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SPECIAL MEETING

# JOINT MEETING OF THE POLICY COMMITTEES (CEHD, EEC, AND TC)

**Members of the Public are Welcome to Attend  
In-Person & Remotely**

**Thursday, December 4, 2025  
9:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.**

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**Call-in Number: 1-669-900-6833  
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For purpose of providing public comment for items listed on the Consent Calendar, please indicate that you wish to speak when the Consent Calendar is called. Items listed on the Consent Calendar will be acted on with one motion and there will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member of the legislative body so requests, in which event, the item will be considered separately.

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**JOINT MEETING OF THE  
POLICY COMMITTEES (CEHD, EEC, AND TC)  
SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA**

TELECONFERENCE AVAILABLE AT THESE ADDITIONAL LOCATIONS\*

**Community, Economic and Human Development (CEHD) Committee**

<p><b>Valerie Amezcua</b> The Leo Kent Hotel Lobby 1 S Church Avenue Tucson, AZ 85701</p>	<p><b>Joe Baca</b> Hampton Inn &amp; Suites San Diego Airport Liberty Station 2211 Lee Court San Diego, CA 92101</p>	<p><b>Don Caskey</b> City of Laguna Hills - City Hall 24035 El Toro Road Laguna Hills, CA 92653</p>
<p><b>Debra Dorst-Porada</b> City of Ontario - City Hall 303 East B Street Conference Room 2 Ontario, CA 91764</p>	<p><b>Keith Eich</b> 4821 Daleridge Road La Canada Flintridge, CA 91011</p>	<p><b>Bob Engler</b> City of Thousand - City Hall 2100 Thousand Oaks Boulevard Thousand Oaks, CA 91362</p>
<p><b>Rose Espinoza</b> City of La Habra - City Hall 110 East La Habra Boulevard La Habra, CA 90631</p>	<p><b>Waymond Fermon</b> City of Indio - City Hall 100 Civic Center Drive Indio, CA 92201</p>	<p><b>Claudia Frometa</b> City of Downey - City Hall 11111 Brookshire Ave 3rd Floor City Council Conference Room Downey, CA 90241</p>
<p><b>John Grass</b> SCAG Imperial County Regional Office 1503 N. Imperial Avenue, Suite 104 El Centro, CA 92243</p>	<p><b>Peggy Huang</b> City of Yorba Linda - City Hall 4845 Casa Loma Avenue Yorba Linda, CA 92886</p>	<p><b>Matt LaVere</b> Supervisor LaVere Hall of Administration 800 S. Victoria Avenue, 4th Floor Ventura, CA 93009</p>
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<p><b>John A. Mirisch</b> City of Beverly Hills - City Hall 455 N. Rexford Drive, 4th Floor Beverly Hills, CA 90210</p>	<p><b>Sonny Santa Ines</b> City of Bellflower - City Hall 16600 Civic Center Drive Bellflower, CA 90706</p>	<p><b>Becky A. Shevlin</b> City of Monrovia - City Hall 415 S Ivy Avenue Monrovia, CA 91016</p>
<p><b>Mary Solorio</b> 1425 Hollister Street San Fernando, CA 91340</p>	<p><b>Valerie Vandever</b> City of San Jacinto - City Hall 595 S San Jacinto Avenue San Jacinto, CA 92583</p>	<p><b>Judy Woolsey</b> City of Yucaipa - City Hall Executive Conference Room 34272 Yucaipa Boulevard Yucaipa, CA 92399</p>
<p><b>Tony Wu</b> 4509 Temple City Boulevard Temple City, CA 91780</p>		



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**Energy and Environment Committee (EEC)**

<p><b>Ana Beltran</b> America's Best Value Inn Lobby 351 W. Main Street Westmorland, CA 92281</p>	<p><b>Daniel Brotman</b> City of Glendale - City Hall 613 E Broadway, Ste 200 Glendale, CA 91206</p>	<p><b>Margaret Clark</b> 3109 Prospect Avenue Rosemead, CA 91770</p>
<p><b>Robert D. Copeland</b> Signal Hill Public Study Room #1 1800 E. Hill Street Signal Hill, CA 90755</p>	<p><b>Ned E. Davis</b> City of Westlake Village - City Hall 31200 Oak Crest Drive Westlake Village, CA 91361</p>	<p><b>Carmen Hernandez</b> City of Barstow - City Hall 220 E. Mountain View Barstow, CA 92311</p>
<p><b>Shari L. Horne</b> City of Laguna Woods - City Hall 24264 El Toro Road Laguna Woods, CA 92637</p>	<p><b>Britt Huff</b> City of Rolling Hills Estates - City Hall 4045 Palos Verdes Drive North Rolling Hills Estates CA, 90274</p>	<p><b>Brian Johsz</b> 5615 Gableview Court Chino Hills, CA 91709</p>
<p><b>Elaine Litster</b> City of Simi Valley - City Hall 2929 Tapo Canyon Road Simi Valley, CA 93063</p>	<p><b>Jennifer Stark</b> City of Claremont - City Hall 207 Harvard Avenue 2nd Floor Jr. Conference Room Claremont, CA 91711</p>	<p><b>Ali Taj</b> 11856 E. 187th Street Artesia CA 90701</p>
<p><b>Tamala Takahashi</b> City of Burbank - City Hall 275 East Olive Avenue 2nd Floor, Council Office Burbank, CA 91502</p>	<p><b>Stephanie Virgen</b> City of Coachella - City Hall 1515 Sixth Street Coachella, CA 92236</p>	<p><b>Dale Welty</b> City of Canyon Lake - City Hall 31526 Railroad Canyon Road Canyon Lake, CA 92584</p>

**Transportation Committee (TC)**

<p><b>Javier Amezcua</b> City of Calipatria - City Hall City Council Chambers 125 N Park Avenue Calipatria, CA 92233</p>	<p><b>Brian S. Berkson</b> City of Jurupa Valley - City Hall 8930 Limonite Avenue Jurupa Valley, CA 92509</p>	<p><b>Denise Delgado</b> City of Coachella - City Hall 1515 6th Street Coachella, CA 92236</p>
<p><b>Jason Gibbs</b> City of Santa Clarita - City Hall 23920 Valencia Boulevard Orchard Conference Room Santa Clarita, CA 91355</p>	<p><b>Lauren Hughes-Leslie</b> City of Lancaster - City Hall Council Conference Room 44933 Fern Avenue Lancaster, CA 93534</p>	<p><b>Fred Jung</b> City of Fullerton - City Hall 303 W. Commonwealth Avenue Fullerton, CA 92832</p>
<p><b>Carlos Leon</b> City of Anaheim - City Hall 200 S Anaheim Boulevard Anaheim, CA 92805</p>	<p><b>Bridgett Lewis</b> City of Torrance - City Hall 3031 Torrance Boulevard, 3rd Floor Torrance, CA 90503</p>	<p><b>Ken Mann</b> City of Lancaster - City Hall Council Conference Room 44933 Fern Avenue Lancaster, CA 93534</p>



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<p><b>Crystal Ruiz</b> 674 Sunnyside Boulevard San Jacinto, CA 92582</p>	<p><b>Zak Schwank</b> City of Temecula - City Hall 41000 Main Street, Third Floor Canyons Conference Room Temecula CA, 92590</p>	<p><b>Jeremy Smith</b> City of Canyon Lake - City Hall 31516 Railroad Canyon Road Canyon Lake, CA 92587</p>
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<p><b>William "Bill" Uphoff</b> City of Lomita - City Hall 24300 Narbonne Avenue Lomita, CA 90717</p>	<p><b>Colleen Wallace</b> Hotel Westin 71333 Dinah Shore Drive Rancho Mirage, CA 92270</p>	

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- 1. Hon. Rick Denison**  
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- 9. Hon. Ned Davis**  
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Simi Valley, VCOG



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- 24. Hon. Jennifer Stark**  
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Southern California Association of Governments  
900 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1700 – Regional Council Room  
Los Angeles, CA 90017  
**Thursday, December 4, 2025**  
**9:30 AM**

The Joint Policy Committees 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*

*The Honorable David J. Shapiro, Chair, Community, Economic, and Human Development Committee*

*The Honorable Rick Denison, Chair, Energy and Environment Committee*

*The Honorable Mike T. Judge, Chair, Transportation Committee*

**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**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Approval Items

1. Minutes of the Meetings – February 6, 2025

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**INFORMATION ITEMS**

2. 2025 Southern California Economic Update and LA28 Games Economic Impacts  
*(Cindy Allen, President, SCAG)*

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**ADJOURNMENT**



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
SPECIAL JOINT POLICY COMMITTEES  
(COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (CEHD);  
ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE (EEC); AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE (TC))  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2025**

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

The Joint Policy Committees of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) held its meeting both in person and virtually (telephonically and electronically). A quorum was present.

**CEHD Members Present:**

<b>Hon. David Shapiro (Chair)</b>	<b><i>Calabasas</i></b>	<b>District 44</b>
<b>Hon. Rocky Rhodes (Vice Chair)</b>	<b><i>Simi Valley</i></b>	<b>District 46</b>
Hon. Cindy Allen	<i>Long Beach</i>	District 30
Hon. Jesse Armendarez		San Bernardino County
Hon. Wendy Bucknum	<i>Mission Viejo</i>	District 13
Hon. Tanya Doby	<i>Los Alamitos</i>	OCCOG
Hon. Debra Dorst-Porada	<i>Ontario, Pres. Appt.</i>	Member at Large
Ms. Lucy Dunn	Business Representative	Ex-Officio
Hon. Keith Eich	<i>La Cañada Flintridge</i>	District 36
Hon. Shaunna Elias	<i>Glendora</i>	District 33
Hon. Bob Engler	<i>Thousand Oaks</i>	VCOG
Hon. Rose Espinoza	<i>La Habra</i>	OCCOG
Hon. Claudia M. Frometa	<i>Downey</i>	District 25
Hon. Victoria Garcia	<i>San Fernando</i>	District 67
Hon. Gary Gardner	<i>Desert Hot Springs</i>	District 2
Hon. Mike Goodsell		ICTC
Hon. Mark Henderson	<i>Gardena</i>	District 28
Hon. Peggy Huang	<i>Yorba Linda</i>	OCCOG
Hon. Cecilia Hupp	<i>Brea</i>	OCCOG
Hon. Lynda Johnson	<i>Cerritos</i>	GCCOG
Sup. Matt LaVere	<i>Ventura County</i>	CoC
Hon. Jed Leano	<i>Claremont</i>	SGVCOG



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Hon. Anni Marshall	<i>Avalon</i>	GCCOG
Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.	<i>Tribal Gov't Reg'l Planning Rep.</i>	
Hon. John Mirisch	<i>Beverly Hills, Pres. Appt.</i>	Member at Large
Hon. Joseph Morabito	<i>Wildomar</i>	WRCOG
Hon. Zizette Mullins	<i>Burbank</i>	AVCJPA
Hon. Marisela Nava	<i>Perris</i>	District 69
Hon. Misty Perez	<i>Port Hueneme, Pres. Appt.</i>	Member at Large
Hon. Freddy Puza	<i>Culver City</i>	WSCCOG
Hon. Sonny Santa Ines	<i>Bellflower</i>	GCCOG
Hon. Becky Shevlin	<i>Monrovia</i>	SGVCOG
Hon. Mary Solorio	<i>San Fernando</i>	SFVCOG
Hon. Acquanetta Warren	<i>Fontana</i>	SBCTA
Hon. Jeff Wood	<i>Lakewood</i>	District 24
Hon. Tony Wu	<i>West Covina</i>	SGVCOG
Hon. Frank Yokoyama	<i>Cerritos</i>	District 23
Hon. Frank Zerunyan	<i>Rolling Hills Estates</i>	SBCCOG

**CEHD Members Not Present:**

Hon. Valerie Amezcua	<i>Santa Ana</i>	District 16
Hon. Drew Boyles	<i>El Segundo</i>	District 40
Hon. Don Caskey	<i>Laguna Hills</i>	OCCOG
Hon. Waymond Fermon	<i>Indio</i>	CVAG
Hon. Margaret E. Finlay	<i>Duarte</i>	District 35
Hon. Martin Fuentes	<i>Cudahy</i>	GCCOG
Hon. William Hussey	<i>Grand Terrace</i>	SBCTA
Hon. Geneva Mojado	<i>Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians</i>	
Hon. Joseph Murphy	<i>Pechanga Band of Indians</i>	
Hon. Nithya Raman	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 51
Hon. Helen Tran	<i>San Bernardino</i>	SBCTA
Hon. Mark Waronek	<i>Lomita</i>	SBCCOG

**EEC Members Present:**

<b>Hon. Jenny Crosswhite (Chair)</b>	<b><i>Santa Paula</i></b>	<b>District 47</b>
<b>Hon. Lauren Meister (Vice Chair)</b>	<b><i>West Hollywood</i></b>	<b>District 41</b>
Hon. Debbie Baker	<i>La Palma</i>	District 18
Hon. Art Bishop	<i>Apple Valley</i>	SBCTA
Hon. Margaret Clark	<i>Rosemead</i>	District 32
Hon. Robert Copeland	<i>Signal Hill</i>	GCCOG

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Hon. Ned Davis	<i>Westlake Village</i>	LVMCOG
Hon. Rick Denison	<i>Yucca Valley</i>	SBCTA
Sup. Jesus Escobar		Imperial County
Hon. Carmen Hernandez	<i>Barstow</i>	SBCTA
Hon. Shari Horne	<i>Laguna Woods</i>	OCCOG
Hon. Britt Huff	<i>Rolling Hills Estates</i>	SBCCOG
Hon. Joe Kalmick	<i>Seal Beach</i>	District 20
Hon. Elaine Litster	<i>Simi Valley</i>	VCOG
Hon. Patricia Lock Dawson	<i>Riverside</i>	District 68
Hon. Vianey Lopez		Ventura County
Hon. Daniel Ramos	<i>Adelanto</i>	District 65
Hon. Suely Saro	<i>Long Beach</i>	District 29
Hon. Patty Senecal	<i>Seal Beach</i>	OCCOG
Hon. Jennifer Stark	<i>Claremont</i>	SGVCOG
Hon. Tamala Takahashi	<i>Burbank</i>	SFVCOG
Hon. Connor Traut	<i>Buena Park</i>	OCCOG
Hon. Stephanie Virgen	<i>Coachella</i>	CVAG
Hon. Dale Welty	<i>Canyon Lake</i>	WRCOG

**EEC Members Not Present:**

Hon. Ana Beltran	<i>Westmoreland</i>	ICTC
Hon. Steven Leash	<i>Cahuilla Band of Indians</i>	
Hon. Cory Moss	<i>Industry, Pres. Appt.</i>	Member at Large
Hon. Jose Sanchez		Los Angeles County CoC
Hon. Jeannette Sanchez-Palacios	<i>Ventura</i>	VCOG
Hon. Ali Taj	<i>Artesia, Pres. Appt.</i>	Member at Large

**TC Members Present:**

<b>Hon. Tim Sandoval (Chair)</b>	<b><i>Pomona</i></b>	<b>District 38</b>
<b>Hon. Mike T. Judge (Vice Chair)</b>		<b>VCTC</b>
Hon. Phil Bacerra		Orange County CoC
Hon. Ryan Balius	<i>Anaheim</i>	District 19
Hon. John Dutrey	<i>Montclair</i>	SBCTA/SBCCOG
Hon. John Gabbard	<i>Dana Point</i>	District 12
Hon. James Gazeley	<i>Lomita</i>	District 39
Hon. Jason Gibbs	<i>Santa Clarita</i>	NCTC
Hon. William Go	<i>Irvine</i>	District 14
Hon. Curt Hagman		San Bernardino County



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Hon. Jan Harnik		RCTC
Hon. Laura Hernandez	<i>Port Hueneme</i>	District 45
Hon. Fred Jung	<i>Fullerton</i>	OCCOG
Hon. Trish Kelley		TCA
Hon. Linda Krupa	<i>Hemet</i>	District 3
Hon. Andrew Lara	<i>Pico Rivera</i>	District 31
Hon. Richard Loa	<i>Palmdale</i>	NCTC
Hon. Clint Lorimore	<i>Eastvale</i>	District 4
Hon. Steve Manos	<i>Lake Elsinore</i>	District 63
Hon. Ray Marquez	<i>Chino Hills</i>	District 10
Hon. Marsha McLean	<i>Santa Clarita, Pres. Appt.</i>	Member at Large
Hon. Linda Molina	<i>Calimesa, Pres. Appt.</i>	Member at Large
Hon. Carol Moore	<i>Laguna Woods</i>	OCCOG
Hon. Muñoz-Guevara	<i>Lynwood</i>	GCCOG
Hon. Frank Navarro	<i>Colton</i>	District 6
Hon. Sharona Nazarian	<i>Beverly Hills</i>	WSCCOG
Hon. Gil Rebolgar	<i>Brawley</i>	District 1
Hon. Ed Reece	<i>Claremont</i>	SGVCOG
Mr. Marlon Regisford	<i>Caltrans District 7</i>	Ex-Officio Member
Hon. Gabriel Reyes		<i>San Bernardino County CoC</i>
Hon. Crystal Ruiz	<i>San Jacinto</i>	WRCOG
Hon. Zak Schwank	<i>Temecula</i>	District 5
Hon. Marty Simonoff	<i>Brea</i>	District 22
Hon. Ward Smith	<i>Placentia</i>	OCCOG
Hon. Karen Spiegel		Riverside County
Hon. Cynthia Sternquist	<i>Temple City</i>	SGVCOG
Hon. Butch Twining	<i>Huntington Beach</i>	District 64
Hon. Michael Vargas		Riverside County CoC
Hon. Don Wagner		Orange County
Hon. Wallace, Colleen	<i>Banning</i>	WRCOG
Hon. Alan Wapner		SBCTA/SBCOG
Hon. Thomas Wong	<i>Monterey Park</i>	District 34
<b><u>TC Members Not Present:</u></b>		
Hon. Adele Andrade-Stadler	<i>Alhambra</i>	SGVCOG
Hon. Kathryn Barger		Los Angeles County
Hon. Brian Berkson	<i>Jurupa Valley, Pres. Appt.</i>	Member at Large
Hon. Daniel Brotman	<i>Glendale</i>	AVCJPA

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Hon. Jeanette Burns	<i>Morongo Band of Mission Indians</i>	
Hon. Denise Delgado	<i>Coachella, Pres. Appt.</i>	Member at Large
Hon. Jonathan Dumitru	<i>Orange</i>	District 17
Hon. Lauren Hughes-Leslie	<i>Lancaster</i>	NCTCJPA
Hon. Heather Hutt	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 57
Hon. Lauren Kleiman	<i>Newport Beach</i>	District 15
Hon. Carlos A. Leon		OCTA
Hon. Bridgett Lewis	<i>Torrance, Pres. Appt.</i>	Member at Large
Hon. Ken Mann	<i>Lancaster</i>	District 43
Hon. Larry McCallon	<i>Highland</i>	District 7
Hon. Tim McOsker	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 62
Hon. L. Dennis Michael	<i>Rancho Cucamonga</i>	District 9
Hon. Ara Najarian	<i>Glendale</i>	SFVCOG
Hon. Nikki Perez	<i>Burbank</i>	District 42
Hon. Ali Saleh	<i>Bell</i>	District 27
Hon. Steve Sanchez	<i>La Quinta</i>	District 66
Hon. Jeremy Smith	<i>Canyon Lake, Pres. Appt.</i>	Member at Large
Hon. Hilda Solis		Los Angeles County
Hon. Wes Speake	<i>Corona</i>	WRCOG
Hon. Steve Tye	<i>Diamond Bar</i>	District 37
Hon. Scott Voigts	<i>Lake Forest</i>	OCCOG
Hon. Zhen Wu	<i>San Clemente</i>	OCCOG

**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
- Julie Shroyer, Chief Information Officer
- Jefferey Elder, Chief Counsel/Director of Legal Services
- Ruben Duran, Board Counsel
- Maggie Aguilar, Clerk of the Board
- Cecilia Pulido, Deputy Clerk of the Board

**CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Curt Hagman called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. and asked the Honorable Jenny Crosswhite, Santa Paula, District 47, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. A quorum was confirmed.

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## **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, President Hagman closed the Public Comment Period.

President Hagman acknowledged and welcomed the new policy committee members who were listed on the screen as follows:

### **Transportation Committee**

Ryan Balius, Anaheim, RC District 19; William Go, Irvine, RC District 14; Fred Jung, Fullerton, RC District 21; Carlos Leon, Orange County Transportation Authority; Butch Twining, Huntington Beach, RC District 64; and Zhen Wu, San Clemente, OCCOG.

### **Community, Economic and Human Development Committee**

Shaunna Elias, Glendora, RC District 33; Victoria Garcia, San Fernando, RC District 67; Gary Gardner, Desert Hot Springs, RC District 2; Peggy Huang, Yorba Linda, OCCOG; and Helen Tran, San Bernardino, RC District 7.

### **Energy and Environment Committee**

Debbie Baker, La Palma, RC District 18; Jesus Escobar, Imperial County; Daniel Ramos, Adelanto, RC District 65; and Patty Senecal, Seal Beach, OCCOG

## **REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS**

There was no reprioritization of items.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

There were no public comments on the Consent Calendar.

### **Approval Items**

#### 1. Minutes of the Meetings – March 7, 2024

A MOTION was made (Allen) to approve Consent Calendar Item 1. Motion was SECONDED (Sandoval). The motion passed by the following roll call votes:

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**AYES:** (CEHD) Allen, Armendarez, Bucknum, Doby, Dorst-Porada, Eich, Engler, Frometa, Garcia, Gardner, Goodsell, Johnson, LaVere, Leano, Marshall, Masiel, Mirisch, Morabito, Mullins, Nava, M. Perez, Puza, Rhodes, Santa Ines, Shapiro, Shevlin, Warren, Wood, Wu, Zerunyan; (EEC) Bishop, Clark, Copeland, Crosswhite, Davis, Denison, Horne, Lock Dawson, Lopez, Meister, Ramos, Saro, Stark, Takahashi, Traut, Virgen, Welty; (TC) Bacerra, Balias, Dutrey, Gabbard, Gazeley, Gibbs, Go, Hagman, Harnik, L. Hernandez, Judge, Jung, Kelley, Krupa, Loa, Manos, Marquez, McLean, Molina, Moore, Navarro, Nazarian, Rebollar, Reece, Reyes, Ruiz, Sandoval, Schwank, Simonoff, W. Smith, Sternquist, Vargas, Wagner, Wallace, and Wapner (82)

**NOES:** None (0)

**ABSTAIN:** (CEHD) Huang; (EEC) Baker, Escobar; and (TC) Twining (4)

## INFORMATION ITEM

### 2. Regional Recovery and Resilience in the Face of Disasters

President Hagman thanked staff for setting up this meeting and bringing a panel of experts to discuss recovery and resilience. He indicated that the fires in Los Angeles County would be a multi-year recovery effort and emphasized the importance of resilience.

Kome Ajise, Executive Director, reported that the Palisades and Eaton Fires in Los Angeles County caused unimaginable destruction and tragedy in their region. He shared that these events had made it clear that they were in a new era for natural disasters. He indicated that for them in planning, this raised very important questions about how they prepare for disasters, how they mitigate their potential damage, as well as how they recover. He stated that this was an issue they had been very concerned about – which is why Connect SoCal 2024 centered on resilience. He explained that with all of this being top of mind due to recent events and SCAG’s role in convening the region, they had assembled a panel of experts to share their knowledge. He indicated that it was his pleasure to introduce the guest speakers: Dr. Lucy Jones from the Dr. Lucy Jones Center for Science and Society; Amy Bodek from the Los Angeles Department of Regional Planning; Steve Soboroff, Chief Recovery Office for the City of Los Angeles; Vince Bertoni, Director of Planning for the City of Los Angeles; and Nuin-Tara Key, Executive Director of Programs at California Forward. He explained that they would begin with a presentation from Dr. Lucy Jones, after which they would hear from all the panelists. He shared that Dr. Lucy Jones was no stranger to SCAG and had worked with SCAG on numerous efforts in the past related to disaster planning. He noted that she was founder and Chief Scientist at the Dr. Lucy Jones Center for Science and Society, which uses science to support community resilience. He also noted that she was a seismologist for the US Geological

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Survey for 33 years, where she developed methodologies for earthquake advisories, as well as the Great American Shakeout Drill.

Dr. Jones set the context for the discussion, emphasizing the need for resilience and preparedness in the face of natural disasters. She highlighted the potential for worse disasters in the future due to climate change and the need for society to find alternative ways of managing risk. She discussed the challenges of human beings understanding exponential growth curves, particularly in the context of climate change and disaster response. She emphasized the importance of resilience, response, and recovery in disaster management, and highlighted the role of social capital in community recovery. She also explained the bottom-up disaster response process in the United States, with local authorities taking the lead and federal agencies like FEMA and HUD providing support. She noted that FEMA's involvement typically lasts six months, after which HUD takes over with no guiding legislation, making the recovery process ad hoc. She suggested that local authorities should consider how to work together on recovery plans, given the administrative burden involved. She discussed the importance of stakeholder collaboration and trauma processing in disaster response. She also emphasized the need for a thriving community that is resilient to future disasters and suggested that the 2008 building code changes had significantly improved fire resistance. She also highlighted the importance of considering the needs of small businesses and the community in recovery planning.

Amy Bodak, the Director of Regional Planning for Los Angeles County, discussed the county's role in wildfire recovery, particularly in the recent Eaton and Palisades fires. She highlighted the county's collaboration with various jurisdictions, including the State and Federal governments, and the importance of learning from past disasters like the 2018 Woolsey fire. Ms. Bodak also mentioned the county's plans to expedite temporary housing and rebuilding efforts, including the establishment of a physical building for all fire victims in the affected areas. She highlighted the county's ability to be nimble in the face of disasters. She concluded by emphasizing the importance of making "relentless, imperfect, bold progress" in the face of challenges, referencing the work of her friend Tennis Wick from Sonoma County.

Steve Soboroff, Chief Recovery Office for the City of Los Angeles, discussed the need for rapid action in the aftermath of the fires, particularly in terms of hazardous waste removal and lot clearance. He expressed concern for those who have been displaced and emphasized the need for the Army Corps and FEMA to be allowed to do their work effectively. He also highlighted the underappreciation and overwork of these agencies' personnel, urging others to show them support.

Vince Bertoni, Director of Planning for Los Angeles, discussed the devastating impact of recent fires on communities, particularly in the Palisades. He emphasized the deep sense of loss and grief experienced by residents who have lost homes, businesses, and community structures. Mr. Bertoni provided preliminary numbers of damage in Los Angeles, including over 5,000 homes, 6,000

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structures, and various community facilities like churches and schools. He highlighted the challenge of recovery, focusing on the need to help people return to their homes and businesses while dealing with the emotional toll of the disaster. He discussed the need to streamline planning processes and reduce bureaucracy to focus on building and safety. He also highlighted the importance of collaboration between jurisdictions and the need for a 1-stop center for disaster recovery.

Nuin-Tara Key, Executive Director of Programs at California Forward, emphasized the importance of considering climate change in economic development and the need for an all-of-government approach to disaster recovery. Ms. Key also outlined the state's long-term recovery framework, which includes response, near-term recovery, and long-term recovery phases. She also touched on the importance of mental health support during disaster recovery. She discussed the mental health aspect of the crisis, emphasizing the need for long-term and sustained mental and social health services. She highlighted the importance of community planning and capacity in building support for long-term regional recovery.

The discussion then shifted to the issue of receiving cities, with Ms. Bodak and Mr. Bertoni sharing their experiences with temporary and permanent housing in the wake of the Eaton fire and the Paradise fire. The need for a regional approach to housing was emphasized, as people displaced by disasters often move to other areas within the region. There was also discussion on the viable financial tools for recovery and rebuilding, including the role of the private sector and philanthropy, as well as the issue of insurance. Ms. Key discussed the insurance crisis and market volatility affecting the entire state, emphasizing that insurance should not be relied upon as a funding source for resilience investments. Instead, she noted that sustained investment in risk reduction was necessary for market stabilization. Ms. Key also highlighted the need for public investment or additional public backstop in terms of guarantees for the fair plan or other structures but cautioned against transferring risk to public balance sheets. Mr. Soboroff mentioned the potential role of philanthropy in filling the gap for those unable to start their plans due to financial constraints.

The JPC members engaged in discussion with the panelist and expressed the desire for a more proactive approach to disaster prevention, rather than just waiting for the next disaster. The need for a comprehensive plan to deal with exponential growth and its associated vulnerabilities was suggested. They also discussed the need for a fundamental model change in the way growth is managed, particularly in urban cores and unincorporated counties. They emphasized the importance of climate resilient district financing and the need for smaller jurisdictions to collaborate on this. The importance of educating communities about federal support and the need to protect water systems from hazardous materials was highlighted. They suggested that schools could benefit from additional funding and support to welcome students affected by disasters. There was also discussion on insurance, defensible spaces, and responsible forest management. They also discussed on the need for regional planning and the adoption of climate action plans in

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jurisdictions. The importance of sharing information and utilizing the talents of the attendees to plan for future disasters was noted. They emphasized the need for a working group to address the issue and suggested that each city could reasonably help. The panelists shared their experiences and insights, with a focus on the impact of wildfires and insurance issues.

President Hagman thanked the panelists and announced that they would continue to explore ways to fund resilience and policy changes.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, President Hagman adjourned the Joint Policy Committee meeting in at 11:58 a.m.

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**AGENDA ITEM 2**  
**REPORT**

Southern California Association of Governments  
December 4, 2025

**To:** JPC - Joint Policy Committees

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S  
APPROVAL

**From:** Kevin Kane, Planning Supervisor (Forecasting and Spatial Analytics)  
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**Subject:** 2025 Southern California Economic Update and LA28 Games Economic  
Impacts

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Information Only – No Action Required

**STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:**

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

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

*Since 2009, SCAG has provided up-to-date analyses and insights to a range of stakeholders on the economic state of the SCAG region and its six counties via its annual Economic Update. This update is presented by SCAG’s Economic Roundtable, a select group of economists from across the region who meet quarterly to discuss trends, data, and current events impacting the region’s economy. This work takes place year-round, with the group’s Quarterly Reports published on the [Economic and Demographic section of SCAG’s website](#), and all accompanying economic data for the region can be visualized on and exported from the [SCAG Econ Trends Tool](#).*

**Economic Roundtable Members:**

**Imperial County**

- Michael Bracken, Development Management Group, Inc.

**Los Angeles County**

- Shannon Sedgwick, Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation

**Orange County**

- Wallace Walrod, Tech Coast Consulting Group

**Riverside and San Bernardino Counties**

- Manfred Keil, Inland Empire Economic Partnership and Claremont McKenna College
- Robert Kleinhenz, IEEP and Kleinhenz Economics

**Ventura County**

- Mark Schniepp, California Economic Forecast

**Economic Opportunity**

- *Beth Tamayose, University of California, Riverside*

**Sustainability**

- *David Roland-Holst, Berkeley Economic Advising & Research and University of California, Berkeley*

*SCAG’s primary role as a Metropolitan Planning Organization is to develop a plan for a healthy, prosperous, connected, and equitable Southern California over the next three decades—and support its implementation. The annual Economic Update contributes to this work by providing economic analysis and insight that can assist local policymakers in planning for the next thirty years. With development of long-range forecasts for SCAG’s next regional plan, Connect SoCal 2050, taking place concurrently with this year’s Economic Update, the 2026 and 2027 outlooks contain more detail. In addition, the Update also includes an economic impact analysis of the upcoming 2028 Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games in Los Angeles, which estimates the economic output and job creation potential of Games-related spending and investment on each of the counties in the SCAG region.*

*This year’s Economic Update will take place as a part of the special Joint Policy Committee meeting on Dec. 4 and will include a presentation on the economic impacts of the 2028 Games, a SCAG region economic update, and a moderated discussion of the Economic Roundtable.*

*The Update will feature a briefing book that contains a complete report for the SCAG region, a summary brief for each county, and the LA28 economic impacts study, to be provided to the policy committee under separate cover. This staff report includes the highlights of the briefing book. Full individual reports for the region’s counties will be published separately following the event.*

**BACKGROUND:****State of the Regional Economy**

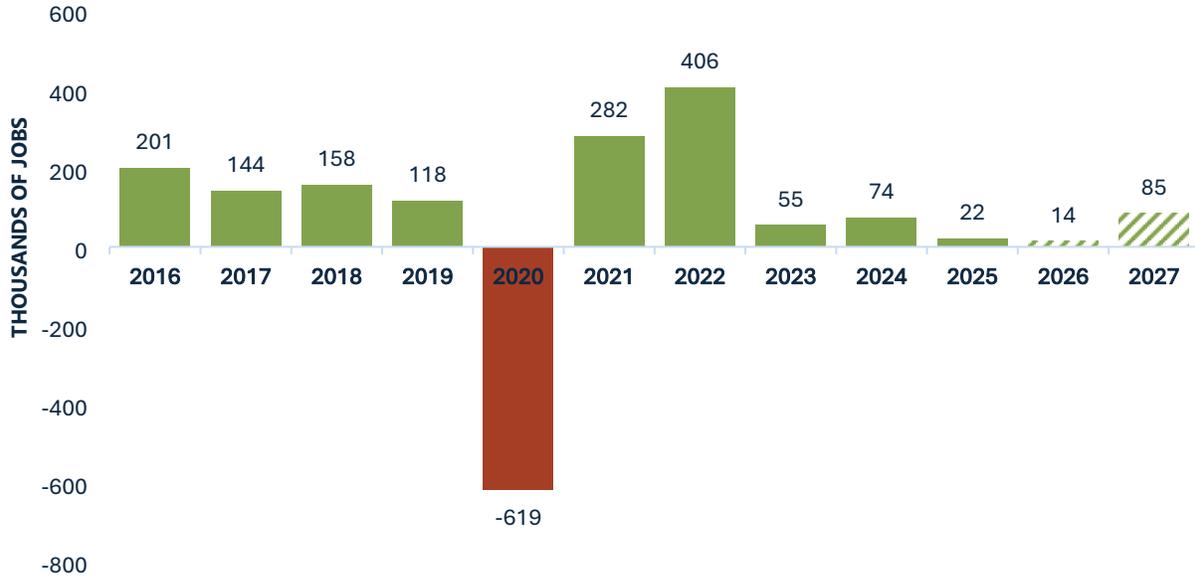
In 2025, economic progress has been mixed. A number of sectors have reported growth: healthcare job demand continues to rise; cargo inflows and outflows are buoyed by stable consumer demand despite tariffs; and technology firms have seen much higher valuations and product orders mostly due to wider adoption of Artificial Intelligence (AI) systems. However, the region added only 22,000 new jobs in 2025—outside of the pandemic, this is the lowest job growth since the Great Recession. Combined with the return of modest population growth (regional population was in decline from 2019-2024), unemployment has begun to creep upward. While the recent government shutdown means that 1-2 months of economic data is unavailable, the Roundtable has not observed any factors that could cause major changes to this economic assessment for the remainder of the year.

**Exhibit 1 Percent Change in Real Gross Domestic Product**



Source: U.S. BEA via Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis and author calculation

**Exhibit 2 SCAG Region Annual Change in Payroll Jobs and Forecast**



Source: California Employment Development Department; UCLA Anderson Forecast and California Economic Forecast. Data for 2025 is annualized based on year-to-date performance relative to the same period in 2024.

AI has been the biggest disruptor, infiltrating industries like high-tech services, TV, film, and sound recording, high-tech manufacturing, and even financial services. This may explain much of the weak job growth, especially among younger job seekers because AI appears to more often replace entry-level work. Nonetheless, AI technologies are generating high valuations and economic output and have shown the possibility of being labor augmenting in certain sectors like healthcare. Data indicates that AI will create more high-demand positions, such as AI agent engineers, ethicists, and product managers over the next two years. These new positions should offset job losses, similar to previous technological changes. Nonetheless, current pathways into stable, well-paying white-collar careers appear increasingly at risk; there is also a worrisome dynamic whereby incidentally middle and senior-level staff can use, and develop, technologies that limit these pathways.

Moderate declines in air travel, amusement park attendance, and hotel usage suggest that increased domestic tourism has partially, but not fully, offset the bigger drop in international tourists in 2025.

New housing construction, remarkably stable since the mid-2010s, continued its slowing that began in 2024. For-sale inventory in 2025 is more abundant than the previous year. Lower interest rate policy—which began in September and is expected to continue into 2026—should help increase housing inventory and refill the pipeline of new home projects. Unpredictable tariff policies and a

lack of job growth hampered new industrial and office development in 2025; however, the region still has a large volume of transportation infrastructure, healthcare, and mixed-use projects in various phases of completion.

### **The Outlook for 2026 and Beyond for the SCAG Region**

Economic growth in the SCAG region is expected to rise modestly in 2026. The Roundtable predicts a 0.5 percent job growth rate in 2025, a 0.8 percent growth rate in 2026, and the possibility of returning to higher, long-term levels of growth in 2027. Tech industries in California show very strong growth potential due to AI, though the forecast for tech employment is uncertain. The broader spectrum of industries is likely incorporating the latest AI technology and will need new workers to design, implement, and maintain these systems, though so far AI has not been associated directly with hiring.

While population decline reversed in 2024-25, growth is expected to be very slow in coming years due to federal immigration policy. While the size of the labor force may increase somewhat, very slow job growth will likely keep unemployment near or above its current level of about six percent. A slight increase in job growth in 2027 would push this down.

As the long-term tariff policy begins to look more clear, demand for warehouse and logistics space should increase. Housing market conditions should gradually improve with more inventory and new construction in response to less strict financing for homebuyers and developers; however, relief from high housing costs is not likely in the near term.

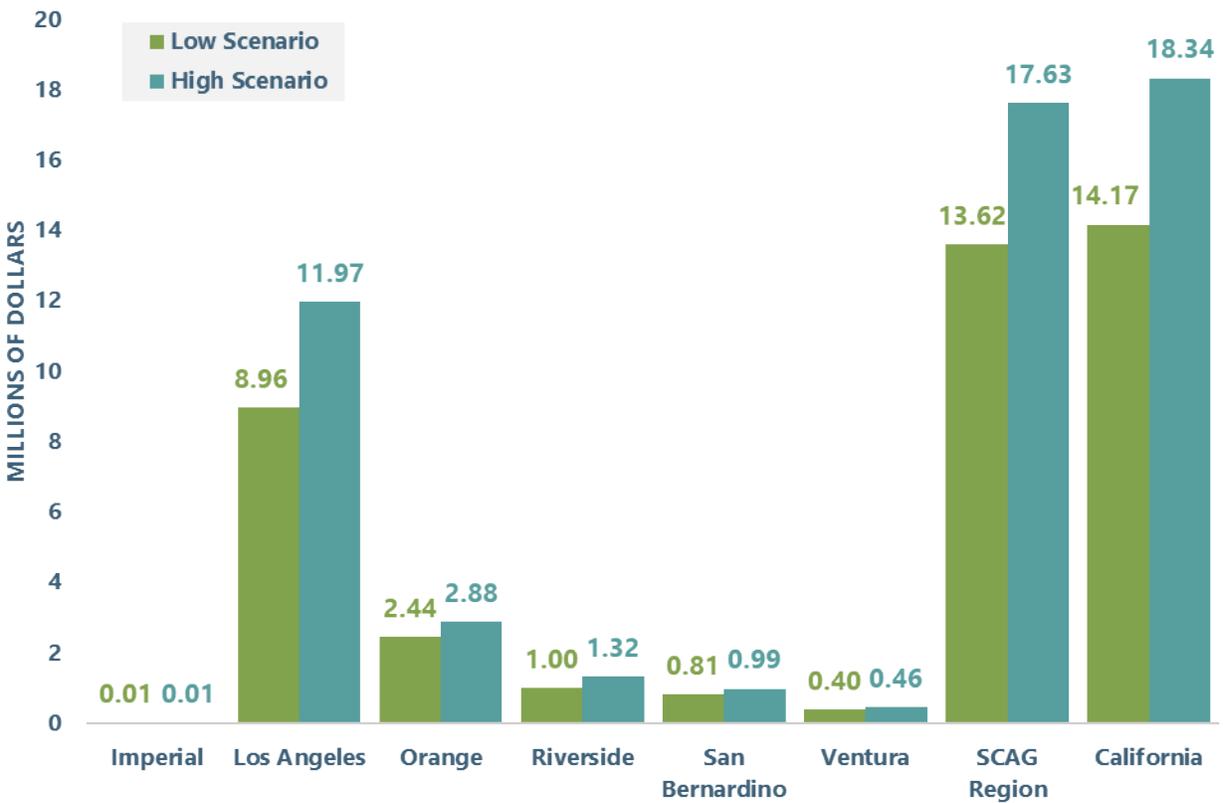
### **Economic Impacts of LA28**

This year SCAG staff and Roundtable members collaborated on an economic impact analysis of the upcoming 2028 Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games, which estimates the economic output and job creation potential of Games-related spending and investment in each of the six counties of the SCAG region. Investment modeled includes the LA28 Committee's \$7.15 billion budget, an estimate for visitor spending, and a portion of Games-related transportation infrastructure investments to illustrate that the prioritization, fast tracking, and upscaling of such projects can have measurable, near-term economic benefits.

The analysis, conducted using REMI TranSight 5.3, is intended to capture these outputs over the 2024-29 period, meaning that longer term "legacy effects" are generally not reflected. As with any such assessment, it is conducted with available data and methods and relies on numerous assumptions described in the report. Over 2024-29, it is estimated that the LA28 Games will generate between \$13.6 and \$17.6 billion in additional gross domestic product (GDP) for the six-county SCAG region.

Key insights from the analysis include that the relatively low share of construction costs in the LA28 budget reduces the risk of stranded assets for taxpayers, the region’s high concentration of professional, administrative, and sports/recreation services means that a high share of materials and labor can be sourced locally, and that while 37 of 41 competition venues are in Los Angeles County, 33 percent of the economic impact will be in the region’s other five counties due to both visitor spending and work provided by firms elsewhere in the SCAG region.

**Exhibit 3 Estimated LA28 GDP Impacts by County**



The LA28 Committee has dedicated \$160 million of its budget for youth sports development in the City of Los Angeles. Additionally, the 2028 deadline has focused public attention on completing a wide range of transportation infrastructure projects that can support the games but will benefit the region for decades into the future. While future economic outcomes are difficult to predict, much of the LA28 Games planning is structured to replicate the financial successes of the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

None.