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## SCAG awards \$1.5 million in infrastructure funding to help Calipatria meet its housing needs

Los Angeles – The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Regional Council has approved \$1.5 million in infrastructure improvement grants to help the City of Calipatria meet its housing production goals.

The funding will be used to design and construct necessary repairs to the city's Delta Street Pump Station, which, when finished, will promote existing and future affordable residential development in the Calipatria Eastside Specific Plan and accommodate up to 736 units.

Improvements include the installation of an updated electrical control system, a new blower system to remove corrosive gases, upgraded centrifugal pumps and rehabilitation of the wet well concrete and steel support members.

In all, 12 projects across Southern California will receive a total of \$35 million to support investments in utility infrastructure planning and capital improvements. The grants were approved under the Regional Utilities Supporting Housing Pilot Program (RUSH), part of SCAG's efforts to fund planning, financing and infrastructure to accelerate housing production under SCAG's Regional Early Action Planning (REAP 2.0) program, which has awarded more than \$192 million to projects throughout Southern California in the past year.

"The Calipatria project is well deserving of this significant investment in infrastructure investment as it aggressively works to meet its housing needs. We appreciate SCAG's support in helping local jurisdictions overcome barriers to build more housing through programs such as RUSH," said Luis A. Plancarte, Imperial County supervisor and member of SCAG's Regional Council.

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