Welcome to SCAG: New Member Orientation

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ABOUT SCAG
The SCAG Region

- **6** COUNTIES
- **16** TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS
- **191** CITIES
- **18.7M** RESIDENTS

- **38,618** SQUARE MILES
- **$1.6T** REGIONAL GDP
- **15TH** LARGEST ECONOMY WORLDWIDE
- **47.6%** OF STATE POPULATION
Our Vision
Southern California’s Catalyst for a Brighter Future

Our Mission
To foster innovative regional solutions that improve the lives of Southern Californians through inclusive collaboration, visionary planning, regional advocacy, information sharing and promoting best practices.
2023-2024 Regional Council Board Members

Art Brown
PRESIDENT
City of Buena Park

Curt Hagman
FIRST VICE PRESIDENT
County of San Bernardino

Cindy Allen
SECOND VICE PRESIDENT
City of Long Beach

Jan Harnik
IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT
Riverside County Transportation Commission
Governing Structure
Policy Committees

- **Community, Economic and Human Development Committee (CEHD)** - Programs include the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA), growth visioning and forecasting, and regional economic analysis

- **Energy & Environment Committee (EEC)** - Programs include environmental impact analyses, environmental justice, air quality, water quality and habitat preservation

- **Transportation Committee (TC)** - Programs include the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy, transportation finance and conformity, transit and rail, and aviation
Vision & Plan

SCAG serves as a catalyst for a brighter future for Southern California by leading a vision to elevate the region and creating the holistic plan to achieve our unified goals.

Transportation  Housing  Collaboration & Advocacy  Tools & Resources
Primary Roles & Responsibilities

1. Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)
2. Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS)
3. Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)
4. Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA)
5. Regional Data & Information Center
6. Forum for Issues of Regional Significance
Planning for the Region

Sarah Jepson, Director of Planning

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What is Connect SoCal?

A 20+ Year Plan with 6,000+ Transportation Projects, Regional Development Pattern, and Goal-Oriented Programs and Strategies

- Invests over $638 billion on transportation improvement projects.
- Locates housing, jobs and transit closer together in priority areas while preserving natural lands and open spaces.
- Meets Mobility, Environmental, Community, and Economic Goals, including:
  - Reduce Congestion and Travel Times
  - Increase Opportunities to Walk, Bike or Take Transit
  - Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Other Pollutants
  - Facilitate Efficient and Resilient Goods Movement
- Generates approximately 432,900 jobs annually.
Connect SoCal 2020

- COMPLETE STREETS INVESTMENT
- SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
- SHARED MOBILITY & MOBILITY AS A SERVICE
- GO ZONES
- DEMAND & SYSTEM MANAGEMENT
- SYSTEM PRESERVATION & RESILIENCE
- SMART CITIES & JOB CENTERS
- HOUSING SUPPORTIVE INFRASTRUCTURE
- GOODS MOVEMENT
- TRANSIT BACKBONE
- ACCELERATED ELECTRIFICATION

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
Connect SoCal Schedule

**COMPLETED MILESTONES**

- ✓ Draft Goals & Vision
- ✓ Draft Performance Measures
- ✓ Local Data Exchange
- ✓ Project List

**MILESTONES FOR 2023**

- Public Outreach and Engagement
- Plan Modeling, Analysis, Writing
- Draft Release in Fall 2023

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**2021**

- Foundations & Frameworks

**2022**

- Data Collection & Policy Development

**2023**

- Outreach & Analysis

**2024**

- Plan Adoption
REAP 2.0 Implementation

- REAP 2.0 seeks to **accelerate infill housing, reduce VMT, increase housing supply at all affordability levels, affirmatively further fair housing**, and facilitate the implementation of adopted regional and local plans to achieve these goals.

- **$246 million** across three program areas; **80% sub-allocated**

- **Transformative planning and implementation activities** that **implement the regional Sustainable Communities Strategy** (SCS) at the local, sub-regional, and county levels, including CTCs.
TRANSPORTATION

Mobility Planning
Goods Movement
Technology & Innovation
Integrated Planning & Programming
LAND USE & HOUSING

Sustainable & Resilient Development
Housing Planning
Housing & Special Programs (REAP)
Economic Empowerment
Regional Housing Needs Allocation Plan

- 6th Cycle RHNA Allocation: 1.3M Units
  - More than 3x the 5th cycle allocation

- RHNA Methodology Distribution
  - Future Household Growth
  - Access to HQTAs (2045)
  - Access to Jobs (2045)
  - Disadvantaged Communities

- 52 Appeals Filed
  - Two Appeals Granted

- Housing Elements Due Oct 2021
  with extension to Oct 2022
Housing Planning & Technical Assistance

Regional Early Action | Planning Grant $47M

Partnerships & Outreach
- Subregional Partnerships
- Outreach & Education
- Partnerships with Non-Profits and CBOs

- **Housing Policy Solutions**
  - Toolkits & Best Practices
  - Data & Technical Assistance

- **SCS Integration**
  - Priority Growth Areas
  - Housing Near Transit Infrastructure

PLANNING FOR THE REGION

CALL FOR COLLABORATION

HELPR 2.0 TOOL

LOCAL LEADERSHIP ACADEMY
Member Resources

Javiera Cartagena, Chief Government and Public Affairs Officer

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Grant Programs

REAP 2.0

Last Mile Freight Program

Sustainable Communities Program
Tools, Data & Training

Slow down. She’s going places.

Regional Data Platform

Toolbox Tuesday Trainings
A Unique Regional Forum

Regional Conference & General Assembly

Southern California Economic Summit

Demographic Workshop
STAY CONNECTED

Sign up for newsletters or working groups and stay up-to-date on specific programs: scag.ca.gov/subscribe-updates

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Ventura County
Legislative Advocacy

Kevin Gilhooley, Legislation Manager
Legislative/ Communications & Membership Committee

- Meets 3rd Tuesday of each month
- Recommends a legislative platform, which informs and prioritizes SCAG’s advocacy efforts
- Recommends positions to the Regional Council on pending legislation

State Senator María Elena Durazo (D-Los Angeles)
Advocacy Efforts

• Coordinates SCAG’s legislative advocacy efforts, such as:
  • Letter-writing campaigns and coalition building efforts
  • “In-district” opportunities for virtual and in-person meetings
  • Sacramento Summit and Washington, D.C. advocacy meetings
Consensus-Building

- Legislation staff provide support for consensus building activities, including:
  - The Southern California Legislative Roundtable
  - The Big Four MPO Legislative Staff calls
  - CalCOG, NARC, Mobility21 and others
  - GLUE Council and sub-regional executive directors
Support Letters Program

- Legislation staff provide support letters to SCAG member jurisdictions

- These letters help SCAG jurisdictions access hundreds of millions in state and federal grant funds from programs like:
  - TIRCP, ATP, RAISE, Mega, AHSC, TCEP, Low-No, Bus/Bus Facilities and others

- In 2022, SCAG provided 230 support letters

LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY

2022 Support Letters

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Legal Introductions/Brown Act

Jeffery Elder, Senior Deputy Counsel

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Legal Services Department

• Primarily serves as counsel to SCAG’s Executive Director, executive team, management and staff.

• Provides support to SCAG’s legislative bodies, but SCAG maintains separate Board Counsel (Ruben Duran, Best Best & Krieger) to directly advise the Regional Council, the Executive Administration Committee, Policy Committees and other SCAG legislative bodies.
Legal Services Team

Michael Houston
Chief Counsel/Director of Legal Services

Jeffery Elder
Senior Deputy Counsel

Richard Lam
Deputy Legal Counsel
**Services Provided**

- Maintain a high level of service to agency in core work program areas
- Agency’s leader and partner in governance
- Advance organizational goals through contracting & procurement
Brown Act – Key Things to Keep in Mind

The purpose of the Brown Act is to promote transparency in government decisions and encourage public participation

• A “quorum” cannot meet without complying with Brown Act requirements
• Only matters on the agenda can be discussed by the legislative body
• The public is entitled to participate in the meeting of the legislative body
• There are specific requirements for remote participation by members of the body
ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

• Stipends and Expense Reports
• Form 700
• Agendas
Stipends and Expense Reimbursements

• Regional Council (RC) or Policy Committee (PC) members will receive a stipend of $120 for attendance at SCAG-sponsored meetings, events or other SCAG business activities.
  • RC Members can receive up to six stipends per month
  • PC Members can receive up to four stipends per month
• A request for a Stipend payment must be made in writing and contain information on the date, time, location and purpose of any such meeting and be submitted to ORCS.
Stipends and Expense Reimbursements

• Requests for reimbursement must be received by the ORCS no later than 30 days after the close of the fiscal year in which the expense was incurred.

• Additional information as to what qualifies for reimbursement can be found under Article VIII of the Regional Council Policy Manual.
Form 700 – Statement of Economic Interest

• New RC and PC members are required to file an Assuming Office Statement within 30 days of assuming office for their positions with SCAG.

• On yearly basis, ORCS will remind you of your annual filing obligations.

• SCAG utilizes NetFile an e-filing system which can be accessed 24/7 at: https://netfile.com/filer
Regional Council and Policy Committee Agendas

- ORCS handles the preparation of agenda packets for SCAG’s Regional Council, Policy Committees and other committees
- Agendas are transmitted via email a week before the meeting.
- Agendas are available through SCAG’s :
  - Website: https://scag.ca.gov/current-agendas
Wrap-up & Questions
THANK YOU!
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