



AGENDA ITEM 1

REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
July 2, 2025

MINUTES OF THE MEETING EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (EAC) THURSDAY, JUNE 5, 2025

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES IS A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (EAC). AN AUDIO RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE AT: <http://scag.iqm2.com/Citizens/>.

The Executive/Administration Committee (EAC) 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

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| Hon. Cindy Allen, 1st Vice President | <i>Long Beach</i> | District 30 |
| Hon. Ray Marquez, 1st Vice President | <i>Chino Hills</i> | District 10 |
| Hon. Jenny Crosswhite, 2nd Vice President | <i>Santa Paula</i> | District 47 |
| Sup. Curt Hagman, Imm. Past President | | San Bernardino County |
| Hon. David J. Shapiro, Chair CEHD | <i>Calabasas</i> | District 44 |
| Hon. Rocky Rhodes, Vice Chair CEHD | <i>Simi Valley</i> | District 46 |
| Hon. Rick Denison, Chair EEC | <i>Yucca Valley</i> | District 11 |
| Hon. Daniel Ramos, Vice Chair EEC | <i>Adelanto</i> | District 65 |
| Hon. Mike Judge, Chair, TC | <i>VCTC</i> | Ventura County |
| Hon. Thomas Wong, Vice Chair, TC | <i>Monterey Park</i> | District 34 |
| Hon. Patricia Lock Dawson, Chair, LCMC | <i>Riverside</i> | District 68 |
| Hon. Jan Harnik, President's Appt. | <i>RCTC</i> | Riverside |
| Hon. Mike Goodsell, President's Appt. | <i>ICTC</i> | Holtville |
| Hon. Wendy Bucknum, President's Appt. | Mission Viejo | District 13 |
| Hon. Lucy Dunn | | Business Representative |

Members Not Present

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| Hon. Margaret Finlay, Vice Chair LCMC | <i>Duarte</i> | District 35 |
| Hon. Karen Bass, President's Appt. | <i>Los Angeles</i> | Member-At-Large |
| Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr. | <i>Pechanga Dev. Corp.</i> | TGRP Representative |

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
Ruben Duran, Board Counsel
Jeffery Elder, Chief Counsel/Director of Legal Services
Maggie Aguilar, Clerk of the Board
Cecilia Pulido, Deputy Clerk of the Board

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Cindy Allen called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. and asked Hon. Daniel Ramos, Adelanto, District 65, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

President Allen opened the Public Comment Period.

Jeffery Elder, Chief Counsel, acknowledged there were no written public comments received before or after the deadline.

Seeing no public comment speakers, President Allen closed the Public Comment Period.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

There was no prioritization of agenda items.

ACTION ITEMS

There were no public comments on Item 1.

1. Program Development Framework to Support the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games

Sarah Jepson, Chief Planning Officer, provided a presentation on Item 1. During her presentation she discussed SCAG's Games Mobility Framework and the work they were excited to pursue ahead in support of the games and its legacy. She explained they would be asking the EAC to recommend to the [Regional Council (RC)] the approval of SCAG's Games Mobility Development Framework. She shared they had been providing updates and inviting speakers to discuss activities underway to plan for the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic games. She stated that with all of the shared excitement and expectations, they thought it was important to bring forward a more comprehensive framework for discussion that looked across all of SCAG's various programs on how they leveraged their strengths.

as a regional planning organization in support of the games and its legacy. She stated a draft version of the framework was shared in the April agenda packet, however they promised to come back to [the EAC], after conversations at the General Assembly for further conversation, and to incorporate their ideas as they moved forward. She explained the framework included optimizing investments in legacy infrastructure, accelerating innovation through pilot projects, fostering alignment of policies to manage transportation demand, and showcasing communities. She shared SCAG had already awarded approximately \$80 million to projects supporting fleet electrification and transportation improvements. It was explained the organization aimed to provide regular updates to various committees and work closely with local jurisdictions to implement strategies. She defined success as effectively supporting local projects, meeting transportation demands during the games and laying the foundation for lasting improvements to the regional transportation system. Furthermore, she presented a framework for SCAG's involvement, focusing on transportation demand management, community development, and data-driven planning. Lastly, she expressed their hope was that this framework captured and reflected the direction for how members saw SCAG effectively supporting the region and carrying out the games. She expressed her hope was also that with their approval, they could be clear to stakeholders on where they would focus in the months ahead as they planned for the games.

Members raised questions about funding for local transportation initiatives, engaging businesses to encourage remote work, and involving regional transportation authorities. Members also discussed creating a central information hub for cities and addressing potential economic impacts on different areas.

A MOTION was made (Ramos) that the Regional Council approve the Games Mobility Program Development Framework. The motion was SECONDED (Bucknum) and passed by the following votes:

AYES: Bucknum, Crosswhite, Denison, Goodsell, Hagman, Harnik, Judge, Lock Dawson, Marquez, Ramos, Rhodes, Shapiro, and Wong (13)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no public comments on the Consent Calendar.

Approval Items

2. Minutes of the Meeting – April 30, 2025
3. Contracts \$500,000 or Greater: 24-012-MRFP 06, Los Angeles County Affordable Housing Solutions Agency (LACAHS) Regional Coordination Strategic Plan
4. Contracts \$500,000 or Greater: 25-025-C01, Planning for Main Streets
5. Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: 25-029-C01, Go Human Safety Strategies & Research
6. Housing Bills
7. AB 98 Cleanup Bills

Receive and File

8. Connect SoCal 2024: Sustainable Communities Strategy Acceptance and Target Updates
9. Purchase Orders, Contracts and Contract Amendments below Regional Council Approval Threshold
10. CFO Monthly Report

Second Vice President, Jenny Crosswhite, Santa Paula, District 47 provided clarification on items 7 and 8 on the consent calendar. For Item 7, she explained the reason for the split vote on AB 98, and Chair Lock Dawson also clarified the actions taken at LCMC. For item 8, member Crosswhite shared there had been different opinions on what needed to happen with SB 375 in the large versus smaller MPOs at a CalCOG meeting. She shared CalCOG recommended the creation of a task force to try to come up with items where there can be a consensus position if any across the MPOs.

A MOTION was made (Shapiro) to approve Consent Calendar Items 2 through 7 and Receive and File Items 8 and 10. Motion was SECONDED (Bucknum) and passed by the following votes:

AYES: Allen, Bucknum, Crosswhite, Denison, Goodsell, Hagman, Harnik, Judge, Lock Dawson, Marquez, Ramos, Rhodes, Shapiro, and Wong (14)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

CFO REPORT

Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer, thanked the President and the committee for their support of SCAG's fiscal year 26 budget and Overall Work Program. She reported they had submitted it to Caltrans and their Federal partners for approval. She stated they had received approval from FHWA. She stated Caltrans approval was pending, but they expected to receive that within the next couple of weeks. She shared they continued to be focused on executing their REAP 2 program which included not only working with their subrecipients with their projects, but also advocating for needed extensions for program deadlines. She reported they were beginning to prepare SCAG's fiscal year 27 budget, as well as their first amendment to the budget they had just approved last month. She reported their fiscal year 26 membership invoices were being prepared, and they planned on sending them out at the start of next month early in July. She expressed appreciation for their support in expediting and routing those invoices for payment.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Allen thanked everyone who attended the 2025 Regional Conference and General Assembly last month. She stated they were pleased they joined them to commemorate SCAG's 60th anniversary. She also thanked all the speakers and panelists. She stated the 2025 event was one of the biggest in recent history—with almost 900 people in attendance. She thanked all the sponsors who made the event possible, and the host committee led by First Vice President Ray Marquez who raised \$435,000 and surpassed their goal of \$360,000 to help offset the costs of bringing this important event to everyone. She stated the full evaluation report on the event would be shared at the next LCMC meeting. President Allen also shared she had been joined by Second Vice President Jenny Crosswhite and Regional Councilmembers Jan Harnik and Thomas Wong in Washington, DC to advocate for SCAG's federal legislative priorities. She stated they had advocated dedicated funding for the 2028 Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games, support for Southern California's wildfire recovery efforts, as well as support for SCAG's priorities in Surface Transportation Reauthorization. She stated they were in DC at a critical time during reconciliation negotiations and that members of SCAG's Congressional delegation and their staff were receptive to their asks and thanked them for their advocacy efforts. She reported their trip wrapped up with the annual California Transportation Reception, which SCAG co-hosted with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, and was attended by nearly 200 of their federal partners and stakeholders across the nation. Furthermore, President Allen reported she joined Regional Councilmember Laura Hernandez and SCAG staff earlier that month to attend the Latina Action Day on May 6 in Sacramento. She stated Latinas from around the state engaged with elected officials at the state capitol, advocating for issues important to their communities which were the same issues important to the SCAG region. Lastly, President Allen reported there wouldn't be any Policy Committee or Regional Council meetings in July due to the 4th of July holiday. As a result, she stated there would be a Special EAC meeting, on Wednesday, July 2, 2025 at 2:00 p.m., to address administrative items. Additionally, she noted they

would not have EAC, Policy Committees, or Regional Council meetings in August as it was traditionally dark that month.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Ajise congratulated President Allen on her first meeting. He added to President Allen's comments about the trip to DC. He stated they had about 18 meetings and shared how these members appreciated the Board members' dedication to the effort. He also thanked staff for the work they did beforehand in setting those meetings up and the work that went through the LCMC. He stated teamwork had really gotten them good results in DC. Furthermore, he stated the previous month they received notice from the California Air Resources Board that they had accepted SCAG's determination that the Connect SoCal 2024 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy met CARB's greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction targets. He shared the process took a little long and it highlighted SCAG's concerns about the need to revisit Senate Bill 375 to better support implementation. He stated the previous month CARB hosted a statewide workshop on updating the GHG targets for the next cycle of RTP/SCS. He stated the draft targets were expected by next fall. He explained how they would send a joint comment letter reiterating concerns they had previously raised and the need for larger reforms to the program beyond adjustments to the targets. He directed members to agenda packet item 8 where they could find more details regarding the ongoing work with CARB. Executive Director Ajise thanked the members for the conversation they had about the Olympics. He shared he thought it was what they were looking for at a staff level. He stated they needed some guidance on the guardrails for their involvement in the games and wanted to also continue giving updates on how it was all going. He stated he appreciated the program development recommendation to the RC. He also reported that on May 7, they hosted their first Regional Transmission Demand Management (TDM) forum, which was part of the work that was just approved in the framework. He stated SCAG was leading the TDM work for both people and goods for the Olympic and Paralympic games, and the idea was to make sure they were able to keep mobility in the region seamless and flowing without disruption. He stated SCAG established this Regional TDM Forum to bring their partners together to share information and coordinate. He stated the Regional TDM Forum would continue to meet and be an advisory group for this, facilitating coordination and collaboration of planning, development, and implementation of regionwide TDM strategies. Lastly, he shared that effective May 30, they had closed the SCAG San Bernardino County Regional Office. He stated they worked with the SBCTA, as they had approached SCAG about needing more space. He stated they used the space sparingly and were not formally there all the time. He stated this was SBCTA's building, and they needed the space, so they mutually agreed to terminate that lease. However, he stated that SCAG's Riverside County Regional Office, located at 3403 10th Street, Suite 805, in Riverside, would continue to support SCAG's operations and videoconferencing in the Inland Empire. He stated this decision would not affect SCAG's work or presence in San Bernardino County. He stated they would

continue to partner with Regional Council members, member cities, and stakeholders across the region.

There were no public comments for the CFO report, President's report, or the Executive Director's report.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Hon. Wendy Bucknum, Mission Viejo, District 13, stated she thought it was a good idea to have some presenters to discuss their experience at the Olympics as she saw an opportunity to work together collaboratively for things that may not fit in one city that could be in another.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hon. Mike Goodsell, Holtville, ICTC, stated he was new and it was his first time sitting in on that committee and shared a little bit about himself. He stated that day was his last day as a high school teacher and how unique it had been to walk over to the elementary school classrooms he himself had attended while walking through with all the high school graduates. He expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to serve with the members. He stated Holtville was a small town with only 5,500 citizens. He stated that as he had been on city council for his 4th term now, he had gotten more opportunities to serve with different bodies, and SCAG certainly was a highlight for him. He stated he was honored by the opportunity to work with them. He stated he had been impressed in the time that he had joined them for meetings and really wanted to be a productive.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Allen adjourned the Meeting of the Executive Administration Committee at 9:56 a.m.

[MINUTES ARE UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED BY THE EAC]

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Executive / Administration Committee Attendance Report

| 2025-26 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Total Mtgs: Attended To Date |
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| MEMBERS | CITY | Representing | 5-Jun | 19-Jun | 20-Jun | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | |
| Hon. Cindy Allen, President, Chair | Long Beach | District 30 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Hon. Ray Marquez, 1st Vice Chair | Chino Hills | District 10 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Hon. Jenny Crosswhite, 2nd Vice Chair | Santa Paula | District 47 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Hon. Curt Hagman, Imm. Past President | | San Bernardino County | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Hon. David J. Shapiro, Chair, CEHD | Calabasas | District 44 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Hon. Rocky Rhodes, Vice Chair, CEHD | Simi Valley | District 46 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Hon. Rick Denison, Chair, EEC | Yucca Valley | District 11 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Hon. Daniel Ramos, Vice Chair, EEC | Adelanto | District 65 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Hon. Mike T. Judge, Chair, TC | | VCTC | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Hon. Thomas Wong, Vice Chair, TC | Monterey Park | District 34 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Hon. Patricia Lock Dawson, Chair, LCMC | Riverside | District 68 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Hon. Margaret Finlay, Vice Chair, LCMC | Duarte | District 35 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Hon. Karen Bass, President's Appt. | Los Angeles | Member-At-Large | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Hon. Wendy Bucknum, President's Appt. | Mission Viejo | District 13 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Hon. Mike Goodsell, President's Appt. | | ICTC | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Hon. Jan Harnik, President's Appt. | | RCTC | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr. | Pechanga Dev. Corporation | Tribal Government Regional Planning Board | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Ms. Lucy Dunn, Ex-Officio Member | Lucy Dunn Strategic Issues Mar | Business Representative | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0 |
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Attachment: EAC Attendance Sheet 2025-26 (Minutes of the Meeting - June 5, 2025)