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## MEETING OF THE

# COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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**Thursday, December 5, 2024  
10:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.**

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  - 19. Hon. Martin Fuentes**  
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  - 21. Hon. Camilo Garcia**  
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  - 22. Hon. Marshall Goodman**  
La Palma, RC District 18
  - 23. Hon. Mark Henderson**  
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  - 24. Hon. Cecilia Hupp**  
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Fontana, SBCTA
  
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Lakewood, RC District 24
  
- 53. Hon. Tony Wu**  
West Covina, SGVCOG
  
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- 55. Hon. Frank Zerunyan**  
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# COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AGENDA

Southern California Association of Governments  
900 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1700 - Policy B Meeting Room  
Los Angeles, CA 90017  
**Thursday, December 5, 2024**  
**10:00 AM**

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

### **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 Meeting – November 7, 2024 PPG. 9

#### Receive and File

2. CEHD Agenda Outlook and Future Agenda Items PPG. 16
3. Status Update on the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidance for Evaluating Cumulative Impacts from Air Toxics PPG. 20

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

4. REAP 1.0 Biannual Report 60 Mins. PPG. 23  
*(Michael Dietz, Housing Planning Supervisor, SCAG)*

### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

*(The Honorable David J. Shapiro, Chair)*

### **STAFF REPORT**

*(Jonathan Davis, Government Affairs Officer, SCAG)*

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **ADJOURNMENT**





**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**  
**COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (CEHD)**  
**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2024**

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (CEHD). A VIDEO AND AUDIO RECORDING OF THE FULL MEETING IS AVAILABLE AT: <http://scag.iqm2.com/Citizens/>.

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

**Members Present**

**Hon. David Shapiro, Chair**

**Hon. Rocky Rhodes, Vice Chair**

Hon. Cindy Allen

Hon. Wendy Bucknum

Hon. Don Caskey

Hon. Tanya D. Doby

Hon. Debra Dorst-Porada

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Hon. Joseph Morabito

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***Simi Valley***

*Long Beach*

*Mission Viejo*

*Laguna Hills*

*Los Alamitos*

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**Members Not Present**

Hon. Valerie Amezcua  
Hon. Gary Boyer  
Hon. Drew Boyles  
Hon. Bobby Duncan  
Hon. Rose Espinoza  
Hon. Claudia M. Frometa  
Hon. Martin Fuentes  
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### CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable David Shapiro called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. and asked Councilmember John Gabbard, Dana Point, District 12, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

### PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Chair Shapiro provided detailed instructions and general information on how to provide public comments. Additionally, he noted that public comments received via email to [CEHDPublicComment@scag.ca.gov](mailto:CEHDPublicComment@scag.ca.gov) after 5pm on Wednesday, November 6, 2024, would be announced and included as part of the official record of the meeting.

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

SCAG staff noted there were no written public comments received via email before or after the 5pm deadline on 5pm on Wednesday, November 6, 2024. SCAG staff also noted that there were no public comments for matters not listed on the agenda.

Chair Shapiro closed the public comment period for matters not listed on the agenda.

### REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no reprioritizations made.

### CONSENT CALENDAR

#### Approval Items

1. Minutes of the Meeting - September 5, 2024

#### Receive and File

2. Senate Bill 375: Joint MPO Letter to CARB
3. REAP 2.0 Program Update
4. CEHD Agenda Outlook and Future Agenda Items

MOTION was made (Finlay) to approve Consent Calendar Items 1; and Receive and File Items 2-4. Motion was SECONDED (Hupp). The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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**AYES:** Allen, Bucknum, Doby, Dorst-Porada, Eich, Engler, Fermon, Finlay, Gabbard, Garcia, Goodman, Goodsell, Hupp, Kelly, LaVere, Leano, Mirisch, Mojado, Morabito, Mullins, M. Nava, Puza, Rhodes, Shapiro, Solorio, Wood and Zerunyan (27)

**NOES:** (0)

**ABSTAIN:** (0)

There were no public comments on this item.

### INFORMATION ITEMS

#### 5. IERS Update – Expanding Access to Economic Opportunities

Chair Shapiro provided background information noting that the presentation would focus on the update of the Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategy (IERS), with a particular emphasis on addressing barriers to economic opportunities and apprenticeship best practices. He asked Victor Negrete and Anna Van, SCAG staff, to provide an overview and update on the two reports, along with guest presenters Girish Pendse, Associate Partner at Dalberg Advisors, and Joe Dougherty, Partner at Dalberg Advisors, who shared key findings and considerations from the “Addressing Barriers to Economic Opportunities” report. Presenter Erica L. Manuel, CEO and Executive Director at Institute for Local Government (ILG), shared insights on the “Public Sector Apprenticeship Initiative” report.

Mr. Negrete provided background information and a refresher on the series of updates on the IERS implementation schedule, noting that the two-part presentations are about expanding access to economic opportunities for all Southern Californians. Ms. Van provided a brief report which focused on the strategy that SCAG is exploring to expand access to high quality jobs in the region.

Mr. Negrete asked Mr. Pendse and Mr. Dougherty to present their report first. Ms. Manuel shared best practices and key findings on the Public Sector Apprenticeship Initiative pilot program afterwards.

The presentations focused on the update of the IERS. Highlights addressed barriers to economic mobility across the SCAG region, highlighting the top eight barriers such as access to information and networks, housing, skills mismatch, child and family care, structural biases and norms, access to financial resources, and transportation. Additional topics covered the challenges of workforce development, support for high quality jobs, and the potential of registered apprenticeships in the public sector.

Staff responded to the comments and questions expressed by the Councilmembers, including responses to comments on apprenticeships in law enforcement, partnerships with other Workforce Development Boards, and apprenticeship programs for future hospitality and infrastructure jobs. Some additional responses focused on the analysis or data sets for specific credentials and identity groups, the lack of public engagement with women as it relates to child and family care, and apprenticeships for local government efficiencies in artificial intelligence and technology related trainings.

The Committee thanked the presenters for their presentations.

The comprehensive staff report and PowerPoint Presentation - IERS Update was included in the agenda packet.

There were no public comments on this item.

#### 6. Connect SoCal 2024: Implementation Strategies Update

Chair Shapiro provided remarks on the Connect SoCal 2024 Implementation Strategies. He asked Elizabeth Carvajal, Deputy Director, to provide an update on the implementation progress for Connect SoCal 2024.

Ms. Carvajal provided a brief presentation outlining the implementation progress of Connect SoCal 2024, which included core areas of focus and goals more centered on the CEHD major themes. Highlights included progress strategies on communities and economy, workforce development, vision and goals, collaboration and policy leadership.

Ms. Carvajal noted that a more detailed report was included in the agenda packet and that staff would continue to report future updates to the CEHD committee.

The comprehensive staff report and PowerPoint presentation – Connect SoCal 2024 Implementation Update (November 2024) and the Connect SoCal 2024 Implementation Report (November 2024) were included in the agenda packet.

There were no public comments or additional comments from the CEHD on this item.

#### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

Chair Shapiro welcomed Councilmember Mike Goodsell of Holtville to the CEHD. Chair Shapiro Congratulated Councilmember Marshall Goodman on his impactful tenure on the CEHD. Chair Shapiro provided highlights of the Chair's Report. He reported on the following SCAG activities and



noted that additional information could be found on SCAG’s website. He shared that there would be a presentation at the Regional Council by Dhakshike Wickrema, the Deputy Secretary of Homelessness at the California Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency. He expressed that effectively addressing the homelessness crisis will require a coordinated, regional approach that brings together resources and expertise from across government, the health care system, the private sector, and community-based organizations.

**STAFF REPORT**

Jonathan Davis, SCAG Government Affairs Officer, reported that SCAG would be hosting the Los Angeles County Mobile Workshop on Friday November 22, 2024, during which SCAG members and executive staff would receive an exclusive tour of SoCalGas’s Hydrogen Home located in Downey. He indicated that Erik Rodriguez, Senior Government Affairs Officer for Los Angeles County at SCAG, was the primary point of contact for this tour. He also noted that the call for applications for the Active Transportation and Safety Call for Sustainable Communities Program was anticipated to remain open through September 27, 2024.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Shapiro adjourned the meeting of the Community, Economic and Human Development Committee at 11:26 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Carmen Summers  
Community, Economic and Human Development Committee Clerk

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**COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT**

**2024-25**

MEMBERS	Representing	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Total Mtgs Attended To Date
Allen, Cindy	Long Beach, RC District 30	1					1							1
Amezcuca, Valarie	Santa Ana, RC District 16	1												1
Boyer, Gary	Glendora, RC District 33				1									1
Boyles, Drew	El Segundo, RC District 40													0
Bucknum, Wendy	Mission Viejo, RC District 13	1			1		1							3
Caskey, Don	Laguna Hills, OCCOG	1					1							2
Doby, Tanya D.	Los Alamitos, OCCOG	1			1		1							3
Dorst-Porada, Debra	Ontario, Pres. Appt. (Member at Large)						1							1
Duncan, Bobby	Yucaipa, SBCTA	1			1									2
Dunn, Lucy	Business Representative	1			1		1							3
Eich, Keith	La Cañada Flintridge, RC District 36	1	D	D	1	D	1							3
Engler, Bob	Thousand Oaks, VCOG	1					1							2
Espinoza, Rose	La Habra, OCCOG	1												1
Fermon, Waymond	Indio, CVAG	1					1							2
Finlay, Margaret E.	Duarte, RC District 35	1					1							2
Frometa, Claudia M.	Downey, RC District 25	1												1
Fuentes, Martin	Cudahy, GCCOG	1												1
Gabbard, John	Dana Point, District 12				1		1							2
Garcia, Camilo	Imperial County CoC	1	A	A	1	A	1							3
Goodman, Marshall R.	LaPalma, RC District 18	1					1							2
Goodsell, Mike	ICTC						1							1
Henderson, Mark E.	Gardena, RC District 28	1												1
Hupp, Cecilia	Brea, OCCOG	1			1		1							3
Hussey William	Grand Terrace, SBCTA	1			1									2
Johnson, Lynda	Cerritos, GCCOG				1									1
Kelly, Kathleen	Palm Desert, RC District 2	1			1		1							3
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Murphy, Joseph	Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians	1												1
Nava, George A.	Brawley, ICTC	1												1
Nava, Marisela	Perris, RC District 69	1			1		1							3
Perez, Misty	Port Hueneme, Pres. Appt. (Member at Large)													0
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Raman, Nithya	Los Angeles, RC District 51													0
Reyes, Gabriel	San Bernardino County CoC				1									1
Rhodes, Rocky	Simi Valley, RC District 46	1			1		1							3
Santa Ines, Sonny	Bellflower, GCCOG	1			1									2
Shapiro, David J.	Calabasas, RC District 44	1			1		1							3
Shevlin, Becky A.	Monrovia, SGVCOG	1			1									2
Solorio, Mary	San Fernando, SFVCOG						1							1
Tran, Helen	San Bernardino, SBCTA						1							1
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Warren, Acquanetta	Fontana, SBCTA	1			1									2
Wood, Jeff	Lakewood, RC District 24				1		1							2
Wu, Tony	West Covina, SGVCOG	1			1									2
Yokoyama, Frank A.	Cerritos, RC District 23	1					1							2
Zerunyan, Frank	Rolling Hills Estates, SBCCOG				1		1							2
<b>TOTAL ATTENDANCE</b>		<b>38</b>			<b>29</b>		<b>31</b>							

**Attachment: CEHD Attendance Sheet FY24-25 (Minutes of the November 7, 2024 Meeting)**



# AGENDA ITEM 2 REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments  
December 5, 2024

**To:** Community Economic & Human Development Committee (CEHD)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S  
APPROVAL

**From:** Elizabeth Carvajal, Deputy Director  
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**Subject:** CEHD Agenda Outlook and Future Agenda Items

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Receive and File

**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.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

*In April 2024, SCAG's Regional Council adopted the 2024-2050 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy, Connect SoCal 2024. Following adoption of Connect SoCal 2024, staff developed a 12-month CEHD Outlook to carry forward the policy priorities and Implementation Strategies of Connect SoCal 2024. For FY2025, the CEHD Outlook reflects outcomes of the 2024 Executive Administration Committee (EAC) Retreat, survey responses from CEHD members, and discussions with the CEHD Chair and Vice Chair. The Committee Outlook and Future Agenda Items will be updated monthly as a receive and file item.*

**BACKGROUND:**

The work of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) and the leadership from the agency's Policy Committees and Regional Council is driven by SCAG's legally mandated duties as a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Southern California, the long-range Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS), Connect SoCal 2024 as well as, the agency Strategic Plan approved by the Executive Administrative Committee on May 1, 2024<sup>1</sup>.

**Community, Economy, and Human Development (CEHD) Committee Outlook and Framework**

The Policy Committees help to further the implementation of Connect SoCal by advising on policy, research or resource programs. The Policy Committees will also be informed and advise on broader regional leadership items as needed. Over the upcoming year, most agenda items fall under the following three categories:

<sup>1</sup> SCAG 2024 Strategic Plan: <https://scag.iqm2.com/Citizens/FileOpen.aspx?Type=1&ID=2497&Inline=True>



1. **Connect SoCal:** Connect SoCal 2024, the 2024-2050 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy was approved on April 4, 2024. These agenda items will be focused on implementation of the investments and strategies included in the plan. as well as amendments as needed.
2. **Local Resources:** This refers to programs administered by SCAG such as the Sustainable Communities Program, the Regional Early Action Program, or Go Human. Action and information items may related to guideline development or program awards. These agenda items may also include updates of grants, data or tools available to local jurisdictions.
3. **Regional Leadership:** These agenda items relate to issues or policy areas of regional significance and may include updates and presentations from external speakers.

The topics and panels covered may change based on speaker availability, progress on the targeted programs, and other requests from the Committee Chair and Vice Chair as well as members. To request future agenda items, Policy Committee members may request that the agenda item be pulled for discussion or they may send a request directly to the Chair or committee staff for consideration and reporting out at the next meeting. Agenda items that are recommended by Policy Committee members will be discussed with the Chair and Vice Chair to assess relevance to the CEHD Policy Committee and the considerations noted above.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

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

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. Dec 2024 CEHD Agenda Outlook

# Community, Economic & Human Development Committee Agenda Outlook for FY2025-Revised

Date	Connect SoCal	Local Resources	Regional Leadership
<b>Sept.- Dec</b>  <b>(No October meeting)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Connect SoCal 2024: Implementation Strategies Progress Report</li> <li>• <del>Expanding Homeownership—Alternative Ownership and Financing Models</del></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• REAP 1: Bi-Annual Update</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inclusive Economic Growth Update</li> <li>• RHNA Reform</li> <li>• <del>Tribal Data Needs Assessment Project Update</del></li> <li>• SCAG 101 and CEHD Agenda Outlook</li> </ul>

KEY

❖ = Emerging Technology Item

*Anticipated major actions and information items. Does not include all Receive/File and Program Updates.*

# Community, Economic & Human Development Committee Agenda Outlook for FY2025-Revised

Date	Connect SoCal	Local Program	Regional Leadership
<b>Feb. – March</b>  <i>(No January meeting)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Connect SoCal 2024: Implementation Strategies Progress Report</li> <li>Joint Policy Committee: Plan Implementation (Feb)</li> <li><i>Expanding Homeownership – Alternative Ownership and Financing Models</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>REAP 2.0 Update</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Downtown Revitalization Economic Development Strategies</li> <li>❖ Factory Built Housing</li> </ul>
<b>April-June</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Housing production strategies across the region</li> <li>Housing Production Data</li> </ul>	<b>General Assembly</b>	
<b>KEY</b>			

❖ = Emerging Technology Item

*Anticipated major actions and information items. Does not include all Receive/File and Program Updates*



**AGENDA ITEM 3**  
**REPORT**

Southern California Association of Governments  
December 5, 2024

**To:** Community Economic & Human Development Committee (CEHD)  
Energy & Environment Committee (EEC)  
Transportation Committee (TC)  
Regional Council (RC)

**From:** Ryan Banuelos, Associate Regional Planner  
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**Subject:** Status Update on the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidance for Evaluating Cumulative Impacts from Air Toxics

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S  
APPROVAL

**RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR CEHD, EEC, TC, AND RC:**

Receive and File

**STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:**

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

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

*The South Coast AQMD has initiated development of a CEQA guidance for evaluating cumulative impacts from air toxics for projects that are located within the South Coast AQMD's jurisdiction and are not exempt from environmental reviews under CEQA. The CEQA guidance is an update to the existing South Coast AQMD's cumulative analysis guidance that was developed in 2003. Based on the current proposed guidance, the project-level cumulative air toxics impact analysis, if approved and adopted as proposed, includes the most significant changes. South Coast AQMD staff is holding public workshops and meeting with stakeholders to encourage and seek input and will be preparing a preliminary draft of the proposed CEQA guidance document in coming months. SCAG staff will continue to monitor the ongoing development of guidance and apprise members of SCAG's Regional Council, Policy Committees, and stakeholders of major updates as appropriate.*

**BACKGROUND:**

CEQA requires cumulative impacts analysis for non-exempt projects and defines cumulative impacts as "two or more individual effects which, when considered together, are considerable or which compound or increase other environmental impacts" (CEQA Guidelines Section 15355). South Coast AQMD is the resource agency with expertise in air quality and develops guidance on how to conduct air quality analysis for CEQA purposes.

The California Air Resources Board identifies diesel particulate matter (DPM) emissions from diesel-fueled engines as a toxic air contaminant. In February 2022, South Coast AQMD staff initiated a public process for the development of new CEQA guidance on cumulative air quality impacts from air toxics (e.g., DPM) because the largest contributor to cancer risk from air pollution is DPM emissions. The development is intended to update South Coast AQMD's existing cumulative analysis guidance, which was developed in 2003 and to serve as a tool to support CEQA lead agencies when they evaluate projects' cumulative air toxics impacts pursuant to the requirements of CEQA. South Coast AQMD staff has held six public working group meetings to seek stakeholder feedback.

**HIGHLIGHTS OF SOUTH COAST AQMD'S DRAFT CEQA GUIDANCE FOR CUMULATIVE IMPACTS FROM AIR TOXICS (DISCUSSED AT WORKING GROUP MEETING #6 ON NOVEMBER 6, 2024):**

The draft guidance is currently proposed to focus on the operational phase of a project and applies to both regional projects and project-level analysis. The draft guidance includes revisions that may be relevant to project- or site-specific environmental reviews that are conducted by implementing agencies, as well as to environmental reviews for regional projects such as the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) when SCAG is a lead agency pursuant to applicable provisions of the CEQA. While South Coast AQMD staff has not developed a definition for regional projects, regional projects are expected to include plan-level documents such as master plans, general plans, and regional plans. The draft guidance for regional projects' cumulative air toxics impact analyses is proposed to remain largely unchanged from the current analysis approach, which uses 10 in a million significance threshold for cancer risk to determine if cumulative air toxics impacts would be significant.

The draft guidance for project-level cumulative air toxics impact analysis, if approved and adopted as proposed, includes significant changes. They would involve a multi-step process based on a number of project characteristics such as land use type, project size, location, and a project's proximity to high volume diesel-fueled trucks and health sensitive populations within Senate Bill 535 disadvantaged communities and/or Assembly Bill 617 designated communities that are most impacted by air pollution. The project-level cumulative cancer risk significance threshold would range between one in a million and 10 in a million depending on the project's background cancer risk from the South Coast AQMD's Multiple Air Toxics Exposure Study (MATES) plus various project-specific characteristics.

The draft guidance also states that linear projects such as bridges, roads, and freeways (new or improvements) are medium cancer risk impact projects, and that major transportation projects (e.g., airport, port, railyard, bus/train station) are high cancer risk impact projects. Moreover, if regional projects have long-term construction activities, under the draft guidance, they could not be screened out from the cumulative air toxics impacts analysis because long-term construction activities take on characteristics of operational impacts. While the draft guidance would apply to all project types including transportation projects that are subject to CEQA within the South Coast

AQMD's jurisdiction, warehouse and distribution center projects appear to be of particular concern due to DPM emissions from diesel-fueled trucks contributable to cumulative air toxics impacts and associated cancer risk.

If the draft guidance is adopted as proposed, non-exempt CEQA projects that have initiated their environmental review processes after the guidance becomes effective are subject to the new guidance. In addition, CEQA projects located within the South Coast AQMD's jurisdiction or partially encompassing their jurisdiction are subject to the new guidance. CEQA projects located completely outside the South Coast AQMD's jurisdiction are not subject to the new guidance. For more information on the draft guidance and other related materials, please visit South Coast AQMD website: [https://www.aqmd.gov/home/rules-compliance/ceqa/ceqa-policy-development-\(new\)](https://www.aqmd.gov/home/rules-compliance/ceqa/ceqa-policy-development-(new)).

SCAG staff will continue to track the development and provide periodic status updates on major updates as appropriate. Cities, counties, and other agencies such as County Transportation Commissions (LA Metro, OCTA, RCTC, and SBCTA) and Caltrans Districts (Districts 7, 8, and 12) that may have future non-exempt CEQA projects within the South Coast AQMD's jurisdiction are encouraged to participate in the South Coast AQMD's development process.

**NEXT STEPS:**

South Coast AQMD staff will continue to hold public workshops and meetings with stakeholders to seek feedback on the draft guidance. In addition, South Coast AQMD staff will be preparing a preliminary draft of the proposed CEQA guidance document in coming months. At stakeholders' request, South Coast AQMD staff is considering a public review and comment period for the preliminary draft guidance document and plans to provide an update to the Mobile Source Committee in early 2025 prior to seeking South Coast AQMD Governing Board approval and adoption.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Work associated with this item is included in the current Fiscal Year 2024-25 Overall Work Program (24-020.0161.04: Environmental Compliance, Coordination and Outreach).



**AGENDA ITEM 4**  
**REPORT**

Southern California Association of Governments  
December 5, 2024

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

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S  
APPROVAL**

**From:** Michael Dietz, Planning Supervisor  
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**Subject:** REAP 1.0 Biannual Report

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Information Only – No Action Required

**STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:**

This item supports the following Strategic Priority 2: Be a cohesive and influential voice for the region. 3: Spur innovation and action through leadership in research, analysis and information sharing. 5: Secure and optimize diverse funding sources to support regional priorities.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

*Under the California 2019-20 Budget Act, SCAG was awarded \$47 million in Regional Early Action Planning (REAP 1.0) funding to support local governments and stakeholders with planning activities that accelerate housing production and meet the region’s goals for facilitating the implementation of 1.3 million new units of housing by 2029, as determined by the 6th Cycle Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA). As of the date of this report, 162 out of 197 jurisdictions within the SCAG region have adopted housing elements that have been deemed compliant by HCD. The REAP 1.0 funding was a one-time planning program that created a tremendous opportunity for SCAG to support the region in realizing our housing goals. It authorized subregional partnerships and encouraged inter-governmental collaboration on projects that have a broader regional impact on housing production. SCAG administered the REAP funds through a combination of direct technical assistance (including providing housing element data components and policy assessments), subregional partnerships with councils of government, community-based partnership grants in collaboration with philanthropic organizations, and planning support offered through the Sustainable Communities Program to local jurisdictions or entities serving single or multiple jurisdictions. In total, SCAG collaborated with 75 different partners across the administration of all REAP 1.0 programs.*

*Staff is providing a final program update on the REAP 1.0 programs. Additionally, the CEHD Committee will be joined by four speakers to highlight REAP projects, sharing outcomes and lessons learned.*

**BACKGROUND:**

Under the California 2019-20 Budget Act, SCAG was eligible for \$47 million in REAP funding to support local governments and stakeholders with planning activities that accelerate housing production and meet the region's goals for facilitating the implementation of 1.3 million new units of housing by 2029, as determined by the 6th Cycle RHNA.

SCAG has framed the REAP funding into three umbrella categories:

1. Partnerships and Outreach
2. Regional Housing Policy Solutions
3. Sustainable Communities Strategies (SCS) Integration

This report provides an update on the REAP program implementation activities, organized by each umbrella category, with an additional update on administrative actions related to program implementation.

The last update was presented to the CEHD Committee at its January 4, 2024 meeting. In addition, the CEHD is joined by special guests to highlight three projects funded by REAP to further showcase the benefit that these funds have had in the regional partners in advancing housing goals.

**REAP OVERVIEW:**

SCAG's REAP program primarily focused on implementing Connect SoCal 2020 and supporting cities and counties in developing their 6th cycle housing elements, along with land use plans, policies, and other programs to ensure housing production goals are met. SCAG funded 100 housing development and supportive infrastructure planning projects, ensuring communities meet the growing demand for affordable and sustainable housing.

Recognizing the need in the SCAG region to build capacity at the local level and ensure that our massive region of 197 jurisdictions meet State housing goals, SCAG offered local resources to streamline the planning process, and help jurisdictions address barriers to housing production, such as zoning restrictions, environmental reviews, and infrastructure needs. The program had a significant impact on local level implementation that directly led to housing production, by funding programs that support the following core objectives: improving housing equity, increasing housing supply and affordability, increasing accessibility, advancing policy through engagement, increasing diversity/choice, and increasing financial tools. In addition to financial support, the program provides capacity-building efforts, technical guidance, and best practices to optimize land use and housing development strategies.

The REAP program resulted in a range of adopted land use plans, development streamlining tools, financing strategies, and planning strategies that have identified best practices and can be scaled across the region. While some projects have led to housing units in the pipeline or an increase in



housing permits, SCAG anticipates that other projects will lay the groundwork for future developments that will help meet the goals of this housing cycle.

The REAP 1.0 program has highlighted SCAG's role as a critical bridge between state and local policy. Our work has brought forth a couple of takeaways including:

- The need to put money behind strategies in the RTP/SCS
- Importance of capacity-building
- Value of incorporating community voices & partners in planning process
- Accounting for regional diversity
- Best practices for administering housing funding
- The benefit of cross-jurisdictional partnerships to take advantage of economies of scale

### **REAP Program Administration**

AB 101 originally required that all REAP 1.0 funds must be expended by December 31, 2023. SB 197, which was enacted on June 30, 2022 and immediately took effect, extended the REAP 1.0 expenditure deadline to December 31, 2024. To receive full reimbursement of REAP activities, SCAG submitted all its processed invoices and program closeout materials to HCD on November 21, 2024.

### **REAP Program Updates**

#### ***1. Partnerships and Outreach***

This program area focused on innovative partnerships and coalition building to support housing production. Its outcomes reflect the importance of enhancing collaboration between communities, subregional partners and state agencies to address the growing demand for housing solutions. Three programs were included: Call for Collaboration, Housing Policy Leadership Academy, and the Subregional Partnership program.

#### **Subregional Partnership Program**

SCAG set aside approximately \$24 million of its REAP housing funding for the Subregional Partnership Program (SRP) to fund the planning activities of 15 subregional partners to accelerate housing production and facilitate compliance in implementing a jurisdiction's 6th cycle RHNA. The SRP program was a mammoth undertaking and over 70 SRP projects were completed under SRP. The program was designed to augment resources available through locally received SB 2 and Local Early Action Planning (LEAP) grants and foster subregional collaborations to take advantage of economies of scale in meeting housing goals. Subregional councils of governments were the primary subrecipients, though some subregions were jurisdictions covering multiple subregional council of governments or were designated beneficiaries of the subregional council of government.

The funding amount available for each subregional partner was based on the final RHNA allocation.

One element that made the SRP program unique from other REAP programs administered by SCAG was that it allowed a greater level of autonomy to subregions in both project scope development and management. By allowing each grantee to take a larger and more active role in overseeing their projects, SCAG was able to facilitate a broader number of projects while simultaneously providing support to the distinct subregions within the SCAG region that was more tailored to their individual needs. Projects funded under SRP include the establishment of a regional housing trust fund, direct technical assistance for jurisdictions to complete their housing elements, strategies for regional utility and infrastructure investments, and vehicle miles traveled (VMT) analysis tools to support the planning of affordable housing. As of the date of this report, 162 out of 197 jurisdictions within the SCAG region have adopted housing elements that have been deemed compliant by HCD, a total of approximately 82%.

#### Call for Collaboration

In partnership with the California Community Foundation (CCF) and other philanthropic organizations, the Call for Collaboration program was designed to fund community-based organizations and non-profit led activities that result in action-oriented planning policies and programs demonstrating a nexus to accelerating housing production. This collaboration fostered diverse community-driven approaches and strategic coalitions to shape and execute a vision for more housing in every community while addressing historic racial inequities.

The Call for Collaboration was fully completed by 15 community-based organization grantees between December 2022 and June 2023. Grantees completed various projects related to housing elements, overlay zones, land trusts, local control, and community benefit agreements. This program was the first of its kind at SCAG, partnering with philanthropic organizations to fund nonprofits and community-based organizations to advance Regional Housing Needs Assessment goals. Overall, the program created community engagement, reaching 16,670 participants at convenings, workshops, advisory councils, focus groups, and other public events. The project also engaged with more than 100 city planners and city representatives.

Grantees also received training and technical assistance from a team of housing, planning, and legal experts to advise them on the development of their plans and other organization support to ensure project completion and success. This project was successfully completed in Summer 2023.

### Housing Policy Leadership Academy (HPLA)

SCAG procured a consultant team to develop and lead a housing leadership academy that aims to convene, educate, and engage elected officials, local leaders and influential stakeholders on housing issues related to production and preservation of housing. The first session kicked off in February 2022 and concluded in November/December 2022 with 154 graduates who prepared a culminating group research project and policy proposal. Some members indicated voluntarily continuing to work on the initiatives begun in class and will be seeking stakeholder support, local approvals, and funding to execute on the policy recommendations researched. Notable proposals with plans to move forward aim to re-zone a publicly owned courthouse parking lot in the San Fernando Valley for affordable housing, establish a Coachella Valley Community Land Trust, develop a limited equity housing cooperative in Santa Ana, and establish an overlay zone that would allow faith institutions to develop their land for affordable housing in Fullerton. Selected HPLA participants presented their policy proposals to the CEHD committee in February 2023. The leadership impacts of this program were recognized with the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) Major Metro Achievement award in 2022.

In addition to the trainings, the leadership academy program included four (4) region-wide convenings on core housing topics that started in November 2021 and concluded in November 2022, with attendance ranging up to 300 attendees for each forum. The last two Forums were held in partnership with the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG). National- and local-level speakers were featured and provided an overview of recent Federal and State housing legislation, along with other important housing topics such as homeownership.

### **2. Regional Housing Policy Solutions**

The Regional Housing Policy Solutions program focused on housing-supportive policies and fiscal innovations, covering development of our 6th cycle RHNA methodology, facilitating innovative data tools and technical support, and funding best practices for streamlining and supporting housing production.

#### RHNA Methodology/Allocation

SCAG completed the development of its 6<sup>th</sup> cycle RHNA methodology and allocation under this program. Due to restrictions from HCD on using REAP 1.0 funding for RHNA reform, SCAG used remaining funds from this work to administer other REAP 1.0 programs.

#### Data Tools and Technical Support for Housing Element Updates

In June 2022, SCAG launched a new program offering consultant grant writing assistance for housing-supportive opportunities for jurisdictions and Tribal Governments. The technical assistance provided technical assistance to recipients to ensure that the jurisdiction or Tribal Government meets application evaluation criteria for various grants offered by public agencies such as HCD, including several rounds of the HCD-administered Permanent Local Housing Allocation Program

(PLHA). SCAG assisted with the submittal of 35 PLHA applications totaling almost \$40 million. Additionally, seven (7) jurisdictions and two (2) Tribal Governments actively received direct technical assistance for applications to funding programs such as the Local Housing Trust Fund program and U.S. Housing and Urban Development Indian Community Development Block Grant program. While some award notices are still pending, one recipient of this program, the City of Needles, was awarded \$445,000 from the Prohousing Incentive Pilot Program by HCD.

#### Housing Policy Solutions Research

Building upon prior internal research efforts which focus on housing policies and fiscal innovations, this work item was established to develop partnerships and engagements that provide research and recommendations on best practices that accelerate housing production. The key deliverables consist of policy briefs and strategies on timely topics and best practices. Five efforts were completed for this program:

1. *Other to Residential*: The Other-to-Residential project considered the opportunities and barriers for conversion of underutilized non-residential sites to much-needed residential use in the SCAG region. The underutilized non-residential land uses included retail commercial uses, gas stations, brownfields, and golf courses. The final product, an Other-to-Residential Toolkit, showcases case studies and best practices in the conversion of non-residential land uses, and was completed in July 2022. In 2023, both the APA Los Angeles and APA California chapters awarded the Other-to-Residential Toolkit an Award of Excellence in the Best Practices category, which recognizes how innovative planning practices can create lasting communities of value.
2. *Housing Development Streamlining*: The Housing Development Streamlining Project will offer guidance documents, best practices, workshops, and other materials and resources to support local jurisdictions' efforts to streamline their CEQA and general administrative review processes. A total of 14 guidance documents were published covering a range of topics, including CEQA streamlining, exemptions, and other State laws. A total of four workshops were held to provide technical support on these topics. The dedicated webpage (<https://scag.ca.gov/development-streamlining-efforts>) includes presentations and recordings of the workshops and other materials. Additionally, the consultant completed one office hours session and presented additional materials in collaboration with SCAG's Toolbox Tuesdays. In 2023, the project was recognized with the Award of Merit, presented by the California State Chapter of the Association of Environmental Professionals.
3. *Smart Permitting*: SCAG developed a "smart cities" permitting pilot program for the City of Cerritos, known as the City of Cerritos Remote Services Enhancement (Smart Cities Cerritos) Project. The purpose of the project was to implement online software that automates

housing and community development-related permits and business license applications, thereby removing the need for clients and residents to travel to City Hall and appear in-person, while simultaneously accelerating housing production. The project team installed and implemented several modules, alongside data and workflow migrations, to complete the overall permitting platform and support the objectives of the project. The City then utilized innovative computer technology to allow for the online submission of various entitlement, permit, and license applications, thus ultimately streamlining the review and approval process. Completed in June 2024, the technology was designed to create a virtual “one-stop shop” to serve as a hub where residents and other customers could easily submit applications, track the statuses of those applications, monitor comments from all relevant departments, schedule inspections, and more.

4. *Tax Increment Financing (TIF)*: This project provided technical assistance to advance establishment of innovative self-help financing districts for local jurisdictions that can accelerate housing production, including Enhanced Infrastructure Financing Districts (EIFDs) for the County of Imperial and the City of Barstow. The project completed studies for the two jurisdictions incorporating best practices for district establishment and infrastructure financing and focused on implementing housing supportive infrastructure and expanding housing supply. Completed in early 2024, the project produced a tax increment funding model, general fund fiscal impact model, and refined lists of infrastructure projects that will be implementable for the two jurisdictions participating.
5. *Preservation Strategy*: This program developed a series of recommendations for a comprehensive preservation program focused on both current affordable housing with expiring covenants as well as naturally occurring affordable housing (NOAH) at risk of converting to market rate. Preservation of expiring covenants and NOAH is a critical component of a robust Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing program as it is a powerful anti-displacement strategy. The Preservation Advisory Committee convened four times over the course of the project, which was completed in early 2024. As part of the project, the consultant produced a series of deliverables including a cost-benefit analysis tool and a white paper focusing on strategies to help identify and augment opportunities to preserve affordable housing.

### **3. Sustainable Communities Strategies Integration**

There are three programs in the SCS Strategies Integration category.

#### 2020 Sustainable Communities Program (SCP) – Housing and Sustainable Development (HSD)

This program (<https://scag.ca.gov/sustainable-communities-program>) was designed to provide resources and direct technical assistance to jurisdictions to complete local planning efforts that

both accelerate housing production as well as enable implementation of the Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) of Connect SoCal. There are three eligible categories for this program including: (1) implementing ADU programs; (2) Housing Sustainability Districts, Workforce Housing Opportunity Zones, and Housing Supportive Tax Increment Financing Districts; and (3) streamlining housing permitting, parking reduction strategies, housing-related specific plans and other pro-housing policies. Staff assembled the 26 applications received into 12 project bundles based on similar project outcomes and deliverables.

A particularly exciting outcome of this work has been seven EIFD projects across the region, with potential to capture approximately \$3.1 billion to fund housing production, public facilities, infrastructure, parks, and economic development efforts. To date, the cities of Covina and Yucaipa have successfully developed EIFDs. Covina has an estimated lifetime value of \$27 million and has identified six potential projects for funding. Yucaipa has an estimated value of up to \$32.9 million over the district's lifetime and has identified six potential projects for funding.

The Objective Development Standards' project was also a huge success, supporting eight cities with objective development standards and streamlined entitlement and permitting processes to accelerate multi-family residential and mixed-use development. The project resulted in the development of 13 custom zone standards, 4 permit application improvements, and 40 process improvement tools. These projects resulted in adopted ordinances for participating cities, which are expected to reduce uncertainty and permitting time for housing permits.

#### Transit Oriented Development Work Program

**Partnership for Housing Acceleration:** SCAG and LA Metro created a Transit Oriented Development/Transit Oriented Communities (TOD/TOC) partnership to fund a three-part program that promotes housing production near transit stations to reach Metro's goals of planning for nearly 10,000 units of housing on transit-adjacent properties. Each part of the project was designed to accelerate the delivery of housing and included evaluating station access, parking strategies, joint development strategies, housing supportive community outreach and industry forums. This project was completed in June 2024.

**Regional Rail Station Housing Analysis:** SCAG and Southern California Regional Rail Authority, also known as Metrolink, partnered through an MOU to identify and encourage transit-oriented housing and redevelopment opportunities for jurisdictions and communities throughout Metrolink's network and around its stations. Emphasis was made to support and add value to the Metrolink Southern California Optimized Rail Expansion (SCORE) capital improvement and service enhancement program. Local cities and county transportation commissions were included to maximize coordination on issues such as alignment of land development policies and regulations, land ownership and site control opportunities of transit station areas and supporting facilities. This

effort included preparing a station area land-use analysis for the Metrolink station areas that will be included in the 2024 Connect SoCal Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS). This project was completed in June 2024.

### 3) Priority Growth Area (PGA) Analysis

SCAG pursued partnerships to further next steps on housing supportive land use analyses and strategy development in Priority Growth Areas (PGA). To further next steps on supportive land use analyses and strategy development in Priority Growth Areas (PGA), staff developed a partnership with the City of Pomona to leverage their existing Transformative Climate Community grant fund. The project with the City of Pomona developed a housing land use suitability and infrastructure study to analyze the potential for development of affordable housing on City-owned parcels in the downtown area. The recommendation report, which includes technical studies and analysis, was completed in early 2024.

#### **PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:**

The REAP 1 program provided critical funding to SCAG to establish a comprehensive housing program that was designed to leverage partnerships and respond to the diverse needs across the region. The CEHD Committee will be joined by speakers to highlight three REAP projects, sharing outcomes and lessons learned and further showcasing the value that these resources provided to the region in advancing our ambitious housing goals.

**Joseph Dieguez, Senior Vice President at Kosmont Companies, will present on EIFD projects and Lessons Learned.** EIFDs can be considered a longer-term strategy of housing production by creating ways to fund housing production and needed infrastructure to support housing. A total of seven EIFD projects were funded under the REAP 1 program.

**Wells Lawson, Deputy Executive Officer of Joint Development at LA Metro, will present the Partnership for Housing Acceleration.** This three-part program was designed to promote housing production near transit stations to reach Metro's goals of planning for nearly 10,000 units of housing on transit-adjacent properties. Each part of the project was designed to accelerate the delivery of housing and included evaluating station access, parking strategies, joint development strategies, housing supportive community outreach and industry forums.

**Suzanne Peterson, Council of Governments and Equity Programs Manager at San Bernardino Council of Governments (SBCOG) will present on their Subregional Partnership Program projects.** Projects funded by SBCOG under the SRP program include local housing element technical assistance, an SB 1000 Environmental Justice Toolkit, an AB 686/AFFH Housing Discrimination Toolkit, and an Infrastructure Pilot Toolkit.



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**Melani Smith, Director of Regional Development at Gateway Cities Council of Governments (GCCOG) will present on the formation of the Gateway Housing Trust Fund, the Subregional Inclusionary Housing Strategy/Ordinance Template project, and Housing Continuum infographics tool.** These projects were funded under GCCOG's SRP program and were designed to address subregional challenges in meeting housing need by addressing local needs while taking advantage of economies of scale.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Work associated with this item was included in the FY 23-24 Overall Work Program (300.4872.01: Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) Grants Program (AB 101).