



AGENDA ITEM 1

MINUTES

Southern California Association of Governments
October 1, 2026

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (CEHD)
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2026**

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (CEHD). A VIDEO AND AUDIO RECORDING OF THE FULL MEETING IS AVAILABLE AT: <http://scag.ig2.com/Citizens/>.

The Community, Economic and Human and Development Committee (CEHD) of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) held its regular meeting both in person and virtually (telephonically and electronically). A quorum was present.

Members Present

Hon. Rocky Rhodes, Chair	<i>Simi Valley</i>	District 46
Hon. Jeff Wood, Vice Chair	<i>Lakewood</i>	District 24
Hon. Cindy Allen	<i>Long Beach</i>	District 30
Hon. Joe Baca	<i>Rialto</i>	SBCTA
Hon. Debbie Baker	<i>La Palma</i>	District 18
Hon. Wendy Bucknum	<i>Mission Viejo</i>	District 13
Hon. Chelsea Byers	<i>West Hollywood</i>	District 41
Hon. Tanya D. Doby	<i>Los Alamitos</i>	OCCOG
Hon. Debra Dorst-Porada	<i>Ontario, Pres. Appt.</i>	Member at Large
Hon. Keith Eich	<i>La Cañada Flintridge</i>	District 36
Hon. Shaunna Elias	<i>Glendora</i>	District 33
Hon. Bob Engler	<i>Thousand Oaks</i>	VCOG
Hon. Rose Espinoza	<i>La Habra</i>	OCCOG
Hon. Waymond Fermon	<i>Indio</i>	CVAG
Hon. Margaret E. Finlay	<i>Duarte</i>	District 35
Hon. Claudia Frometa	<i>Downey</i>	District 25
Hon. John Gabbard	<i>Dana Point</i>	District 12
Hon. Gary Gardner	<i>Desert Hot Springs</i>	District 2
Hon. Mike Goodsell	<i>Holtville</i>	ICTC
Hon. John Grass	<i>Brawley</i>	ICTC
Hon. Mark Henderson	<i>Gardena</i>	District 28
Hon. Peggy Huang	<i>Yorba Linda</i>	OCCOG
Hon. Cecilia Hupp	<i>Brea</i>	OCCOG
Hon. William Hussey	<i>Grand Terrace</i>	SBCTA



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Sup. Matt LaVere	<i>Ventura County, Pres. Appt.</i>	Member at Large
Hon. Jim Light	<i>Redondo Beach</i>	District 40
Hon. Anni Marshall	<i>Avalon</i>	GCCOG
Hon. Betty Martinez Franco	<i>Irvine, Pres, Appt.</i>	Member at Large
Hon. Geneva Mojado	<i>Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians</i>	
Hon. Joseph Morabito	<i>Wildomar</i>	WRCOG
Hon. Sharona Nazarian	<i>Beverly Hills</i>	WSCCOG
Hon. Sheila Rossi	<i>South Pasadena</i>	AVCJPA
Hon. Sonny Santa Ines	<i>Bellflower</i>	GCCOG
Hon. David Shapiro	<i>Calabasas</i>	District 44
Hon. Becky Shevlin	<i>Monrovia</i>	SGVCOG
Hon. Helen Tran	<i>San Bernardino</i>	District 7
Hon. Valerie Vandever	<i>San Jacinto</i>	WRCOG
Hon. Mark Waronek	<i>Lomita</i>	District 39
Hon. Acquanetta Warren	<i>Fontana</i>	District 8
Hon. Tony Wu	<i>West Covina</i>	SGVCOG
Hon. Frank Yokoyama	<i>Cerritos</i>	District 23
Hon. Frank Zerunyan	<i>Rolling Hills Estates</i>	Member at Large

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Hon. Valerie Amezcua	<i>Santa Ana</i>	District 16
Hon. Don Caskey	<i>Laguna Hills</i>	OCCOG
Hon. Martin Fuentes	<i>Cudahy</i>	GCCOG
Hon. Lynda Johnson	<i>Cerritos</i>	GCCOG
Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.	<i>Tribal Gov't Reg'l Planning Rep.</i>	
Hon. Cynthia Moran	<i>Chino Hills, Pres. Appt.</i>	Member at Large
Hon. Joseph Murphy	<i>Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians</i>	
Hon. Nithya Raman	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 51
Hon. Mary Solorio	<i>San Fernando</i>	SFVCOG
Hon. Judy Woolsey	<i>Yucaipa</i>	SBCTA

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable Rocky Rhodes called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. and asked CEHD member Shaunna Elias, Glendora, RC District 33, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Chair Rhodes opened the public comment period and noted this was the time for members of the public to offer comment for matters that are within SCAG's jurisdiction but are not listed on the agenda.

SCAG staff noted there were no written public comments received via email before and after the 5:00 p.m. deadline of Wednesday, September 2, 2026. SCAG staff also noted that there were no public comments for matters not listed on the agenda.

Seeing no public comment speakers, Chair Rhodes closed the public comment period for matters not listed on the agenda.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no reprioritizations made.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval Items

1. Minutes of the Meeting – July 2, 2026

Receive and File

2. CEHD Committee Outlook and Future Agenda Items
3. Connect SoCal 2050: CEQA Documentation Initiation
4. Transportation Conformity Determinations of Proposed Final 2027 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) and Proposed Final Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 2

A MOTION was made (Bucknum) to approve Consent Calendar Approval Item 1 and Receive and File Items 2-4. Motion was SECONDED (Finlay) and passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Allen, Baker, Bucknum, Byers, Doby, Eich, Elias, Engler, Fermon, Finlay, Frometa, Gabbard, Goodsell, Grass, Henderson, Huang, Hupp, Hussey, Light, Martinez Franco, Mojado, Morabito, Nazarian, Rhodes, Rossi, Santa Ines, Shevlin, Vandever, Waronek, Warren, Wood, Wu and Yokoyama (33)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

There were no public comments on the Consent Calendar.

ACTION ITEMS5. 7th Cycle RHNA Subcommittee Charter

Chair Rhodes provided background information on the development of the proposed RHNA Subcommittee Charter. He asked Richard Lam, Senior Deputy Legal Counsel, SCAG) to provide an overview of the 7th Cycle RHNA Subcommittee Charter.

Mr. Lam provided an overview of the proposed updates to the RHNA Subcommittee Charter. He summarized the charter's purpose, authority, membership structure, meeting and voting procedures, and responsibilities. He noted that the subcommittee's primary role was to provide recommendations to the CEHD Committee and the Regional Council for consideration and approval, except when acting as the RHNA Appeals Board, for which its decisions would be final and would not be subject to further review by CEHD or the Regional Council. Mr. Lam explained that the Charter was revised in response to the RHNA Subcommittee's questions to clarify that recusal applies to appeals involving a member's city or city council district, but not other jurisdictions within the member's SCAG Regional Council District.

Chair Rhodes, speaking in his capacity as RHNA Subcommittee Chair, expressed support for the expanded subcommittee structure and clarified the recusal process in response to feedback received from subcommittee members.

A MOTION was made (Finlay) to recommend that the Regional Council approve the 7th Cycle Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Subcommittee Charter. Motion was SECONDED (Nazarian) and passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Allen, Baker, Bucknum, Byers, Doby, Eich, Elias, Engler, Fermon, Finlay, Frometa, Gabbard, Goodsell, Grass, Henderson, Huang, Hupp, Hussey, LaVere, Light, Martinez Franco, Mojado, Morabito, Nazarian, Rhodes, Rossi, Santa Ines, Shevlin, Vandever, Waronek, Warren, Wood, Wu, Yokoyama and Zerunyan (35)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

There were no public comments for Item No. 5.

6. Connect SoCal 2050: Policy Development Framework

Chair Rhodes provided a brief introduction and explained that the Policy Development Framework served as the roadmap for updating key policy elements of Connect SoCal 2050. He noted that the framework identifies the major issues that will guide policy discussions throughout the development

of the regional plan. Chair Rhodes invited Sarah Dominguez, SCAG staff, to provide additional context on the plan development process and present the final Policy Development Framework for the committee's consideration and action.

Ms. Dominguez provided an overview of the Policy Development Framework process and highlighted its key components and implementation strategies. Her presentation outlined the policy structure, focus areas, and leadership roles that will guide updates to key policy and plan elements as part of the Connect SoCal 2050 planning process. She noted that staff would conduct targeted policy committee discussions and stakeholder engagement activities throughout the year, followed by broader public outreach efforts in 2027.

Ms. Dominguez stated that SCAG staff was seeking approval from the Regional Council of the Policy Development Framework to confirm the approach for updating key policy elements over the next year in preparation for the draft Connect SoCal 2050, which was anticipated to be released in fall 2027. She noted that staff was also requesting CEHD's recommendation that the Regional Council adopt the Connect SoCal 2050 Policy Development Framework.

Staff responded to comments and questions from council members regarding the inclusion of transit safety, cleanliness, ridership trends and data, and public engagement efforts within the Connect SoCal 2025 Policy Development Framework. Committee members expressed consensus support for incorporating these elements into the framework, emphasizing their importance in improving transportation system effectiveness, enhancing the rider experience, and delivering broader community benefits.

A MOTION was made (Elias) to recommend that the Regional Council adopt the Connect SoCal 2050 Policy Development Framework, with amendments to explicitly include transit safety, cleanliness, rider confidence, and homelessness impacts in the framework. Motion was SECONDED (Bucknum) and passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Allen, Baca, Baker, Bucknum, Doby, Dorst-Porada, Eich, Elias, Espinoza, Finlay, Frometa, Gabbard, Gardner, Goodsell, Grass, Henderson, Huang, Hupp, Hussey, LeVere, Light, Martinez Franco, Mojado, Morabito, Nazarian, Rhodes, Rossi, Santa Ines, Shapiro, Shevlin, Vandever, Waronek, Warren, Wood, Wu, Yokoyama and Zerunyan (37)

NOES: Byers (1)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

There were no public comments for Item No. 6.

INFORMATION ITEMS**7. SCAG Responses to Orange County Grand Jury Report – California Housing Mandates: The Unintended Reshaping of Orange County Neighborhoods**

Chair Rhodes provided a brief introduction to SCAG's response to the recent Orange County Grand Jury report regarding state housing mandates and the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) process.

He asked Michael Dietz, SCAG staff, to present an overview of the report and summarize SCAG's formal response.

Mr. Dietz provided highlights of SCAG's formal response which addressed concerns about representation, transparency, and methodology related to SCAG's role in the RHNA process and regional housing plan. He noted that the findings and recommendations assigned to SCAG generally addressed three topics:

1. Representation of Orange County jurisdictions in the RHNA process, as well as SCAG's broader governance structure.
2. Transparency and public understanding of the RHNA methodology and allocation process.
3. Preparation for the 7th Cycle RHNA process.

Chair Rhodes and members of the CEHD Committee acknowledged the challenges and concerns associated with the RHNA process, expressed their appreciation for SCAG's efforts, and thanked staff for their ongoing work and response.

There were no public comments for Item No. 7.

8. Connect SoCal 2050 Local Data Exchange (LDX): Progress Update and Last Change to Meet

Chair Rhodes provided a brief introduction of the Local Data Exchange (LDX) process and explained that LDX helps identify where and to what extent growth and development are expected to occur across the region between 2024 and 2050. He asked Echo Zheng to provide a progress update on the Local Data Exchange (LDX) process.

Echo Zheng provided a brief recap and update on the Local Data Exchange (LDX) process for Connect SoCal 2050, reporting the update includes fundamental data from local jurisdictions and transportation agencies and refinement of policies, strategies, and investments based on input from stakeholders and leadership by SCAG Connect SoCal 2050 Subcommittee, Policy Committees and Regional Council. She noted that the LDX process was a core step in developing a forecasted regional development pattern, and was also a statutorily required component of the Connect SoCal 2050 plan. Ms. Zheng explained that consistent with state policy, the growth forecast would reflect the housing element process and be evaluated against the state's greenhouse gas emission reduction targets,

while being guided by a regional vision for future growth and development. She indicated that the growth forecast would further focus growth in areas supported by regional planning policies adopted by the Regional Council and follow regional and county forecast totals guided by SCAG's demographic panel of experts. Ms. Zheng also provided an overview of the project timeline, noting that over three-quarters of jurisdictions had met to review data and growth projections. She stated that local jurisdictions were expected to complete their review of SCAG's preliminary data, providing any updates or corrections by November 20, 2026. She added that staff hoped to conclude jurisdictional meetings by the end of September. She noted that following the review process, staff would continue collaborating with local jurisdictions and regional partners on regional plan development and support ongoing efforts leading up to the adoption of Connect SoCal 2050 in 2028.

Staff responded to comments and questions by council members regarding how projections of flat growth across the region aligned with state policies that encourage increased growth in specific areas. Discussion also addressed connections between Connect SoCal 2050 and LDX data and how those data sources inform and support the RHNA process.

There were no public comments for Item No. 8.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Rhodes provided updates on upcoming events and highlighted the 7th Cycle RHNA Subcommittee meeting held in August. He thanked SCAG staff and subcommittee members for their time and dedication to this important effort.

Chair Rhodes also reviewed the subcommittee's primary tasks and objectives. He noted that the next RHNA Subcommittee meeting will be held on Thursday, September 10, 2026.

STAFF REPORT

Erik Rodriguez, Senior Government Affairs Officer, announced that SCAG received a \$700,000 Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant to start the "Regional Wildlife Connectivity Study." He stated that the study was expected to start in spring 2027 and finish in June 2029.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Rhodes adjourned the meeting of the Community, Economic, and Human Development Committee, at 11:13 a.m.

Carmen Summers
Community, Economic and Human Development Committee Clerk

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COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT														
2026-27														
MEMBERS	Representing	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Total Mtgs Attended To Date
Allen, Cindy	Long Beach, RC District 30	1			1									2
Amezcu, Valarie	Santa Ana, RC District 16													
Baca, Joe	Rialto, SBCTA	1	1		1									3
Baker, Debbie	La Palma, RC District 18	1	1		1									3
Bucknum, Wendy	Mission Viejo, RC District 13		1		1									2
Byers, Chelsea	West Hollywood, RC District 41	1	1		1									3
Caskey, Don	Laguna Hills, OCCOG		1											1
Doby, Tanya D.	Los Alamitos, OCCOG	1	1		1									3
Dorst-Porada, Debra	Ontario, Pres. Appt. (Member at Large)	1	1		1									3
Eich, Keith	La Cañada Flintridge, RC District 36	1	1		1									3
Elias, Shaunna	Glendora, RC District 33	1	1		1									3
Engler, Bob	Thousand Oaks, VCOG	1	1		1									3
Espinoza, Rose	La Habra, OCCOG				1									1
Fermon, Waymond	Indio, CVAG		1		1									2
Finlay, Margaret E.	Duarte, RC District 35	1			1									2
Frometa, Claudia M.	Downey, RC District 25				1									1
Fuentes, Martin	Cudahy, GCCOG	1												1
Gabbard, John	Dana Point, RC District 12	1	1		1									3
Gardner, Gary	Desert Hot Springs, RC District 2	1	1		1									3
Goodsell, Mike	ICTC	1	1		1									3
Grass, John	Brawley, ICTC		1		1									2
Henderson, Mark E.	Gardena, RC District 28	1	1		1									3
Huang, Peggy	Yorba Linda, OCCOG				1									1
Hupp, Cecilia	Brea, OCCOG	1	1											3
Hussey William	Grand Terrace, SBCTA	1	1		1									3
Johnson, Lynda	Cerritos, GCCOG	1	1											2
LaVere, Matt	Ventura County CoC		1		1									2
Light, Jim	Redondo Beach, RC District 40	1	1		1									3
Marshall, Anni	Avalon, GCCOG	1	1		1									3
Martinez Franco, Betty	Irvine, Pres. Appt. (Member at Large)	1	1		1									3
Masiel, Sr., Andrew	Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians Tribal Gov Reg Planning Board	1	1											2
Mojado, Geneva	Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians				1									1
Morabito, Joseph	Wildomar, WRCOG	1	1		1									3
Moran, Cynthia	Chino Hills, Pres. Appt. (Member at Large)	1	1											2
Murphy, Joseph	Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians		1											1
Nazarian, Sharona	Beverly Hills, WSCCOG		1		1									2
Raman, Nithya	Los Angeles, RC District 51													
Rhodes, Rocky	Simi Valley, RC District 46	1	1		1									3
Rossi, Sheila	South Pasadena, AVCIPA	1	1		1									3
Santa Ines, Sonny	Bellflower, GCCOG	1	1		1									3
Shapiro, David J.	Calabasas, RC District 44	1	1		1									3
Shevlin, Becky A.	Monrovia, SGVCOG	1	1		1									3
Solorio, Mary	San Fernando, SPVCOG													
Tran, Helen	San Bernardino, SBCTA		1		1									2
Valerie Vandever	San Jacinto, WRCOG	1	1		1									3
Waronek, Mark	Lomita, SBCCOG	1			1									2
Warren, Acquanetta	Fontana, RC District 8	1	1		1									3
Wood, Jeff	Lakewood, RC District 24	1	1		1									3
Woolsey, Judy	Yucaipa, SBCTA	1	1											2
Wu, Tony	West Covina, SGVCOG	1	1		1									3
Yokoyama, Frank A.	Cerritos, RC District 23	1	1		1									3
Zerunyan, Frank	Rolling Hills Estates, Member at Large	1	1		1									3
TOTAL ATTENDANCE		37	41		42									