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MEETING NO. 674

REGIONAL COUNCIL

Thursday, June 5, 2025
12:15 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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REGIONAL COUNCIL AGENDA

Southern California Association of Governments
900 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1700 – Regional Council Room
Los Angeles, CA 90017
Thursday, June 5, 2025
12:15 PM

The Regional Council may consider and act upon any of the items on the agenda regardless of whether they are listed as Information or Action items.

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(The Honorable Cindy Allen, President)

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (Matters Not on the Agenda)

This is the time for public comments on any matter of interest within SCAG's jurisdiction that is **not** listed on the agenda. For items listed on the agenda, public comments will be received when that item is considered. Although the committee may briefly respond to statements or questions, under state law, matters presented under this item cannot be discussed or acted upon at this time.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

CHAIR'S REPORT

- *The Honorable David J. Shapiro – Community, Economy, and Human Development Committee*
- *The Honorable Rick Denison – Energy and Environment Committee*
- *The Honorable Mike T. Judge – Transportation Committee*

ACTION ITEM

1. Approval of Amendment No. 4 to Executive Director's Employment Agreement 5 Mins. PPG. 10
(Ruben Duran, Board Counsel)

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve the attached Amendment No. 4 to the Employment Agreement between SCAG and Kome Ajise to adjust the Executive Director's compensation in response to positive performance review, and approve the Annual Work Plan for 2025-26.

2. Resolution No. 25-674-1 Resilience Recommendations & Next Steps 10 Mins. PPG. 31
(Elizabeth Carvajal, Deputy Director, SCAG)

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve Resolution No. 25-674-1 to advance SCAG's regional resilience recommendations for planning for and building resilient communities.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval Items

3. Minutes of the Meeting – May 1, 2025 PPG. 37



REGIONAL COUNCIL AGENDA

4. Contracts \$500,000 or Greater: 24-012-MRFP 06, Los Angeles County Affordable Housing Solutions Agency (LACAHS) Strategic Plan PPG. 48
5. Contracts \$500,000 or Greater: 25-025-C01, Planning for Main Streets PPG. 60
6. Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: 25-029-C01, Go Human Safety Strategies & Research PPG. 75
7. Housing Bills PPG. 96
8. Resolution AB 98 Cleanup Bills PPG. 114

Receive and File

9. June 2025 State and Federal Legislative Update PPG. 119
10. Purchase Orders, Contracts and Contract Amendments below Regional Council Approval Threshold PPG. 132
11. CFO Monthly Report PPG. 137

INFORMATION ITEM

12. Resilience Toolkit Overview and Panel Discussion 60 Mins. PPG. 146
(Sarah Jepson, Chief Planning Officer, SCAG; Ryan Wolfe, Department Manager, SCAG; and Sebastian Shetty, Associate Regional Planner, SCAG)

Panelist:

- **Lisa Colicchio, Director of Sustainability, Metrolink**
- **Mason Thurmond, Programs Manager, Ventura Regional Fire Safe Council (VRFSC)**

13. Legislative Update – Verbal Report 5 Mins.
(Javiera Cartagena, Chief Government and Public Affairs Officer)

BUSINESS REPORT

(Lucy Dunn, Ex-Officio Member; Business Representative)

PPG. 155

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

(The Honorable Cindy Allen, President)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

(Kome Ajise, Executive Director)

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT



AGENDA ITEM 1 REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
June 5, 2025

To: Regional Council (RC)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

From: Ruben Duran, Board Counsel
(213) 787-2569, ruben.duran@bbklaw.com

Subject: Approval of Amendment No. 4 to Executive Director's Employment Agreement

Kome Ajise

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve the attached Amendment No. 4 to the Employment Agreement between SCAG and Kome Ajise to adjust the Executive Director's compensation in response to positive performance review, and approve the Annual Work Plan for 2025-26.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

This item supports the following Strategic Priority 4: Build a unified culture anchored in the pursuit of organizational excellence.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

In accordance with SCAG's Bylaws and the Executive Director's Employment Agreement, the Executive/Administration Committee (EAC) conducted an annual performance evaluation of the Executive Director at its regular meeting in April 2025. The EAC recommended that the RC approve an amendment to the Agreement to reflect a merit increase in the Executive Director's annual salary of 3% plus an additional 2% to account for an increased cost-of-living, as well as an adjustment to the deferred compensation benefit, up to the maximum amount allowed by law and regulations of the IRS. The attached amendment makes those changes, along with deleting an accompanying provision no longer applicable in light of the direction from the EAC; the remaining terms of the Agreement remain in full force and effect.

BACKGROUND:

SCAG's Executive Director, Kome Ajise, was hired on April 5, 2019. His employment agreement, as amended and attached hereto, sets forth the terms of employment, including an annual salary of \$393,460, customary employee benefits such as health and life insurance, and various other terms.

Section 2.03 of the agreement provides for an annual performance evaluation of the executive director by SCAG's Executive/Administrative Committee; that process was completed in accordance with SCAG's Bylaws during the April 3, 2025, EAC Meeting. The EAC recommended that the RC approve a three percent merit increase to base salary, in recognition of a positive performance

review, along with a two percent (2%) cost-of-living adjustment, bringing the total annual base salary to \$413,133. The EAC additionally recommended that SCAG contribute to the Executive Director's 457(b) deferred compensation plan in an amount equal to the maximum annual contribution limit established by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) for each applicable calendar year.

Additionally, in accordance with Article V, Section C(3)(b) of SCAG's Bylaws, the EAC shall review and approve the Executive Director's Annual Work Plan, subject to ratification by the Regional Council.

Accordingly, Board Counsel has prepared the attached Amendment No. 4 to the employment agreement for consideration; additionally, the Executive Director's proposed Annual Work Plan is attached for review and approval as required by the Bylaws.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This action adjusts the Executive Director's annual salary by five percent (5%) pursuant to a positive performance review, and provides for the maximum annual contribution to the Executive Director's 457(b) deferred compensation plan for each applicable calendar year.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Original Employment Agreement as Amended
2. Proposed Amendment No. 4
3. Executive Director's Proposed Annual Work Plan 2025-26
4. Salary Schedule 6-5-2025

EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

FOR

KOME AJISE

This Employment Agreement (hereinafter referred to as "Agreement") is entered into by and between the Southern California Association of Governments, a California Joint Powers Agency (hereinafter referred to as the "Employer" or "SCAG") and Kome Ajise (hereinafter referred to as the "Employee"), each individually referred to as "Party" and collectively referred to as the "Parties," in consideration of the mutual promises as set forth herein.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the position of Executive Director is a "Director" level and "at-will" position;

WHEREAS, it has been determined that it is in the best interest of SCAG that all "Director" level positions and their terms of employment be set forth in an employment contract between SCAG and the Executive Director;

WHEREAS, the Regional Council has given authority to the SCAG President to enter into this Agreement on behalf of Employer; and

WHEREAS, SCAG intends that this Agreement set forth all obligations, rights and privileges it may owe to Employee and which Employee may owe to SCAG as a result of the employment relationship.

NOW THEREFORE, the Parties agree to enter into this Agreement under the terms and the conditions set forth below.

ARTICLE 1. TERM OF EMPLOYMENT

Section 1.01 -- Specified Term

The Employer hereby employs Employee and Employee hereby accepts employment with Employer for the period from April 5, 2019 to April 4, 2024, hereinafter referred to as the "Term" of the Agreement.

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Section 1.02 -- Earlier Termination

This Agreement may be terminated earlier as hereinafter provided under Article 4.

ARTICLE 2. DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS OF EMPLOYEE

Section 2.01 -- Title and Description of Performance Goals

Employee shall serve as the Executive Director of SCAG. In that capacity, Employee shall do and perform all services, acts, or things necessary or advisable to fulfill the duties of an Executive Director pursuant to the provisions of Article VII of SCAG's Bylaws. However, Employee shall at all times be subject to the direction of the Regional Council and the policies of the Regional Council.

Section 2.02 -- Loyal and Conscientious Performance of Duties

Employee agrees that to the best of his ability and experience, he will at all times loyally and conscientiously perform all of the duties and obligations required of him either expressly or implicitly by the terms of this Agreement. Said required duties and obligations are set forth in Article VII of SCAG's Bylaws.

Section 2.03 -- Performance Evaluation

Employee's performance will be evaluated annually by SCAG's Executive / Administration Committee (EAC) and ratified by SCAG's Regional Council in accordance with the Bylaws of SCAG. This annual performance evaluation shall occur on or before April 30th of each year during the Term of this Agreement. Informal performance evaluations by the EAC may be undertaken as determined by the EAC. Each annual performance evaluation shall be based on Employee's performance as measured against both the required duties and obligations of the Executive Director and an annual Work Plan developed by Employee and the EAC and agreed to by the Regional Council. The EAC shall also have the authority to seek input from SCAG's Executive Management staff in assessing Employee's performance.

Section 2.04 -- Employer's Personnel Rules

Employee agrees to comply with all of the provisions set forth within the Personnel Rules of SCAG that are applicable to this Agreement, as they are adopted and periodically amended.

ARTICLE 3. OBLIGATIONS OF EMPLOYER

Section 3.01 -- General Description

Employer shall provide Employee with the compensation, incentives, and benefits as set forth below, and reasonable business expense reimbursement in accordance with SCAG's policies.

Section 3.02 -- Employee Base Salary

Commencing the starting date (Term) of this Agreement (April 5, 2019) and as compensation for the services to be rendered by Employee under this Agreement, Employer shall pay Employee a base salary of Three Hundred and Thirty Five Thousand Dollars (\$335,000.00) per year paid in equal biweekly amounts during the period of his employment and prorated for any partial employment period. During the Term of this Agreement and subject to the terms of this Article 3, the EAC shall have the authority to recommend the adjustment and increase of the base salary of Employee, with any such base salary adjustment and increase subject to the ratification of the Regional Council.

Section 3.03 -- Annual Cost of Living Increases

At the sole discretion of SCAG, and commencing on April 5, 2019 and continuing each year thereafter, provided that the Regional Council and General Assembly approve salary adjustments for SCAG employees through the annual budget approval process, Employee shall receive a cost of living increase paid consistent with any cost of living increase made available to SCAG staff and only if a cost of living increase is made available to SCAG staff. The amount of any such cost of living increase for Employee must be determined using a process that is consistent with that used for SCAG staff. Any such cost of living increase must be authorized by the SCAG President before it takes effect, and will be effective on the same date as it is effective for SCAG staff.

Section 3.04 -- Discretionary Merit Increase

At the sole discretion of SCAG and commencing on April 5, 2019 and continuing each year thereafter, provided that the Regional Council and General Assembly approve salary adjustment for SCAG employees through the annual budget approval process, Employee shall receive a merit salary adjustment based on the EAC's review of Employee's performance of duties and obligations and achievement, as well as the achievement of performance objectives/desired outcomes as provided in a Work Plan to be subsequently approved and agreed upon between Employee and the EAC. Any merit salary increase, if any, must be consistent with any merit salary increase available to

SCAG staff and, after authorization by the SCAG President, will be effective on the same date as it is effective for SCAG staff.

Section 3.05 -- Limitation on Increases

Notwithstanding Sections 3.03 and 3.04 above, in years when there is no cost of living increase, merit salary adjustment or other form of compensation adjustment provided to SCAG staff, Employee will not receive any such increases, payments or adjustments. .

Section 3.06 -- Employee Benefits

(a) Employee is entitled to sick leave, all retirement, health, vision and dental insurance, life insurance, deferred compensation, and disability benefits and other work related programs offered to all non-exempt SCAG employees. In addition, life insurance with an increased coverage level of \$150,000.00 is provided. The Employer shall pay the full premium of this coverage; but the Employee shall be responsible for the taxable value of this benefit. Also, the Employer agrees to match Employee's annual contribution to SCAG's 457 deferred compensation retirement plan(s) provider, except that matching amount from Employer, not to exceed IRS limits in any given year.

(b) Employee will be entitled to accumulate annual vacation leave at the rate of 160 hours or at such accumulation rate as provided in the Personnel Rules as they are adopted and periodically amended, whichever is greater. Utilization of such leave and restrictions on the accumulation of such leave shall be governed by the provisions of the Personnel Rules.

(c) Employee will be entitled to receive ~~\$10,500 annually~~ ^{KA} or \$750 monthly for an auto allowance. This supplemental allowance will be paid as part of a non-accountable plan in accordance with applicable regulations of the United States Treasury Department, Internal Revenue Service, and all such payments will be reported as income.

(d) Employee shall receive a monthly allowance equal to cost of monthly parking in SCAG's Downtown Los Angeles headquarters.

(e) Employee shall receive \$250 monthly as reimbursement for the acquisition and use of a Cellular Telephone and for unrestricted Internet home use; and any hardware accessories.

(f) Employee shall also be entitled to receive, each year, Personal Floating Holidays to be used in accordance with the provisions set forth in the Personnel Rules of SCAG, as they are adopted and periodically revised.

(g) In addition to the vacation leave described in Section 3.06(b) above, Employee shall also be entitled to receive each year 80 hours of executive leave accrued annually on a calendar year basis, and whatever portion is unused as of December 31st of the calendar year, shall be paid out in cash upon Employee's request in the following calendar year.

(h) All sick leave, vacation, retirement and other benefits accrued by Employee as of the Effective Date of this Agreement shall be carried forward under this Agreement.

ARTICLE 4. TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT

Section 4.01 -- Automatic Termination

This Agreement shall automatically terminate, with or without notice, and without the severance payment set forth in Article 4.03(a) (2), upon the occurrence of the following events:

- (a) the death of the Employee;
- (b) the inability of the Employee to perform the essential functions of his employment;
- (c) the voluntary or involuntary dissolution of Employer; or
- (d) the expiration of the Term of this Agreement.

This Agreement will also automatically terminate, after sixty (60) days written notice, in the event that Employee's position is eliminated due to work reduction caused by budgetary constraints or for any other reason; provided, however, that in this situation, severance payment may be paid to Employee in accordance with Article 4.03(a) (2) of this Agreement at the sole discretion of the Employer.

Section 4.02 -- Termination by Employee

The Employee may terminate this Agreement by providing the Employer with sixty (60) days written notice of his resignation of employment. Upon his resignation, Employee shall be entitled only to the compensation set forth in Section 4.04 and shall not be entitled to any severance payment.

Section 4.03 -- Termination by Employer

(a) **Without Cause:** The Employer may, at its sole discretion, terminate this Agreement without cause provided that Employer gives Employee at least sixty (60) days written notice of such termination without cause. Being at-will, Employee acknowledges that he has no right to the grievance procedures established by Employer.

- (1) Should Employer elect to terminate this Agreement without cause, Employer agrees to provide Employee with a severance payment as set forth in Section 4.03(a) (2) below from the date of termination.
- (2) Employee shall receive an amount equal to Employee's annual base salary as defined in Section 3.02 at the time of termination as a severance payment; except, that, in accordance with Government Code Section 53260, the maximum severance payment made to Employee cannot be more than Employee's annual base salary divided by twelve and multiplied by the number of months remaining in the Term of this Agreement (up to a maximum of twelve (12) months). In addition, Employer shall pay the life, vision, medical and dental premiums of Employee at the then current participation rate at the time of termination for the number of months remaining in the Term of this Agreement (up to a maximum of twelve (12) months).

(b) **For Cause:** The Employer shall have the right to immediately terminate Employee for cause if the Employee does any of the following:

- (1) willfully breaches or habitually neglects the duties which he is required to perform under terms of this Agreement;
- (2) commits acts of dishonesty, fraud, misrepresentation, or other acts of moral turpitude, that would prevent the effective performance of his duties or that places SCAG in an unfavorable light;
- (3) substantially fails to perform his duties or fails to meet his performance objectives based upon the annual review by the EAC;
- (4) engages in any actions that is disruptive to the workplace;
- (5) commits significant acts of insubordination to the Regional Council; or
- (6) violates any of the policies set forth in the Personnel Rules of SCAG, as adopted and periodically amended.

If the Employee is terminated by Employer for cause, Employee shall not be entitled to any severance payment from Employer, unless the EAC in its sole discretion authorizes severance payment and the decision by the EAC is ratified by a majority vote of the Regional Council.

(c) Notice of For Cause Termination: Should the Employer terminate Employee pursuant to Section 4.03(b), Employer agrees to provide Employee with written notice detailing the specific grounds leading to his for cause termination, provided that such written notice of termination for cause may be effective immediately.

Section 4.04 -- Effect on Compensation

In the event that this Agreement is terminated, for any of the reasons set forth in this Article, Employee shall be entitled to his base salary owed and benefits earned by and vested in Employee prior to the date of his termination, computed pro rata up to and including that date. Except for the provisions in this Agreement allowing for severance payment, and except for the payment of life, vision, medical and dental premiums as discussed in Section 4.03(a) (2), Employee shall be entitled to no further compensation as of the date of termination.

ARTICLE 5: GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 5.01 -- Notices

Any notices to be given by either Party to the other shall be in writing and maybe transmitted either by personal delivery or by mail, registered or certified, postage prepaid with return receipt requested. Mailed notices shall be addressed to the Parties at the addresses appearing below. Each Party may change that address by written notice in accordance with this section. Notices delivered personally shall be deemed communicated as of the date of actual receipt; mailed notices shall be deemed communicated as of the date of mailing.

Notice to Employer

Human Resources Department
SCAG
900 Wilshire Boulevard
Suite 1700
Los Angeles, California 90017

Notice to Employee

Kome Ajise
900 W. Temple Street #407
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Section 5.02 -- Attorney's Fees and Costs

If any action is necessary to enforce or interpret the terms of this Agreement, the prevailing Party shall be entitled to reasonable attorney's fees, costs, and necessary disbursements in addition to any other relief to which that Party may be entitled. This provision shall be construed as applicable to the entire contract.

Section 5.03 -- Entire Agreement

This Agreement supersedes any and all other agreements, either oral or in writing, between the Parties with respect to the employment of Employee by Employer, and contains all of the covenants and agreements between the Parties with respect to that employment in any manner whatsoever. Each Party to this Agreement acknowledges that no representations, inducements, promises, or agreements, orally or otherwise, have been made by any Party, or anyone acting on behalf of any Party, which are not embodied herein, and that no other agreement, statement; or promise not contained in this Agreement shall be valid or binding.

Section 5.04 -- Modification

Any modification or amendment of this Agreement will be effective only if it is in writing signed by both the President of SCAG acting on behalf of SCAG's Regional Council and the Employee. However, changes to the Personnel Rules of SCAG, except for those addressing compensation or benefits, are applicable to this Agreement.

Section 5.05 -- Partial Invalidity

If any provision in this Agreement is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void, or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall nevertheless continue in full force without being impaired or invalidated in any way.

Section 5.06 -- Governing Law

This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California.

Executed on May 2nd, 2019 at Los Angeles, California.

EMPLOYER

Southern California Association of Governments

By _____
Alan Wapner, SCAG President

EMPLOYEE

Kome Ajise

By _____
Executive Director

Approved as to Form:

_____
Legal Counsel

AMENDMENT NO. 1

EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
AND KOME AJISE

The EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS AND KOME AJISE, dated May 2, 2019, is hereby amended as follows:

1. **Section 2.03. (Performance Evaluation):** This section shall be revised, as follows:

Employee's performance will be evaluated in accordance with Article V, section C(3)(b) of SCAG's Bylaws.
2. **Section 3.02. (Employee Base Salary):** The base salary shall be increased to Three Hundred and Eighty-Two Thousand Dollars (\$382,000) per year.
3. **Section 3.03. (Cost of Living Adjustment):** This section shall be removed in its entirety.
4. Except as expressly amended herein, all other terms and conditions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

These amendments have been mutually agreed upon and shall become effective upon approval of this Amendment by the Regional Council.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

By: 
Jan C. Harnik, President

By: 
Kome Ajise, Executive Director

DATE: 10/6/2022

APPROVED AS TO FORM


Ruben Duran, Board Counsel

AMENDMENT NO. 2

EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
AND KOME AJISE

The EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS AND KOME AJISE, dated May 2, 2019, is hereby amended as follows:

1. **Section 1.01. (Specified Term):** This section is hereby amended in its entirety to read as follows:

The Employer hereby employs Employee and Employee hereby accepts employment with Employer for the period from April 5, 2019 to April 4, 2027.

2. Except as expressly amended herein, all other terms and conditions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

This amendment has been mutually agreed upon and shall become effective upon approval of this Amendment by the Regional Council.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

EMPLOYEE

By:



Art Brown, President

By:



Kome Ajise, Executive Director

DATE: 7/6/2023

APPROVED AS TO FORM



Ruben Duran, Board Counsel

AMENDMENT NO. 3

EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
AND KOME AJISE


The EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS AND KOME AJISE, dated May 2, 2019, is hereby amended as follows:

1. **Section 3.02. (Employee Base Salary):** The base salary shall be increased to Three Hundred Ninety-Three Thousand Four Hundred and Sixty Dollars (\$393,460.00) per year.
2. Except as expressly amended herein, all other terms and conditions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

This amendment has been mutually agreed upon and shall become effective upon approval of this Amendment by the Regional Council.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS


EMPLOYEE

By: 
Curt Hagman, President

By: 
Kome Ajise, Executive Director

Date: 6/6/2024

APPROVED AS TO FORM


Ruben Duran, Board Counsel

AMENDMENT NO. 4

EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS AND KOME AJISE

The EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS AND KOME AJISE, dated May 2, 2019, as amended on October 6, 2022; July 6, 2023; and June 6, 2024, is hereby further amended as follows:

1. **Section 3.02. (Base Salary):** The Base Salary shall be increased to Four Hundred Thirteen Thousand One Hundred and Thirty-three Dollars (\$413,133.00), which represents a three percent (3%) merit increase plus a two percent (2%) cost-of-living adjustment.
2. **Section 3.05** is hereby deleted in its entirety.
3. **Subsection (a) of Section 3.06 (Employee Benefits)** is hereby amended in its entirety to read as follows:

“(a) Employee is entitled to sick leave, all retirement, health, vision and dental insurance, life insurance, deferred compensation, and disability benefits and other work related programs offered to all non-exempt SCAG employees. In addition, life insurance with an increased coverage level of \$150,000.00 is provided. The Employer shall pay the full premium of this coverage; but the Employee shall be responsible for the taxable value of this benefit. Also, the Employer shall contribute to the Employee’s 457(b) deferred compensation plan in an amount equal to the maximum annual contribution limit established by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) for each applicable calendar year. If the Employee is age 50 or older during the applicable year, the Employer shall include the allowable “catch-up contribution” amount permitted under IRS regulations. The contributions described herein shall be made on a biweekly basis or in accordance with SCAG’s standard payroll cycle. Contributions may be adjusted annually to reflect updated IRS limits without the need for a formal contract amendment.”
4. Except as expressly amended herein, all other terms and conditions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

This amendment has been mutually agreed upon and shall become effective upon approval of this Amendment by the Regional Council.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

EMPLOYEE

By: _____
Cindy Allen, President

By: _____
Kome Ajise, Executive Director

DATE: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Ruben Duran, Board Counsel

Attachment: Proposed Amendment No. 4 (Approval of Amendment No. 4 to Executive Director's Employment Agreement)

Executive Director Proposed Work Plan for 2025-2026

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 1: ESTABLISH AND IMPLEMENT A REGIONAL VISION FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

- Advance the development of the next Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy expected for adoption in Spring 2028.
 - Adopt the Subregional Sustainable Communities Strategy Framework and Guidelines.
 - Develop a preliminary regional growth forecast.
 - Initiate an exploratory scenario development process.
- Continue to advance the Implementation Strategies identified in Connect SoCal 2024 by providing policy leadership, research and targeted resources.
- Initiate development of the Comprehensive Sustainable Freight Plan and associated implementation strategy, to enhance the region's economic competitiveness through efficient logistics and innovative freight solutions that address current and future trends and challenges, while identifying and mitigating environmental and community impacts.
- Initiate SCAG's Smart Cities Strategic Plan to establish a regional vision and approach for integrating technology and data-driven solutions to optimize mobility and promote sustainability.
- Advance a Complete Communities strategy that identifies best practices for integration of land use and transportation planning.
- Deliver a comprehensive REAP 2.0 that includes \$193 million in grant funds across 100 projects and six programs.
- Develop guidelines for remaining 2024 Sustainable Communities Program (SCP) Call for Projects—anticipated to be focused on:
 - SCP Call #2: Smart Cities and Mobility Innovations (late FY26/early FY27)
 - SCP Call #3: 15-minute Communities (FY27)
 - SCP Call #4: Goods Movement Communities (FY28)

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 2: BE A COHESIVE AND INFLUENTIAL VOICE FOR THE REGION

- Execute successful signature events convening the SCAG region.
 - Plan and host the Demographic Workshop, Economic Summit, and General Assembly and Regional Conference.
- Continue to enhance regional advocacy in Sacramento and Washington, D.C.
 - Conduct regular legislative visits, promote policy positions that align with SCAG's regional priorities; strengthen partnerships with national and state associations.
- Strengthen outreach and communication efforts.
 - Continue crafting clear, compelling messages; complete brand architecture; leverage and continue to monitor digital platforms, newsletters, and public forums to disseminate information and promote initiatives.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 3: SPUR INNOVATION AND ACTION THROUGH LEADERSHIP IN RESEARCH, ANALYSIS, AND INFORMATION SHARING

- Continue to facilitate Toolbox Tuesday sessions that provide a range of planning knowledge and technical skills for local planners including training on various tools and resources on emerging planning topics including resilience planning and planning for major events in preparation for the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games.
- Complete Tribal Data Needs Assessment that identifies data needs and opportunities for tribal governments.
- Advance the Natural & Agricultural Lands Economic and Resilience Benefits Study to understand the economic and fiscal impacts of natural and working lands and the range of resilience benefits.
- Advance delivery of award-winning Go Human program and lead research to identify complementary land use and placemaking strategy integration to improve program effectiveness.
- Complete the initial phase of the Last Mile Freight Program (LFMP) in partnership with the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee.
 - Expand the LMFP in partnership with the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) with an additional \$50 million investment in zero-emission medium-duty trucks.
- Initiate an assessment of innovative freight technologies, such as hyperloop, inland ports, drone deliveries, and others, to inform policy decisions regarding new projects for consideration in future Connect SoCal updates.
- Conduct an Innovative Clean Transit assessment to evaluate the region's efforts and readiness to transition to a zero-emission transit fleet, identify gaps, and explore opportunities for enhanced coordination and technical assistance.
- Develop a comprehensive passenger and freight Transportation Demand Management strategy for the 2028 Olympic & Paralympic Games by collaborating with the Games Mobility Executives and other partners to identify opportunities for pilot projects, providing technical assistance to support Quick Build Transportation Safety Projects, and community led efforts to reduce vehicular trips via Community Hub Toolkits.
- Continue to deploy SCAG's Regional Pilot Initiative (RPI), an incubator for pilot projects that have regional scalability. RPI comprises four program areas, including Big Data Research, Accelerating Active Transportation, Mobility Hubs, and Mobility Wallets (including open loop fare payment systems).
- Initiate Strategic Innovation in Revenue Collection (SIRC) grant awarded project (\$1.7 million)—testing the viability of a mileage-based user fee that works in tandem with existing revenue collection mechanisms in the region, including tolling.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 4: BUILD A UNIFIED CULTURE ANCHORED IN THE PURSUIT OF ORGANIZATIONAL EXCELLENCE

- Continue Strategic Plan implementation by monitoring and tracking progress on key performance indicators (KPIs) to adjust strategies as needed to achieve organizational goals effectively.
- Develop a talent management strategy and workforce planning model to anticipate future talent needs.
- Continue to implement leadership development programs to build internal capacity and expand learning and development opportunities, including peer coaching and training.

- Enhance employee engagement initiatives to improve retention rates.
- Implement performance management redesign in support of SCAG’s talent management strategy.
- Prioritize resources for implementing an ERP system to strengthen internal processes and increase efficiency and accuracy in reporting.
- Integrate EPMO project governance frameworks to enhance project tracking, reporting, and resource allocation and ensure projects are aligned with organizational priorities
- Continue measuring KPIs related to EPMO progress with a focus on achieving project management baseline improvements (scope, budget, timeline).
- Continue to strengthen internal communication strategies to enhance transparency and collaboration.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 5: SECURE AND OPTIMIZE DIVERSE FUNDING SOURCES TO SUPPORT REGIONAL PRIORITIES

- Facilitate adoption of the SCAG region’s \$1.2 billion FFY27–FFY28 STBG/CMAQ Program, scheduled for RC approval in November/December of 2025.
- Continue to conduct FTIP Administrative Modifications and Formal Amendments.
- Initiate the 2027 FTIP Guidelines.
- Initiate Programming of SCAG selected federally funded projects.

Classification	Ranges						Time Base
	Minimum	Minimum	Midpoint	Midpoint	Maximum	Maximum	
		Hourly		Hourly		Hourly	
Accountant	\$83,859.70	\$40.32	\$98,535.15	\$47.37	\$113,210.60	\$54.43	Monthly
Administrative Assistant	\$58,974.29	\$28.35	\$69,294.80	\$33.31	\$79,615.30	\$38.28	Hourly
Application Developer	\$99,999.67	\$48.08	\$117,499.62	\$56.49	\$134,999.56	\$64.90	Monthly
Applications Administration Supervisor	\$139,338.75	\$66.99	\$163,723.03	\$78.71	\$188,107.31	\$90.44	Monthly
Applications Analyst Supervisor	\$139,338.75	\$66.99	\$163,723.03	\$78.71	\$188,107.31	\$90.44	Monthly
Applications Administrator	\$91,574.79	\$44.03	\$107,600.38	\$51.73	\$123,625.97	\$59.44	Monthly
Assistant Modeler	\$70,324.72	\$33.81	\$82,631.55	\$39.73	\$94,938.38	\$45.64	Monthly
Assistant Regional Planner	\$70,324.72	\$33.81	\$82,631.55	\$39.73	\$94,938.38	\$45.64	Monthly
Associate Modeler	\$83,859.70	\$40.32	\$98,535.15	\$47.37	\$113,210.60	\$54.43	Monthly
Associate Regional Planner	\$83,859.70	\$40.32	\$98,535.15	\$47.37	\$113,210.60	\$54.43	Monthly
Audio/Video Supervisor	\$109,199.64	\$52.50	\$128,309.58	\$61.69	\$147,419.52	\$70.87	Monthly
Audio/Video Technician	\$49,455.83	\$23.78	\$58,110.60	\$27.94	\$66,765.37	\$32.10	Hourly
Benefits Administrator	\$99,999.67	\$48.08	\$117,499.62	\$56.49	\$134,999.56	\$64.90	Monthly
Budget and Grants Analyst	\$83,859.70	\$40.32	\$98,535.15	\$47.37	\$113,210.60	\$54.43	Monthly
Chief Counsel	\$233,233.64	\$112.13	\$284,545.03	\$136.80	\$335,856.43	\$161.47	Monthly
Chief Financial Officer	\$233,233.64	\$112.13	\$284,545.03	\$136.80	\$335,856.43	\$161.47	Monthly
Chief Government and Public Affairs Officer	\$201,063.48	\$96.67	\$245,297.44	\$117.93	\$289,531.41	\$139.20	Monthly
Chief Human Resources Officer	\$201,063.48	\$96.67	\$245,297.44	\$117.93	\$289,531.41	\$139.20	Monthly
Chief Information Officer	\$233,233.64	\$112.13	\$284,545.03	\$136.80	\$335,856.43	\$161.47	Monthly
Chief Operating Officer	\$261,221.67	\$125.59	\$318,690.44	\$153.22	\$376,159.21	\$180.85	Monthly
Chief Planning Officer	\$233,233.64	\$112.13	\$284,545.03	\$136.80	\$335,856.43	\$161.47	Monthly
Chief Strategy Officer	\$233,233.64	\$112.13	\$284,545.03	\$136.80	\$335,856.43	\$161.47	Monthly
Clerk of the Board	\$149,422.92	\$71.84	\$182,295.96	\$87.64	\$215,169.00	\$103.45	Monthly
Communications Supervisor	\$109,199.64	\$52.50	\$128,309.58	\$61.69	\$147,419.52	\$70.87	Monthly
Community Engagement Specialist	\$70,324.72	\$33.81	\$82,631.55	\$39.73	\$94,938.38	\$45.64	Monthly
Contracts Administrator	\$83,859.70	\$40.32	\$98,535.15	\$47.37	\$113,210.60	\$54.43	Monthly
Creative Designer	\$70,324.72	\$33.81	\$82,631.55	\$39.73	\$94,938.38	\$45.64	Monthly
Database Administrator	\$99,999.67	\$48.08	\$117,499.62	\$56.49	\$134,999.56	\$64.90	Monthly
Department Manager	\$149,422.92	\$71.84	\$182,295.96	\$87.64	\$215,169.00	\$103.45	Monthly
Deputy Clerk of the Board	\$99,999.67	\$48.08	\$117,499.62	\$56.49	\$134,999.56	\$64.90	Monthly
Deputy Director (Division)	\$173,330.58	\$83.33	\$211,463.31	\$101.67	\$249,596.04	\$120.00	Monthly
Deputy Legal Counsel	\$109,199.64	\$52.50	\$128,309.58	\$61.69	\$147,419.52	\$70.87	Monthly
Executive Assistant	\$83,859.70	\$40.32	\$98,535.15	\$47.37	\$113,210.60	\$54.43	Monthly
Executive Director ^	flat	---	flat	---	\$413,133.00	---	Monthly
Facilities Supervisor	\$109,199.64	\$52.50	\$128,309.58	\$61.69	\$147,419.52	\$70.87	Monthly
Finance Associate	\$58,974.29	\$28.35	\$69,294.80	\$33.31	\$79,615.30	\$38.28	Monthly
GIS Application Developer	\$99,999.67	\$48.08	\$117,499.62	\$56.49	\$134,999.56	\$64.90	Monthly
GIS Applications Supervisor	\$139,338.75	\$66.99	\$163,723.03	\$78.71	\$188,107.31	\$90.44	Monthly
GIS Database Administraor	\$99,999.67	\$48.08	\$117,499.62	\$56.49	\$134,999.56	\$64.90	Monthly
Government Affairs Officer	\$76,794.60	\$36.92	\$90,233.65	\$43.38	\$103,672.71	\$49.84	Monthly
Human Resources Analyst I	\$70,324.72	\$33.81	\$82,631.55	\$39.73	\$94,938.38	\$45.64	Monthly
Human Resources Analyst II	\$83,859.70	\$40.32	\$98,535.15	\$47.37	\$113,210.60	\$54.43	Monthly
Internal Auditor	\$149,422.92	\$71.84	\$182,295.96	\$87.64	\$215,169.00	\$103.45	Monthly
IT PMO Supervisor	\$139,338.75	\$66.99	\$163,723.03	\$78.71	\$188,107.31	\$90.44	Monthly
IT Project Manager	\$91,574.79	\$44.03	\$107,600.38	\$51.73	\$123,625.97	\$59.44	Monthly
IT Projects Assistant	\$70,324.72	\$33.81	\$82,631.55	\$39.73	\$94,938.38	\$45.64	Hourly
Junior Planner	\$58,974.29	\$28.35	\$69,294.80	\$33.31	\$79,615.30	\$38.28	Hourly
Lead IT Help Desk	\$91,574.79	\$44.03	\$107,600.38	\$51.73	\$123,625.97	\$59.44	Monthly

Lead Projects Manager	\$109,199.64	\$52.50	\$128,309.58	\$61.69	\$147,419.52	\$70.87	Monthly
Lead Systems Analyst	\$109,199.64	\$52.50	\$128,309.58	\$61.69	\$147,419.52	\$70.87	Monthly
Legislative Affairs Analyst	\$76,794.60	\$36.92	\$90,233.65	\$43.38	\$103,672.71	\$49.84	Monthly
Legislative Affairs Supervisor	\$109,199.64	\$52.50	\$128,309.58	\$61.69	\$147,419.52	\$70.87	Monthly
Management Analyst	\$91,574.79	\$44.03	\$107,600.38	\$51.73	\$123,625.97	\$59.44	Monthly
Modeling Supervisor	\$139,338.75	\$66.99	\$163,723.03	\$78.71	\$188,107.31	\$90.44	Monthly
Office Assistant	\$49,455.83	\$23.78	\$58,110.60	\$27.94	\$66,765.37	\$32.10	Hourly
Office Services Specialist	\$49,455.83	\$23.78	\$58,110.60	\$27.94	\$66,765.37	\$32.10	Hourly
Payroll Administrator	\$99,999.67	\$48.08	\$117,499.62	\$56.49	\$134,999.56	\$64.90	Monthly
Planning Administration Officer	\$149,422.92	\$71.84	\$182,295.96	\$87.64	\$215,169.00	\$103.45	Monthly
Planning Supervisor	\$120,119.61	\$57.75	\$141,140.54	\$67.86	\$162,161.47	\$77.96	Monthly
Principal Accountant	\$109,199.64	\$52.50	\$128,309.58	\$61.69	\$147,419.52	\$70.87	Monthly
Principal Budget and Grants Analyst	\$109,199.64	\$52.50	\$128,309.58	\$61.69	\$147,419.52	\$70.87	Monthly
Principal Contracts Administrator	\$109,199.64	\$52.50	\$128,309.58	\$61.69	\$147,419.52	\$70.87	Monthly
Principal Human Resources Analyst	\$109,199.64	\$52.50	\$128,309.58	\$61.69	\$147,419.52	\$70.87	Monthly
Principal Management Analyst	\$109,199.64	\$52.50	\$128,309.58	\$61.69	\$147,419.52	\$70.87	Monthly
Principal Modeler	\$120,119.61	\$57.75	\$141,140.54	\$67.86	\$162,161.47	\$77.96	Monthly
Principal Planner	\$109,199.64	\$52.50	\$128,309.58	\$61.69	\$147,419.52	\$70.87	Monthly
Public Affairs Specialist	\$70,324.72	\$33.81	\$82,631.55	\$39.73	\$94,938.38	\$45.64	Monthly
Senior Accountant	\$99,999.67	\$48.08	\$117,499.62	\$56.49	\$134,999.56	\$64.90	Monthly
Senior Administrative Assistant	\$64,399.93	\$30.96	\$75,669.92	\$36.38	\$86,939.91	\$41.80	Hourly
Senior Applications Administrator	\$99,999.67	\$48.08	\$117,499.62	\$56.49	\$134,999.56	\$64.90	Monthly
Senior Application Developer	\$109,199.64	\$52.50	\$128,309.58	\$61.69	\$147,419.52	\$70.87	Monthly
Senior Audio/Visual Technician	\$58,974.29	\$28.35	\$69,294.80	\$33.31	\$79,615.30	\$38.28	Hourly
Senior Budget & Grants Analyst	\$99,999.67	\$48.08	\$117,499.62	\$56.49	\$134,999.56	\$64.90	Monthly
Senior Contracts Administrator	\$99,999.67	\$48.08	\$117,499.62	\$56.49	\$134,999.56	\$64.90	Monthly
Senior Creative Designer	\$99,999.67	\$48.08	\$117,499.62	\$56.49	\$134,999.56	\$64.90	Monthly
Senior Database Administrator	\$109,199.64	\$52.50	\$128,309.58	\$61.69	\$147,419.52	\$70.87	Monthly
Senior Deputy Legal Counsel	\$173,330.58	\$83.33	\$211,463.31	\$101.67	\$249,596.04	\$120.00	Monthly
Senior Economist	\$109,199.64	\$52.50	\$128,309.58	\$61.69	\$147,419.52	\$70.87	Monthly
Senior GIS Application Developer	\$109,199.64	\$52.50	\$128,309.58	\$61.69	\$147,419.52	\$70.87	Monthly
Senior GIS Database Administrator	\$109,199.64	\$52.50	\$128,309.58	\$61.69	\$147,419.52	\$70.87	Monthly
Senior Government Affairs Officer	\$109,199.64	\$52.50	\$128,309.58	\$61.69	\$147,419.52	\$70.87	Monthly
Senior Human Resources Analyst	\$99,999.67	\$48.08	\$117,499.62	\$56.49	\$134,999.56	\$64.90	Monthly
Senior IT Quality Assurance Analyst	\$99,999.67	\$48.08	\$117,499.62	\$56.49	\$134,999.56	\$64.90	Monthly
Senior IT Quality Assurance Analyst *applies to employees hired before 12/31/2022	\$108,284.80	\$52.06	\$124,529.60	\$59.87	\$140,774.40	\$67.68	Monthly
Senior Legislative Affairs Analyst	\$99,999.67	\$48.08	\$117,499.62	\$56.49	\$134,999.56	\$64.90	Monthly
Senior Management Analyst	\$99,999.67	\$48.08	\$117,499.62	\$56.49	\$134,999.56	\$64.90	Monthly
Senior Modeler	\$109,199.64	\$52.50	\$128,309.58	\$61.69	\$147,419.52	\$70.87	Monthly
Senior Network Engineer	\$109,199.64	\$52.50	\$128,309.58	\$61.69	\$147,419.52	\$70.87	Monthly
Senior Office Services Specialist	\$58,974.29	\$28.35	\$69,294.80	\$33.31	\$79,615.30	\$38.28	Hourly
Senior Public Affairs Specialist	\$99,999.67	\$48.08	\$117,499.62	\$56.49	\$134,999.56	\$64.90	Monthly
Senior Regional Planner	\$99,999.67	\$48.08	\$117,499.62	\$56.49	\$134,999.56	\$64.90	Monthly
Senior Systems Engineer	\$109,199.64	\$52.50	\$128,309.58	\$61.69	\$147,419.52	\$70.87	Monthly
Solutions Architect	\$139,338.75	\$66.99	\$163,723.03	\$78.71	\$188,107.31	\$90.44	Monthly
Special Events Producer	\$99,999.67	\$48.08	\$117,499.62	\$56.49	\$134,999.56	\$64.90	Monthly
Web/Content Administrator	\$99,999.67	\$48.08	\$117,499.62	\$56.49	\$134,999.56	\$64.90	Monthly

RC approved 4-3-2025

^ Executive Director Salary to be approved 6-5-2025



AGENDA ITEM 2

REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
June 5, 2025

To: Regional Council (RC)

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL**

From: Elizabeth Carvajal, Deputy Director
(213) 236-1801, carvajal@scag.ca.gov

Subject: Resolution No. 25-674-1 Resilience Recommendations & Next Steps

Kome Ajise

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve Resolution No. 25-674-1 to advance SCAG's regional resilience recommendations for planning for and building resilient communities.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

This item supports the following Strategic Priority 1: Establish and implement a regional vision for a sustainable future.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Following the Eaton and Pacific Palisades Wildfires, SCAG held a regional discussion through a Joint Policy Committee (JPC) meeting on rebuilding, recovery and resilience. The meeting included presentations from notable experts in planning, resilience, and disaster rebuilding and recovery. The JPC was followed in March and April with more focused discussions in each of the policy committees to understand the nature of disasters and how to best build regional and local capacity to be more resilient.

Based on these discussions, SCAG staff is bringing forth a Resolution for the Regional Council's consideration with a set of preliminary recommendations provided to the EAC in April 2025 on opportunities to leverage our capacities as a regional planning agency to support equitable and resilient recovery and rebuilding and long-term resilience.

BACKGROUND:

The Eaton and Pacific Palisades Fires resulted in the destruction of communities. These wildfires served as a reminder that disasters can occur anywhere and at any time and that it is critical that resilience is at the forefront of community design and building and that communities are prepared for potential disasters.

SCAG defines resilience as the capacity of the region's built, social, economic and natural systems to anticipate and effectively respond to changing conditions, acute shocks, and chronic stressors by creating multiple opportunities for a sustainable, thriving and equitable future. As a region, the

likelihood that communities will face shocks such as droughts, earthquakes, extreme heat, flooding, landslides, among others, is significant and the frequency of many these disasters is increasing as a result of the unavoidable impacts of climate change.

Each of SCAG's three policy committees (Community Economy and Human Development (CEHD), Environment and Energy Committee (EEC), and Transportation Committee (TC)) brought resilience content forward that aligns with the scope of each policy committee in March and April.

Preliminary Recommendations for Regional Capacity Building

The JPC and following policy discussions elevated a series of needs, opportunities, and best practices that SCAG can explore to further regional resilience. The strategies identified below are opportunities to expand the impact and reach of existing SCAG programs and explore new innovative strategies.

Resilience and Climate Adaptation Planning

- Finalize the SCAG Resilience Toolkit with a release anticipated in late summer 2025.
- Update SCAG Climate Adaptation Planning Guide as a simplified and streamlined resource for jurisdictions and other key partners to plan for and prepare for climate adaptation including potential disasters.
- Develop a Wildlife Crossing Connectivity Masterplan.
- Consider opportunities to support jurisdictions/transportation agencies to develop/update transportation emergency preparedness plans.
- Integral to building resiliency across the region, update SCAG's system preservation and maintenance needs assessment of local streets and roads, as a part of Connect SoCal 2028 development.

Tax Increment Financing Tools

Tax Increment Financing is a tool that jurisdictions can leverage to finance critical infrastructure and other important community priorities. Through this strategy, staff will explore partnerships and develop resources to support jurisdictions to assess the most appropriate financial vehicle to support planning for and building resilient communities-inclusive of critical infrastructure, housing, and community and economic development. This effort can identify the basic elements, pros and cons, along with the conditions that should be in place to support tax increment financing exploration for Climate Resilience Districts (CRDs) and/or Enhanced Infrastructure Financing Districts (EIFDs).

Infrastructure planning

Building on the success of the REAP 2.0 Regional Utilities Supporting Housing program (RUSH), SCAG will explore an approach for infrastructure planning and investments that are critical to meeting

regional sustainable communities' strategy goals, including housing development, with a resilience lens. In parallel, SCAG will explore opportunities to support transportation systems vulnerability assessments that can lead to further planning and establish a pathway for resilient infrastructure funding via SCAG's federal Surface Transportation Block Grant and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Programs.

Disaster Recovery

SCAG will continue to support the Los Angeles County Office of Emergency Management (LAOEM) efforts through ongoing collaboration. For example, SCAG co-led the development of the Resilient Rebuild Resource Guide to support property owners and design and building professionals supporting property owners with resources to inform decision-making around resilient rebuilding. SCAG will continue to participate in efforts, including identifying potential resources, geared towards supporting the communities impacted by the LA Wildfires to rebuild and recover.

Next Steps

Staff will report back in early 2026 with an assessment and progress of the resolution with recommendations for refinements that might lend to greater impact in the region.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Work associated with this item is included in the FY25 Indirect Cost Program (810.0120.20: Planning Policy Development).

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Resolution No. 25-674-1 Affirming the Regional Imperative of Planning for and Building Resilient Communities in Southern California

REGIONAL COUNCIL OFFICERS

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Cindy Allen, Long Beach

First Vice President
Ray Marquez, Chino Hills

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Jenny Crosswhite, Santa Paula

Immediate Past President
Curt Hagman
County of San Bernardino

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Human Development
David J. Shapiro, Calabasas

Energy & Environment
Rick Denison, Yucca Valley

Transportation
Mike T. Judge, Ventura County
Transportation Commission

RESOLUTION NO. 25-674-1

A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (SCAG) AFFIRMING THE REGIONAL IMPERATIVE OF PLANNING FOR AND BUILDING RESILIENT COMMUNITIES IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

WHEREAS, SCAG is the largest metropolitan planning organization (MPO) in the United States covering six counties (Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino and Ventura), and serving 19 million people pursuant to 23 USC § 134 et seq. and 49 USC § 5303 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, SCAG is responsible for bringing Southern California's diverse residents and local partners together with unifying regional plans, policies, and programs that result in more healthy, livable, sustainable, and economically resilient communities; and

WHEREAS, SCAG defines resilience as the capacity of the region's built, social, economic and natural systems to anticipate and effectively respond to changing conditions, acute shocks and chronic stressors by creating multiple opportunities for a sustainable, thriving and equitable future; and

WHEREAS, the Eaton and Pacific Palisades Wildfires demonstrated the vulnerability of our communities from climate shocks and stressors and the devastating impact disasters can have on those directly impacted as well as surrounding communities across the region; and

WHEREAS, the SCAG region is vulnerable to extreme weather events that are exacerbated by climate change, shocks (such as wildfires, earthquakes, flooding, or extreme heat), and stressors (ongoing challenges, often known or foreseen, that weaken built, social, economic, and natural systems). Disasters can occur anywhere, any time, and do not abide by jurisdictional boundaries. Therefore, it is critical that resilience is at the forefront of community design, planning, and building to ensure that communities are prepared, and can thrive; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of President Curt Hagman as an immediate response to wildfires, SCAG has convened policy leaders and experts over the last six months through policy committees and direct conversation to explore, more deeply understand issues, and identify gaps for SCAG to address and better serve the region in planning for and building resilient communities; and

WHEREAS, based on these convenings and learnings, SCAG seeks to affirm its commitment to addressing resilience through policy and actions as a regional imperative.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Regional Council of the Southern California Association of Governments, that;

1. The Southern California Association of Governments confirms its commitment to planning for and building resilient communities as an imperative and core to its role in supporting jurisdictions and other partners in realizing the goals and vision of Connect SoCal.
2. The Southern California Association of Governments will continue to advocate for dedicated resources at the state and federal level to support our ongoing efforts to provide cities, counties, tribes, and other partners throughout our region the critical resources that are needed to plan for and mitigate the impacts of extreme weather, climate change, and economic shocks.
3. SCAG shall leverage existing and pursue new resources to develop and deploy planning resources and engagement strategies on climate adaptation and resilience to support jurisdictions to plan, prepare, and recover, including but not limited to:
 - a. the Resilience Toolkit,
 - b. the SCAG Climate Adaptation Planning Guide,
 - c. Wildlife Crossing Connectivity Master Plan,
 - d. transportation emergency preparedness plans, and
 - e. system preservation strategy.
4. SCAG will develop tax increment financing resources, including for Climate Resilience Districts and/or Enhanced Infrastructure Financing Districts, to support jurisdictions in planning for and building resilient communities including taking proactive actions to respond to impacts on the insurance and housing market.
5. SCAG will take proactive steps to expand upon the successes of the Regional Utilities Supporting Housing (RUSH) Program to support infrastructure planning and investments that are critical to meeting regional sustainable communities' strategy goals, including housing development, with a climate adaptation and resilience lens.
6. SCAG will explore opportunities to support transportation systems vulnerability assessments that can lead to further planning and establish a pathway for resilient infrastructure funding via SCAG's federal Surface Transportation Block Grant and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Programs and other funding programs.
7. SCAG will continue to support the Los Angeles County Office of Emergency Management (LAOEM) as a collaborator and identify potential resources, geared towards supporting the communities impacted by the LA Wildfires to rebuild and recover.
8. Staff will report back for assessment of progress made to date and refinement of strategies moving forward in early 2026.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Regional Council of the Southern California Association of Governments at its regular meeting this 5th day of June, 2025.

Cindy Allen
President, SCAG
City of Long Beach

Attested by:

Kome Ajise
Executive Director

Approved as to Form:

Jeffery Elder
Chief Counsel



AGENDA ITEM 3

REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
June 5, 2025

NO. 673
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, May 1, 2025

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

The Regional Council (RC) of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) held a special meeting at the JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort and Spa, Sinatra Ballroom, 74-855 Country Club Drive, Palm Desert, CA 92260. A quorum was present.

Members Present

Sup. Curt Hagman, President

Hon. Cindy Allen, 1st Vice President

Hon. Ray Marquez, 2nd Vice President

Hon. Jan Harnik, Imm. Past President

Sup. Vianey Lopez

Michael Goodsell

Hon. Carlos Leon

Hon. Trish Kelley

Hon. Alan Wapner

Hon. Mike T. Judge

Hon. Gary Gardner

Hon. Linda Krupa

Hon. Clint Lorimore

Hon. Frank Navarro

Hon. Helen Tran

Hon. L. Dennis Michael

Hon. Rick Denison

Hon. John Gabbard

Hon. Wendy Bucknum

Hon. William Go

Hon. Jon Dumitru

Hon. Debbie Baker

Long Beach

Chino Hills

Desert Hot Springs

Hemet

Eastvale

Colton

San Bernardino

Rancho Cucamonga

Yucca Valley

Dana Point

Mission Viejo

Irvine

Orange

La Palma

San Bernardino County

District 30

District 10

RCTC

Ventura County

ICTC

OCTA

TCA

SBCTA

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District 18

Hon. Ryan Balius	<i>Anaheim</i>	District 19
Hon. Joe Kalmick	<i>Seal Beach</i>	District 20
Hon. Marty Simonoff	<i>Brea</i>	District 22
Hon. Frank Yokoyama	<i>Cerritos</i>	District 23
Hon. Jeff Wood	<i>Lakewood</i>	District 24
Hon. Claudia Frometa	<i>Downey</i>	District 25
Hon. Ali Saleh	<i>Bell</i>	District 27
Hon. Mark E. Henderson	<i>Gardena</i>	District 28
Hon. Suely Saro	<i>Long Beach</i>	District 29
Hon. Margaret Clark	<i>Rosemead</i>	District 32
Hon. Shaunna Elias	<i>Glendora</i>	District 33
Hon. Thomas Wong	<i>Monterey Park</i>	District 34
Hon. Margaret E. Finlay	<i>Duarte</i>	District 35
Hon. Keith Eich	<i>La Cañada Flintridge</i>	District 36
Hon. Steve Tye	<i>Diamond Bar</i>	District 37
Hon. Tim Sandoval	<i>Pomona</i>	District 38
Hon. Nikki Perez	<i>Burbank</i>	District 42
Hon. David J. Shapiro	<i>Calabasas</i>	District 44
Hon. Laura Hernandez	<i>Port Hueneme</i>	District 45
Hon. Rocky Rhodes	<i>Simi Valley</i>	District 46
Hon. Jenny Crosswhite	<i>Santa Paula</i>	District 47
Hon. Steve Manos	<i>Lake Elsinore</i>	District 63
Hon. Butch Twining	<i>Huntington Beach</i>	District 64
Hon. Daniel Ramos	<i>Adelanto</i>	District 65
Hon. Steve Sanchez	<i>La Quinta</i>	District 66
Hon. Victoria Garcia	<i>San Fernando</i>	District 67
Hon. Patricia Lock Dawson	<i>Riverside</i>	District 68
Hon. Marisela Nava	<i>Perris</i>	District 69
Hon. Larry McCallon		Air District Representative
Ms. Lucy Dunn		Business Representative
Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.	<i>Pechanga Dev. Corp.</i>	Tribal Gov't Reg'l Planning Brd.

Members Not Present

Sup. Kathryn Barger
 Sup. Hilda Solis
 Sup. Jesus Escobar
 Sup. Don Wagner
 Sup. Karen Spiegel
 Hon. Gil Rebollar
 Hon. Zak Schwank

Members Not Present

Brawley
 Temecula

Members Not Present

Los Angeles County
 Los Angeles County
 Imperial County
 Orange County
 Riverside County
 District 1
 District 5



Hon. Acquanetta Warren	<i>Fontana</i>	District 8
Hon. Lauren Kleiman	<i>Newport Beach</i>	District 15
Hon. Valerie Amezcua	<i>Santa Ana</i>	District 16
Hon. Fred Jung	<i>Fullerton</i>	District 21
Hon. Emma Sharif	<i>Compton</i>	District 26
Hon. Andrew Lara	<i>Pico Rivera</i>	District 31
Hon. James Gazeley	<i>Lomita</i>	District 39
Hon. Drew Boyles	<i>El Segundo</i>	District 40
Hon. Lauren Meister	<i>West Hollywood</i>	District 41
Hon. Ken Mann	<i>Lancaster</i>	District 43
Hon. Eunisses Hernandez	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 48
Hon. Adrin Nazarian	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 49
Hon. Bob Blumenfield	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 50
Hon. Nithya Raman	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 51
Hon. Katy Young Yaroslavsky	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 52
Hon. Imelda Padilla	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 53
Hon. Monica Rodriguez	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 54
Hon. Marqueece Harris-Dawson	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 55
Hon. Curren D. Price, Jr.	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 56
Hon. Heather Hutt	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 57
Hon. Traci Park	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 58
Hon. John Lee	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 59
Hon. Hugo Soto-Martinez	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 60
Hon. Ysabel Jurado	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 61
Hon. Tim McOsker	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 62
Hon. Karen Bass	<i>Los Angeles</i>	Member-at-Large

Staff Present

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

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Hagman called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. and asked First Vice President Cindy Allen, Long Beach, District 30, to lead the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

President Hagman opened the Public Comment Period for persons to comment on any matter pertinent to SCAG's jurisdiction that were not listed on the agenda.

Ruben Duran, Board Counsel, acknowledged there were no public comments.

Seeing no public comment speakers for items not listed on the agenda, President Hagman closed the Public Comment Period.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no requests to prioritize agenda items.

ACTION ITEM**1. 2025 SCAG Scholarship Program**

David J. Shapiro, Chair of the Scholarship Committee, reported that the 15th annual SCAG Scholarship Program supports the next generation of public servants. He noted that the Scholarship Committee consisted of nine Regional Council members and two representatives from academia as follows: Claudia Frometa, Los Angeles County Representative; Victoria Garcia, Los Angeles County Representative; Michael Goodsell, Imperial County Representative; Jan C. Harnik, Riverside County Representative; Trish Kelley, Orange County Representative; Steve Manos, Riverside County Representative; Rocky Rhodes, Ventura County Representative; Acquanetta Warren, San Bernardino County Representative; Dr. So-Ra Baek, Cal Poly Pomona, Ex-Officio; and Dr. James Moore, University of Southern California, Ex-Officio. He explained that SCAG received a record 165 applications from throughout the SCAG region, with stronger representation from Imperial County than they had seen in the past. He shared that the committee worked hard to recommend the following 10 students to receive the 2025 SCAG Scholarship Award: Hudson Burch (El Centro, Imperial County); Cruz De Loera (Brawley, Imperial County); Elisa Hong (Los Angeles, Los Angeles County); Serena Tarango (Norwalk, Los Angeles County); Tyler Wu (Walnut, Los Angeles County); Alexis Schober (Cypress, Orange County); Matthew Thomas (Lake Elsinore, Riverside County); Danaya Figueroa (Colton, San Bernardino County); and Sofia Manzano (Santa Paula, Ventura County). He also reported that they were pleased to partner again with The California

Transportation Foundation who provided funding for one additional scholarship award: Noelle Kim (Santa Ana, Orange County). He thanked Rachel Wagner, SCAG staff, for her work on this Committee and indicated that information about the scholarship award program was in the agenda packet.

There were no Public Comments on Item 1.

A MOTION was made (Sandoval) to approve Scholarship Committee recommendations for the 2025 SCAG Scholarship Program Award. Motion was SECONDED (Saleh) and passed by the following roll call votes.

AYES: Allen, Baker, Balius, Bucknum, Clark, Crosswhite, Denison, Dumitru, Eich, Elias, Finlay, Frometa, Gardner, Gabbard, Go, Goodsell, Hagman, Harnik, Henderson, L. Hernandez, Judge, Kalmick, Kelley, Krupa, Leon, Lock Dawson, Lopez, Lorimore, Manos, Marquez, Masiel, McCallon, Michael, Nava, Navarro, Ramos, Rhodes, Saleh, Sanchez, Sandoval, Saro, Shapiro, Simonoff, Tran, Twining, Tye, Wapner, Wong, and Wood (49)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval Items

2. Minutes of the Meeting – April 3, 2025
3. Resolution No. 25-673-1 Approving the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Final Comprehensive Budget
4. Sacramento Summit Follow-Up and Partner Bills - Support
5. SCAG Memberships and Sponsorships

Receive and File

6. Purchase Orders, Contracts and Amendments below Regional Council Approval Threshold
7. CFO Monthly Report

A MOTION was made (Bucknum) to approve Consent Calendar Items 2 through 5 and Receive and File Items 6 and 7. Motion was SECONDED (Shapiro) and passed by the following roll call votes.

AYES: Allen, Baker, Balius, Bucknum, Clark, Crosswhite, Denison, Dumitru, Eich, Elias, Finlay, Frometa, Gardner, Go, Goodsell, Hagman, Harnik, Henderson, L. Hernandez, Judge, Kalmick, Kelley, Krupa, Leon, Lock Dawson, Lopez, Lorimore, Manos, Marquez, Masiel, McCallon, Nava, Ramos, Rhodes, Saleh, Sanchez, Sandoval, Saro, Shapiro, Simonoff, Tran, Tye, Wapner, Wong, and Wood (45)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: Gabbard (1)

INFORMATION ITEM

13. Legislative Update

Javiera Cartagena, Chief Government and Public Affairs Officer, provided a report on the Sacramento legislative updates. She discussed the legislative calendar, highlighting the May 2 deadline for bills with fiscal impact and the May 9 deadline for bills without fiscal impact. She reported that the early budget bill, AB 100, was passed in mid-April, and amended prior state budgets and expanded eligible uses for already appropriated wildfire recovery funds, such as providing property tax backfills to affected counties, cities, and special districts for losses from the Eaton and Palisades fires. The bill also appropriated \$2.8 billion from the General Fund to address the Medi-Cal program's current year deficit and \$180 million from the Climate Bond for fire prevention and forest health improvements. She also reported that the attention would now turn to Governor Newsom's May Revision, which needed to be presented to the Legislature by May 14. She explained that the Governor's "January Budget" forecasted a modest surplus of about \$350 million but since that time, the budget picture had worsened drastically. She indicated that the Los Angeles wildfires, state healthcare costs, and the impact of the federal tariffs on the stock market were adding significant pressures on the State. She also noted that the Governor's May revision would address new funding for housing and homelessness programs, with a letter from legislators advocating for \$100 million for the REAP program. She indicated that legislators were also concerned about fiscal cliffs facing transit agencies and they were proposing \$2 billion in assistance for these programs. She also noted that funding for the 2026 FIFA World Cup, the 2027 Super Bowl, and the 2028 Summer Olympic Games were being considered, with SCAG being involved in these discussions. She also indicated that Governor Newsom, Senate President Pro Tem Mike McGuire, and Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas had announced their intention to seek an extension of California's cap and trade program during the legislative year. With respect to Washington D.C., she reported on the status of tariffs, with 145% tariffs on all products from China,

except for smartphones, computers, and other electric imports, and 25% tariffs on products from Canada and Mexico. She also reported that the House adopted a final concurrent budget resolution on April 10, setting the stage for work on the future reconciliation bill. She explained that the House Homeland Security Committee marked up its portion of the reconciliation bill, cutting \$90 billion but spending \$69 billion, with \$1 billion allocated for security measures for the 2028 Olympics. She also noted the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure marked up its portion, resulting in net savings of about \$10 billion, with new fees on electric vehicles and hybrids to be administered via state vehicle registration systems. She indicated that the EV and hybrid fees would take effect immediately, and the budget resolution gave Senate and House committees until May 9 to come up with the legislation. She also noted that House Speaker Mike Johnson wanted to pass the entire reconciliation bill by Memorial Day, but Senator Majority Leader John Thune had not publicly agreed to this timeline.

BUSINESS REPORT

Regional Council member Lucy Dunn thanked President Hagman and acknowledged the leadership he provided over the past year. She shared that she chaired the Global Land Use and Economics Council, a group of key business leaders in Southern California. She indicated her report was at the end of the agenda packet which highlighted the rapidly changing economic landscape. She reported that financial markets were highly volatile due to federal uncertainty, making it tough for business leaders to strategize. She noted that automakers were halting investments without time for global supply chains to adjust and that the California economy was heavily dependent on small businesses, which struggle to adjust to economic changes. She urged kindness towards small businesses and emphasized their importance in the local economy. She also reported that the housing market remains stagnant, and home buyers were nervous about tariffs, the economy, and their jobs. She urged cities and counties to watch spending at the local level due to the unstable national fiscal picture and noted that efforts should be made to bring in new sources of revenue and cut red tape to support existing businesses. She indicated that a recent report by the Southern California Leadership Coalition and LA Economic Development Corporation revealed that Southern California ports contribute nearly \$500 billion to the regional GDP, employ over 2 million workers, and generate \$990 billion in tax revenues. She reported that proposed tariffs could reduce port traffic by 40% and threaten \$500 billion in regional revenue, affecting 2 million workers. She emphasized the need to advocate for ports and not take them for granted. She also called for thoughtful leadership from city and regional government leaders in tough times.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Hagman recognized outgoing members for their hard work and contributions and thanked them for their service to SCAG. He also reported the next meeting of the Regional Council

was scheduled for Thursday, June 5, at 12:15 p.m. at the SCAG main office in Downtown Los Angeles.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Kome Ajise, Executive Director, reported that SCAG held its second Freight Industry Forum in preparation for the 2028 Summer Olympic Games. He indicated the forum focused on travel demand management (TDM) studies for both freight and passengers, considering the influx of 5 million additional people during the games. He explained the need to manage freight separately from passenger travel to ensure business continuity and access to essential services. He noted the forum included industry representatives from various supply chain elements, cargo owners, shippers, and key partners across the region. He shared that the following week, a regional TDM would focus on passenger travel, with ongoing forums to prepare for the games over the next year or two. He reported that in April, SCAG published the final report for the Sustainable Communities Program – Smart Cities and Mobility Innovations funding cycle. He explained the program funded projects like curb data collection, technology assessments, and permit streamlining to support regional goals and noted that the final report reviews eight projects that showcase innovative solutions in various contexts across the region. He shared these projects aimed at replicating successful innovations across the region, enhancing overall efficiency and sustainability. He highlighted the importance of these projects in achieving regional goals and improving infrastructure. He also mentioned the \$47 million awarded by the state under the Regional Early Action Plan (REAP 1.0). He noted the funds were used for various purposes, including general plan updates, housing element updates, and ADU regulation development. He explained the program aimed to aid housing production by ensuring regional agencies and jurisdictions had the capacity to do upfront planning. He also announced that all resources from the \$47 million had been spent and thanked regional and sub-regional partners for their diligence in utilizing the funds. He indicated the completion of this program allowed for future requests for state funding to support ongoing initiatives.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no future agenda items.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.



ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Hagman adjourned the meeting of the Regional Council at 9:34 a.m.

[MINUTES ARE UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED BY THE REGIONAL COUNCIL]

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Regional Council Attendance Report																
2024-2025																Total Mtgs Attended To Date
MEMBERS	Representing	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May			
Allen, Cindy	Long Beach, RC District 30	1			0		1	1		1	0	1	1			6
Amezcuca, Valerie	Santa Ana, RC District 16	0			0		0	0		0	0	0	0			0
Baker, Debbie	La Palma, RC District 18									1	0	1	1			3
Balius, Ryan	Anaheim, RC District 19									1	1	1	1			4
Barger, Kathryn	Los Angeles County	0			0		0	0		0	0	0	0			0
Bass, Karen	Los Angeles, (Member at Large)	0			0		0	0		0	0	0	0			0
Blumenfield, Bob	Los Angeles, RC District 50	0			0		0	0		0	0	0	0			0
Boyles, Drew	El Segundo, RC District 40	1			0		0	0		0	0	1	0			2
Bucknum, Wendy	Mission Viejo, RC District 13	1	D	D	1	D	1	1	D	1	1	1	1			8
Clark, Margaret	Rosemead, RC District 32	1			1		0	1		1	1	1	1			7
Crosswhite, Jenny	Santa Paula, RC District 47	1			1		1	1		1	1	1	1			8
Denison, Rick	Yucca Valley, RC District 11	1			1		1	1		1	1	1	1			8
Dumitru, Jon	Orange, RC District 17	1			0		0	1		0	0	0	1			3
Dunn, Lucy	Business Representative	1			1		1	1		0	1	1	1			7
Eich, Keith	La Cañada Flintridge, RC District 36	1			1		1	1		1	1	1	1			8
Elias, Shaunna	Glendora, RC District 33									1	1	1	1			4
Escobar, Jesus	Imperial County									1	1	1	0			3
Finlay, Margaret E.	Duarte, RC District 35	1	A	A	0	A	1	1	A	0	0	1	1			5
Frometa, Claudia M.	Downey, RC District 25	1			0		0	0		0	0	0	1			2
Garcia, Victoria	San Fernando, RC District 67									1	1	1	1			4
Gardner, Gary	Desert Hot Springs, RC District 2									1	0	1	1			3
Gabbard, John	Dana Point, RC District 12	0			1		1	1		1	0	0	1			5
Gazeley, James	Lomita, RC District 39	1			0		0	0		0	0	0	0			1
Go, William	Irvine, RC District 14									1	0	1	1			3
Goodsell, Mike	ICTC Representative				1		1	1		1	1	1	1			7
Hagman, Curt	San Bernardino County	1			1		1	1		1	1	1	1			8
Harnik, Jan C.	RCTC Rrepresentative	1			1		1	1		1	0	1	1			7
Harris-Dawson, Marqueece	Los Angeles, RC District 55	0			0		0	0		0	0	0	0			0
Henderson, Mark E.	Gardena, RC District 28	1			0		1	1		0	1	0	1			5
Hernandez, Eunisses	Los Angeles, RC District 48	0			0		0	0		0	0	0	0			0
Hernandez, Laura	Port Hueneme, RC District 45	1			1		0	1		1	1	0	1			6
Hutt, Heather	Los Angeles, RC District 57	0	R	R	0	R	0	0	R	0	0	0	0			0
Judge, Mike T.	VTCT Representative	1			1		1	1		1	1	1	1			8
Jung, Fred	Fullerton, RC District 21									1	0	1	0			2
Jurado, Ysabel	Los Angeles, RC District 61									0	0	0	0			0
Kalmick, Joe	Seal Beach, RC District 20	1			1		1	1		0	1	1	1			7
Kelley, Trish	TCA Representative	1			0		1	1		1	1	1	1			7
Kleiman, Lauren	Newport Beach, RC District 15	1			0		0	0		0	0	0	0			1
Krupa, Linda	Hemet, RC District 3	1	K	K	0	K	0	1	K	1	1	1	1			6
Lara, Andrew	Pico Rivera, RC District 31				1		1	0		1	1	0	0			4
Lee, John	Los Angeles, RC District 59	0			0		0	0		0	0	0	0			0
Leon, Carlos A.	OCTA Representative	0			1		1	1		0	0	0	1			4
Lock Dawson, Patricia	Riverside, RC District 68	0			1		1	1		1	0	1	1			6
Lopez, Vianey	Ventura County	0			1		1	1		1	1	1	1			7
Lorimore, Clint	Eastvale, RC District 4	1			1		1	1		1	1	1	1			8
Mann, Ken	Lancaster, RC District 43	1			0		0	1		0	0	0	0			2
Manos, Steve	Lake Elsinore, RC District 63	1			1		1	1		1	1	1	1			8
Marquez, Ray	Chino Hills, RC District 10	1			1		1	1		1	1	1	1			8
Masiel, Andrew	Pechanga Band of Luiseno IndiansTribal Gov. Reg. Plng. Brd.	0			0		0	1		0	0	0	1			2
McCallon, Larry	Air District Representative	1			1		1	1		0	1	0	1			6
McOsker, Tim	Los Angeles, RC District 62	1			0		0	0		0	0	0	0			1
Meister, Lauren	West Hollywood, RC District 41	1			1		1	1		1	1	1	0			7
Michael, L. Dennis	Rancho Cucamonga, RC District 9	0			0		0	0		0	0	0	1			1
Nava, Marisela	Perris, RC District 69	1			1		1	1		0	0	1	1			6
Navarro, Frank J.	Colton, RC District 6	1			0		1	0		1	1	1	1			6
Nazarian, Adrin	Los Angeles, RC District 49									0	0	0	0			0
Padilla, Imelda	Los Angeles, RC District 53	0			0		0	0		0	0	0	0			0
Park, Traci	Los Angeles, RC District 58	0			0		0	0		0	0	0	0			0
Perez, Nikki	Burbank, RC District 42	0			0		1	1		1	0	1	1			5
Price, Curren D.	Los Angeles, RCDistrict 56	0			0		0	0		0	0	0	0			0

Raman, Nithya	Los Angeles, RC District 51	0		0		0	0		0	0	0	0	0
Ramos, Daniel	Adelanto, RC District 65								1	1	1	1	4
Rebollar, Gil	Brawley, RC District 1	1		1		0	0		1	1	0	0	4
Rhodes, Rocky	Simi Valley, RC District 46	1		1		1	0		1	1	1	1	7
Rodriguez, Monica	Los Angeles, RC District 54	0		0		0	0		0	0	0	0	0
Saleh, Ali	Bell, RC District 27	1		0		1	1		0	1	0	1	5
Sanchez, Steve	La Quinta, RC District 66	1		1		1	1		0	1	0	1	6
Sandoval, Tim	Pomona, RC District 38	1		0		0	0		1	1	1	1	5
Saro, Suely	Long Beach, RC District 29	1		1		0	1		1	1	0	1	6
Schwank, Zak	Temecula, RC District 5	0		0		0	0		0	0	0	0	0
Shapiro, David J.	Calabasas, RC District 44	1		1		1	1		1	1	0	1	7
Sharif, Emma	Compton, RC District 26								1	1	0	0	2
Simonoff, Marty	Brea, RC District 22	1		1		1	1		1	1	1	1	8
Solis, Hilda	Los Angeles County	0		0		0	0		0	0	0	0	0
Soto-Martinez, Hugo	Los Angeles, RC District 60	0		0		0	0		0	0	0	0	0
Spiegel, Karen	Riverside County	1		1		1	1		1	0	1	0	6
Tran, Helen	San Bernardino, RC District 7								0	1	0	1	2
Twining, Butch	Huntington Beach, RC District 64								1	0	1	1	3
Tye, Steve	Diamond Bar, RC District 37	1		0		0	1		0	1	1	1	5
Wagner, Donald P.	Orange County	1		1		1	1		1	1	1	0	7
Wapner, Alan	SBCTA/SBCOG	1		1		1	0		1	0	0	1	5
Warren, Acquanetta	Fontana, RC District 8	1		1		0	1		1	1	1	0	6
Wong, Thomas	Monterey Park, RC District 34	1		1		1	1		1	1	1	1	8
Wood, Jeff	Lakewood, RC District 24	1		1		1	1		1	1	1	1	8
Yaroslavsky, Katy	Los Angeles, RC District 52	0		0		0	0		0	0	0	0	0
Yokoyama, Frank A.	Cerritos, RC District 23	1		0		1	1		1	1	1	1	7
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AGENDA ITEM 4

REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
June 5, 2025

To: Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)
Regional Council (RC)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

From: Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer
(213) 630-1413, giraldo@scag.ca.gov

Subject: Contracts \$500,000 or Greater: 24-012-MRFP 06, Los Angeles County
Affordable Housing Solutions Agency (LACAHS) Regional Coordination
Strategic Plan

Kome Ajise

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve Contract No. 24-012-MRFP 06 in an amount not to exceed \$578,207 with HR&A Advisors, to develop the LACAHS Regional Coordination Strategic Plan. Authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, pursuant to legal counsel review, to execute the contract on behalf of SCAG.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

This item supports the following Strategic Priority 1: Establish and implement a regional vision for a sustainable future.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This project is funded by the Regional Early Action Planning Grant of 2021 (REAP 2.0) and is consistent with the program's requirements, including the objectives of accelerating infill development that facilitates housing supply, choice, and affordability, affirmatively furthering fair housing, and reducing VMT.

The Consultant will develop a Regional Coordination Strategic Plan for the Los Angeles County Affordable Housing Solutions Agency (LACAHS) to ensure the agency has the critical infrastructure to: (1) raise and allocate new revenue and (2) design key agency policy, programs, and innovative financial products with public participation processes to accelerate the 5Ps of affordable housing, which includes Preservation, Protection, Production, Placement, and Participation across the region.

LACAHS is a first-of-its-kind regional housing local agency dedicated to affordable housing and housing stability. LACAHS is bringing LA County together in partnership to think and act differently about scaling affordable housing across all 88 cities and unincorporated County areas. The independent state-chartered agency brings together diverse leadership necessary to solve problems that no single entity can solve individually. The Regional Coordination Strategic Plan will determine the best means for LACAHS to engage a broad range of stakeholder groups in the

planning processes, assess the region's needs across the 5Ps, and design the agency's structure and outcomes processes.

The Regional Coordination Strategic Plan will support the work of LACAHSa by providing strategies for:

- *Determining best approaches to coordinating efforts with the various housing programs existing across the County;*
- *Identifying gaps in member jurisdiction's staffing capacity;*
- *Building internal capacity including investing in long-term operational systems such as data infrastructure for compliance and outcomes tracking;*
- *Providing shared learning, resources, and support services related to land use, housing development, and tenant protections; and*
- *Developing a decision-making process to balance complex regional needs and inclusive public engagement.*

BACKGROUND:

Staff recommends executing the following contract:

<u>Consultant/Contract #</u>	<u>Contract Purpose</u>	<u>Contract Amount</u>
HR&A Advisors. 24-012-MRFP 06	The project will produce the final deliverables that include final project metrics for REAP 2.0 reporting and the LACAHSa Regional Coordination Strategic Plan, which through engagement with a broad range of stakeholders will provide the key strategies for coordinating housing initiatives with the many housing programs active across the county including guidance for allocating new revenue and designing agency policy, programs and innovative financial products.	\$578,207

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding of \$578,207 is available in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 Overall Work Program (OWP) Budget in Project Number 305-4925Y1.01, and any unused funds are expected to be carried forward into future fiscal year budget(s), subject to budget availability.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Contract 24-012-MRFP 06 Summary
2. Contract 24-012-MRFP 06 Conflict of Interest Forms

CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 24-012-MRFP 06

Recommended Consultant:	HR&A Advisors
Background & Scope of Work:	<p>This project is funded by the Regional Early Action Planning Grant of 2021 (REAP 2.0) and is consistent with the program's requirements, including the objectives of accelerating infill development that facilitates housing supply, choice, and affordability, affirmatively furthering fair housing, and reducing VMT.</p> <p>The Consultant will develop a Regional Coordination Strategic Plan for the Los Angeles County Affordable Housing Solutions Agency (LACAHSa) to ensure the agency has the critical infrastructure to: (1) raise and allocate new revenue and (2) design key agency policy, programs, and innovative financial products with public participation processes to accelerate the 5Ps of affordable housing, which includes Preservation, Protection, Production, Placement, and Participation across the region.</p> <p>The Regional Coordination Strategic Plan will support the work of LACAHSa by providing strategies for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Determining best approaches to coordinating efforts with the various housing programs existing across the county;• Identifying gaps in member jurisdiction's staffing capacity;• Building internal capacity including investing in long-term operational systems such as data infrastructure for compliance and outcomes tracking;• Providing shared learning, resources, and support services related to land use, housing development, and tenant protections; and• Developing a decision-making process to balance complex regional needs and inclusive public engagement. <p>Overall Project Objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Develop a Regional Coordination Strategic Plan:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Conduct public outreach and engagement to ensure the community and stakeholders are included in the plan development;○ Engage with the Interim CEO, the Inspector General, the Citizens' Oversight Committee and Board Members to align foundational and aspirational goals with concrete strategies and program metrics; and○ Prepare all draft documents necessary for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act, including any draft negative declarations, mitigated negative declarations or other documents, where and if applicable.
Project's Benefits & Key Deliverables:	<p>The final deliverables include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Final project metrics for REAP 2.0 reporting; and• LACAHSa Regional Coordination Strategic Plan

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Through engagement with a broad range of stakeholder groups, will provide the key strategies for coordinating housing initiatives with the many housing programs active across the county including guidance for allocating new revenue and designing agency policy, programs and innovative financial products. 						
Strategic Plan:	This item supports the following Strategic Priority 1: Establish and implement a regional vision for a sustainable future.						
Contract Amount:	<table> <tr> <td>Total not to exceed</td><td>\$578,207</td></tr> <tr> <td>HR&A Advisors (prime consultant)</td><td>\$475,943</td></tr> <tr> <td>The Robert Group (subconsultant)</td><td>\$102,264</td></tr> </table>	Total not to exceed	\$578,207	HR&A Advisors (prime consultant)	\$475,943	The Robert Group (subconsultant)	\$102,264
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The Robert Group (subconsultant)	\$102,264						
Contract Period:	Notice To Proceed through June 30, 2026						
Project Number(s):	<p>305.4925Y1.01 Funding source: REAP 2.0</p> <p>Funding of \$578,207 is available in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 Overall Work Program (OWP) Budget in Project Number 305.4925Y1.01, and any unused funds are expected to be carried forward into future fiscal year budget(s), subject to budget availability.</p>						
Request for Proposal (RFP):	<p>SCAG staff notified 15 firms on the bench of the release of 24-012-MRFP 06 via SCAG's Solicitation Management System website. A total of 9 firms downloaded the RFP. SCAG received the following three (3) proposals in response to the solicitation:</p> <table> <tr> <td>HR&A Advisors (1 subconsultant)</td><td>\$578,207</td></tr> <tr> <td>Arup US, Inc (3 subconsultants)</td><td>\$578,057</td></tr> <tr> <td>ECOnorthwest (1 subconsultants)</td><td>\$560,000</td></tr> </table>	HR&A Advisors (1 subconsultant)	\$578,207	Arup US, Inc (3 subconsultants)	\$578,057	ECOnorthwest (1 subconsultants)	\$560,000
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Selection Process:	<p>The Proposal Review Committee (PRC) evaluated each proposal in accordance with the criteria set forth in the RFP and conducted the selection process in a manner consistent with all applicable federal and state contracting regulations. After evaluating the proposals, the PRC did not conduct interviews because the proposals contained sufficient information on which to base a contract award.</p> <p>The PRC consisted of the following individuals:</p> <p>Jacob Noonan, Planning Supervisor, SCAG Ryan Johnson, CEO, LACAHS Kaitin McCafferty, Associate Planner, SCAG</p>						
Basis for Selection:	<p>The PRC recommended HR&A Advisors for the contract award because the consultant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provided a response that demonstrated a comprehensive understanding and approach that has a high potential for successfully determining the most 						

	<p>effective strategy for LACAHSA to coordinate its goals, objectives, and actions with the many and diverse housing programs and initiatives in Los Angeles County.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The response recognized the role of local and subregional governance in forming a successful coordination strategy. The response demonstrated HR&A's experience in regional planning processes and the organization's experience working with the many housing programs. • Included the anticipated challenges and solutions for developing a successful regional coordination strategy based on the consultant's depth of experience in Los Angeles County. • Provided a compelling technical approach for comprehensively developing the regional coordination plan involving the many active groups and organizations and making sure all voices are heard. The engagement approach will include several layers of stakeholder and community outreach and coordination with the wide range of housing programs. The outcomes will guide the regional collaboration strategy acknowledging LACAHSA may not need to be involved in all housing actions occurring across the county. This will also help determine when and in what capacity LACAHSA could be involved in order to most effectively support county-wide housing goals. <p>Although other firms proposed lower prices, the PRC did not recommend these firms for a contract award because these firms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Did not clearly articulate key issues and solutions for approaching the regional coordination strategy. • Did not acknowledge the many layers of governance, service areas, and stakeholder organizations with vested interests in producing and preserving affordable housing. • Did not clearly define a project process and set of intermediate and final deliverables for creating the strategies that are necessary to engage and coordinate with the many housing programs and initiatives across the county and successfully develop regional coordination for deploying resources and information effectively. • Included prior regional projects that are currently facing possible coordination and longevity issues.
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**Conflict of Interest (COI) Form - Attachment
For June 5, 2025 Regional Council Approval**

Approve Contract No. 24-012-MRFP 06 in an amount not to exceed \$578,207 with HR&A Advisors, to develop the LCAHSA Regional Coordination Strategic Plan. Authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, pursuant to legal counsel review, to execute the contract on behalf of SCAG.

The consultant team for this contract includes:

Consultant Name	Did the consultant disclose a conflict in the Conflict of Interest Form they submitted with its original proposal (Yes or No)?
HR&A Advisors, Inc (prime consultant)	No - form attached
The Robert Group (subconsultant)	No - form attached

SCAG CONFLICT OF INTEREST FORM

MRFP No. 24-012-MRFP 06

SECTION I: INSTRUCTIONS

All persons or firms seeking contracts must complete and submit a SCAG Conflict of Interest Form along with the proposal. This requirement also applies to any proposed subconsultant(s). Failure to comply with this requirement may cause your proposal to be declared non-responsive.

In order to answer the questions contained in this form, please review SCAG's Conflict of Interest Policy, the list of SCAG employees, and the list of SCAG's Regional Council members. All three documents can be viewed online at <https://scag.ca.gov>. The SCAG Conflict of Interest Policy is located under "GET INVOLVED", then "Contract & Vendor Opportunities" and scroll down under the "Vendor Contracts Documents" tab; whereas the SCAG staff may be found under "ABOUT US" then "OUR TEAM" then "Employee Directory"; and Regional Council members can be found under "MEETINGS", then scroll down to "LEADERSHIP" then select "REGIONAL COUNCIL" on the left side of the page and click on "Regional Council Officers and Member List."

Any questions regarding the information required to be disclosed in this form should be directed to SCAG's Legal Division, especially if you answer "yes" to any question in this form, as doing so **MAY** also disqualify your firm from submitting an offer on this proposal

Name of Firm: HR&A Advisors, Inc.

Name of Preparer: Connie Chung

Project Title: Managing Partner

Date Submitted: 4/15/2025

SECTION II: QUESTIONS

1. During the last twelve (12) months, has your firm provided a source of income to employees of SCAG or members of the SCAG Regional Council, or have any employees or Regional Council members held any investment (including real property) in your firm?

☐ YES ☒ NO

If "yes," please list the names of those SCAG employees and/or SCAG Regional Council members and the nature of the financial interest:

Name	Nature of Financial Interest
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2. Have you or any members of your firm been an employee of SCAG or served as a member of the SCAG Regional Council within the last twelve (12) months?

☐ YES ☒ NO

If “yes,” please list name, position, and dates of service:

Name	Position	Dates of Service
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
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_____	_____	_____

3. Are you or any managers, partners, or officers of your firm related by blood or marriage/domestic partnership to an employee of SCAG or member of the SCAG Regional Council that is considering your proposal?

☐ YES ☒ NO

If “yes,” please list name and the nature of the relationship:

Name	Relationship
_____	_____
_____	_____
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4. Does an employee of SCAG or a member of the SCAG Regional Council hold a position at your firm as a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee, or any position of management?

☐ YES ☒ NO

If “yes,” please list name and the nature of the relationship:

Name	Relationship
_____	_____
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5. Have you or any managers, partners, or officers of your firm ever given (directly or indirectly), or offered to give on behalf of another or through another person, campaign contributions or gifts to any current employee of SCAG or member of the SCAG Regional Council (including contributions to a political committee created by or on behalf of a member/candidate)?

☐ YES ☒ NO

If "yes," please list name, date gift or contribution was given/offered, and dollar value:

Name	Date	Dollar Value
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

SECTION III: VALIDATION STATEMENT

This Validation Statement must be completed and signed by at least one General Partner, Owner, Principal, or Officer authorized to legally commit the proposer.

DECLARATION

I, (printed full name) Connie Chung, hereby declare that I am the (position or title) Managing Partner of (firm name) HR&A Advisors, Inc., and that I am duly authorized to execute this Validation Statement on behalf of this entity. I hereby state that this SCAG Conflict of Interest Form dated 4/15/2025 is correct and current as submitted. I acknowledge that any false, deceptive, or fraudulent statements on this Validation Statement will result in rejection of my contract proposal.



Signature of Person Certifying for Proposer
(original signature required)

4/15/2025

Date

NOTICE

A material false statement, omission, or fraudulent inducement made in connection with this SCAG Conflict of Interest Form is sufficient cause for rejection of the contract proposal or revocation of a prior contract award.

SCAG CONFLICT OF INTEREST FORM

MRFP No. 24-012-MRFP 06

SECTION I: INSTRUCTIONS

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Name of Firm:	The Robert Group
Name of Preparer:	Isaiah Ford
Project Title:	Managing Director
Date Submitted:	4/9/2025

SECTION II: QUESTIONS

1. During the last twelve (12) months, has your firm provided a source of income to employees of SCAG or members of the SCAG Regional Council, or have any employees or Regional Council members held any investment (including real property) in your firm?

☐ YES ☒ NO

If "yes," please list the names of those SCAG employees and/or SCAG Regional Council members and the nature of the financial interest:

Name	Nature of Financial Interest
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

2. Have you or any members of your firm been an employee of SCAG or served as a member of the SCAG Regional Council within the last twelve (12) months?

☐ YES ☒ NO

If "yes," please list name, position, and dates of service:

Name	Position	Dates of Service

3. Are you or any managers, partners, or officers of your firm related by blood or marriage/domestic partnership to an employee of SCAG or member of the SCAG Regional Council that is considering your proposal?

☐ YES ☒ NO

If "yes," please list name and the nature of the relationship:

Name	Relationship

4. Does an employee of SCAG or a member of the SCAG Regional Council hold a position at your firm as a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee, or any position of management?

☐ YES ☒ NO

If "yes," please list name and the nature of the relationship:

Name	Relationship

5. Have you or any managers, partners, or officers of your firm ever given (directly or indirectly), or offered to give on behalf of another or through another person, campaign contributions or gifts to any current employee of SCAG or member of the SCAG Regional Council (including contributions to a political committee created by or on behalf of a member/candidate)?

☐ YES ☒ NO

If "yes," please list name, date gift or contribution was given/offered, and dollar value:

Name	Date	Dollar Value
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

SECTION III: VALIDATION STATEMENT

This Validation Statement must be completed and signed by at least one General Partner, Owner, Principal, or Officer authorized to legally commit the proposer.

DECLARATION

I, (printed full name) Isaiah Ford, hereby declare that I am the (position or title) Managing Director of (firm name) The Robert Group, and that I am duly authorized to execute this Validation Statement on behalf of this entity. I hereby state that this SCAG Conflict of Interest Form dated 4/9/25 is correct and current as submitted. I acknowledge that any false, deceptive, or fraudulent statements on this Validation Statement will result in rejection of my contract proposal.

Isaiah Ford

4/9/2025

Signature of Person Certifying for Proposer
(original signature required)

Date

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AGENDA ITEM 5 REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
June 5, 2025

To: Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)
Regional Council (RC)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

From: Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer
(213) 630-1413, giraldo@scag.ca.gov

Subject: Contracts \$500,000 or Greater: 25-025-C01, Planning for Main Streets

Kome Ajise

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve Contract No. 25-025-C01 in an amount not to exceed \$577,750 with NN Engineering, Inc., to lead the development of the "Planning for Main Streets" project, which includes existing conditions analysis, stakeholder engagement, and project recommendations for sustainable transportation improvements. Authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, pursuant to legal counsel review, to execute the contract on behalf of SCAG.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

This item supports the following Strategic Priority 1: Establish and implement a regional vision for a sustainable future.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Consistent with the requirements of the Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant that funds this project, the Consultant shall lead the development of the "Planning for Main Streets" project, which includes existing conditions analysis, stakeholder engagement, and project recommendations for sustainable transportation improvements. The findings and recommendations will position four State highway main streets for future grant funding opportunities and/or incorporation into future workplans with the goal of implementing improvements.

"Main Street, California: A Guide for People-Centered State Highway Main Streets" highlights the special importance of California State Highways that function as community main streets by supporting multimodal travel and community events and activities. SCAG, in partnership with Caltrans Headquarters and Districts 7, 8, 11, and 12, identified several State highways in the SCAG region that function as main streets, given their multimodal travel patterns and community destinations, but also have gaps in accessibility, safety, and comfort to adequately meet the needs of all roadway users. The State highway main streets included in the Project are:

- *State Route (SR) 1 in Caltrans District 7 from Pennsylvania Avenue in the City of Lomita to Harbor Avenue/I-710 ramps in the City of Long Beach (approximately 6.5 miles).*

- *SR 18 in Caltrans District 8 from Arrowhead Road to 30th Street in the City of San Bernardino (approximately 2 miles).*
- *SR 86 in Caltrans District 11 from Las Flores Drive to Legion Road in the City of Brawley (approximately 2 miles).*
- *SR 39 in Caltrans District 12 from Starr Street in the City of Stanton to Hazard Avenue in the City of Westminster (approximately 4.5 miles).*

BACKGROUND:

Staff recommends executing the following contract \$500,000 or greater:

Consultant/Contract #	Contract Purpose	Contract Amount
NN Engineering, Inc. 25-025-C01	The consultant will lead the development of the “Planning for Main Streets” project.	\$577,750

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding of \$577,750 is available in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 Overall Work Program (OWP) Budget in Project Number 145-4957H1.01 and 145-4957E.01. Any unused funds are expected to be carried forward into future fiscal year budget(s), subject to budget availability.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Contract 25-025-C01 Summary
2. Contract 25-025-C01 Conflict of Interest Forms

CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 25-025-C01

Recommended Consultant:	NN Engineering, Inc.
Background & Scope of Work:	<p>Consistent with the requirements of the Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant that funds this project, the consultant shall lead the development of the <i>Planning for Main Streets</i> project, which includes existing conditions analysis, stakeholder engagement, and project recommendations for sustainable transportation improvements. The findings and recommendations will position the State highway main streets for future grant funding opportunities and/or incorporation into future workplans with the goal of implementing improvements.</p> <p><i>Main Street, California: A Guide for People-Centered State Highway Main Streets</i> highlights the special importance of California State Highways that function as community main streets by supporting multimodal travel and community events and activities. SCAG, in partnership with Caltrans Headquarters and Districts 7, 8, 11, and 12, identified several State highways in the SCAG region that function as main streets, given their multimodal travel patterns and community destinations, but also have gaps in accessibility, safety, and comfort to adequately meet the needs of all roadway users. The State highway main streets included in the Project are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Route (SR) 1 in Caltrans District 7 from Pennsylvania Avenue in the City of Lomita to Harbor Avenue/I-710 ramps in the City of Long Beach (approximately 6.5 miles). • SR 18 in Caltrans District 8 from Arrowhead Road to 30th Street in the City of San Bernardino (approximately 2 miles). • SR 86 in Caltrans District 11 from Las Flores Drive to Legion Road in the City of Brawley (approximately 2 miles). • SR 39 in Caltrans District 12 from Starr Street in the City of Stanton to Hazard Avenue in the City of Westminster (approximately 4.5 miles). <p>The Project shall contribute to regional goals identified in <i>Connect SoCal 2024</i> to encourage and support the implementation of projects that facilitate multimodal connectivity, prioritize transit and shared mobility, and result in improved mobility, accessibility and safety; pursue the development of Complete Streets that comprise a safe, multimodal network with flexible use of public rights-of-way for people of all ages and abilities using a variety of modes; and integrate the assessment of equity into the regional transportation safety and security planning process.</p>
Project's Benefits & Key Deliverables:	<p>The project's benefits and key deliverables include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing the mobility, accessibility, safety, and sustainability of the State highway system by identifying sustainable transportation improvements that encourage multimodal travel to reduce vehicle miles traveled and lower greenhouse gas emissions; enhance community connectivity; and reduce wear and tear, and associated maintenance on roadway infrastructure; • Identifying sustainable transportation improvements that not only reflect community priorities but also result in co-benefits, such as economic

Attachment: Contract 25-025-C01 Summary (Contracts \$500,000 or Greater: 25-025-C01, Planning for Main Streets)

	<p>development along State highway main streets and improved health and social equity as more people walk, bike, and ride transit, which are more active and cost-effective modes of transportation; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishing a forum and process for local jurisdictions to partner with Caltrans and communities to transform State highway main streets into corridors that support multimodal travel. Strengthening partnerships will create a foundation for innovation and creativity when working in constrained rights-of-way and with potentially conflicting priorities.
Strategic Plan:	This item supports SCAG's Strategic Priority #1: Establish and implement a regional vision for a sustainable future.
Contract Amount:	<p>Total not to exceed: \$577,750</p> <p>NN Engineering, Inc. (prime consultant) \$340,143</p> <p>KOA Corporation (subconsultant) \$122,637</p> <p>Here Design Studio, LLC (subconsultant) \$114,970</p>
Contract Period:	Notice to Proceed through June 30, 2027
Project Number(s):	<p>145-4957H1.01 \$511,482</p> <p>145-4957E.01 \$66,268</p> <p>Funding sources: Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG) – Federal Highway Administration (FHWA - SP&R) and the Transportation Development Act (TDA).</p> <p>Funding of \$577,750 is available in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 Overall Work Program (OWP) Budget in Project Numbers listed above. Any unused funds are expected to be carried forward into future fiscal year budget(s), subject to budget approval.</p>
Request for Proposal (RFP):	<p>SCAG staff notified 2,032 firms of the release of RFP 25-025 via SCAG's Solicitation Management System website. A total of 89 firms downloaded the RFP. SCAG received the following four (4) proposals in response to the solicitation:</p> <p>NN Engineering, Inc. (2 subconsultants) \$577,750</p> <p>GHD, Inc. (2 subconsultants) \$575,816</p> <p>Michael Baker International, Inc. (2 subconsultants) \$576,837</p> <p>Estolano Advisors (1 subconsultant) \$579,948</p>
Selection Process:	<p>The Proposal Review Committee (PRC) evaluated each proposal in accordance with the criteria set forth in the RFP and conducted the selection process in a manner consistent with all applicable federal and state contracting regulations. After evaluating the proposals, the PRC interviewed the two (2) highest ranked offerors.</p> <p>The PRC consisted of the following individuals:</p> <p>Rachel Om, Senior Regional Planner, SCAG</p> <p>Prithvi Deore, Associate Transportation Planner, SCAG</p>

	Alexis Murillo Felix, Senior Regional Planner, SCAG
Basis for Selection:	<p>The PRC recommended NN Engineering, Inc. for the contract award because the consultant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrated the best understanding of the project by proposing a team with expertise and experience in multijurisdictional stakeholder coordination, context-sensitive community engagement, and conceptual design with implementation and feasibility considerations, specifically in the local jurisdictions along the project corridors and in the SCAG region; • Prepared the most thoughtful engagement and coordination strategy that meaningfully engages with the seven local jurisdictions, four Caltrans Districts, community-based organizations, and communities that are key stakeholders for the four project corridors. In addition, the proposed engagement schedule illustrated intentional timing of the various engagement efforts to inform subsequent engagement and development of project recommendations; • Provided the best technical approach that seamlessly integrates the stakeholder goals and priorities identified in the existing conditions analysis and community engagement with the development of conceptual designs and project recommendations that prioritize feasibility and prepare for implementation; • Proposed a prime and sub-consultant team that has experience working together and clearly identified roles where the prime or sub-consultant will take the lead on the respective tasks that reflect their subject matter expertise while the prime consultant will ensure full team coordination; and • Provided the best overall value for the level of effort proposed. <p>Although other firms proposed lower prices, the PRC did not recommend these firms for contract award because the firms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Did not demonstrate the same understanding of all the key stakeholders and the associated level of effort to engage with the key stakeholders within their proposed technical approach as the selected consultant. Specifically, several firms not recommended for an award identified six of the seven local jurisdictions as key stakeholders but proposed a similar budget as the selected consultant, which raised concerns if these firms would have sufficient budget to complete the minimum required number of local jurisdiction-specific engagement activities; • Did not clearly demonstrate a sufficient level of effort, primarily in the form of staff hours with the appropriate subject matter expertise, to satisfactorily complete the tasks in the Scope of Work, especially for Task 3 – Corridor Concept Designs and Recommendations; and • Did not provide sufficient detail or a clear approach to how the tasks in the Scope of Work would be scheduled and/or coordinated to complete the tasks in the Scope of Work within the allotted timeline.

**Conflict of Interest (COI) Form - Attachment
For June 5, 2025 Regional Council Approval**

Approve Contract No. 25-025-C01 in an amount not to exceed \$577,750 with NN Engineering, Inc. to lead the development of the “Planning for Main Streets” project, which includes existing conditions analysis, stakeholder engagement, and project recommendations for sustainable transportation improvements. Authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, pursuant to legal counsel review, to execute the contract on behalf of SCAG.

The consultant team for this contract includes:

Consultant Name	Did the consultant disclose a conflict in the Conflict of Interest Form they submitted with its original proposal (Yes or No)?
NN Engineering, Inc. (prime)	No - form attached
KOA Corporation (subconsultant)	No - form attached
Here Design Studio, LLC (subconsultant)	No - form attached

SCAG CONFLICT OF INTEREST FORM**RFP No. 25-025****SECTION I: INSTRUCTIONS**

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Any questions regarding the information required to be disclosed in this form should be directed to SCAG's Legal Division, especially if you answer "yes" to any question in this form, as doing so **MAY** also disqualify your firm from submitting an offer on this proposal

Name of Firm: NN Engineering, Inc.
Name of Preparer: Nina Harvey
Project Title: Planning for Main Streets
RFP Number: 25-025 **Date Submitted:** February 28, 2025

SECTION II: QUESTIONS

1. During the last twelve (12) months, has your firm provided a source of income to employees of SCAG or members of the SCAG Regional Council, or have any employees or Regional Council members held any investment (including real property) in your firm?

☐ YES ☒ NO

If "yes," please list the names of those SCAG employees and/or SCAG Regional Council members and the nature of the financial interest:

Name	Nature of Financial Interest
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2. Have you or any members of your firm been an employee of SCAG or served as a member of the SCAG Regional Council within the last twelve (12) months?

☐ YES ☒ NO

If “yes,” please list name, position, and dates of service:

Name	Position	Dates of Service
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3. Are you or any managers, partners, or officers of your firm related by blood or marriage/domestic partnership to an employee of SCAG or member of the SCAG Regional Council that is considering your proposal?

☐ YES ☒ NO

If “yes,” please list name and the nature of the relationship:

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4. Does an employee of SCAG or a member of the SCAG Regional Council hold a position at your firm as a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee, or any position of management?

☐ YES ☒ NO

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☐ YES ☒ NO

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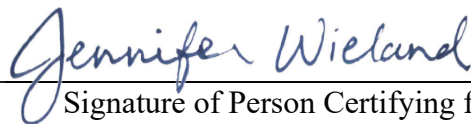
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SECTION III: VALIDATION STATEMENT

This Validation Statement must be completed and signed by at least one General Partner, Owner, Principal, or Officer authorized to legally commit the proposer.

DECLARATION

I, (printed full name) Jennifer Wieland, hereby declare that I am the (position or title) Managing Director of (firm name) NN Engineering, Inc., and that I am duly authorized to execute this Validation Statement on behalf of this entity. I hereby state that this SCAG Conflict of Interest Form dated February 24, 2025 is correct and current as submitted. I acknowledge that any false, deceptive, or fraudulent statements on this Validation Statement will result in rejection of my contract proposal.



Signature of Person Certifying for Proposer
(original signature required)

February 24, 2025

Date

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Name of Firm: KOA Corporation

Name of Preparer: Michael Nilsson, AICP CTP

Project Title: Planning for Main Streets

RFP Number: 25-025 **Date Submitted:** 2/19/25

SECTION II: QUESTIONS

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2. Have you or any members of your firm been an employee of SCAG or served as a member of the SCAG Regional Council within the last twelve (12) months?

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Name	Position	Dates of Service
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☐ YES ☒ NO

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☐ YES ☒ NO

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☐ YES ☒ NO

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DECLARATION

I, (printed full name) Michael Nilsson, AICP CTP, hereby declare that I am the (position or title) Principal/Director of Planning of (firm name) KOA Corporation, and that I am duly authorized to execute this Validation Statement on behalf of this entity. I hereby state that this SCAG Conflict of Interest Form dated February 19, 2025 is correct and current as submitted. I acknowledge that any false, deceptive, or fraudulent statements on this Validation Statement will result in rejection of my contract proposal.



Signature of Person Certifying for Proposer
(original signature required)

2/19/25

Date

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Name of Firm: Here Design Studio, LLC

Name of Preparer: Shannon Davis

Project Title: Planning for Main Streets

RFP Number: 25-025 **Date Submitted:** 2/20/2025

SECTION II: QUESTIONS

1. During the last twelve (12) months, has your firm provided a source of income to employees of SCAG or members of the SCAG Regional Council, or have any employees or Regional Council members held any investment (including real property) in your firm?

☐ YES ☒ NO

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☐ YES ☒ NO

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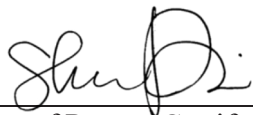
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DECLARATION

I, (printed full name) Shannon Davis, hereby declare that I am the (position or title) Co-Director, Co-Founder of (firm name) Here Design Studio, LLC, and that I am duly authorized to execute this Validation Statement on behalf of this entity. I hereby state that this SCAG Conflict of Interest Form dated 2/20/2025 is correct and current as submitted. I acknowledge that any false, deceptive, or fraudulent statements on this Validation Statement will result in rejection of my contract proposal.



Signature of Person Certifying for Proposer
(original signature required)

2/20/2025

Date

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AGENDA ITEM 6 REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
June 5, 2025

To: Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)
Regional Council (RC)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

From: Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer
(213) 630-1413, giraldo@scag.ca.gov

Subject: Contracts \$500,000 or Greater: 25-029-C01, Go Human Safety Strategies
& Research

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RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve Contract No. 25-029-C01 in an amount not to exceed \$599,943 with Circulate Planning to conduct a comprehensive evaluation of Go Human resources, provide recommendations for improved accessibility, and provide recommendations for community-led safety messaging strategies that improve safety. Authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, pursuant to legal counsel review, to execute the contract on behalf of SCAG.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

This item supports the following Strategic Priority 3: Spur innovation and action through leadership in research, analysis and information sharing.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On May 1, 2014, the General Assembly adopted Resolution No. GA 2014-2 titled "Regional Effort to Promote Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Initiative," and to pursue this effort, SCAG launched its regional active transportation safety and encouragement campaign, Go Human, with funding from the state Active Transportation Program (ATP). SCAG has extended campaign efforts with annual funding from the State of California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS).

The SCAG region, like California and the nation, experienced a period of annual declines in traffic related fatalities and serious injuries until 2012 when they began to steadily rise. Based on an analysis of data between 2012-22, reflected in Connect SoCal 2024, each year in Southern California, an average of 1,600 people are killed and 140,000 people are injured (7,000 of which are serious injuries) in traffic collisions. People walking or riding bikes account for 36% of those deaths and serious injuries despite comprising only 5% of all trips.

To address the safety of people walking and biking in the region's transportation network, SCAG Go Human seeks to reduce traffic crashes and encourage people to walk and bike, with funding from OTS.

BACKGROUND:

Staff recommends executing the following contract \$500,000 or greater:

<u>Consultant/Contract #</u>	<u>Contract Purpose</u>	<u>Contract Amount</u>
Circulate Planning 25-029-C01	The Consultant shall conduct a comprehensive evaluation of Go Human resources and provide recommendations for improved accessibility and community-led safety messaging strategies that improve safety. The Consultant shall also fulfill orders and deliveries of bicycle and pedestrian safety materials, provide on-site support for traffic safety events, and coordinate educational services and training materials.	\$599,943

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding of \$599,943 is available in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 Overall Work Program (OWP) Budget in Project Number 225-3564JB.21. Any unused funds are expected to be carried forward into future fiscal year budget(s), subject to budget availability.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Contract 25-029-C01 Summary
2. Contract 25-029-C01 Conflicts of Interest Forms

CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 25-029-C01

Recommended Consultant:	Circulate Planning
Background & Scope of Work:	<p>On May 1, 2014, the General Assembly adopted Resolution No. GA 2014-2 titled “Regional Effort to Promote Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Initiative,” and to pursue this effort, SCAG launched its regional active transportation safety and encouragement campaign, <i>Go Human</i>, with funding from the state Active Transportation Program (ATP). SCAG has extended campaign efforts with annual funding from the State of California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS).</p> <p>The SCAG region, like California and the nation, experienced a period of annual declines in traffic related fatalities and serious injuries until 2012 when they began to steadily rise. Based on an analysis of data between 2012-22, reflected in Connect SoCal 2024, each year in Southern California, an average of 1,600 people are killed and 140,000 people are injured (7,000 of which are serious injuries) in traffic collisions. People walking or riding bikes account for 36% of those deaths and serious injuries despite comprising only 5% of all trips.</p> <p>To address the safety of people walking and biking in the region’s transportation network, SCAG Go Human seeks to reduce traffic crashes and encourage people to walk and bike, with funding from OTS.</p> <p>Consistent with the requirements of the OTS Grant (Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Program) that funds this project, and informed by extensive stakeholder outreach to identify safety strategies to grow and improve the Go Human program, the Consultant shall conduct a comprehensive evaluation of Go Human resources, provide recommendations for improved accessibility and provide recommendations for community-led safety messaging strategies that improve safety.</p> <p>The Consultant shall also fulfill orders and deliveries of bicycle and pedestrian safety materials, provide on-site support for traffic safety events, and coordinate educational services and training materials.</p>
Project’s Benefits & Key Deliverables:	<p>The project’s benefits and key deliverables include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comprehensive assessment and action plan providing recommendations to improve the accessibility of Go Human resources; • Research and action plan providing recommendations for community-lead traffic safety messaging to expand the reach of the program; • Coordination of on-site traffic safety engagement for four (4) community events; • Purchase and distribution of pedestrian and bicycle safety materials alongside six (6) community partners; • Coordination of six (6) training opportunities by Traffic Safety Community Experts; and • Draft & final report.
Strategic Plan:	This item supports SCAG’s Strategic Priority # 3: Spur innovation and action through leadership in research, analysis and information sharing.

Contract Amount:	Total not to exceed	\$599,943
	Circulate Planning (prime consultant)	\$323,921
	Estolano Advisors (subconsultant)	\$115,956
	Toole Design (subconsultant)	\$86,107
	California Walks (subconsultant)	\$51,459
	Southern California Rehabilitation Services (subconsultant)	\$22,500
Contract Period:	Notice to Proceed through September 30, 2025	
Project Number(s):	225-3564JB.21	
	Funding source(s): State of California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Grant	
	Funding of \$599,943 is available in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 Overall Work Program (OWP) Budget in Project Number 225-3564JB.21. Any unused funds are expected to be carried forward into future fiscal year budget(s), subject to budget availability.	
Request for Proposal (RFP):	SCAG staff notified 3,089 firms of the release of RFP 25-029-C01 via SCAG’s Solicitation Management System website. A total of 87 firms downloaded the RFP. SCAG received the following three (3) proposals in response to the solicitation:	
	Circulate Planning (4 subconsultants)	\$599,943
	Active Inland Empire (1 subconsultant)	\$150,152
	Nelson Nygaard (2 subconsultants)	\$598,362
Selection Process:	The Proposal Review Committee (PRC) evaluated each proposal in accordance with the criteria set forth in the RFP and conducted the selection process in a manner consistent with all applicable federal and state contracting regulations. After evaluating the proposals, the PRC interviewed the two (2) highest ranked offerors.	
	The PRC consisted of the following individuals: Alina Borja, Senior Regional Planner, SCAG Jules Lippe-Klein, Planning Supervisor, SCAG Jasmin Munoz, Assistant Regional Planner, SCAG	
Basis for Selection:	The PRC recommended Circulate Planning for the contract award because the consultant:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Demonstrated the best understanding of the project, specifically, a realistic project timeline, a solid plan of action for research deliverables and partnerships;• Provided the best technical approach, for example, crafted an intentional project team with strong and relevant experience with projects of similar size and scope throughout Southern California, showing range of projects and partnerships with the subconsultants. Projects of similar subject matter included experience in the <i>Go Human</i> program that will leverage the firms' considerable experience with previous SCAG and Go Human projects to assess the programs; and	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided value added approaches such as placemaking strategies for Task 4, providing an actionable visual toolkit for research tasks, ensuring bilingual staffing, and action plans crafted to leverage one another. <p>Although other firms proposed a lower price, the PRC did not recommend these firms for a contract award because:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One firm was not considered for the interview phase because their written proposal does not demonstrate experience with projects of similar size and scope and does not address or provide a plan of action for Tasks 1, 2, 3, 4.1, 4.3, and 5. • While the other firm provided a strong proposal, they did not demonstrate commensurate understanding within their proposed technical approach, specifically regarding the timeline, approaching partners, and providing relevant experience among the prime and the subconsultants.
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**Conflict of Interest (COI) Form - Attachment
For June 5, 2025 Regional Council Approval**

Approve Contract No. 25-029-C01 in an amount not to exceed \$599,943 with Circulate Planning to conduct a comprehensive evaluation of Go Human resources, provide recommendations for improved accessibility, and provide recommendations for community-led safety messaging strategies that improve safety. Authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, pursuant to legal counsel review, to execute the contract on behalf of SCAG.

The consultant team for this contract includes:

Consultant Name	Did the consultant disclose a conflict in the Conflict of Interest Form they submitted with its original proposal (Yes or No)?
Circulate Planning (prime consultant)	No - form attached
Estolano Advisors (subconsultant)	No - form attached
Toole Design (subconsultant)	No - form attached
California Walks (subconsultant)	No - form attached
Southern California Rehabilitation Services (subconsultant)	No - form attached

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RFP No. 25-029

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Name of Firm: Circulate San Diego
 Name of Preparer: Colin Parent
 Project Title: 2025 GO HUMAN SAFETY STRATEGIES + RESEARCH
 RFP Number: 25-029 Date Submitted: _____

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DECLARATION

I, (printed full name) Colin Parent, hereby declare that I am the (position or title) CEO of (firm name) Circulate San Diego, and that I am duly authorized to execute this Validation Statement on behalf of this entity. I hereby state that this SCAG Conflict of Interest Form dated 3/20/2025 is correct and current as submitted. I acknowledge that any false, deceptive, or fraudulent statements on this Validation Statement will result in rejection of my contract proposal.

Colin Parent 3/20/2025
 Signature of Person Certifying for Proposer Date
 (original signature required)

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Name of Firm: Estolano Advisors

Name of Preparer: Cecilia V. Estolano

Project Title: 2025 Go Human Safety Strategies & Research

RFP Number: 25-029 Date Submitted: 3/25/25

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I, (printed full name) Cecilia V. Estolano, hereby declare that I am the (position or title) President & CEO of (firm name) Estolano Advisors, and that I am duly authorized to execute this Validation Statement on behalf of this entity. I hereby state that this SCAG Conflict of Interest Form dated 3/25/25 is correct and current as submitted. I acknowledge that any false, deceptive, or fraudulent statements on this Validation Statement will result in rejection of my contract proposal.



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Name of Firm: TDG Engineering, Inc.

Name of Preparer: Jessica Fields, PE, AICP

Project Title: 2025 Go Human Safety Strategies & Research

RFP Number: 25-029 **Date Submitted:** 3/21/2025

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I, (printed full name) Jessica Fields, PE, AICP, hereby declare that I am the (position or title) Director of Operations, Western U.S. of (firm name) TDG Engineering, Inc., and that I am duly authorized to execute this Validation Statement on behalf of this entity. I hereby state that this SCAG Conflict of Interest Form dated 3/21/2025 is correct and current as submitted. I acknowledge that any false, deceptive, or fraudulent statements on this Validation Statement will result in rejection of my contract proposal.



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Name of Firm: California Walks

Name of Preparer: Kevin Shin

Project Title: 2025 Go Human Safety Strategies & Research

RFP Number: 25-029 Date Submitted: 3/26/2025

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I, (printed full name) Kevin Shin, hereby declare that I am the (position or title) Co-Executive Director of (firm name) California Walks, and that I am duly authorized to execute this Validation Statement on behalf of this entity. I hereby state that this SCAG Conflict of Interest Form dated 3/26/2025 is correct and current as submitted. I acknowledge that any false, deceptive, or fraudulent statements on this Validation Statement will result in rejection of my contract proposal.

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Name of Firm: Southern California Rehabilitation Services, Inc.

Name of Preparer: Hector Ochoa, Chief Development Officer

Project Title: Go Human Safety Strategies & Research.

RFP Number: 25-029 **Date Submitted:** 03/27/2025

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I, (printed full name) Hector Ochoa, hereby declare that I am the (position or title) Chief Development Officer of (firm name) Southern California Rehabilitation Services, Inc., and that I am duly authorized to execute this Validation Statement on behalf of this entity. I hereby state that this SCAG Conflict of Interest Form dated 03/27/2025 is correct and current as submitted. I acknowledge that any false, deceptive, or fraudulent statements on this Validation Statement will result in rejection of my contract proposal.



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AGENDA ITEM 7 REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
June 5, 2025

To: Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)
Regional Council (RC)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

From: Javiera Cartagena, Chief Government and Public Affairs Officer
(213) 236-1980, cartagena@scag.ca.gov

Subject: Housing Bills

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RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC) recommends a support position on Assembly Bill (AB) 609 (Wicks), AB 650 (Papan), AB 736 (Wicks)/SB 417 (Cabaldon), AB 1007 (Rubio), AB 1276 (Carrillo), and Senate Bill (SB) 607 (Wiener), an oppose position on SB 681 (Wahab), and watch position for AB 1244 (Wicks) and AB 1275 (Elhawary).

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

This item supports the following Strategic Priority 2: Be a cohesive and influential voice for the region.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

At their meeting on May 13, 2025, members of the Legislative/ Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC) received a report on ten bills related to housing currently being considered by the California Legislature. After discussion on various bills, the Committee members held two separate votes to forward a support recommendation for AB 609 (Wicks), AB 650 (Papan), AB 736 (Wicks), AB 1007 (Rubio), AB 1276 (Carrillo), SB 607 (Wiener), and SB 417 (Cabaldon), an "oppose" recommendation for SB 681 (Wahab), and a "watch" recommendation for AB 1244 (Wicks) and AB 1275 (Elhawary) to the Regional Council (RC).

BACKGROUND:

At the May 13, 2025 LCMC Meeting, SCAG staff presented a comprehensive list of housing-related bills with a direct impact to SCAG and our operations to the LCMC. After the presentation, the LCMC voted to forward recommended positions on the bills as follows:

The LCMC recommends SUPPORT for the following seven legislative bills:

Bill: AB 736 / SB 417 **Author:** Assemblymember Buffy Wicks (D-Oakland) / Senator Christopher Cabaldon (D-Yolo)

Title: Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2026

Status: Assembly Appropriations / Senate Rules

Hyperlink: https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260AB736 / https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260SB417

Assemblymember Buffy Wicks (D-Oakland) and Senator Christopher Cabaldon (D-Yolo) jointly introduced AB 736 and SB 417, which, if passed, would place a bond measure on the June 2026 ballot to provide \$10 billion to California’s affordable housing programs. Specifically, the “Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2026” would authorize \$10 billion in general obligation bonds to provide funding for affordable rental housing for lower-income families, homeownership opportunities, and supportive housing for people experiencing homelessness. Collectively, the bonds aim to fund more than 35,000 new homes, preserve and rehabilitate tens of thousands of existing units, and expand homeownership opportunities for California.

If approved by voters, the bond would be distributed as follows:

Program	Amount	Description
Multifamily Housing Program (MHP)	\$5B	The MHP provides low-interest, long-term deferred-payment loans for new construction, rehabilitation, and preservation of permanent and transitional rental housing for lower-income households. As written in the housing bond bill, at least 10% of units in an MHP must be available for affordable to extremely low-income households.
Supportive Housing (administered through MHP program)	\$1.7B	Requires the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to offer capitalized operating subsidy reserves for supportive housing developments receiving funding. These are funds set aside upfront, typically at the time of a project’s permanent loan closing, to supplement income for operating expenses. These reserves are designed to help cover shortfalls in operating income, such as unexpected maintenance costs, utility expenses, or staff salaries.
Portfolio Reinvestment Program	\$800M	This program aims to preserve existing HCD-funded affordable housing projects by

		extending and restructuring affordability agreements; extending loan maturity dates; providing new low-interest, long-term loans for rehabilitation; and providing forgivable loans to capitalize short-term operating subsidies.
Acquisition and Rehabilitation of Unrestricted Housing Units	\$500M	Would fund the acquisition and rehabilitation of unrestricted housing units, as well as the attachment of long-term affordability restrictions to these units, while safeguarding against the displacement of current residents.
Home Ownership Opportunities	\$1B	<p>CalHome Program – Administered by HCD, provides grants to local public agencies and nonprofit corporations for first-time homebuyer and housing rehabilitation assistance, homebuyer counseling, and technical assistance activities to enable low- and very low-income households to become or remain homeowners.</p> <p>MyHome Assistance Program – Administered by the California Housing Finance Agency (CalHFA), provides downpayment assistance to first-time homebuyers.</p>
Joe Serna, Jr. Farmworker Housing Grant Program	\$350M	Administered by HCD, this program helps fund new construction, rehabilitation, and acquisition of owner-occupied and rental units for agricultural workers, with a priority for lower income households.
Tribal Housing Program	\$250M	Administered by HCD, this would be dedicated, flexible, and comprehensive state program designed for and in consultation with tribes to finance housing and housing-related

		activities that will enable tribes to rebuild and reconstitute their communities.
Infill Infrastructure Grant Program of 2019	\$400M	Administered by HCD, promotes infill housing development by providing financial assistance for Capital Improvement Projects that are an integral part of, or necessary to facilitate the development of affordable and mixed-income housing.

Both AB 736 and SB 417 were introduced with the same bond total of \$10 billion and the same programs to distribute that funding to, with the exception of \$200 million initially proposed by AB 736 for the “Energy Efficiency Low-Income Weatherization Program,” as opposed to \$200 million proposed by SB 417 for “Wildfire prevention and mitigation, wildfire displacement assistance, and acceleration of construction of affordable housing in rental markets impacted by wildfires.” Additionally, SB 417 specifically proposed funding for the 2019 Infill Infrastructure Grant Program.

Since its introduction, several amendments have been made to AB 736, including the elimination of the proposed \$200 million for the “Energy Efficiency Low-Income Weatherization Program,” redistribution of funds between the remaining programs, and the specific inclusion of the Infill Infrastructure Grant Program of 2019. As of today, the only difference between the two proposals is the absence of wildfire funding in the Assembly proposal.

SCAG’s State Legislative Platform, as adopted by the Regional Council, supports legislation that would provide new incentives, tools, and ongoing funding and expand housing programs that fund construction and development of housing and housing-supportive infrastructure, such as the Infill Infrastructure Grant Program, while preserving local authority to address housing production, affordability, and homelessness challenges.

As AB 736 and SB 417 meet these criteria, the LCMC recommends support.

Bill: SB 607 **Author:** Senator Scott Wiener (D-San Francisco)

Title: Fast & Focused CEQA Act

Status: Senate Appropriations

Hyperlink: https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260SB607

SB 607 seeks to enact five changes to the existing CEQA process as recommended by the Little Hoover Commission in their report released in May of 2024 titled, “CEQA: Targeted Reforms for California’s Core Environmental Law.”

These five changes include:

- **First, for projects falling short of meeting eligibility for a categorical or statutory exemption by a lead agency, the scope of the subsequent environmental review would be focused on the disqualifying reason and the facts upon which the action or proceeding reason that disqualified the project from the exemption.**

SB 607 would require a project to evaluate only the single condition that renders the proposed project ineligible for a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) categorical exemption. Under existing law, a project that narrowly misses qualifying for an existing CEQA exemption must prepare a full environmental impact report. A project that would have otherwise been exempt from CEQA may simply have noise OR traffic impacts that disqualify it from the exemption. Under SB 607, the project would only have to evaluate the condition that renders the proposed project ineligible for the exemption. This change is anticipated to reduce CEQA costs and litigation risks while ensuring that environmental review focuses on the real environmental risks associated with the project.

- **Second, the bill aligns the standard of review for a lead agency’s determination to adopt a Negative Declaration (ND) or a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) to parity with the existing standard of review for Environmental Impact Reports (EIRs).**

Under existing law, the “fair argument standard” is applied under CEQA for the ND and MND, which means that if there is substantial evidence supporting a fair argument that a project may have a significant environmental impact, an EIR must be prepared, a process that is more cumbersome. SB 607 ensures that courts review environmental impact reports (EIRs), negative declarations (NDs), and mitigated negative declarations (MNDs) under the same standard.

- **Third, SB 607 focuses CEQA review on the most relevant administrative records by excluding communications of people tangentially or far removed from project decision-making, with specified exemptions.**

SB 607 limits the scope of administrative records to those documents that were relevant to the decision-making process. This will de-clutter the administrative record and ensure that internal agency communications that were never presented to, considered, or relied upon by the decision-making body are excluded from the record. As such, this bill aims to reduce the time and resources required to prepare the administrative record and prevent litigation that seeks to rescind a project approval due to communications that were not part of the agency’s decision.

- **Next, the bill would clarify the existing Class 32 urban infill exemption to make it usable.**

Under existing law, infill projects less than five acres in size that are substantially surrounded by urban uses and are consistent with the general plan and zoning designations can qualify for the Class 32 Categorical Exemption, which provides exemptions for infill housing approvals for projects that are on sites of less than 5 acres within city limits surrounded by urban uses. However, the project in question must be located within city limits. This means that the Class 32 exemption cannot be used on projects located on unincorporated lands, even if those county parcels are surrounded by a city or if the urban area chose not to incorporate. SB 607 would thus allow the infill categorical exemption to be used on parcels that meet all the requirements of the Class 32 exemption but are on county unincorporated lands. This change will avoid CEQA review for projects that are otherwise identical to those the Secretary for Resources has already determined typically do not cause a significant effect on the environment.

- **Lastly, SB 607 would exempt rezonings that are consistent with an already approved housing element from CEQA, recognizing that local jurisdictions must undergo the CEQA process as a part of the housing element adoption process.**

Most rezonings are discretionary actions subject to CEQA. However, local governments have typically already conducted an extensive CEQA review for the housing element and/or general plan. As such, most CEQA reviews for rezonings are duplicative of environmental reviews that have already taken place.

SB 607 is Co-Sponsored by the Bay Area Council, Housing Action Coalition, Prosperity California, and the Rural County Representatives of California. It is supported by groups such as Abundant Housing LA, the California Apartment Association, California Big City Mayors, California Building Industry Association, California Business Properties Association, California Chamber of Commerce, California State Association of Counties, and California YIMBY. Conversely, the bill has received opposition from environmental groups such as California Preservation Foundation, Environmental Defense Center, Livable California, Los Angeles Waterkeeper, Move LA, Natural Resources Defense Council, Planning and Conservation League, and Sierra Club California.

While underscoring SCAG's support for environmental protection, the State Legislative Platform, as adopted by the Regional Council, supports CEQA reform to expedite and streamline project development and delivery, especially for transportation, transit-oriented, infill, and housing projects. As such, the LCMC recommends support for SB 607.

Bill: AB 609 **Author:** Assemblymember Buffy Wicks (D-Oakland)

Title: CEQA: categorical exemptions: infill projects

Status: Referred to Committee on Appropriations

Hyperlink: https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260AB609

This bipartisan bill exempts infill housing projects that meet the following criteria from having to go through the CEQA process:

- The project site is not more than 20 acres.
- The project site is either in an incorporated town or city or within an urban area as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau.
- The project site has previously been developed with an urban use, or at least 75 percent of the perimeter of the site adjoins parcels developed with urban areas.
- The project is consistent with the applicable general plan, zoning ordinance, and any local coastal program.
- The project proposes housing units with a minimum density of five units per acre for an unincorporated area in a nonmetropolitan county, 10 units per acre in a suburban jurisdiction, and 15 units per acre in a metropolitan county.
- The project is not located on environmentally sensitive or hazardous sites, such as wetlands or lands under conservation easement.
- The project does not require the demolition of an historic structure that was placed on a national, state, or local historic register.

Further, the bill was recently amended to address housing on a site located within 500 feet of a freeway, requiring additional conditions be met to qualify for the exemption, such as the inclusion of centralized heating, ventilation and air conditioning and no allowance of balconies facing the freeway.

Exempting individual projects from CEQA that comply with local objective standards, are in an infill location, and are not located on environmentally sensitive or hazardous sites would make it easier to build infill housing in California. SCAG's State Legislative Platform, as adopted by the Regional Council, supports CEQA reform to expedite and streamline project development and delivery, especially for transportation, transit-oriented, infill, and housing projects.

As such, the LCMC recommends support for AB 609.

Bill: AB 1007 **Author:** Assemblymember Blanca Rubio (D-West Covina)

Title: Land Use: development project review

Status: Assembly Committee on Appropriations

Hyperlink: https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260AB1007

This bill seeks to expedite the timelines for approval or disapproval by a public agency acting as the “responsible agency” for residential and mixed-use development projects. Specifically, it requires a public agency, other than the California Coastal Commission, that is a responsible agency for a development project, including residential units only, mixed-use development, transitional or supportive housing, or farmworker housing, either to approve or disapprove a development project that has already been approved by the “lead agency” within whichever of the following periods of time is longer:

- 45 days from the date on which the lead agency has approved the project; or
- 45 days from the date the completed application for the development project has been received and accepted as complete by the responsible agency.

SCAG’s State Legislative Platform, as adopted by the Regional Council, supports reform to expedite and streamline project development and delivery, especially for transportation, transit-oriented, infill, and housing projects. As such, the LCMC recommends support for AB 1007.

Bill: AB 1276 **Author:** Assemblymember Juan Carrillo (D-Palmdale)

Title: Housing developments: ordinances, policies, and standards

Status: Assembly Committee on Appropriations

Hyperlink: https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260AB1276

Under existing law, local governments are prohibited from denying, making infeasible, or reducing the density of housing developments that comply with objective standards, unless specific written findings are made based on health, safety, or conflicts with state and federal law. Additionally, under existing law, a project applicant has 180 days, or approximately six months, to file a “complete application” from the time the applicant files a preliminary application to build housing.

If the developer files a complete application in time, the housing development gains “vested rights” to proceed under the rules that were in effect when the preliminary application was submitted. This includes the vesting of objective standards such as general plans, community plans, specific plans, zoning ordinances, design review standards, subdivision standards, and any other rules, regulations, requirements, and policies of a local agency.

AB 1276, sponsored by the California Building Industry Association, would extend these existing requirements for local governments to all public agencies, including state and regional agencies, for reviews of housing development projects and emergency shelters. Additionally, it would add post-entitlement standards, materials requirements associated with subdivisions, and any rules, regulations, determinations, and other requirements adopted or implemented by other public agencies, such as state and regional governments, to the list of ordinances, policies and standards that are vested once a developer submits a complete application within 180 days of a preliminary application.

Per the author, extending these existing requirements to the state and regional agency level would ensure housing projects are not subject to regulatory changes at the state and regional agency level after a preliminary application is submitted, except in cases concerning health, safety, or environmental mitigation, thereby reducing uncertainty and reinforcing clear, predictable standards.

Adopted by the Regional Council, SCAG's State Legislative Platform supports reform to expedite and streamline the development and delivery of projects. As such, the LCMC recommends support for AB 1276.

Bill: AB 650 **Author:** Assemblymember Diane Papan (D-San Mateo)

Title: Planning and zoning: housing element: regional housing needs allocation

Status: Assembly Committee on Appropriations

Hyperlink: https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260AB650

AB 650, introduced by Assemblymember Diane Papan, would extend various timelines in the Regional Housing Needs Determination (RHND), Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA), and housing element (HE) process. It would also require the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to provide specific recommendations to local governments on correcting their draft HEs if HCD finds that it does not substantially comply with state law. If HCD determines that a draft HE is not substantially compliant with HE law, local governments would be required to consider HCD's recommendations before adopting a final HE.

Regarding the RHND and RHNA process, this bill would extend the timeline for HCD, in consultation with a Council of Governments (COG), to provide the regional determination, or the overall number of existing and projected housing need for the entire region, from two to three years before the scheduled HE due date for the region. AB 650 would also extend the timeline for HCD to meet and consult with a COG regarding the assumptions and methodology HCD will use to calculate the regional determination from 26 months to 38 months before the scheduled HE due date. This bill would also extend the timeline for a COG, in consultation with HCD, to develop and propose a methodology for distributing the RHNA to local jurisdictions from 24 months to 30 months before

the scheduled HE due date. Lastly, it would extend the timeline from 18 months to 24 months before the scheduled HE due date for COGs to distribute a draft RHNA and publish the draft RHNA plan on its website.

Separately, under existing law, at least two or more local jurisdictions are allowed to form a subregional entity to allocate that subregion's RHNA among its members. This bill would extend the time for local jurisdictions to create a subregional entity from 28 to 34 months before the HE due date. AB 650 would also extend the time for COGs to determine each subregion's RHNA from 25 months to 31 months before the HE due date.

Additionally, this bill would require that if HCD finds that a draft HE or amendment does not substantially comply with HE law, HCD must:

1. Identify and explain the specific issues with the draft HE or amendment that prevent it from complying with HE law, including a reference to the specific subdivision of HE law with which the draft does not comply; and
2. Provide specific analysis or text that HCD expects a planning agency to include in a draft HE or amendment to fix any issues preventing it from complying with HE law.

Local governments would be required to consider HCD's findings concerning their draft HEs and their recommendations to remedy any issues before adopting a draft element or amendment. Further, if HCD finds that a draft element or amendment does not substantially comply with HE law, local governments would be required to:

1. Include HCD's recommendations in a draft element/ amendment; or
2. Adopt a draft element/ amendment without HCD's recommendations, but explain why the jurisdiction thinks its draft element/ amendment still complies with HE law despite HCD's analysis.

If a jurisdiction adopts a HE or amendment without HCD's recommendations, HCD will be required to review it a second time. If HCD finds that the adopted HE is still not substantially compliant with HE law during this second review, it would again be required to identify the specific subdivisions of the code with which it does not comply and make recommendations that would bring it into substantial compliance, if adopted.

Lastly, HCD is currently required to develop a standardized reporting format for programs and actions taken to affirmatively further fair housing via the housing element. However, there is no

deadline for this task. AB 650 would require HCD to develop this standardized reporting format by December 31, 2026.

AB 650 aligns with SCAG's State Legislative Platform which expresses support for legislation that would "increase coordination and flexibility between the California Department of Housing and Community Development and local jurisdictions to realize shared housing production goals, particularly for the development and implementation of local housing elements as well as advancing fairness and transparency of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) program." Thus, the LCMC recommends support for AB 650.

The LCMC recommends an OPPOSE position for the following legislative bill:

Bill: SB 681 **Author:** Senator Aisha Wahab (D-Fremont)

Title: Housing

Status: Senate Committee on Appropriations

Hyperlink: https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260SB681

SB 681 aims to address rising housing costs by proposing various changes to the law, including prohibiting landlords from charging tenants specific fees, limiting the application screening fee that a landlord can charge, and deeming subordinate mortgages abandoned if the mortgage servicer fails to provide certain notices. It also includes several changes to the Housing Accountability Act, the Housing Crisis Act, the Surplus Lands Act, the Permit Streamlining Act, and the Coastal Act, with provisions aimed at extending various programs, expanding streamlined permitting of housing development, opening more local land to housing development, and increasing efficiencies in the processing of local coastal plans.

Specific to SCAG, existing law provides that each community's fair share of housing be determined through the Regional Housing Needs Determination (RHND)/ Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) process. This includes the Department of Finance and HCD developing regional housing needs estimates, COGs allocating housing within each region based on these determinations, and cities and counties incorporating these allocations into their housing elements. As part of that process, existing law requires COGs to provide data assumptions from their projections for overcrowding and the percentage of households that are cost-burdened based on a comparable housing market.

This bill would amend the housing element law to require that the data assumptions COGs must provide to HCD include the percentage of households that are: overcrowded within the region, overcrowded throughout the nation, cost-burdened within the region, and cost-burdened nationwide. Additionally, it would require the COG to provide data assumptions from their

projections for overcrowding and the percentage of households based on the difference between the region's rates and those of comparable regions in the country.

Lastly, it would require COGs to submit a draft allocation methodology and develop a revised methodology in consultation with HCD within 45 days, if HCD finds the draft allocation methodology does not further the five existing, statutory objectives of the RHNA program. For reference, these five objectives are listed below:

1. Increasing the housing supply and the mix of housing types, tenure, and affordability in all cities and counties within the region in an equitable manner, which shall result in each jurisdiction receiving an allocation of units for low- and very low-income households.
2. Promoting infill development and socioeconomic equity, the protection of environmental and agricultural resources, the encouragement of efficient development patterns, and the achievement of the region's greenhouse gas reduction targets provided by the State Air Resources Board.
3. Promoting an improved intraregional relationship between jobs and housing, including an improved balance between the number of low-wage jobs and the number of housing units affordable to low-wage workers in each jurisdiction.
4. Allocating a lower proportion of housing need to an income category when a jurisdiction already has a disproportionately high share of households in that income category, as compared to the countywide distribution of households in that category from the most recent American Community Survey.
5. Affirmatively furthering fair housing.

Analysis

Requiring COGs to develop a revised methodology in consultation with HCD, if HCD finds that the draft allocation methodology does not further the five objectives, would completely bypass SCAG's comprehensive public outreach process used to develop the RHNA distribution methodology. Such an action would be contrary to the Legislative Platform's support for legislation that increases coordination and flexibility between HCD and local jurisdictions to achieve shared housing production goals, particularly in the development and implementation of local housing elements, as well as advancing the fairness and transparency of the RHNA program.

For these reasons, the LCMC recommends opposition to SB 681.

The LCMC recommends a WATCH position for the following legislative bills:

Bill: AB 1244 **Author:** Assemblymember Buffy Wicks (D-Oakland)
Title: CEQA: transportation impact mitigation: Transit-Oriented Development Implementation Program
Status: Assembly Committee on Appropriations
Hyperlink: https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260AB1244

Under existing law, developers are required to mitigate the Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) produced by their projects through an existing array of options, including using the fees toward GHG reduction activities such as bus and transit passes, bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, carpool and vanpools, and habitat conservation. Proponents of AB 1244 argue that there is currently no state-level process in place to collect and disburse VMT mitigation dollars for affordable housing. As such, this bill seeks to establish a statewide VMT mitigation fund focused on affordable Transit-Oriented Development (TOD).

To do so, the bill directs the Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation (LUCI) to determine a price per VMT by July 1, 2026, updating that price on or before July 1, 2029, and every three years thereafter. Those funds would then be contributed to the existing Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Implementation fund under the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to fund local infill housing development within the same region as the project in the following order:

- To developments within the same city as the project or for projects in unincorporated areas, to developments in the same county; and
- To developments in the same county.

The bill would additionally require HCD to confirm the estimated reduction in VMT attributed to the award using the method used for the existing Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) program, and post on its website all of the program awards at the conclusion of each funding round, with all of the following information:

- The name, location, and number of units in each development funded;
- The total development cost and amount of funds awarded to each development, including but not limited to the amount of funds contributed as a result of VMT mitigation;
- The reduction in VMT estimated for each development and attributed to the award using the same method as used by the AHSC program; and

- The VMT obligations of each project that contributed funds to the award during the funding round.

This bill would not remove any of the existing strategies available to developers. Rather, it would expand the options available to them, adding another tool to their VMT mitigation toolbox. Furthermore, the author argues that this could facilitate the pooling of VMT mitigation dollars, enabling larger and more effective mitigation strategies than are possible for individual projects, and potentially helping to spur more affordable housing development in California.

SCAG's State Legislative Platform, approved by the Regional Council, supports legislation that would provide new incentives, tools, and ongoing funding for housing programs that fund construction and development of housing and housing-supportive infrastructure.

As this bill moves forward, the LCMC recommends a "watch" position on AB 1244.

Bill: AB 1275 **Author:** Assemblymember Sade Elhawary (D-Los Angeles)

Title: Regional housing needs: regional transportation plan

Status: Assembly Committee on Appropriations

Hyperlink: https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260AB1275

History

Introduced in 2023, AB 1335 by Assemblymember Rick Chavez Zbur (D-Los Angeles) sought to align the population projections between the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) and the Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS). By doing so, they hoped to have local governments' general plans better aligned with the environmental goals of the SCS. From their perspective, this would create more housing opportunities near jobs and transit, alleviating both the housing shortage and affordability crisis while reducing people's reliance on cars for transportation.

Originally presented to the LCMC on Tuesday, March 21, 2023, the Regional Council (RC) adopted an oppose position on the bill at its meeting on April 6, 2023, as its original language would have taken away the ability for agencies like SCAG to develop their own regional growth forecasts. Following the adoption of an "oppose" position, the bill underwent several amendments. The third iteration would have required MPOs, including SCAG, to make certain planning assumptions in the RTP/SCS. Specifically, it would have forced SCAG to accept HCD's Regional Housing Determination as the only piece of information that could be used to forecast household growth in the first eight years of SCAG's 30-year RTP/SCS. Functionally, this assumption would have meant that the RTP/SCS would assume that the region's entire 1.34 million RHNA determination would be constructed by 2029.

For SCAG's planning documents, our technical experts project that 1.34 million housing units will be constructed, just over a more extended period of time. SCAG's current forecast is based off development data from the construction industry that shows 54,000 new housing units were constructed in the Southern California region in 2022 – the highest annual total since 2006. As with the previous versions of this bill, it would have been irresponsible for SCAG's planning documents to assume housing development at three times the actual rate.

There are more things SCAG must consider when forecasting future housing growth than just HCD's RHNA determination for Southern California. These factors include migration, the private sector's access to capital, public subsidies for affordable projects, labor availability, and raw material costs, among others. Using the RHNA target as a planning forecast, however, will have the unintended consequence of throwing off SCAG's ability to demonstrate Air Quality Conformity to the EPA. If the region fails to meet air quality conformity, Southern California will lose the ability to use most federal transportation dollars, including those from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA).

AB 1275

As AB 1335 (Zbur, 2023) failed to make it out of the Legislature, the bill's original sponsors, Abundant Housing LA, have reintroduced the bill in the form of AB 1275 (Elhawary). Noting our heavy opposition to the previous iteration, including our justification, Abundant Housing LA has been in contact with SCAG, as well as the California Association of Councils of Governments (CalCOG). Through these conversations, the bill has been amended to its current form, which would now make HCD provide each region's Regional Housing Needs Assessment determination at least three years prior to the scheduled revision of the housing element, as opposed to the existing two-year requirement. In addition, it would extend the timeline for HCD to meet and consult with COGs from at least 26 months to at least 38 months prior to the next housing element update, which would align the process with the existing timeline for the development of the SCS. This was one of the recommendations SCAG had made to HCD as part of the department's process in developing the California Housing Futures 2040 report to the Legislature in which HCD made recommendations to change the RHNA process. Additionally, this aligns with SB 233 (Seyarto), for which the Regional Council adopted a "support" position on March 6, 2025.

Further, the bill would also require each COG to consider including the development patterns outlined in the region's SCS of its regional transportation plan in developing the methodology that allocates regional housing needs to the extent sufficient data is available, as well as require that the RHNA plan be informed by the development pattern included in the SCS. This differs from last year's version, which would have required the SCS to assume all of the region's final determination would be built within the eight-year cycle.

The LCMC recommends a "watch" position on AB 1275.

Prior Committee Action:

Following a staff presentation on AB 736 (Wicks)/SB 417 (Cabaldon), SB 607 (Wiener), AB 609 (Wicks), AB 1007 (Rubio), and AB 1276 (Carrillo), members of the committee asked various questions and made comments on these bills, which staff addressed. A bulleted list summarizing the questions, comments, and staff response is included below:

- Regarding AB 609 (Wicks), what is the difference between that bill and AB 2011 (Wicks, 2022), and does AB 609 contain an affordability requirement?
 - Response: AB 2011 was a more prescriptive bill that mandated by-right approval for affordable housing on commercially zoned land. In contrast, AB 609 provides a CEQA exemption for specified housing projects and applies to all housing projects that meet the criteria but does not require ministerial approval of qualifying projects. AB 609 does not contain any affordability requirements, unlike AB 2011.
- Regarding AB 736 (Wicks), the Housing Bond, would the funding be required to be deposited into the specified programs, and would it have to stay there? Who would administer the programs? Who determines if a project is eligible for funding? Are there workforce housing requirements in the programs that would receive funding?
 - Response: If AB 736 is passed and voters approve the bond ballot measure, the funding would be dedicated for the specified grant programs and accounts outlined in the bill language. These grant programs would be administered by HCD, which would conduct a competitive grant application process for jurisdictions, nonprofits, and other eligible entities to submit their projects for consideration, as outlined in a published Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) and in accordance with the selection guidelines. HCD has previously published selection guidelines for the programs that AB 736 includes. Various grant programs, such as the Multifamily Housing and the Infill Infrastructure Grant Programs, have affordability components or would help support the creation of workforce housing.
- Is there someone who will coordinate how Housing Bond funding is spent? Will the \$500 million for the acquisition and rehabilitation of unrestricted housing units turn those units into restricted housing units?
 - Response: Since AB 736 proposes allocating bond funding to existing programs, we can examine their past performance and evaluate their success. The state is attempting to leverage programs with a proven track record of success rather than creating new ones. The housing bond is essential because funding from the previous housing bond is running out; therefore, this new bond will enable the state to

continue supporting critical housing programs. Regarding the \$500 million for the acquisition and rehabilitation of unrestricted housing units, it would allow nonprofits, community land trusts, or local public entities to restrict currently unrestricted housing units. However, the state itself wouldn't be restricting the units. It would be local organizations and community-based organizations (CBOs) that upgrade the old housing stock while allowing current residents to continue living there.

- Members expressed a desire to engage the author of the housing bond to emphasize the need for accountability to ensure that funds are being used effectively.
- Members expressed that while \$10 billion is not a lot of money statewide, any funding that helps secure a permanent source of financing to help build housing will be crucial. What is the sentiment surrounding a bond in Sacramento, given the budget deficit?
 - Response: Housing funding was not included in the January budget proposal. With the projected deficit, there will likely be increased support for a bond, as the state is expected to have limited funding to allocate to housing without a bond measure.
- Members expressed that even if AB 736 passes, voters will ultimately decide whether the state should incur bond debt to fund housing programs. What would be the impact on housing programs if this bond does not pass? What would be the impact on homelessness?
 - Response: Without this bond, the situation will remain unchanged. That's why the state legislature is passing legislation to streamline housing programs.
- Is the state planning to sunset the energy efficiency, low-income weatherization program, since it was not included in this bond? Can staff continue to monitor funding for these types of programs?
 - Response: The Legislature has discussed funding that program through the cap-and-trade program. State Insurance Commissioner Lara is also working to allocate funding to weatherization programs. Thus, the idea behind this bond was to focus heavily on housing infrastructure. Staff will continue to monitor funding for this item.

After staff responded to the various comments and questions, the LCMC voted 14 to 2 to approve the staff recommendation to forward a position to the Regional Council on AB 736 (Wicks)/SB 417 (Cabaldon), SB 607 (Wiener), AB 609 (Wicks), AB 1007 (Rubio), and AB 1276 (Carrillo).

Staff then presented on AB 650 (Papan), SB 681 (Wahab), AB 1244 (Wicks), and AB 1275 (Elhawary). Following a discussion, committee members asked various questions and made comments on these bills, which staff addressed. A bulleted list summarizing the questions, comments, and staff response is included below:

- Regarding SB 681 (Wahab), are we in communication with any other MPOs, and can we do a joint opposition letter?
 - Response: Yes, staff are in communication with other MPOs. Staff sent an email to the California League of Councils of Governments (CalCOG) with our concerns. Many other MPOs are still bringing this bill to their legislative committees, so staff will follow up to ensure we join a coalition in opposition to this bill, if there is an opportunity to do so, once the RC approves the oppose position.
- Regarding AB 1244, SCAG should engage the County Transportation Commissions. What is the definition of a regional transportation agency? Who will administer the VMT mitigation fund? How will funding be distributed? How can we ensure that the funds will be used to reduce VMT?
 - Response: Staff will address these comments if it is brought back to the LCMC with a recommendation for a support or oppose position in the future.
- Regarding AB 1275, SCAG housing staff should continue to monitor this legislation and provide the LCMC with a detailed understanding of its implications and how it would apply to SCAG jurisdictions, particularly in relation to the RHNA and Sustainable Communities Strategy.
 - Response: This bill is very technical. Staff will continue to monitor this legislation and provide further analysis if it is brought back to the committee.

After staff responded to the various comments and questions, the LCMC voted unanimously to approve the staff recommendation to recommend that the RC adopt a support position on AB 650 (Papan), an oppose position on SB 681 (Wahab), and watch positions on AB 1244 (Wicks) and AB 1275 (Elhawary).

FISCAL IMPACT:

Work associated with the Housing Bills report is in the Indirect Cost budget, Legislation 810-0120.10.



AGENDA ITEM 8

REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
June 5, 2025

To: Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)
Regional Council (RC)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

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Subject: AB 98 Cleanup Bills

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RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The Legislative/ Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC) recommends an “oppose” position on Assembly Bill (AB) 735 (Carrillo) and Senate Bill (SB) 415 (Reyes).

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

This item supports the following Strategic Priority 2: Be a cohesive and influential voice for the region.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

At their meeting on May 13, 2025, members of the Legislative/ Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC) received a report on two bills, Assembly Bill (AB) 735 (Carrillo) and Senate Bill (SB) 415 (Reyes), that were introduced to clean up AB 98 (Carrillo & Reyes, 2024). AB 98 established minimum requirements for warehouse developments and imposed additional requirements on local jurisdictions related to warehouse projects, truck routes, and air quality monitoring. Following concerted advocacy efforts, Assemblymember Juan Carrillo (D-Palmdale) and Senator Eloise Gomez Reyes (D-San Bernardino) introduced AB 735 (Carrillo) and SB 415 (Reyes), two identical bills aimed at clarifying and addressing deficiencies in AB 98. Following a discussion, committee members voted to forward an “oppose” recommendation for AB 735 (Carrillo) and SB 415 (Reyes) to the Regional Council (RC).

BACKGROUND:

In 2024, Assemblymember Juan Carrillo and Senator Eloise Gomez Reyes jointly authored AB 98, which Governor Newsom signed into law on September 29, 2024. AB 98 established minimum standards that warehouse developments must meet before a local agency may approve them and imposed various requirements on local governments related to truck routes and air quality monitoring. AB 98 initially addressed a completely unrelated topic, but was gutted and amended on August 28, 2024, just three days before the legislative session concluded, leaving virtually no time for public input.

Specifically, AB 98 imposed new warehouse design and build standards for “21st Century Warehouses” intended to reduce GHG emissions for new or expanded logistics use developments, beginning in January 2026, and prohibits jurisdictions from approving new logistics use developments that don’t meet these standards. These requirements include minimum setbacks from sensitive receptors, buffer zones, site design standards, building electrification, and operational standards. AB 98 outlined separate tiers, with stricter requirements for warehouse developments exceeding 250,000 square feet and those located in specified jurisdictions within the SCAG region, which is part of the “warehouse concentration region” (WCR). AB 98 also imposes new requirements on local jurisdictions, including updating their circulation elements by January 2028, or January 2026 for jurisdictions in the WCR, to designate truck routes that avoid residential areas and sensitive receptors, maximizing the use of highways and major roads. It also requires the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) to deploy mobile air monitoring systems in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties to collect data near warehouses and provide reports to evaluate the effectiveness of the required setbacks. AB 98 also authorized the Attorney General (AG) to fine jurisdictions that have not updated their circulation elements by specified deadlines.

SCAG sent the Governor a letter opposing and requesting that he veto AB 98 with executive approval to circumvent the usual bill position approval process due to the extenuating circumstances, given that the bill was essentially introduced and passed by the legislature in three days.

In an attempt to “clarify this area of state law,” Assemblymember Carrillo and Senator Gomez Reyes introduced identical bills, AB 735 and SB 415, that modify various aspects of these provisions. These changes are outlined below and are divided into two sections: the first contains provisions that make significant amendments to AB 98, and the second outlines provisions that make minor or technical amendments.

Summaries of the two bills are included below.

The LCMC recommends an OPPOSE position for the following two legislative bills:

Bill:	AB 735	Author:	Assemblymember Juan Carrillo (D-Palmdale)
	SB 415		Senator Eloise Gómez Reyes (D-San Bernardino)
Title:	Planning and zoning: logistics use: truck routes		
	AB 735: Passed in Asm. Local Gov. 8-0 and re-referred to Asm. Approps to be heard May 14.		
Status:	SB 415: Passed in Sen. Local Gov. 7-0. Passed in Sen. Approps without a vote since state costs were determined to be insignificant—pending Senate Floor vote.		
Hyperlink:			
AB 735:	https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billStatusClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260AB735		

SB 415: https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billStatusClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260SB415

AB 735 and SB 415, authored by Assemblymember Juan Carrillo and Senator Eloise Gómez Reyes, respectively, would generally clarify and modify various requirements implemented by AB 98 (Carrillo & Reyes, 2024) to facilitate implementation. AB 735 and SB 415 are identical, and both authors have committed to a joint process that moves these bills through the legislative process in tandem.

Major Provisions

First, AB 735 and SB 415 would clarify and narrow the definition of “logistics use.” Currently, a “logistics use” means a building in which cargo, goods, or products are moved or stored for later distribution. These bills would update the definition to a building that is primarily used as a warehouse for the movement or the storage of cargo, goods, or products, excluding agricultural buildings that are operated for less than 90 consecutive days per year.

AB 735 and SB 415 would clarify that logistics uses must meet or exceed the most current energy efficiency standards in effect at the time a building permit is issued, providing stability for project proposals. AB 735 also clarifies that the AB 98 exemption for proposed logistics use projects in the entitlement process before September 30, 2024, will no longer be applicable if construction does not commence within five years from the date the project is entitled.

These bills also extend the deadline for cities or counties outside the warehouse concentration region to update their circulation elements, based on population size. Cities with a population exceeding 50,000 and counties with a population exceeding 100,000 must still update their circulation elements by January 1, 2028, the same deadline outlined in AB 98. On the other hand, cities with populations of less than 50,000 and counties with populations of less than 100,000 will get their timeline extended by seven years and will be required to update their elements by January 1, 2035. These bills state that the population of all unincorporated areas will be used to determine a county's population for determining the circulation update deadline. Notably, these provisions do not modify the deadline for jurisdictions in the WCR to update their circulation elements by January 1, 2026. These jurisdictions include unincorporated Riverside and San Bernardino Counties, as well as the Cities of Chino, Colton, Fontana, Jurupa Valley, Moreno Valley, Ontario, Perris, Rancho Cucamonga, Redlands, Rialto, Riverside, and San Bernardino.

AB 98 authorizes the AG to fine jurisdictions \$50k every six months if they have not updated their circulation element by the specified deadline. AB 735 and SB 415 would authorize the Attorney General (AG) to impose a fine on jurisdictions that have not met their deadline to update their circulation element only if the AG determines that the jurisdiction has not made a good faith effort to comply.

Minor Provisions

AB 735 and SB 415 make various minor clarifications, including:

- Stating that electrification requirements only apply if sufficient power is available.
- Land being used to ensure the public's right of access to the sea, per the Coastal Act, is considered a "sensitive receptor."
- Concerning San Bernardino and Riverside Counties, the "warehouse concentration region" includes only the unincorporated areas of those counties, in addition to the previously outlined cities.
- Currently, truck routes must travel directly along arterial roads, major thoroughfares, or "local roads that predominantly serve commercially oriented uses," which is defined as roads with 50 percent of properties fronting the roads within 1,000 feet being designated for commercial or industrial uses. These bills add agricultural uses to the "local roads" section and clarify that the 1,000-foot length must be measured from truck exits and entrances.
- AB 98's housing replacement provisions do not conflict with an existing law related to replacing demolished affordable housing units.
- Agricultural roads can be used in truck routes, in addition to commercial roads.
- Cities and counties must provide for the posting of signage to identify truck routes, parking, and idling locations, instead of "idling facility locations."
- Facility operators must submit a truck routing plan for approval that describes the operational characteristics of the logistic use *and* the facility operator, instead of just the facility operator.

While both AB 735 and SB 415 were heard and passed unanimously in their respective Local Government Committees, members recognized that they remain a work in progress. Several organizations, including the California Building Properties Association (CBPA) and the California League of Cities (Cal Cities), have expressed the need for additional amendments. SB 415 advanced out of the Senate Appropriations Committee without a vote or committee review because the committee chair determined the bill had insignificant costs.

Cal Cities distributed a letter to the Local Government Committee requesting specific amendments, including:

- Removing the Circulation Element update requirements if a local government has no proposed new or expanded logistics use development within its jurisdiction.
- Allowing flexibility for cities and counties to meet the truck route requirements through adopted ordinances or local transportation plans, rather than relying solely on a Circulation Element update.

Several other organizations, including business groups, cities, counties, and environmental groups, among others, are requesting additional changes beyond those outlined in these bills.

Prior Committee Action:

At the May 13, 2025 LCMC Meeting, staff presented both bills with a recommendation to “watch.” Following staff presentations, LCMC members discussed these bills, noting that AB 98 has led to their jurisdictions losing development opportunities and jobs, and that AB 735 and SB 415 do not address the main issues contributing to those losses. Members of the committee then made a motion to “oppose” AB 735 and SB 415.

Committee members clarified that even if the motion was to “oppose” both bills, staff should continue to watch and engage in negotiations, and bring AB 735 and SB 415, as well as any other AB 98 cleanup bills, back to the committee for future information, deliberation, and action. The committee expressed a desire for the agency to continue providing feedback and voicing its opinions on these and any other AB 98-related legislation.

After the discussion, the LCMC voted 8 to 7 to recommend that the RC adopt “oppose” positions on AB 735 (Carrillo) and SB 415 (Reyes).

FISCAL IMPACT:

Work associated with the AB 98 Cleanup Bills report is in the Indirect Cost budget, Legislation 810-0120.10.



AGENDA ITEM 9

REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
June 5, 2025

To: Regional Council (RC)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

From: Javiera Cartagena, Chief Government and Public Affairs Officer
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Subject: June 2025 State and Federal Legislative Update

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RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Receive and File

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

This item supports the following Strategic Priority 2: Be a cohesive and influential voice for the region.

STATE

Governor Newsom Releases May Budget Revision

On May 14, 2025, Governor Gavin Newsom released his May Budget Revision. The Governor proposed a \$322 billion budget, of which \$226 billion is General Fund spending. While the Governor's January Budget initially proposed a \$350 million budget surplus, the revised budget now projects an \$11.9 billion deficit, as the budget picture has deteriorated due to the Los Angeles wildfires, downwind effects from the federal tariffs, and increased social service costs.

To address the deficit, the May Revision includes \$5 billion in savings, including freezing enrollment for new undocumented Medi-Cal enrollees and implementing a \$100 monthly premium requirement for current registrants, and capping overtime and travel hours for various social service programs. The budget also proposes borrowing and shifting \$5.3 billion from various cash and rainy-day reserves. The Governor also proposed reallocating funds for CalFIRE to be paid from cap-and-trade funds, rather than the General Fund. In addition to these three main cost savings, the Governor is also making various smaller reductions and borrowing from special funds to bridge the remaining gap to close the deficit. State leaders have already approved "early action" budget bills, which include \$3 billion to address increased Medi-Cal costs and \$2.5 billion for wildfire relief. However, the state anticipates receiving reimbursement from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for wildfire-related expenditures.

Notably, the Governor proposed extending the cap-and-trade program by 15 years, rather than the previous 10-year extension, and renaming it "Cap-and-Invest." Cap-and-trade is not set to expire until 2030, so if this extension is approved, it would mean the program would not expire until 2045.

The Governor proposed continuing ongoing investments in High Speed-Rail (HSR), proposing that at least \$1 billion in cap-and-trade funds be allocated to the project each year, ensuring that it would receive nearly \$20 billion between now and 2045. Current law appropriates 25 percent of all cap-and-trade revenues for the HSR. Furthermore, the Governor also proposed reallocating \$1.54 billion annually from the General Fund to the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF), where cap-and-trade funds are deposited, for CalFIRE, with a General Fund backstop in place if GGRF revenues fall below projections. The Governor has previously proposed \$1.8 billion in discretionary cap-and-trade expenditures for the 2025-26 fiscal year, but it's unclear whether that funding will be delayed or cancelled. While the Governor proposed ongoing funding for HSR and CalFIRE, he has indicated that the remaining funding is open to negotiation with the Legislature. Other items open to negotiation include funding for homelessness, the proposed \$10 billion housing bond, cuts to public higher education, and a pause in healthcare enrollment.

On the transportation side, the Governor proposes no significant changes to the transportation budget, which is consistent with SCAG's transportation ask at the Sacramento Summit in March. The Governor's January budget proposal maintains budget augmentations agreed upon in previous budget years to priority programs, such as the Transit Intercity Rail and Capital Program (TRICP), the Active Transportation Program (ATP), and rail grade separation projects, among others. However, the May Revision did not mention a \$2 billion request from legislators, led by Senator Jesse Arreguin (D-Oakland) and Assemblymember Mark Gonzalez (D-Los Angeles), for transit, as transit agencies continue to struggle.

For housing, the Governor maintained his proposal to establish a new California Housing and Homelessness Agency (CHHA), which would create a more integrated and effective administrative framework for addressing the state's housing and homelessness challenges. As part of this effort, the Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency (BCSH) would be split into the Housing Agency and the Business and Consumer Services Agency. While the May Revision did not include new funding for the Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention (H-HAP) program, staff anticipates that the Governor intends to use this omission to extract concessions from the Legislature during negotiations, in exchange for H-HAP funding. Furthermore, the Governor utilized the May Revision as a platform to express support for Assemblymember Buffy Wicks' (D-Oakland) and Senator Chris Cabaldon's (D-Yolo County) \$10 billion housing bond bill, while calling for more CEQA streamlining legislation.

Staff expects budget trailer bills to be released in the coming days and weeks, and the Legislation Department will continue to monitor budget negotiations, especially as they relate to SCAG priorities, including the Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) 2.0 grant program. SCAG's state lobbyist, Cruz Strategies, prepared a summary of the Governor's May Budget Revision, which is attached to this report.

Governor Newsom Appoints Riverside Mayor Patricia Lock Dawson to California Air Resources Board

On April 30, 2025, Governor Newsom announced the appointment of Riverside Mayor and SCAG Legislative Committee Chair Patricia Lock Dawson to the California Air Resources Board (CARB). CARB's mission is to reduce air pollution and protect public health. Mayor Lock Dawson is a longtime advocate for environmental sustainability, most recently championing the development of a "Clean and Green Tech Hub" in the city of Riverside. CARB, which relocated its Southern California headquarters to Riverside in 2021, conducts research closely followed by air quality organizations worldwide.

In addition to serving on CARB, Mayor Lock Dawson is also Chair of the Big City Mayors Coalition, and a member of the Local Governments for Sustainability (ICLEI), the Riverside County Conservation Authority, and the South Coast Air Quality Management District. Mayor Lock Dawson has served as Mayor of Riverside since 2020 and previously served as a Trustee of the Riverside Unified School District Board of Education from 2011 to 2020. She holds a Master of Business Administration from Claremont Graduate University, a Master of Science degree in Forestry from the University of Washington, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from the University of California, Riverside.

California Approves State Farm to Increase Insurance Rates

On May 13, 2025, the State of California approved State Farm's request for a temporary emergency rate hike, which the company submitted in February, right after the Los Angeles County Fires. The California Department of Insurance initially reviewed the request, and Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara conditionally approved the request, who then asked a court to make the final determination on the increase in rates. Now that the judicial branch has approved the emergency rate hike, State Farm will increase homeowners' insurance premiums by an average of 17 percent, renters' and condo premiums by an average of 15 percent, and rental dwellings by an average of 38 percent. State Farm had already been approved for a 20 percent rate increase last year, but cited the nearly \$7 billion in claims it expects to pay out as the reason for the request for an emergency interim rate increase. In exchange, State Farm has agreed to cease non-renewals on insurance policies through the end of the year. The interim rates will go into effect on June 1, but the hikes may still be challenged at a hearing to be held in the fall regarding the financial health of State Farm's California branch.

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Federal Appropriations Update

On March 14, 2025, Congress passed a Continuing Resolution (CR) to fund the federal government through September 30, 2025, at the previous year's spending levels. The House passed the bill

containing the CR by a razor-thin vote of 217 to 213 on March 11, and the Senate passed it by a 54-46 vote on March 14, with President Trump quickly signing it into law the next day.

On May 2, 2025, the White House Office of Management and Budget released the President's Fiscal Year 2026 "Skinny Budget," which provides President Trump's recommendations on discretionary funding levels for FY 2026. The Skinny Budget provides the Administration's priorities in advance of the President's full fiscal plan, which is expected to be released in late May or early June.

The Skinny Budget proposes non-defense discretionary budget authority of \$163 billion, or 22.6 percent below current-year spending. At the same time, the Skinny Budget proposes increases for defense programs and border security. For Defense spending, the President proposes an increase of 13 percent to \$1.01 trillion for FY 2026; for Homeland Security, the President proposes \$175 billion.

Republican Reconciliation Package

On May 22, 2025, the House passed its reconciliation legislation, the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (H.R. 1), by a vote of 215-214. The bill includes several policy priorities of the 119th Congress and the White House related to healthcare, social safety net programs, immigration and extending the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. The bill now heads to the U.S. Senate where several changes to the text are expected.

The House Rules Committee met on Wednesday, May 21 for a nearly 24-hour markup hearing, in which final changes were made to the Reconciliation bill to address various concerns of Republican members, including increasing the amount for the state and local tax (SALT) deduction, before the bill was sent to the House floor for a final vote.

Now that the bill has passed the House, it heads to the U.S. Senate, where changes will be made to reflect that chamber's priorities and rules processes. Any non-budget provision may be challenged by the Senate Parliamentarian, as the Senate's "Byrd Rule" states that only budget-related provisions may be included in reconciliation and pass by a simple majority vote. In addition, amendments may result from policy disagreements between the House and the Senate, as several Senators have indicated they would like changes to certain House-passed provisions.

The House will have to consider and pass any changes made in the Senate.

Secretary Duffy Approves 76 Infrastructure Grants and Issues Updated Bus NOFO

On May 14, 2025, Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy approved 76 infrastructure grants, with awards totaling \$607 million, as the Department of Transportation continues to work to address the backlog of 3,200 unobligated grant agreements that were left over from the Biden Administration. The latest tranche of approvals includes \$188 million for the Infrastructure for Rebuilding America

(INFRA) program, \$126 million for the Wildlife Crossing Pilot program, and \$59 million for the Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) program.

Notably, SCAG was awarded a \$6 million Safe Streets and Roads for All grant in November 2024 to enhance pedestrian safety in the lead-up to several major events, including the 2026 World Cup, 2027 Super Bowl, and 2028 Summer Olympics and Paralympic Games. While SCAG was awarded funding, the award is still pending final approval by the US DOT. Secretary Duffy also testified before the House and Senate Appropriations Committees to request \$26.7 billion in new discretionary funding for FY 2025-2026, which will begin on October 1, 2025. During his testimony, committee members questioned the Secretary about the DOT's backlog of grant agreements. The Secretary stated that the vast majority of agreements would be honored, but noted that he is planning to eliminate some research grants for universities and projects funded by the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Program.

Furthermore, Secretary Duffy released an update to the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the Buses and Bus Facilities and the Low- or No-Emissions grant programs. Both grant programs will now require that all applicants include a component outlining how their project "will improve the accessibility of transportation for families with young children, with a focus on improved access to jobs, healthcare, and retail."

Senate Committees Hold Hearings on Three Key Transportation Department Heads

The Senate Commerce Committee held two hearings on May 13, 2025, to consider two of President Trump's nominees: David Fink, who was nominated to lead the Federal Railroad Administration, and Robert Gleason, who was nominated to serve as Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors. The Senate Commerce Committee still needs to vote to forward both nominees to the Senate Floor, which will hold a final vote to approve their nominations. The Senate Environment and Public Works (EPW) Committee confirmed President Trump's nominee to lead the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Sean McMaster, on May 14, 2025. In his testimony, Mr. McMaster emphasized the importance of repairing the nation's bridges and implementing permitting reform to expedite project delivery. His nomination now heads to the Senate Floor for a final approval vote.

Federal Notices of Funding Opportunities (NOFOs) Update

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) was signed into law in 2021, providing \$1.2 trillion in total spending over five years, with \$110 billion allocated through competitive grant funding. These historic levels of investment in transportation grant programs have allowed areas in the SCAG region to apply for funding for critical infrastructure improvement projects.

Below is a current list of open NOFOs issued for SCAG-related competitive programs:

Program	Deadline	Agency
Regional Infrastructure Accelerator (RIA) Program	June 16, 2025	US DOT
Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)	June 26, 2025	US DOT
Low or No Emissions Grant Program	July 14, 2025	FTA

FISCAL IMPACT:

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ATTACHMENT(S):

1. 2025-2026 May Revise Summary - Cruz Strategies



Governor's 2025-2026 May Revise Summary

May 14, 2025

On May 14, Governor Newsom released the May Revision to his proposed fiscal year 2025-2026 budget. The proposal amounts to \$322 billion, of which \$226 billion is General Fund spending. The revised budget addresses a \$11.9 billion deficit as the Governor projects a \$16 billion revenue decline over the multi-year budget window.

In comparison, the Governor's January budget forecasted a modest surplus, by California standards, north of \$350 million but since then the budget picture has worsened dramatically. The Los Angeles wildfires, down winds from federal tariffs, and rising social service costs added significant pressure. The budget picture is further complicated by delayed property tax and income tax payments from Los Angeles County..

Several federal actions have also caused concern for budget leaders including threats to education funding and social service programs (including medi-cal and food aid) for which California receives tens of billions of dollars in aid annually (albeit the largest [‘donor’ state](#)).

The volatile budget conditions due, to an extent, to the erratic stock market makes it difficult for the state to commit to significant new spending.

The May Revise includes \$5 billion in solutions including freezing enrollment for new undocumented medi-cal enrollees and requiring \$100 monthly premiums for current registrants. The plan also caps overtime and travel hours for various social service programs. The budget also borrows and shifts \$5.3 billion from various cash and rainy-day reserves. In ‘early action’ budget bills, state leaders approved roughly \$3 billion for additional Medi-Cal costs; and \$2.5 billion for wildfire relief (FEMA reimbursements anticipated).

The May Revise leaves several items open for negotiations with the legislature ahead of the June 15 budget deadline including cap-and-trade reauthorization (Governor proposes

renaming to ‘Cap-and-Invest’), funding for homelessness program, a housing bond, cuts to public higher education, and a healthcare enrollment pause.

Highlights by Issue Areas

Below, we have included proposals of interest or significance in the Governor’s revised budget broken down by subject area. A link to the full May Revise summary is included [here](#).

Please note that the May Revise only includes changes or new proposals to the Governor’s January Budget. If not included here, then no changes have been proposed.

Housing & Homelessness

- **Housing Bond**—The Governor indicated potential support for working with the Legislature on a 2026 statewide housing bond proposal.
- **CEQA Streamlining for Urban Infill** - The Governor noted explicit support for SB 607 (Wiener) and AB 609 (Wicks); hinted at budget language to this effect.
- **Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP)**—Not included in the May Revision.
- **Creating the New California Housing and Homeless Agency**—The May Revision includes \$4.2 million (\$4 million General Fund) in 2025-26, \$6.4 million (\$6.2 million General Fund) in 2026-27, and \$6.2 million (\$6.1 million General Fund) in 2027-28 and ongoing to support the reorganization of the Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency, which includes resources for CHHA and the creation of the Housing Development and Finance Committee (HDFC) in addition to the Business and Consumer Services Agency.
- **Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery**—An increase of \$416.6 million one-time Federal Trust Fund to reflect federal resources that will be available to the Department of Housing and Community Development beginning in 2025-26 to support long-term recovery efforts related to 2023 and 2024 natural disasters.
- **Proposition 35 Flexible Housing Subsidy Pools**—The May Revision reflects \$200 million Proposition 35 funds over two years for Flexible Housing Pool rental assistance and housing supports to help individuals with significant behavioral health conditions who are experiencing, or at risk of, homelessness, enter and maintain stable long-term housing.
- **Reversions of Unexpended Affordable Housing Program Funding**—A reversion of \$31.7 million unexpended General Fund that was previously appropriated for the Infill Infrastructure Grant Catalytic Program, the Commercial Property Pilot Program, and the 2021 Infill Infrastructure Grant Program.

Transportation & Infrastructure

- **2028 Olympic Games**—The May Revision includes \$17.6 million one-time from the State Highway Account to support transportation project planning associated with the 2028 Olympic Games, including work on the Games Route Network project.
- **High Speed Rail**—The Governor is calling for \$1 billion annually from Cap and Trade to be provided for the High-Speed Rail Project to establish a stable and predictable funding stream.
- **Delta Conveyance Project**—The May Revision proposes statutory changes to streamline administrative processes for the Delta Conveyance Project, which the Governor is claiming will save time and reduce costs to adapt the State Water Project to the effects of climate change and protect against earthquake risk.

Energy & Climate Change

- **Cap-and-Trade Extension**—The May Revision proposes an extension of the Cap-and-Trade program and rename the program to the ‘Cap-and-Invest’ program. Aims to commit at least \$1 billion a year for High Speed Rail.
- **California Climate Credit**—Extension of the Cap-and-Invest program will result in a continuation of the California Climate Credit, resulting in approximately \$60 billion available for utility bill credits to California residents over the duration of the extension.
- **CAL FIRE Operations Costs**—A shift of \$1.54 billion from the General Fund to the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund to support CAL FIRE's fire prevention, fire control, and resource management activities on an ongoing basis
- **Safe Battery Energy Storage Systems**—\$3.7 million Public Utilities Commission Utilities Reimbursement Account (PUCURA) in 2025-26 and 2026-27, and \$2.9 million ongoing PUCURA and 12 positions in 2027-28 to support compliance and enforcement of safety standards for large-scale, electric grid connected battery energy storage systems.
- **Expediting Clean Energy Development**—\$1.9 million Energy Facility Licensing and Compliance Fund and 9 positions through 2028-29 to support the California Energy Commission’s Opt-in clean energy and advanced manufacturing permitting program.
- **Community Renewable Energy and Storage**—A reversion of \$33 million General Fund for programs funding community renewable energy projects at the California Public Utilities Commission.
- **Offshore Wind**—A shift of \$42.8 million General Fund to the Climate Bond (Proposition 4) in 2025-26 to support a program for the development of offshore wind generation at the California Energy Commission.

Criminal Justice & Public Safety

- **Proposition 36 Implementation Funding**— Not included in the May Revision.
- **Incompetent to Stand Trial Infrastructure Grant Program**—A reduction of \$232.5 million one-time General Fund included in the 2022 Budget Act from unspent grant funds for counties to increase residential treatment housing capacity for individuals designated Incompetent to Stand Trial.
- **Prison Closure**—Given the state’s fiscal situation and the projected decline in the prison population, the May Revision proposes to close one additional prison by October 2026. Upon full closure, the state will achieve an estimated savings of about \$150 million General Fund annually.
- **San Quentin Rehabilitation Center**—The May Revision maintains resources for San Quentin Rehabilitation Center’s (SQRC’s) new educational center, which is expected to complete construction in January 2026.
- **Community Corrections Performance Incentive Grant**—The May Revision proposes \$127.9 million General Fund for county probation departments and includes statutory updates to the incentive payment methodology starting in 2025–26. These updates recognize the success of California probation officers in reducing prison admissions by establishing stable, performance-based funding and reducing variability in the previous approach.
- **DOJ Federal Accountability Workload**—\$14.4 million ongoing (\$13.3 million General Fund and \$1.1 million Special Fund) and 44 positions to defend California against adverse federal actions. The anticipated workload includes, but is not limited to, defending environmental protections, negative impacts of tariffs, reproductive choice, and termination of federal grants that Congress directed be provided.
- **California Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (CLETS)** – Department of Motor Vehicles Enhancements—\$3.2 million General Fund in 2025–26 and \$1.6 million in 2026–27 for information technology enhancements at DOJ to establish a new connection between CLETS and the Department of Motor Vehicles.
- **Juveniles: Sealing Records (AB 1877)**—\$2.4 million General Fund and four positions in 2025–26 and \$812,000 in 2026–27 and ongoing to implement the provisions of Chapter 811, Statutes of 2024 (AB 1877).
- **Highway Violence Task Force**—To continue addressing violent crimes occurring on state highways, the May Revision includes one-time resources totaling \$4.9 million Motor Vehicle Account in 2025–26 for an additional year of funding for the CHP’s Highway Violence Task Force.
- **Flexible Cash Assistance for Survivors of Crime**—A reversion of \$49.7 million one-time General Fund appropriated in the 2022 Budget Act to establish a financial assistance program for survivors of crime.

Health and Human Services

- **Enrollment Freeze for Full-Scope Medi-Cal Expansion, Adults 19 and Older**—A freeze on new enrollment to full-scope coverage for individuals, regardless of immigration status, aged 19 and over, effective no sooner than January 1, 2026.
- **Medi-Cal Premiums, Adults 19 and Older**—Implementation of \$100 monthly premiums for individuals with certain statuses, those who will eventually qualify for federal funds and individuals enrolled in the Medi-Cal full-scope expansion aged 19 and over, effective January 1, 2027.
- **Medi-Cal Expenditure Increases**—The May Revision reflects a net \$1.9 billion increase in Medi-Cal expenditures in 2024-25 compared with the Governor's Budget, which are covered by the Medi-Cal Provider Interim Payment Loan. This is in addition to the \$2.8 billion General Fund early action appropriation assumed in the Governor's Budget.
- **Elimination of Long-Term Care**—Elimination of long-term care benefits for individuals with certain statuses, those who will eventually qualify for federal funds and individuals enrolled in the Medi-Cal full-scope expansion, effective January 1, 2026.
- **Elimination of Dental Benefits, Adults 19 and Older**—Elimination of full-scope dental coverage for Medi-Cal members with certain statuses, those who will eventually qualify for federal funds and individuals enrolled in the Medi-Cal full-scope expansion aged 19 and over, effective July 1, 2026.
- **Pharmacy Drug Rebates**—Implementation of a rebate aggregator to secure state rebates for individuals with certain statuses, those who will eventually qualify for federal funds and individuals enrolled in the Medi-Cal full-scope expansion.
- **Specialty Drug Coverage for Weight Loss**—Elimination of coverage for Glucagon-Like Peptide-1 (GLP-1) drugs for weight loss effective January 1, 2026.
- **988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline Centers**—The May Revision includes \$17.5 million one-time 988 State Suicide and Behavioral Health Crisis Services Fund to support suicide and crisis lifeline center contact volume capacity.
- **Proposition 56 Supplemental Payments**—Elimination of approximately \$504 million in 2025-26 and \$550 million ongoing for Proposition 56 supplemental payments to dental, family planning, and women's health providers.
- **Behavioral Health Workforce Initiative**—The May Revision includes \$1.9 billion (\$143 million Behavioral Health Services Fund, \$808 million Designated State Health Program Funding, and \$950 million federal funds) for the Department of Health Care Access and Information to implement the Behavioral Health Workforce Initiative beginning in January 2026.
- **IHSS Provider Overtime and Travel Hours**—A reduction of \$707.5 million General Fund and ongoing to cap IHSS provider overtime and travel hours at 50 hours per week beginning in 2025-26.

- **Community First Choice Option Late Penalties**—A reduction of \$81 million General Fund in 2025-26 to reflect the assumed costs for counties to cover the IHSS, Community First Choice Option reassessment late penalties.

Social Services & Human Assistance

- **Child Care Cost-of-Living Adjustment**—A reduction of \$60.7 million General Fund in 2025-26 and ongoing to suspend the child care cost-of-living adjustment in 2025-26.
- **Emergency Child Care Bridge**—A reduction of \$42.7 million General Fund in 2025-26 and ongoing. The proposal maintains \$51 million in annual ongoing funding for the Emergency Child Care Bridge program.
- **Streamlining the CalWORKs Program**—The May Revision includes statutory changes to the CalWORKs program, resulting in efficiencies for families and counties. These changes include: (1) expanding the allowable welfare-to-work activities, (2) making Job Club an optional welfare-to-work activity, (3) simplifying the curing of sanctions, and (4) replacing the county welfare-to-work reporting requirements with administrative data extracts.
- **Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer (SUN Bucks)**—SUN Bucks provides \$120 per child (\$40 per month for June, July, and August) in federally-funded food benefits to children who lose access to free and reduced-price meals during the summer school closure period.
- **California Food Assistance Program (CFAP) Expansion**—Statutory language that would make the expansion of the CFAP to adults 55 and over, regardless of immigration status, subject to a trigger-on, based on the availability of General Fund in spring 2027.
- **Family Urgency Response System Reduction**—A reduction of \$13 million General Fund in 2025-26 and ongoing. The proposal maintains \$17 million ongoing General Fund for the System.
- **Tiered Rate Structure Implementation for Child Welfare Programs**—Statutory language that would make the implementation of the Tiered Rate Structure subject to a trigger-on, based on the availability of General Fund in spring 2027.

Labor & Workforce Development

- **Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (Go-Biz): California Competes**—Withdrawal of \$60 million one-time General Fund in 2025-26 related to new funding for the California Competes grant program.

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Higher Education

- **Cal Grant Program Caseload Adjustments**—Estimated Cal Grant expenditures of approximately \$2.3 billion in 2023-24, \$2.5 billion in 2024-25, and \$2.8 billion in 2025-26 based on the latest estimates of enrollment of Cal Grant-eligible students. These estimates reflect an increase of \$94.7 million one-time General Fund in 2024-25 and \$228.7million ongoing General Fund in 2025-26.
 - These costs are driven largely by an unexpected number of eligible students attending Cal Grant awarding institutions.
- **Middle Class Scholarship Program**—A one-time General Fund increase of \$77 million in 2024-25 to support unanticipated caseload increases in the Middle Class Scholarship Program.
- **Golden State Teacher Grant Program**—The May Revision reflects total available one-time funding of \$64.2 million for the Golden State Teacher Grant Program, up from \$50 million at Governor's Budget. This increase reflects carryover of unused funds from 2024-25.
- **Interagency Council** - Withdrawal of \$5 million ongoing General Fund for the California Education Interagency Council, which was proposed at Governor's Budget as part of the implementation of the Master Plan for Career Education.
- **UC Revised Base Funding Reduction**—A revised ongoing base reduction of \$129.7 million General Fund for the UC. The revised amount reflects an ongoing reduction of approximately 3 percent.
- **CSU Revised Base Funding Reduction**—A revised ongoing base reduction of \$143.8 million General Fund for the CSU. The revised amount reflects an ongoing reduction of approximately 3 percent.

K-12 & Early Childhood Education

- **Teacher Recruitment Incentive Grant Program** - Repurposing \$150 million one-time Proposition 98 General Fund to fund stipends for student teachers
- **Prop 98 Guarantee** -Revised Prop 98 levels represent an increase of approximately \$2.9 billion over the three-year period relative to the 2024 Budget Act, and a decrease of approximately \$4.6 billion from Governor's January Budget.
- **Full implementation of universal TK** - \$2.1 billion ongoing Proposition 98 General Fund (inclusive of all prior years' investments).



AGENDA ITEM 10

REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
June 5, 2025

To: Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)
Regional Council (RC)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

From: Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer
(213) 630-1413, giraldo@scag.ca.gov

Subject: Purchase Orders and Contracts below the Regional Council's Approval Threshold

Kome Ajise

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Information Only - No Action Required

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

This item supports the following Strategic Priority 1: Establish and implement a regional vision for a sustainable future. 2: Be a cohesive and influential voice for the region. 3: Spur innovation and action through leadership in research, analysis and information sharing. 4: Build a unified culture anchored in the pursuit of organizational excellence. 5: Secure and optimize diverse funding sources to support regional priorities.

BACKGROUND:

SCAG executed the following Purchase Orders (POs) for more than \$5,000 but less than \$500,000 in April 2025:

Vendor	Description	Amount
IBM CORPORATION	FY26 IBM SPSS SW RENEWAL	\$9,096

SCAG executed the following contracts for more than \$25,000 but less than \$500,000:

Consultant/Contract No.	Description	Amount
Sargent Town Planning 24-012-MRFP 04	The consultant shall develop new mixed-use "Town Center" zoning and associated development and design standards to implement the intended outcomes of the General Plan and Town Center planning efforts for the City of Jurupa Valley.	\$467,743



ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Contract 24-012-MRFP 04 Summary

CONSULTANT CONTRACT NO. 24-012-MRFP 04

Recommended Consultant:	Sargent Town Planning												
Background & Scope of Work:	Consistent with the requirements of the Regional Early Action Planning Grant that funds this project, the consultant shall develop new mixed-use “Town Center” zoning, and associated development and design standards, to implement the intended outcomes of the General Plan and Town Center planning efforts for the City of Jurupa Valley. It is anticipated that new mixed-use zoning for each Town Center will result in development standards that follow similar principles for achieving mixed use, walkable, “main street” environments; however, each of the three Town Centers has unique characteristics that may result in some more localized and tailored design standards for each area. City staff is interested in exploring form-based zoning for the Town Centers, which will result in a hybrid Zoning Code. The consultant shall train city staff in the principles and real-world application of form-based zoning, as well as ensure the General Plan aligns with the new Town Center Zoning.												
Project’s Benefits & Key Deliverables:	<p>The project’s benefits and key deliverables include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing mixed-use zoning and associated development and design standards to implement the General Plan and Town Center planning efforts. • Identifying opportunity sites for affordable housing to accelerate the development of vibrant town centers with walkable, mixed-use main streets. • Improving housing choice for working families by allowing for construction of denser, more connected housing options near existing transportation infrastructure. 												
Strategic Plan:	This item supports SCAG’s Strategic Priority #1: Establish and implement a regional vision for a sustainable future.												
Contract Amount:	<table border="0"> <tr> <td>Total not to exceed</td><td>\$467,743</td></tr> <tr> <td>Sargent Town Planning (prime consultant)</td><td>\$337,309</td></tr> <tr> <td>Placeworks (subconsultant)</td><td>\$42,678</td></tr> <tr> <td>Fehr & Peers (subconsultant)</td><td>\$47,826</td></tr> <tr> <td>RSG (subconsultant)</td><td>\$39,930</td></tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Note: Sargent Town Planning originally proposed \$468,984.33, but staff negotiated the price down to \$467,743 without reducing the scope of work.</td></tr> </table>	Total not to exceed	\$467,743	Sargent Town Planning (prime consultant)	\$337,309	Placeworks (subconsultant)	\$42,678	Fehr & Peers (subconsultant)	\$47,826	RSG (subconsultant)	\$39,930	Note: Sargent Town Planning originally proposed \$468,984.33, but staff negotiated the price down to \$467,743 without reducing the scope of work.	
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Contract Period:	February 14, 2025 through June 30, 2026												
Project Number(s):	305.4927Y1.03 Funding source: REAP 2.0												

	Funding of \$467,743 is available in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 Overall Work Program (OWP) Budget in Project Number 305.4927Y1.03, and any unused funds are expected to be carried forward into future fiscal year budget(s), subject to budget availability.				
Request for Proposal (RFP):	<p>SCAG staff notified 20 firms on the bench of the release of 24-012-MRFP 04 via SCAG's Solicitation Management System website. A total of 9 firms downloaded the RFP. SCAG received the following two (2) proposals in response to the solicitation:</p> <table> <tr> <td>Sargent Town Planning (4 subconsultants)</td><td>\$468,984</td></tr> <tr> <td>Harris & Associates (2 subconsultants)</td><td>\$566,984</td></tr> </table>	Sargent Town Planning (4 subconsultants)	\$468,984	Harris & Associates (2 subconsultants)	\$566,984
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Selection Process:	<p>The Proposal Review Committee (PRC) evaluated each proposal in accordance with the criteria set forth in the MRFP and conducted the selection process in a manner consistent with all applicable federal and state contracting regulations. After evaluating the proposals, the PRC did not conduct interviews because the proposals contained sufficient information on which to base a contract award.</p> <p>The PRC consisted of the following individuals:</p> <p>Anikka Van Eyl, Associate Regional Planner, SCAG Dianne Guevara, Deputy Director of Community Development, Jurupa Valley Annette Tam, Planning Manager, Jurupa Valley Jean Ward, Community Planning Services Manager, Jurupa Valley</p>				
Basis for Selection:	<p>The PRC recommended Sargent Town Planning for the contract award because the consultant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrated the best understanding of the project; specifically, the consultant team has prior experience working with the City of Jurupa Valley and other communities of similar size and location in the region. Through their prior experience with plans based in Jurupa Valley, they had a unique understanding of the community and demonstrated a good understanding of the project, General Plan vision, City's challenges related to the outdated zoning code, and strategic regional context; • Demonstrated strong prior experience developing form-based code for walkable, mixed use developments; general plan and zoning code amendments; and related experience developing mixed-use downtown area plans. In addition, one of the subconsultants has extensive experience developing feasibility studies which would help advise in the areas of economic development and housing feasibility and affordability; another subconsultant has extensive experience in transportation and is capable of providing multi-modal mobility system advisement and preparing VMT analysis, while the third subconsultant has direct experience preparing the required CEQA documents and they are fully capable of the work. The roles of the Prime and subconsultants are well coordinated and integrated, particularly in how each subconsultant supports a different aspect of the project. The consultant team 				

	<p>highlighted their technical expertise that can support the project's needs;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided the best overall value for the level of effort proposed and proposed the lowest price of the two proposals. Although the other proposal came in over budget, this consultant's proposal was the lowest cost, yet still could deliver all intended deliverables while going further by including the optional task of the four form-based code training sessions; • Proposed rates and hours that were appropriate for the scope. Project costs were realistic given workload and timeline and have been carefully considered through clear project management and workload scheduling. The team's extensive experience ensures the project will be delivered on time and under budget; and • Provided a project schedule that is well thought through, with tasks and milestones clearly detailed in their proposed schedule, with two months built in for contingency.
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AGENDA ITEM 11

REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
June 5, 2025

To: Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)
Regional Council (RC)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

From: Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer
(213) 630-1413, giraldo@scag.ca.gov

Subject: CFO Monthly Report

Kome Ajise

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Information Only - No Action Required

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

This item supports the following Strategic Priority 5: Secure and optimize diverse funding sources to support regional priorities.

ACCOUNTING:

Membership Dues

As of April 30, 2025, 189 cities, 6 counties, 7 commissions, and 11 tribal governments have paid their Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-2025 membership dues. SCAG has collected \$2.74 million out of \$2.76 million billed. This represents 99.38% of the membership assessment.

Investments & Interest Earnings

As required by SCAG's investment policy adopted by the Regional Council in July 2018, staff will provide a monthly report of investments and interest earnings. As of April 30, 2025, SCAG has invested \$23.32 million in the LAIF account and has earned \$816,197.96 in interest income (as of Q3). The interest earnings are distributed on a quarterly basis with an average interest rate of 4.48%. Additionally, SCAG has opened a Money Market Account to maximize interest income while monitoring the REAP's funding balance, interest earnings from this account are distributed monthly. As of April 30, 2025, SCAG has invested \$39.91 million in the Money Market Account and has earned \$1,765,227.88 (YTD), in interest income.

BUDGET & GRANTS (B&G):

On April 30, 2025, SCAG submitted the FY 2024-25 (FY25) Overall Work Program (OWP) 3rd Quarter Progress Report to Caltrans. The total cumulative expenditures reported for the CPG funding, including SB1 funding, are approximately \$30.53 million or 54% of the FY 2024-25 OWP Amendment 01 budget.

On May 1, 2025, the Regional Council approved the FY 2025-26 (FY26) Final Comprehensive Budget including OWP in the amount of \$414.94 million. Also, the General Assembly approved the General Fund Budget and Membership Assessment Schedule. The FY 2025-26 OWP was submitted to Caltrans on May 1st, and state and federal approval of the OWP is expected by June 30, 2025. Further, the FY 2025-26 Indirect Cost Rate Plan (ICRP) was submitted to FTA on May 6th, and their response to the proposed ICRP is expected by May 31, 2025.

CONTRACTS ADMINISTRATION:

Through the third quarter of Fiscal Year 2024-25, the Contracts Administration Department staff supported an average of 20 formal procurements and managed 197 active contracts for various regional projects. Staff worked with project managers to close four (4) contracts that ended in the third quarter. In this month's consent calendar agenda item "Purchase Orders, Contracts, and Contract Amendments below Regional Council's Approval Threshold," staff reports executing one (1) contract. Additionally, three (3) contracts valued at \$500,000 or greater are included in this month's agenda for Regional Council approval.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. CFO CHARTS 060525



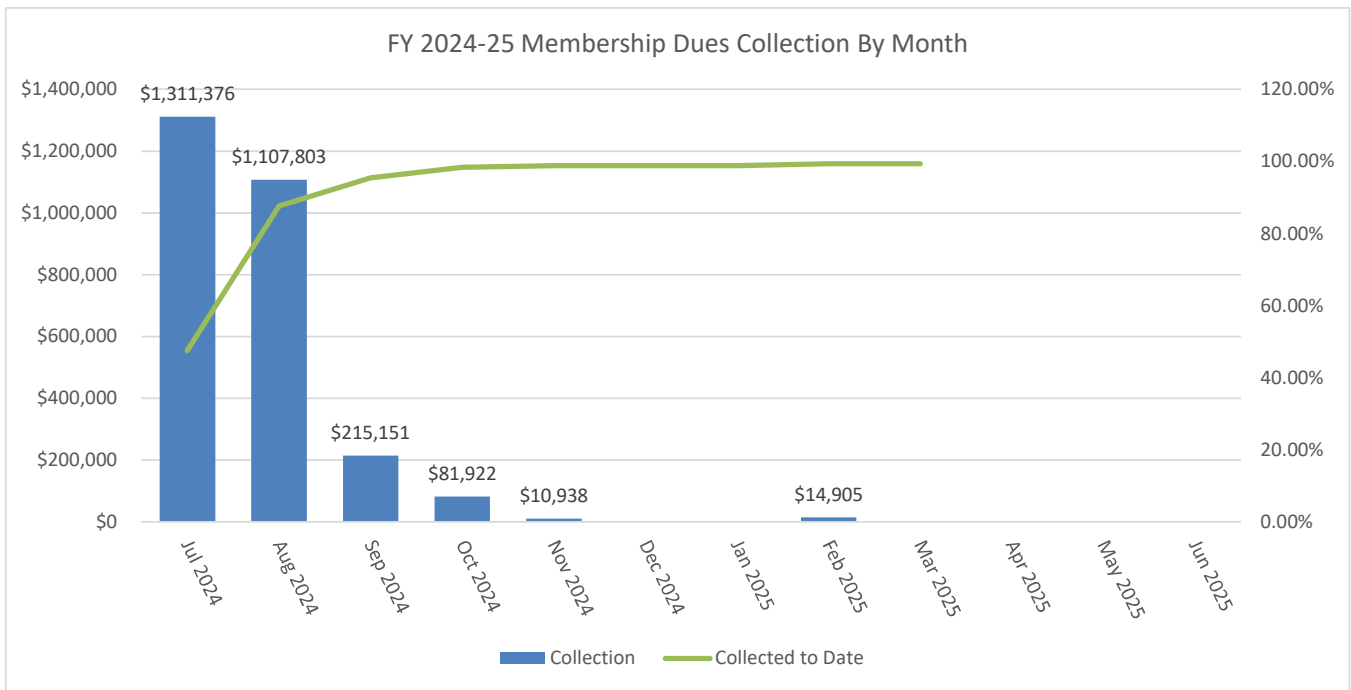
Office of the Chief Financial Officer

Quarterly Report

March 2025



Membership Dues & Collections July 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025



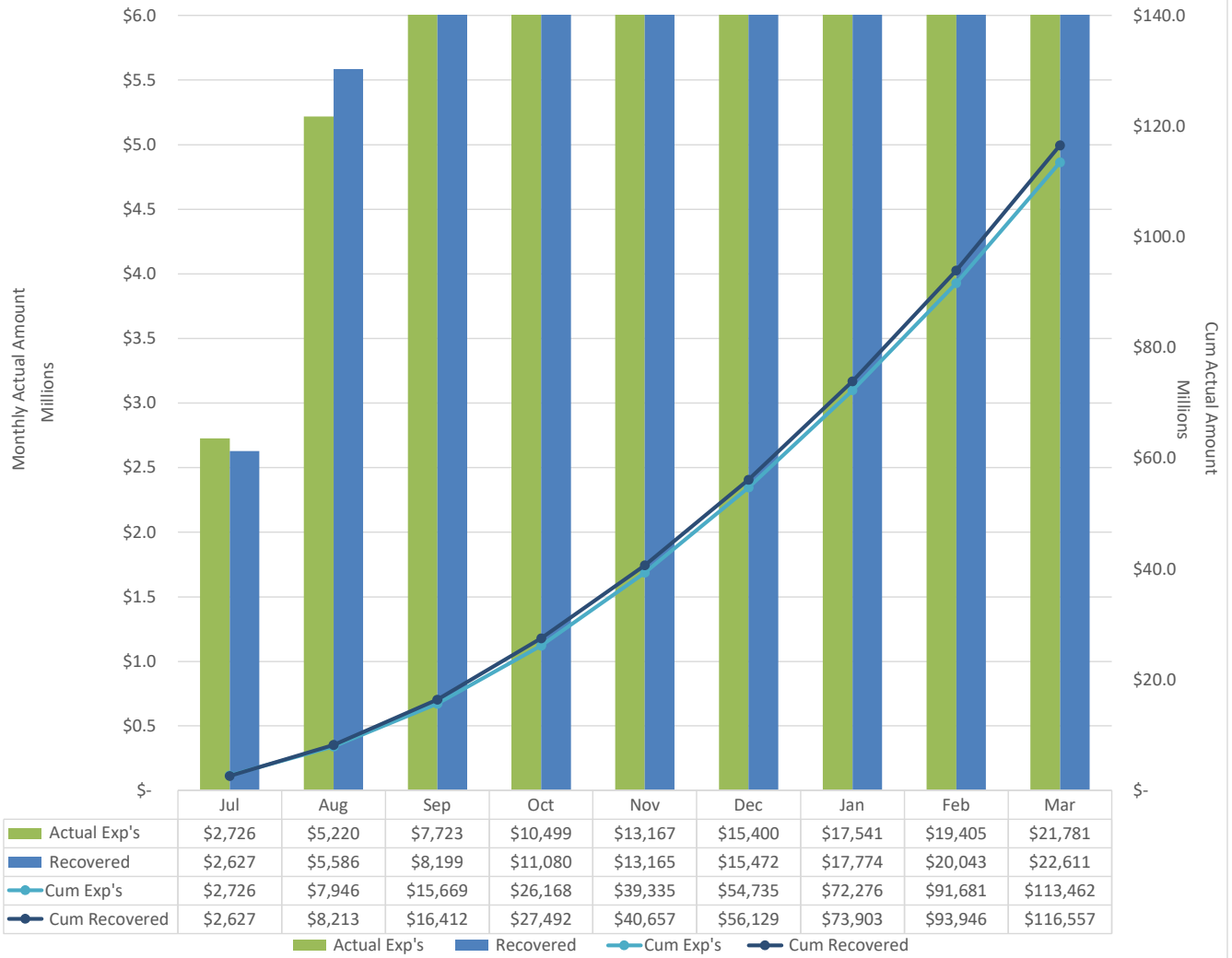
Summary

As of March 31, 2025, 189 cities, 6 counties, 7 commissions and 11 tribal governments had paid their FY25 dues. This represents 99.38% of the dues assessment.

FY25 Membership Dues	<u>\$ 2,759,319</u>
Total Collected	<u>\$ 2,742,095</u>
Percentage Collected	<u>99.38%</u>



Indirect Cost & Recovery
July 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025





Consolidated Balance Sheet As of March 31, 2025

	<u>December 31, 2024</u>	<u>March 31, 2025</u>	<u>Increase/(Decrease)</u>
Cash & Investment	67,363,059	64,994,978	(2,368,080)
Other Assets	12,786,979	12,253,307	(533,671)
Total Assets	80,150,037	77,248,285	(2,901,752) ⁽¹⁾
Total Liabilities	46,663,053	42,695,490	(3,967,563) ⁽²⁾
Fund Balance	33,486,985	34,552,796	1,065,811
Total Liabilities & Fund Balance	80,150,037	77,248,285	(2,901,752)

(1) Cash & Investment decreased while Accounts receivable increased primarily due to transitioning the Consolidated Planning Grant billing from Monthly to quarterly as directed in the 2024 Caltrans Incurred Cost audit report.

(2) The Total Liabilities decreased due to a reduction in deferred revenue (advanced cash received from the California Department of Housing and Community Development) related to claiming reimbursement for REAP 2.0 expenditures.



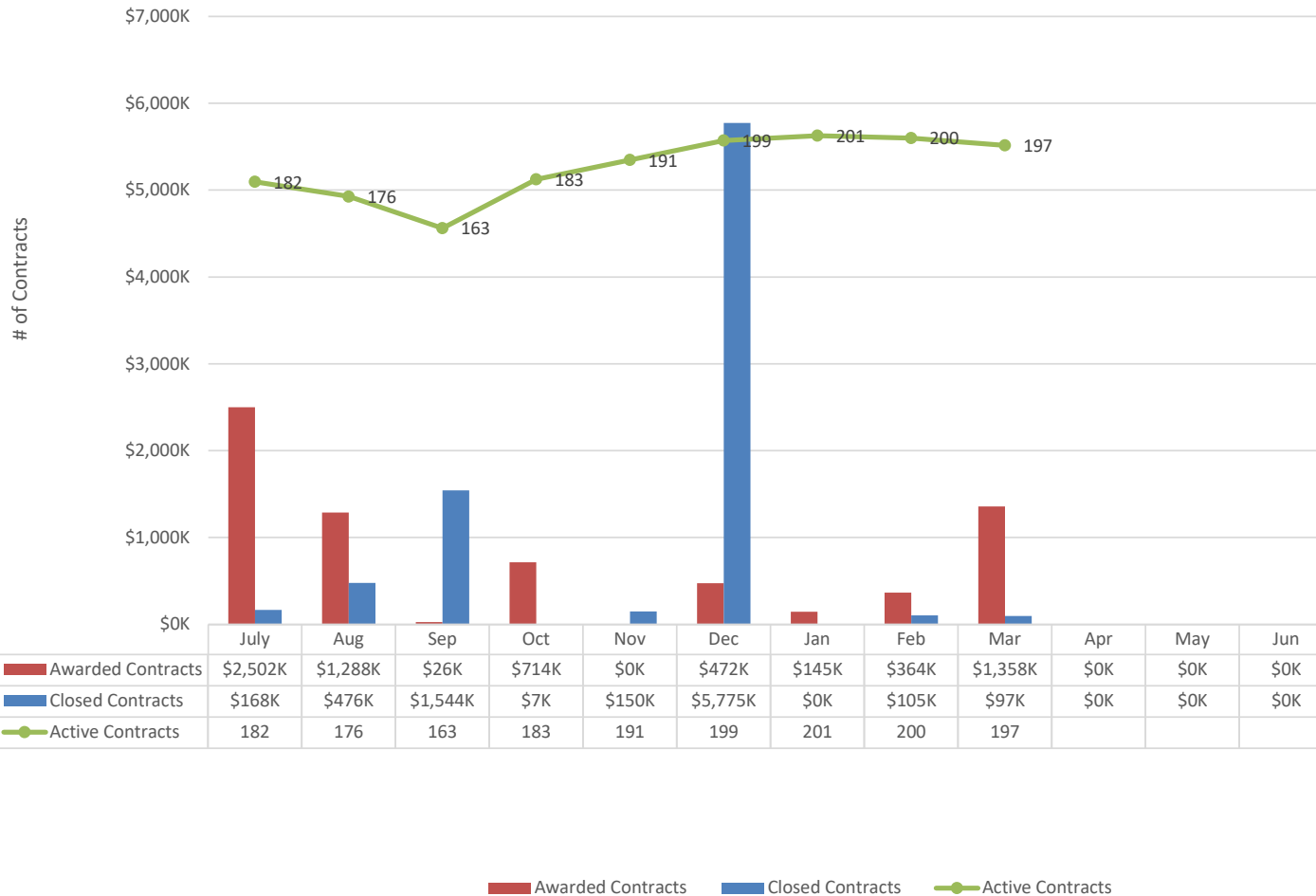
Consolidated Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances Quarter Ended March 31, 2025

	July 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024	July 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025	Increase / (Decrease)	March 2025 Budgetary Comparison Statement	
				FY 2024-25 Budget	Under / (Over) Budget
Revenues	69,711,647	99,136,697	29,425,050	500,185,391	401,048,694
Expenditures:					
Salaries & Benefits	47,139,439	67,697,072	20,557,633	98,604,865	30,907,793
Services & Supplies	14,544,645	22,346,250	7,801,605	401,580,526	379,234,276
Total Expenditures	61,684,084	90,043,323	28,359,238	500,185,391	410,142,068
Change in Fund Balance	8,027,563	9,093,374	1,065,811	-	(9,093,374)
Fund Balance Beginning of the Year	25,459,422	25,459,422	-	25,459,422	-
Fund Balance at End of the Period	33,486,985	34,552,796	1,065,811	25,459,422	(9,093,374)

(1) Note that multi-year grant revenues and services & supplies expenditures are budgeted in the award year including any beginning Fund Balance. The \$401.1 million revenue variance and the \$410.1 million expenditure variance are predominately related to anticipated implementation timing for various multi-year grants. Any remaining balances at the end of the fiscal year will be carried over to subsequent years of the grant period.



SCAG Contracts FY2024-25



Overview

This chart shows the number of contracts administered from July to January 2025.

Summary

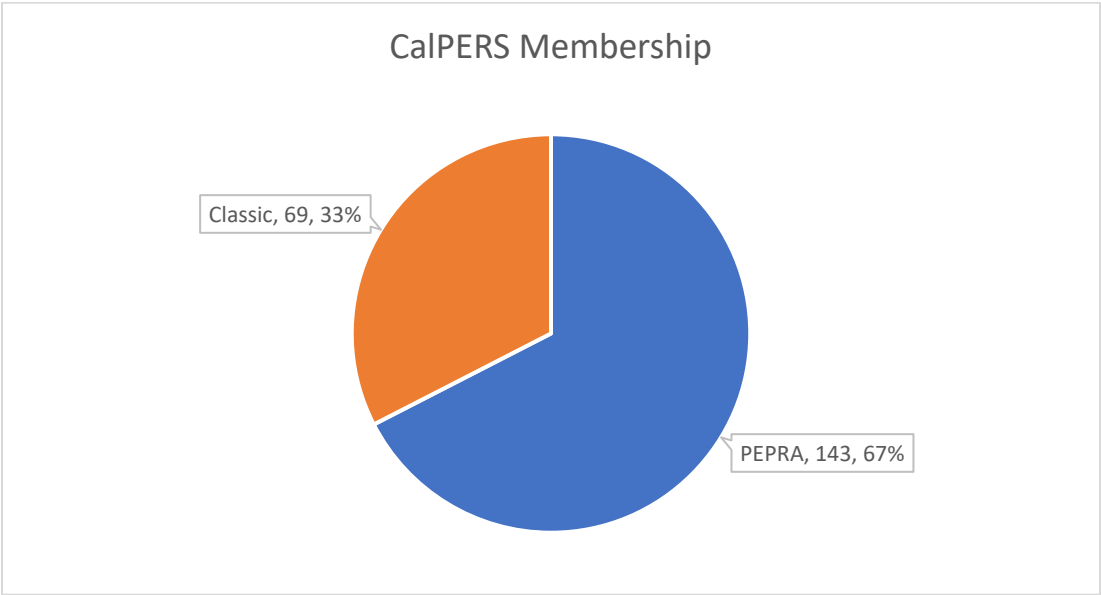
As illustrated on the chart, the Contracts Administration Department is currently managing a total of 197 contracts. Eighteen (18) are Cost Plus Fixed Fee contracts; 82 are Lump Sum contracts, 38 are Time and Materials contracts (includes Labor Hour and Retainer), and 59 are On-Call Services contracts and related Task Orders.

CFO Report

As of May 1, 2025

Staffing Update

Division	Authorized Positions	Filled Positions	Vacant Positions	Interns/Temps	Agency Temps	Fellows	Total
Executive Office	9	9	0	0	0	0	9
Finance	45	42	3	0	0	0	42
Gov. & Public Affairs	25	24	1	2	0	0	26
Human Resources	12	11	1	1	0	0	12
Information Technology	29	26	3	0	0	0	26
Legal	3	3	0	1	0	0	4
Planning	113	97	16	8	0	1	106
Total	236	212	24	12	0	1	225





AGENDA ITEM 12

REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
June 5, 2025

To: Regional Council (RC)

From: Sebastian Shetty, Associate Regional Planner
213-630-1533, shetty@scag.ca.gov

Subject: Resilience Toolkit Overview and Panel Discussion

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL

Kome Ajise

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Information Only – No Action Required

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

This item supports the following Strategic Priority 1: Establish and implement a regional vision for a sustainable future. 2: Be a cohesive and influential voice for the region. 3: Spur innovation and action through leadership in research, analysis and information sharing.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Southern California faces a growing set of risks, such as wildfires, flooding, droughts, and pandemics that threaten public health and safety, infrastructure, the economy, and our natural systems. SCAG's Resilience Toolkit, which will be released later this summer, will provide support to local jurisdictions across Southern California in their efforts to build resilience and proactively address climate and disaster risks and reduce existing vulnerabilities. Staff will provide an overview of the Toolkit, which will feature technical guidance, case studies, and practical tools that help jurisdictions integrate resilience into local planning and implementation efforts.

In addition to the Resilience Toolkit overview, SCAG will host a panel discussion featuring public agency and community-based leaders advancing resilience on the ground. Panelists will share insights, from collaborative wildfire preparedness and prevention efforts in Ventura County to Metrolink's approach to plan for and integrate resilience into its regional rail network.

BACKGROUND

Southern California faces a growing set of risks that threaten public health, safety, infrastructure, and the economy. Many of these hazards, such as wildfires, extreme heat, flooding, and drought, are increasing in frequency and severity due to climate change. This is placing increased pressure on local and regional governments to plan for and invest in projects, programs, and strategies that increase resilience to these challenges.

The Resilience Toolkit, which will be released later this summer, will be a resource to support local jurisdictions as they confront these challenges and one of the featured efforts outlined in the Resilience Action Resolution. It is rooted in the understanding that climate change is not just an environmental threat, but rather a challenge that intersects with regional and local economic, built environment, social, and natural systems. It also plays an important role in advancing the implementation of Connect SoCal 2024 and its vision of a more sustainable and resilient region by providing resources and tools to assess vulnerabilities, integrate resilience into existing planning and implementation, provide information and guidance on resilience funding and financing, and approaches to integrate resilience into engagement processes.

Toolkit Overview

The Resilience Toolkit is being designed to serve as a high-level framework and a hands-on guide, be actionable and scalable across jurisdictions of all sizes, and be broadly accessible and understandable to people with a wide variety of technical expertise and backgrounds. It will provide information to educate and inform users on resilience challenges, as well as practical tools and actionable guidance that can be tailored to a wide range of local contexts. An important aspect of the Toolkit is that the tools and guidance it will provide can be used to develop standalone resilience plans and programs and support the integration of resilience into existing planning and policy domains, such as general plans, land use planning, safety elements, hazard mitigation plans, etc.

The Toolkit helps jurisdictions:

- Understand the role of resilience in supporting long-term community health, safety, and prosperity;
- Identify and assess the shocks and stressors most relevant to their communities;
- Integrate resilience across a spectrum of planning efforts, such as general plans and hazard mitigation plans;
- Develop or build standalone resilience or climate action plans, with guidance and considerations for jurisdictions with varying levels of staffing capacity and resource availability;
- Understand and evaluate funding and financing tools, including guidance on how to layer local, state, federal, and private resources to support both planning and implementation;
- Formulate strategies/approaches to engage residents and stakeholders in meaningful conversations about risk and resilience;
- Monitor progress over time and adjust strategies as conditions evolve.

To ground these strategies in real-world examples, the Toolkit includes a series of case studies highlighting innovative resilience planning efforts from across SCAG's six-county region. These examples span a variety of geographies and address diverse hazard types, showcasing the diversity

in governance structures and numerous planning and implementation pathways a that can be inform efforts to increase resilience throughout the region.

A webinar will be held after the Toolkit is released to walk users through its information and resources. SCAG will also identify opportunities to engage with local jurisdictions to provide direct assistance regarding its use and identify ways that it can be improved and/or added to moving forward.

Panel Overview

To accompany the release of the Resilience Toolkit, SCAG will host a panel discussion on advancing local and regional resilience. The panel will feature representatives from Metrolink and the Ventura County Wildfire Collaborative that are actively working to advance planning and implementation efforts that strengthen community and infrastructure resilience to hazards. Panelists will also share lessons learned, funding strategies, and collaborative models that are helping advance these efforts.

Panelists include:

- **Lisa Colicchio, *Director of Sustainability, Metrolink***
As Sustainability Director for Metrolink, the third largest regional rail service in the nation, Lisa is leading the path to a more sustainable and resilient system through her work leading the development of the agency's 2030 Climate Action Plan and advancing its Climate Vulnerability Assessment and Adaptation Plan (CVA). The CVA evaluates future climate change and extreme weather event vulnerabilities, a variety of strategies to address them, and a roadmap for implementation.
- **Mason Thurmond, *Programs Manager, Ventura Regional Fire Safe Council (VRFSC)***
Mason oversees wildfire prevention programs including community outreach and education, home wildfire assessments, chipping services, fuels reduction, VRFSC's resident grant program, and more. She has served as the Coordinator of the Ventura County Wildfire Collaborative since January 2023 and was previously a Coordinator with partner agency Ventura County Resource Conservation District. In her tenure at the District, she secured multiple wildfire prevention grants for countywide efforts and hosted the CA Wildfire Conference in 2023. Prior to her work in wildfire locally, she served as an inaugural CA Climate Action Corps Fellow with CA Fire Safe Council in 2021, developing methods for evaluating social and wildfire vulnerability.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Adaptation Analysis, 065.4092.01



ATTACHMENT(S):

1. PowerPoint Presentation - Resilience Toolkit

SCAG's Regional Resilience Toolkit

A practical resource for local climate resilience planning

Sebastian Shetty, Associate Regional Planner – SCAG

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Introduction

Why Plan for Resilience?

Climate risks are increasing across Southern California, from record heat to growing disaster recovery costs.

SHOCKS

Wildfires, Flooding, Mudslides,
Extreme Heat, Earthquakes,
Pandemic &
Public Health Crises



STRESSORS

Housing Affordability Crisis, Aging
Infrastructure, Economic
Inequality, Water Scarcity, Public
Health Disparities

"Every \$1 invested in resilience saves \$13 in damages and indirect consequences" - U.S Chamber of Commerce

How Does SCAG Define Resilience?

"The capacity of the SCAG region's built, social, economic, and natural systems to anticipate and effectively respond to changing conditions, acute shocks, and chronic stressors by creating multiple opportunities for a sustainable, thriving and equitable future."

The Toolkit: A Roadmap for Local Resilience

PURPOSE & AUDIENCE

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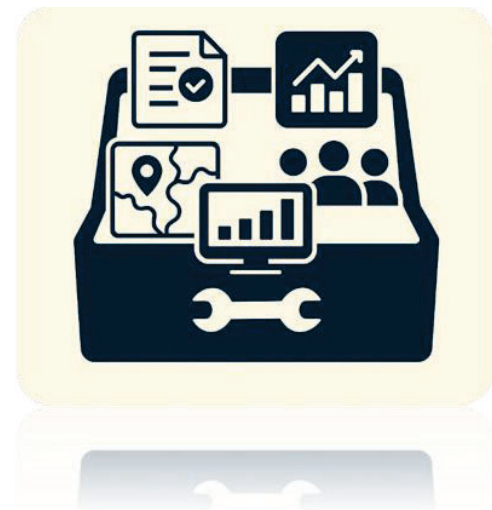
- Flexible & scalable
- Local & regional focus
- For agency staff

HOW TO USE THE TOOLKIT

02

- Start anywhere - flexible entry points
- Use as a step-by-step guide or to fill specific gaps
- Includes tools, templates, case examples, and resources
- Supports compliance with state mandates & grant requirements

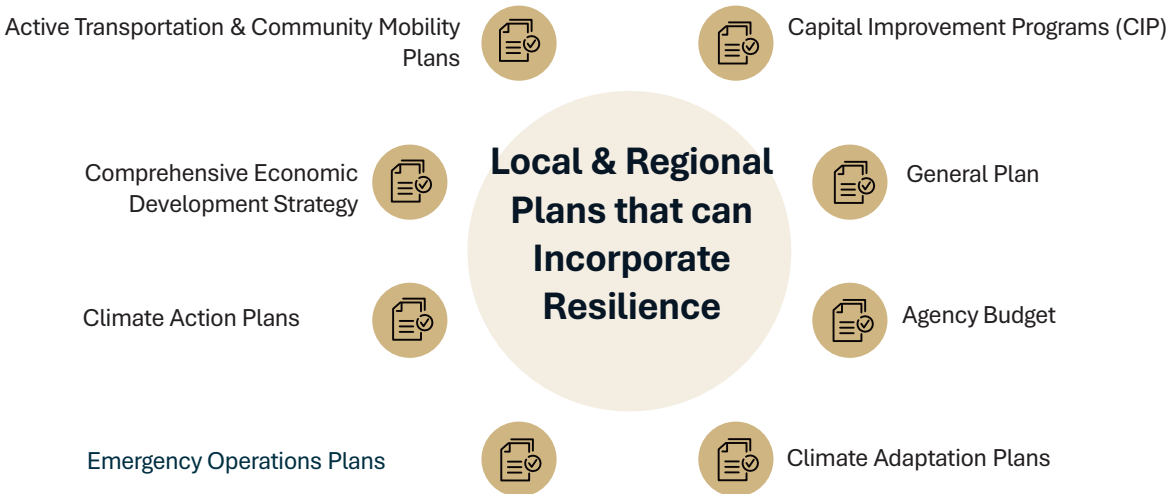
A practical guide for cities, counties, and agencies to build community resilience, step by step.



What's Inside: Tools, Guidance, Case Studies



Start Anywhere: Integrate or Standalone



Community Engagement and Partnerships



GROUNDING IN LIVED EXPERIENCE

- Community stakeholders often know their vulnerabilities best.
- Engagement/partnerships surface risks, needs, and barriers that data alone can't capture.

Resilience strategies that reflect real-world conditions and priorities.



BUILDING SOCIAL RESILIENCE & TRUST

- Meaningful engagement/partnerships strengthen social cohesion.
- Trust built through inclusive processes increases participation in resilience planning and implementation

Reduced vulnerability and faster, more effective recovery when disasters strike.



ADVANCING EQUITABLE RESILIENCE OUTCOMES

- Meaningful engagement/partnerships ensure resilience resources reach the most vulnerable communities.
- Prevents widening disparities post-disaster.

Outcomes that support infrastructure repair and long-term community well-being and resilience.

Paying for It: Funding & Financing

Includes both familiar and emerging tools:

GRANT PROGRAMS

01 **Competitive federal and state grant programs**

RECOVERY - FOCUSED FINANCIAL TOOLS

02 **Financial tools** such as green bonds, parametric insurance, low-interest business and home disaster loans, and public-private partnerships (P3s)

PRIVATE AND PHILANTHROPIC OPPORTUNITIES

03 **Private and philanthropic contributions**, including low-interest loans, donations, disaster relief funds, and technical assistance.

LOCAL AND REGIONAL FINANCING MECHANISMS

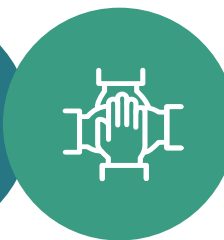
04 **Local and regional financing mechanisms** including Climate Resilience Districts, Enhanced Infrastructure Financing Districts, Geologic Hazard Abatement Districts, and Joint Powers Authorities, etc.

What can Local Governments do with this Toolkit?

Resilience is a shared local and regional effort.

Strength in Local Action

Local resilience planning and implementation efforts directly benefit communities and lay the foundation for regional coordination.



Building a Resilient Future, Together

Resilience planning is ongoing and iterative - this Toolkit is a starting point, not an endpoint.

Strength in Regional Coordination

Disasters cross jurisdictional boundaries - air, water, infrastructure, housing markets are all regional systems.

SCAG as a Partner & Resource

SCAG offers technical support, data, and funding alignment to help local governments advance resilience.



THANK YOU + QUESTIONS

To: Regional Council (RC)

From: Lucy Dunn, Ex-Officio Member; Business Representative

Subject: Business Report – June 5, 2025

Here are a few items that business and industry leaders have been engaged in which may also be of interest to regional public leaders:

1. **GLUE Council meeting** of business and industry folks is scheduled for Monday June 2 at 10am to 11am. We plan to welcome SCAG President, Cindy Allen, receive a legislative update, discuss with a couple of city managers their budgetary challenges and how business might assist.
2. **Economy.** The financial markets continue to be highly volatile due to uncertainty at the federal policy level. Tariff rates, announcements, pauses and negotiations are hard to follow and change daily, again making it difficult for business leaders to plan and invest. In addition, Moody's Ratings Service on May 16 downgraded US creditworthiness citing rising federal debt. "We expect federal deficits to widen, reaching nearly 9 percent of GDP by 2035, up from 6.4 percent in 2024, driven mainly by increased interest payments on debt, rising entitlement spending, and relatively low revenue generation," the firm said. This negatively impacts borrowing rates.
3. **Insurance: California's largest insurer, State Farm, received approval May 14, 2025 to temporarily raise its rates by an average of 17% for homeowners, 15% for renters and condos and 38% for rental dwellings. Last week, State Farm put in another request for an additional 13%. Note, however, that State Farm hasn't had a rate increase in 30 years according to CBIA's Dan Dunmoyer. Other insurers are likely to follow with rate increase requests.** Besides getting the final sign-off from California Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara, State Farm also had to get approval from an administrative law judge, Karl-Fredric Seligman. In his decision, Judge Seligman stated: "Taken as a whole, it represents a fundamentally fair, adequate, and necessary measure — effectively functioning as a rescue mission to stabilize State Farm's financial condition while safeguarding policyholders."
4. **So Cal Housing Notes from Randall Lewis.**
 - The for-sale housing market continues to deteriorate. This is caused by high interest rates, worries about the tariffs, worries about the economy, and a general lack of urgency. This will impact cities because home sales typically drive other parts of the economy such as landscaping, furniture, remodeling, mortgage, insurance, etc.

- The apartment market remains strong because people aren't buying houses, and they have to live somewhere. Unfortunately, apartment starts will be low this coming year because of high interest rates and high construction costs. Although occupancies are strong, right now in most cases it doesn't make economic sense for homebuilders to start new apartment construction.
- Last week was the big shopping center conference in Las Vegas where attendees showed good enthusiasm. The retail industry has gone through a lot of pain the last five years, but for those who survived, they would like to expand. Local government economic development teams might take advantage of this enthusiasm by reaching out to their retailers for ideas and support.
- It seems like we're headed into a K-shaped economy. Normally, most parts of the economy move in the same direction, either up or down. Right now, we're seeing some parts of the economy doing well and many parts of the economy are doing poorly, so a graph of the economy would have parts of it going up and parts of it going down, as prosperity is returning more rapidly for some Americans while many others struggle to get by.
- For city and county leaders trying to anticipate the future, look at soft data as much as hard data. Hard data are lagging indicators which usually signify what happened in the past, such as home sales, industrial production, employment rates, etc. Some of the soft data are more reflective of leading indicators such as consumer confidence, interest in taking vacations, plans for hiring, etc. If you want to know what's happening in your community, a good way to find out would be to talk to businesses, not for profits, and residents and just ask how they are feeling about the future. This can be a great leading indicator of what's going to happen.