

REPORT TO SHASTA COUNTY RTPA

SUBJECT	MEETING DATE	ITEM NUMBER
Select Delegate and Alternate to California Association of Councils of Government (CALCOG)	02/27/07	10

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Agency appoint a delegate and an alternate to the California Association of Councils of Governments (CALCOG).

SUMMARY

CALCOG is a statewide organization of metropolitan planning agencies of which the Shasta County RTPA is a member. A new delegate is needed to replace Agency member John Mathena.

DISCUSSION

The RTPA is requesting a new delegate and alternate to CALCOG. The CALCOG delegates meet up to three times a year to deal with legislative issues affecting transportation, housing, air quality, economic development, environmental streamlining and livable communities. Two meetings are typically held in California and the third rotates between California and Washington State. The next meeting is April 12-13 in Monterey.

Attached is a copy of the CALCOG Adopted Priority Actions for 2007. The delegates selected from member agencies approve these policies and positions. Additional information regarding this organization can be obtained by visiting CALCOG's website at www.calcog.org.

ALTERNATIVES

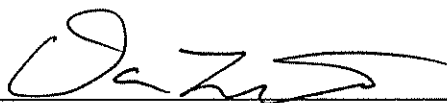
The RTPA could choose not to participate in CALCOG. This is not recommended because there are a number of legislative funding issues that affect the cities, the county, and the RTPA. CALCOG provides an effective avenue for influencing the legislative process on our behalf.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

The Technical Advisory Committee supports this request.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Funding exists within the RTPA Overall Work Program to attend and participate in CALCOG meetings.



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Attachment: 2007 CALCOG Priority Actions
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CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF COUNCILS OF GOVERNMENTS

CALCOG 2007 PRIORITY ACTIONS

Adopted 11/29/06

MEMBER AGENCIES

Association of Bay Area Governments
Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments
Butte County Association of Governments
Calaveras Council of Governments
Contra Costa Transportation Authority
Council of Fresno County Governments
Council of San Benito County Governments
El Dorado County Transportation Commission
Humboldt County Association of Governments
Kern Council of Governments
Kings County Association of Governments
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
Madera County Transportation Commission
Mendocino Council of Governments
Merced County Association of Governments
Orange County Transportation Authority
Placer County Transportation Planning Agency
Riverside County Transportation Commission
Sacramento Area Council of Governments
San Bernardino Associated Governments
San Diego Association of Governments
San Joaquin Council of Governments
San Luis Obispo Council of Governments
Santa Barbara County Association of Governments
Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission
Shasta County Regional Transportation Planning Agency
Southern California Association of Governments
Stanislaus Council of Governments Transportation Agency for Monterey County
Tulare County Association of Governments
Ventura County Transportation Commission
Western Riverside Council of Governments

CONSTITUTIONAL MEMBERS

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1. Work on implementing guidelines and legislation to ensure that prop 1B bonds are implemented consistently with CALCOG policy supporting the partnership between state and regional agencies including project selection.
2. Work with other key stakeholders in the development of legislation to implement the funding connected to regional planning in proposition 1C (state housing bonds) and Proposition 84, (water and park bonds). Funding should support local and regional planning for implementation and project selection by regional agencies, in accordance with state policies and oversight similar to the relationship that exists presently for transportation planning and programming.
3. Support amendments to CEQA to minimize environmental review requirements for infill projects which implement regional plans for which there has been comprehensive environmental analysis.
4. Support more comprehensive planning at the regional level that is coordinated with water planning.
5. Support legislation to ensure that transit spillover funds related to the inter-relationship between sales tax on gasoline and overall sales tax revenues are provided for transit purposes, in particular to support transit operating costs which will increase with transit expansion authorized by proposition 1B transportation bonds.
6. Continue to support legislation to authorize design/build and expand public-private partnerships and hot lanes and other innovative financing opportunities.
7. Work with Caltrans and other interests on the development of California consensus principles and priorities for SafeTeaLu reauthorization including the preservation of FTIPs and long range transportation planning.
8. Ensure that there is adequate state funding for the regional housing needs process and support efforts to reform the process to coordinate it with regional blueprints and regional planning to ensure that there is consistency with growth forecasting for housing needs.
9. Sponsor or support legislation to ensure that planning programming monitoring funds are available with adequate funding.
10. Ensure that federal transportation planning funds are available to regional agencies throughout the year and are not made unavailable due to the state budget.
11. Support federal Amtrak legislation with a capital program (an 80/20 match) to create intercity rail similar to previous California investments.

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The California Association of Council of Governments (CALCOG) is a statewide association representing 38 regional planning agencies and was established in 1977. Most were formed as councils of governments, meaning that they represent joint powers agreements of cities and counties. The others were created as transportation commissions by the State Legislature. All have mandated state planning responsibilities. All councils of governments are responsible for identifying the share of the region's housing need for each community. Nearly all transportation commissions and councils of governments have transportation planning responsibility under both state and federal law.

All councils of governments and transportation commissions are governed by city council members and county supervisors chosen by their peers.

While most of our members are single-county organizations, those representing three of the four largest metropolitan regions - Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG)/Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) in the Bay Area and Sacramento Area Councils of Governments (SACOG), as well as Monterey/Santa Cruz area (Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) - are multi-county. In these multi-county regions there are also sub-regional organizations in transportation. In the Southern California region there are also 14 sub-regions for all regional planning, not just transportation but also including housing and other non-mandated regional planning issues.

With a few exceptions in specific transportation operations, our member agencies do not have service delivery responsibility. Their role with regard to transportation funds (and limited other funds that they distribute) is as a policy planning body that guides allocations of funds to other organizations without regulatory or service delivery authority or responsibility.

The CalCog Executive Director is Rusty Selix

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