

# STAFF REPORT



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| <b>MEETING DATE:</b>  | <b>February 26, 2025</b>                                                                                                                                |
| <b>SUBJECT:</b>       | <b>Appoint a Board Member and Alternate to Serve a Two-Year Term as SRTA's California Association of Council of Governments (CALCOG) Representative</b> |
| <b>AGENDA ITEM:</b>   | <b>8</b>                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>STAFF CONTACT:</b> | <b>Sean Tiedgen, AICP, Executive Director</b>                                                                                                           |

## **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the board of directors appoint a representative and an alternate to serve on the California Association of Council of Governments (CALCOG) board for a two-year term, effective immediately.

## **DISCUSSION:**

CALCOG (<https://calcog.org/>) is a non-profit organization focused on serving regional governments across California. Their mission is to work for and on behalf of regional agencies at the statewide level in the following ways:

- Track and comment on legislation that CALCOG members have an interest in.
- Coordinate government-to-government communications between state, regional, and local governments regarding statewide policies and transportation policy implementation with various state transportation departments and commissions.
- Provide general educational information relevant to regional agencies and facilitate meetings and conferences to share information and encourage peer-to-peer learning.
- Provide an eight-month California Academy of Regional Leaders (CARL) program for developing leadership skills for staff at regional agencies annually.

CALCOG's activities are overseen by a 49-member agency board of directors, including SRTA. Each member agency selects one representative from their current voting board members. The appointed CALCOG representative attends meetings, reports back to the SRTA Board of Directors, and performs other functions and duties as needed. CALCOG board meetings consist of two to three in-person meetings and three to five virtual meetings annually.

Board member Tenessa Audette has served as the CALCOG representative for years 2023 and 2024.

## **ALTERNATIVES:**

The board of directors may choose to have the CALCOG representative(s) serve a one-year term.

## **FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no net fiscal impact with this action. CALCOG dues (\$5,904 annually) and board member participation in CALCOG meetings are budgeted in SRTA's Overall Work Program. Board members are reimbursed for their travel, lodging, and meal expenses when participating in CALCOG meetings.

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**Sean Tiedgen, AICP, Executive Director**