



AGENDA ITEM 2

REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
November 5, 2025

MINUTES OF THE MEETING EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (EAC) WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 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

Hon. Ray Marquez, 1st Vice President
Hon. Jenny Crosswhite, 2nd Vice President
Sup. Curt Hagman, Imm. Past President
Hon. David J. Shapiro, Chair CEHD
Hon. Rocky Rhodes, Vice Chair CEHD
Hon. Rick Denison, Chair EED
Hon. Daniel Ramos, Vice Chair EEC
Hon. Mike Judge, Chair, TC
Hon. Thomas Wong, Vice Chair, TC
Hon. Patricia Lock Dawson, Chair, LCMC
Hon. Margaret Finlay, Vice Chair LCMC
Hon. Wendy Bucknum, President's Appt.
Hon. Mike Goodsell, President's Appt.
Hon. Jan Harnik, President's Appt.
Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.
Hon. Lucy Dunn

Chino Hills
Santa Paula

Calabasas
Simi Valley
Yucca Valley
Adelanto
VCTC
Monterey Park
Riverside
Duarte
Mission Viejo
ICTC
RCTC
Pechanga Dev. Corp.

District 10
District 47
San Bernardino County
District 44
District 46
District 11
District 65
Ventura County
District 34
District 68
District 35
District 13
Holtville
Riverside
TGRP Representative
Business Representative

Members Not Present

Hon. Cindy Allen, 1st Vice President
Hon. Karen Bass, President's Appt.

Long Beach
Los Angeles

District 30
Member-At-Large

Staff Present

Kome Ajise, Executive Director
Darin Chidsey, Chief Operating Officer

Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer
Sarah Jepson, Chief Planning Officer
Javiera Cartagena, Chief Government and Public Affairs Officer
Carmen Flores, Chief Human Resources Officer
Ruben Duran, Board Counsel
Jeffery Elder, Chief Counsel/Director of Legal Services
Maggie Aguilar, Clerk of the Board

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

First Vice President Ray Marquez called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. and asked Hon. Curt Hagman, San Bernardino County, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

First Vice President Marquez opened the Public Comment Period.

The Clerk of the Board acknowledged there were no written public comments received.

Seeing no public comment speakers, First Vice President Marquez closed the Public Comment Period.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

There was no prioritization of agenda items.

CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no public comments on the Consent Calendar.

Approval Items

1. Minutes of the Meeting – September 3, 2025
2. SCAG Memberships and Sponsorships

Receive and File

3. Purchase Orders, Contracts and Contract Amendments below Regional Council Approval Threshold

4. CFO Monthly Report

A MOTION was made (Finlay) to approve Consent Calendar Items 1 and 2 and Receive and File Items 3 and 4. Motion was SECONDED (Ramos) and passed by the following votes:

AYES: Bucknum, Crosswhite, Denison, Finlay, Goodsell, Hagman, Harnik, Judge, Lock Dawson, Marquez, Masiel, Ramos, Rhodes, Shapiro, and Wong (15)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

INFORMATION ITEM

5. California Air Resources Board (CARB) Acceptance of Connect SoCal 2024 and Recommendations

Sarah Jepson, Chief Planning Officer, announced the final approval of Connect SoCal 2024 by the Air Resources Board, which included seven recommendations for improvement. She noted that they were very pleased to receive this final acceptance of their plan but did not necessarily agree with all the recommendations. She explained that a letter was sent to the Air Resources Board highlighting some of their concerns. She shared that they expressed concerns about the lengthy review process and the focus on precise GHG emission quantification, emphasizing the need for alignment across multiple policy areas, and prioritizing resources to implement SCS. She also highlighted in her report ongoing efforts to reform SB 375 and mentioned the formation of a Sustainable Communities Task Force by CalSTA to address implementation barriers.

Regional Council Member Daniel Ramos, Adelanto, District 65, engaged in discussions with staff regarding the support they need from the state and if there was a need to work on that relationship. Ms. Jepson emphasized the need for state support to implement strategies and continue funding programs like REAP 2.

Regional Council Member Wendy Bucknum, Mission Viejo, District 13, raised concerns about the potential impact of SB 375 reform on SB 1 grant funding eligibility and asked about the prioritization of transportation projects, particularly regarding VMT and roadway capacity projects. Ms. Jepson explained that the region received about \$2 billion in transportation funds through competitive state programs, and there was uncertainty about meeting future targets due to the state's ongoing process of updating greenhouse gas emission targets. She also emphasized the need for comprehensive state support, including transit funding, to effectively implement the plan's goals.

Kome Ajise, Executive Director, also noted the importance of the SB 375 reform and its implications for the 2024 plan approved by SCAG.

Regional Council Member Patricia Lock Dawson, Riverside, District 68, raised questions about the practical implications of criticisms and potential program changes, while noting new leadership at CARB and the opportunity to address concerns. Ms. Jepson explained that the recommendations from the Air Resources Board do not impact the current 2024 plan but are intended to guide future planning and data collection for the 2028 plan.

Darin Chidsey, Chief Operating Officer, addressed the uncertainty around the 2028 planning cycle due to potential legislative changes and noted that SCAG was working with other MPO's to build a coalition and improve the regional planning process.

CFO REPORT

Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer, reported that they continue to work on the REAP 2 program, supporting their grantees, and preparing for their second upcoming NOFA call, as well as the last mile freight program battery electric rebate initiative. She indicated that administratively, they continue working on their second budget amendment, which will be coming next month, and their fiscal year 27 budget, which will be presented in just a few months. She reported that their fiscal year 25 financial statements and audit were nearing completion, and an Audit Committee meeting to review the results of the audit had been tentatively scheduled for December 10.

Regional Council Member Lucy Dunn expressed that great information was provided at the Demographic Workshop and stated she appreciated all the hard work.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

First Vice President Marquez provided an update on the 2025 Southern California Demographic Workshop, "Revisiting the Intergenerational Contract." He noted that it was the 36th annual event hosted by SCAG and the USC Price School of Public Policy. He reported that this event looks at demographic trends for the region to help them make informed decisions when it comes to planning and policy. He also shared that SCAG published a new report in conjunction with this event, which analyzes new American Community survey data released by the U.S. Census Bureau last month. He explained that the report was called "Highs, Lows, and Shocks: Key Housing and Economic Trends in Southern California" and could be found on the "news" area of SCAG's website. He also reported that SCAG staff and Regional Council members recently participated in the 24th Annual Mobility 21 Southern California Transportation Summit in Anaheim, themed "The Power of Partnership." He stated that as members of Mobility 21's Board of Directors, SCAG had been a part of this annual summit for the past 24 years. He noted that SCAG Energy and Environment

Committee Chair Rick Denison was a panelist on “Chairs’ Roundtable: Power of Partnership” and Executive Director Ajise was also involved in several panels throughout the day on partnerships to prepare for the Olympic Games, benefits and risks for AI in transportation, among other topics. He also reported that they were pleased to see former Regional Council Jose Luis Solache – now a state Assemblymember – at the September meeting of the Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC). He indicated Assemblymember Solache shared insights from his first year in the California State Legislature, including working on controversial bills, bipartisan efforts, cap-and-trade, and higher education. Lastly, he reported that the next meeting of the Executive/Administration Committee was scheduled for Wednesday, November 5 at 3:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Mr. Ajise reported on various initiatives, which included an update on the Public Participation Plan and noted that the public comment period would close on November 7. He also reported that the TDM Subcommittee recently published the “Games TDM Resource Guide,” which was developed to inform and shape TDM approaches for the LA28 Games and other mega-events, like the World Cup. He also reported they had a joint coordination meeting with Santa Barbara County Association of Governments at SCAG’s Ventura County Regional Office. He noted that CEHD Committee Chair David Shapiro and Transportation Committee Chair Mike Judge joined SCAG staff for the meeting, which also included board and staff leadership from SBCAG. He reported that both agencies shared updates on projects and programs, and discussed future partnership opportunities. He also noted that they had more meetings to come with the neighboring MPO’s to share information. He also reported on the Future Leaders Initiative recruitment, a six-month civic leadership pilot program for young adults, ages 18-24, interested in building an understanding of how regional and local governments collaborate for long-term change and impact. He announced that applications for SCAG’s Future Leaders Initiative would open on Tuesday, October 14 and that SCAG would be hosting informational sessions on October 28 and 30 for potential applicants. Lastly, he reported on the federal government shutdown and its potential impact on SCAG’s federal activities.

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

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no future agenda items.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.



ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, First Vice President Marquez adjourned the Meeting of the Executive/Administration Committee at 3:46 p.m.

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Executive / Administration Committee Attendance Report

2025-26																	Total Mtg: Attended To Date	
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	1	1		1	0								5	
Hon. Ray Marquez, 1st Vice Chair	Chino Hills	District 10	1	1	1	1		1	1									6
Hon. Jenny Crosswhite, 2nd Vice Chair	Santa Paula	District 47	1	1	1	1		1	1									6
Hon. Curt Hagman, Imm. Past President		San Bernardino County	1	0	0	1		1	1									4
Hon. David J. Shapiro, Chair, CEHD	Calabasas	District 44	1	1	1	1		1	1									6
Hon. Rocky Rhodes, Vice Chair, CEHD	Simi Valley	District 46	1	1	1	1		1	1									6
Hon. Rick Denison, Chair, EEC	Yucca Valley	District 11	1	1	0	0		0	1									3
Hon. Daniel Ramos, Vice Chair, EEC	Adelanto	District 65	1	1	1	1		1	1									6
Hon. Mike T. Judge, Chair, TC		VCTC	1	1	1	1		1	1									6
Hon. Thomas Wong, Vice Chair, TC	Monterey Park	District 34	1	1	1	1		1	1									6
Hon. Patricia Lock Dawson, Chair, LCMC	Riverside	District 68	1	0	0	1		1	1									4
Hon. Margaret Finlay, Vice Chair, LCMC	Duarte	District 35	0	1	1	1		1	1									5
Hon. Karen Bass, President's Appt.	Los Angeles	Member-At-Large	0	0	0	0		0	0									0
Hon. Wendy Bucknum, President's Appt.	Mission Viejo	District 13	1	1	0	1		1	1									5
Hon. Mike Goodsell, President's Appt.		ICTC	1	1	1	1		1	1									6
Hon. Jan Harnik, President's Appt.		RCTC	1	1	1	1	1	1									6	
Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.	Pechanga Dev. Corporation	Tribal Government Regional Planning Board	1	0	0	0	0	0	1								2	
Ms. Lucy Dunn, Ex-Officio Member	Lucy Dunn Strategic Issues Mar	Business Representative	1	1	1	0	0	0	1								4	
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Attachment: EAC Attendance Sheet 2025-26 (Minutes of the Meeting - October 1, 2025)