

REPORT TO SHASTA COUNTY RTPA

| SUBJECT                                                            | MEETING<br>DATE | ITEM<br>NUMBER |
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| Report of Activities of California Council of Governments (CALCOG) | 2/24/04         | 3-3            |

RECOMMENDATION

This item is presented for Agency information only; no action is requested.

DISCUSSION

The Shasta County RTPA has been a member of CALCOG for many years. CALCOG is an association of regional agencies, throughout California, that promotes interests and issues unique to regional agencies. It could be considered akin to the League of California Cities or the California State Association of Counties.

Attached is a summary of the January 26, 2004, Directors meeting.

ALTERNATIVES

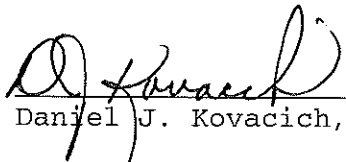
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OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

This item was discussed at the February 10, 2004, TAC meeting.

FINANCING

This item has no impact on Agency finances.

  
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Daniel J. Kovacich, Executive Officer  
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Attachments: Summary January 26, 2004 Directors Meeting

**MINUTES**  
**COG DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**January 26, 2004**

1. The meeting was called into order by Norm King, Chair, SANBAG, at 12:30pm.

2. Present at the meeting were:

Arielle Bourgart, Asst Director, Comty & Gov Affairs Contra Costa Transportation Authority  
Susan Brown, San Diego COG  
Ron Brumment, Executive Director, Kern COG  
Ron DeCarli, Executive Director, SLOCOG  
Pete Dehaan, VCTC  
Gary Dickson, Exec Director, StanCOG  
Phil Dow, Mendocino  
Lark Dowds, STANCOG  
Frank Flores, Deputy Exec Officer  
Kerry Forsythe, VCTC  
Julia E. Green, Executive Director, San Joaquin COG  
Pete Hathaway, Sacramento COG  
Mai Her, Staff, CALCOG  
Jim Kemp, Executive Director, SBCAG  
Norm King, Executive Director, SANBAG  
Dan J. Kovacich, Executive Director, Shasta County RTPA  
Eugene Y. Leong, Executive Director, ABAG  
Mark Pisano, Executive Director, SCAG  
Tom Quigley, Executive Director San Benito County Governments  
Bill Reichmuth, Executive Director, TAMC  
Don Rhodes, SCAG  
Rusty Selix, Executive Director, CALCOG  
Bob Stocker, TCAG  
Linda Wilshusen, Executive Director, SCCRTC  
David Yale, Director Regional Programs, LACMTA  
Sue Zuhlke, Gov Relations Manager, OCTA  
Susan Plown  
Pete Hathoway  
Randy Rentschler

3. Minutes approved from the November meeting.

4. Discussion of Governor's 2004-05 State Budget Affecting Transportation - (45 minutes)

Agencies are urged to communicate to the Governor and legislature on projects affected by budget cuts. They are to include important local priorities, details of their involvement, their support for continuing these projects, legal issues and other problems associated with deleting these projects and forward copies of these topics to their local legislators.

5. SAFETEA/TEALU - Help on the Way? - (20 minutes)

We are still gathering surveys as to who will be traveling to Washington and when. We will send out results as soon as it is compiled.

6. \$15 Billion Bond - Possibility of Including Transportation - (5 minutes)

The Governor told the Department of Finance that the \$2 billion from the 04-05 budget couldn't be used to pay back transportation loans. This will be further discussed at the next meeting in March.

7. Jobs Housing Balance - (10 minutes)

In an effort to combine transportation and housing, there was a need to realize the important relationship between housing and transportation in order to attain favor of Secretary McPeak.

8. Regional Indicators - (20 minutes)

Staff of CALCOG agencies will collect reports to start collaboration with Nick Bollman to accumulate statistics of quality of life and regional indicators.

9. Master Fund Transfer Agreements

COG Directors questioned why grants needed to specify that regional agencies utilize state per diem expenditure limitations and why agreements had to be amended during the year. CALCOG staff was directed to present these concerns to Caltrans.

10. Combined Planning Grants - (10 minutes)

CALCOG will sponsor legislature to ensure that funds flow where the budget is delayed.

11. Survey of CALCOG Member Agencies on Board Membership - (5 minutes)

Results were sent out via email. Please contact Mai at [mher@calcog.org](mailto:mher@calcog.org) for corrections or if you didn't receive it.

12. April 15-16 - Annual Regional Issues Forum - (5 minutes)

Issues to discuss at the Annual CALCOG Regional Issues Forum, Monterey on April 15 and 16 – Structural Transportation Funding Crisis, State Agency Structural Issues, and Housing Issues.

A report from the Bay Area Council is available at [http://www.bayareacouncil.org/pubs/pbr/pbr\\_mid.html](http://www.bayareacouncil.org/pubs/pbr/pbr_mid.html). On this report, Secretary McPeak's former organization graded bay Area cities on housing performance.

13. Adjournment at 2:25 pm.