash, Cahuilla Band of Indians; Mojado, Saboba Band of Luiseno Indians (122)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: Dumitru, Orange (1)

CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no public comments on the Consent Calendar.

Approval Item

3. Minutes of the Meeting of the General Assembly – May 2, 2024

A MOTION was made (Shapiro, Calabasas) to approve Consent Calendar Item No. 3. Motion was SECONDED (Simonoff, Brea) and passed by the following votes:

AYES: **Imperial County:** Kelley, Brawley; Legaspi, Calexico; Goodsell, Holtville; Mendoza, Imperial; and Escobar, County of Imperial; **Los Angeles County:** Bow, Azusa; Saleh, Bell; Perez, Burbank; Shapiro, Calabasas; Yokoyama, Cerritos; Leano, Claremont; Lomeli, Cudahy; Tye, Diamond Bar; Frometa, Downey; Finlay, Duarte; Herrera, El Monte; Henderson, Gardena; Elias, Glendora; Jackson, Monteiro, Hawthorne; Hermosa Beach; Breceda, Irwindale; Eich, La Cañada Flintridge; Zezula, La Habra Heights; Arellano, Lakewood; Talavera, Lawndale; Waronek, Lomita; Allen, Long Beach; Muñoz-Guevara, Lynwood, Riggins, Malibu; H. Marquez, Maywood; Shevlin, Monrovia; Peralta, Montebello; Wong, Monterey Park; Ayala, Norwalk; Bishop, Palmdale; Aguayo, Paramount; Sandoval, Pomona; Zerunyan, Rolling Hills Estates; Clark, Rosemead; Nakano, San Dimas; Garcia, San Fernando; Herrera Avila, San Gabriel; Chou, San Marino; McLean, Santa Clarita; Zamora, Santa Fe Springs; K. Jones, Signal Hill; Chen, Torrance; T. Wu, West Covina; Byers, West Hollywood; and N. Davis, Westlake Village; **Orange County:** Hurt, Aliso Viejo; Balias, Anaheim; Simonoff, Brea; Burke, Cypress; Gabbard, Dana Point; Harper, Fountain Valley; Jung,

Fullerton; Go, Irvine; Espinoza, La Habra; Baker, La Palma; Caskey, Laguna Hills; Hasselbrink, Los Alamitos; Bucknum, Mission Viejo; Dumitru, Orange; Smith, Placentia; Cabral, San Clemente; Campbell, San Juan Capistrano; Kalmick, Seal Beach; Lombard, Tustin; J. and Wu, Villa Park; **Riverside County:** Royce, Banning; Martinez, Beaumont; Molina, Calimesa; Welty, Canyon Lake; Ross, Cathedral City; Delgado, Coachella; Gardner, Desert Hot Springs; Lorimore, Eastvale; Krupa, Hemet; Taylor, Indian Wells; Ortiz, Indio; Sanchez, La Quinta; Manos, Lake Elsinore; Temple, Menifee; Bash, Norco; Nava, Perris; Lock Dawson, Riverside; Vandever, San Jacinto; Morabito, Wildomar; and the Spiegel, County of Riverside; **San Bernardino County:** Ramos, Adelanto; Silva, Barstow; Lucio, Chino; Navarro, Colton; Wilson, Grand Terrace; McCallon, Highland; Dutrey, Montclair; Jernigan, Needles; Dorst-Porada, Ontario; D. Davis, Redlands; H. Tran, San Bernardino; Breitling, Upland; Woolsey, Yucaipa; Denison, Yucca Valley; and Hagman, County of San Bernardino; **Ventura County:** Tennessen, Camarillo; Mendez, Fillmore; Enegren, Moorpark; Lang, Ojai; Crosswhite, Santa Paula; Rhodes, Simi Valley; Adam, Thousand Oaks; Sanchez-Palacios, Ventura and Lopez, County of Ventura; **County Transportation Commissions:** Cardenas-Singh, ICTC; Leon, OCTA; Harnik, RCTC; Wapner, SBCTA; and Judge, VCTC; **Tribal Governments:** Leash, Cahuilla Band of Indians; Mojado, Saboba Band of Luiseno Indians (122)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: **Los Angeles County:** Sharif, Compton; Moss, Industry; Bradley, Rancho Palos Verdes; **Orange Angeles County:** Nguyen, Westminster; **Riverside County:** Dennis Michael, Rancho Cucamonga (5)

Kome Ajise, Executive Director, thanked the General Assembly for helping make the agency's work easier by authorizing the budget. He also praised SCAG staff for their hard work and dedication. He explained that circumstances had required the agency to take on more, and their output had been remarkable as they continued to rise to the occasion with the Olympic Games approaching the region. He noted that they had navigated shifting policies, a historic natural disaster, and the necessary response efforts. Throughout it all, they remained focused on providing member agencies with the resources, knowledge, and tools needed to face uncertain times. He emphasized that this Year in Review was not just a retrospective, but a reflection of the collective hard work and renewed partnerships that are shaping more connected communities across the region. He shared that he continued to be inspired by seeing the region come together to deliver their best work for its diverse residents, and that this excellence would be showcased in the annual Year in Review.

A video was played to allow them a moment to reflect on what had happened in the past year. He indicated that the video showed that it had been a busy and hectic year, and a historic one. He said

that they were all excited and proud to continue to work on behalf of this region to get to more accomplishments together.

RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING PRESIDENT CURT HAGMAN

Mr. Ajise recognized President Hagman for his leadership and problem-solving skills, particularly in technology. He acknowledged President Hagman's impact on SCAG's priorities which were goods movement, clean transportation, and transit recovery.

A video was played celebrating President Hagman's leadership and character as President of the SCAG Regional Council.

President Hagman was presented a proclamation on behalf of the Regional Council.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Hagman expressed gratitude for the opportunity to serve, acknowledging his mentors and the strong team at SCAG. He emphasized SCAG's vital role in regional planning and advocacy, particularly for smaller cities with limited resources. He highlighted the year's key accomplishments, including securing funding for REAP 2.0 despite state budget challenges, and stressed the need to plan for future infrastructure such as autonomous electric vehicles and charging technology. He noted SCAG's continued leadership in regional transportation planning, addressing natural disasters, and preparing for major events like the Olympics, as well as progress toward cleaner transportation through partnerships with Metrolink and other agencies. He discussed recent changes to meeting practices, including the return to in-person meetings and new committee reports to the Regional Council, underscoring the value of face-to-face collaboration. He also offered an optimistic economic outlook while recognizing ongoing challenges like rising insurance costs. President Hagman reiterated SCAG's role in uniting local representatives to develop regional solutions, thanked the General Assembly for the opportunity to serve, and expressed confidence in the incoming leadership team, offering them his best wishes.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, outgoing President Curt Hagman adjourned the General Assembly meeting at 11:38 p.m.

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