



AGENDA ITEM 1

REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
June 5, 2025

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (CEHD)
THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 2025**

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (CEHD). A VIDEO AND AUDIO RECORDING OF THE FULL MEETING IS AVAILABLE AT: <http://scag.ig2.com/Citizens/>.

The Community, Human and Development Committee (CEHD) 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. David Shapiro, Chair

Hon. Rocky Rhodes, Vice Chair

Hon. Cindy Allen

Hon. Debbie Baker

Hon. Joe Baca

Hon. Drew Boyles

Hon. Wendy Bucknum

Hon. Tanya D. Doby

Ms. Lucy Dunn

Hon. Keith Eich

Hon. Shaunna Elias

Hon. Bob Engler

Hon. Rose Espinoza

Hon. Waymond Fermon

Hon. Margaret E. Finlay

Hon. Martin Fuentes

Hon. Victoria Garcia

Hon. Gary Gardner

Hon. Mike Goodsell

Hon. Cecilia Hupp

Hon. William Hussey

Hon. Lynda Johnson

Sup. Matt LaVere

Hon. Anni Marshall

Calabasas

Simi Valley

Long Beach

La Palma

Rialto

El Segundo

Mission Viejo

Los Alamitos

La Cañada Flintridge

Glendora

Thousand Oaks

La Habra

Indio

Duarte

Cudahy

San Fernando

Desert Hot Springs

Holtville

Brea

Grand Terrace

Cerritos

Ventura County

Avalon

District 44

District 46

District 30

District 18

SBCTA

District 40

District 13

OCCOG

Ex-Officio

District 36

District 33

VCOG

OCCOG

CVAG

District 35

GCCOG

District 67

District 2

ICTC

OCCOG

SBCTA

GCCOG

CoC

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Hon. Geneva Mojado	<i>Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians</i>	
Hon. Joseph Morabito	<i>Wildomar</i>	WRCOG
Hon. Zizette Mullins	<i>Burbank</i>	AVCJPA
Hon. Joseph Murphy	<i>Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians</i>	
Hon. Marisela Nava	<i>Perris</i>	District 69
Hon. Freddy Puza	<i>Culver City</i>	WCCOG
Hon. Becky Shevlin	<i>Monrovia</i>	SGVCOG
Hon. Mark Waronek	<i>Lomita</i>	SBCCOG
Hon. Acquanetta Warren	<i>Fontana</i>	SBCTA
Hon. Jeff Wood	<i>Lakewood</i>	District 24
Hon. Judy Woolsey	<i>Yucaipa</i>	SBCTA
Hon. Tony Wu	<i>West Covina</i>	SGVCOG
Hon. Frank Yokoyama	<i>Cerritos</i>	District 23
Hon. Frank Zerunyan	<i>Rolling Hills Estates</i>	SBCCOG

Members Not Present

Hon. Valerie Amezcua	<i>Santa Ana</i>	District 16
Hon. Don Caskey	<i>Laguna Hills</i>	OCCOG
Hon. Debra Dorst-Porada	<i>Ontario, Pres. Appt.</i>	Member at Large
Hon. Claudia M. Frometa	<i>Downey</i>	District 25
Hon. John Grass	<i>Brawley</i>	ICTC
Hon. Mark Henderson	<i>Gardena</i>	District 28
Hon. Peggy Huang	<i>Yorba Linda</i>	OCCOG
Hon. Jed Leano	<i>Claremont</i>	SGVCOG
Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.	<i>Tribal Gov't Reg'l Planning Rep.</i>	
Hon. John Mirisch	<i>Beverly Hills, Pres. Appt.</i>	Member at Large
Hon. Tomas Oliva	<i>El Centro</i>	ICTC
Hon. Misty Perez	<i>Port Hueneme, Pres. Appt.</i>	Member at Large
Hon. Nithya Raman	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 51
Hon. Sonny Santa Ines	<i>Bellflower</i>	GCCOG
Hon. Mary Solorio	<i>San Fernando</i>	SFVCOG
Hon. Helen Tran	<i>San Bernardino</i>	SBCTA

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable Rocky Rhodes called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. and asked Councilmember Wendy Bucknum, Mission Viejo, District 13, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Vice Chair Rhodes provided detailed instructions and general information on how to provide public comments.

Vice Chair Rhodes opened the public comment period and noted this was the time for members of the public to offer comment for matters that are within SCAG's jurisdiction but are not listed on the agenda.

SCAG staff noted there were no written public comments received via email before or after the 5pm deadline on 5pm on Wednesday, April 2, 2025. SCAG staff also noted that there were no public comments for matters not listed on the agenda.

Vice Chair Rhodes closed the public comment period for matters not listed on the agenda.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no reprioritizations made.

ACTION ITEM

1. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Richard Lam, Deputy Legal Counsel, announced there was one nominee for the CEHD Chair position, the Hon. David J. Shapiro, (Calabasas). He recited SCAG's election rules and process for nominating from the floor and asked the Committee to proceed with the nomination process.

A vote was taken to close the nominations and re-elect Hon. David J. Shapiro (Calabasas) as the CEHD Chair. The election passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Baker, Baca, Boyles, Bucknum, Doby, Eich, Engler, Espinoza, Fermon, Finlay, Fuentes, Garcia, Gardner, Goodsell, Hupp, Hussey, Johnson, LaVere, Marshall, Mojado, Morabito, Mullins, Nava, Puza, Rhodes, Shapiro, Shevlin, Waronek, Warren, Wood, Wu, Yokoyama and Zerunyan (33)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

There were no public comments on this item.

Richard Lam, Deputy Legal Counsel, continued conducting the elections for Vice Chair, noting the same process for nominations from the floor. He reported that there were two nominees for the position of CEHD Vice Chair:

1. Hon. Rocky Rhodes, (Simi Valley)
2. Hon. Keith Eich, (La Canada Flintridge) (Declined nomination)

A roll call vote was taken to close the nominations and re-elect Hon. Rocky Rhodes (Simi Valley) as the CEHD Vice Chair. The election passed with the following roll call votes:

AYES: Allen, Baker, Baca, Boyles, Bucknum, Doby, Eich, Engler, Espinoza, Fermon, Finlay, Fuentes, Garcia, Gardner, Goodsell, Hupp, Hussey, Johnson, LaVere, Marshall, Mojado, Morabito, Mullins, Nava, Puza, Rhodes, Shapiro, Shevlin, Waronek, Warren, Wood, Woolsey, Wu, Yokoyama and Zerunyan (35)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

Richard Lam, Deputy Legal Counsel, requested that Vice Chair Rhodes conduct a vote for the CEHD to approve Chair Shapiro's request to participate remotely due to illness.

AYES: Allen, Baker, Baca, Boyles, Bucknum, Doby, Eich, Engler, Espinoza, Fermon, Finlay, Fuentes, Garcia, Gardner, Goodsell, Hupp, Hussey, Johnson, LaVere, Marshall, Mojado, Morabito, Mullins, Nava, Puza, Rhodes, Shapiro, Shevlin, Waronek, Warren, Wood, Woolsey, Wu, Yokoyama and Zerunyan (35)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval Items

2. Minutes of the March 6, 2025 Meeting

Receive and File

3. CEHD Agenda Outlook and Future Agenda Items

MOTION was made (Finlay) to approve Consent Calendar Items 2; and Receive and File Item 3. Motion was SECONDED (Yokoyama). The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Allen, Baca, Boyles, Bucknum, Doby, Eich, Elias, Engler, Espinoza, Fermon, Finlay, Fuentes, Garcia, Gardner, Goodsell, Hupp, Hussey, Johnson, LaVere, Marshall, Mojado, Morabito, Mullins, Nava, Puza, Rhodes, Shapiro, Shevlin, Waronek, Warren, Wood, Woolsey, Wu, Yokoyama and Zerunyan (35)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: Baker (1)

There were no public comments on this item.

INFORMATION ITEMS

4. Regional Recovery and Resilience in the face of Disasters-Policy Discussion

Vice Chair Rhodes provided background information and noted that the discussion would continue to explore regional recovery and resilience policies that can better protect their communities from natural disasters. He noted that experts in emergency preparedness and resilience would highlight best practices and resources on home hardening and other important resilience strategies, such as defensible space design. He asked speakers, Ms. Eilizabeth Christy, Sustainability Program Manager, U.S. Green Building Council and Brian Cameron, President, Emergency Preparedness from Calabasas (EPIC) to begin their presentations.

Presentations provided by guest speakers, Eilizabeth Christy and Brian Cameron provided an overview and discussion on local level strategies from lessons learned since the 2017 Megafires, including proposed considerations for rebuilding, home hardening elements, defensible space, and the importance of native plants in building climate resilience. Additional highlights included discussion for emergency housing measures, business improvement, and setting goals for recovery and flexibility in meeting the needs of the impacted community and fire survivors.

Staff and the Panelists responded to the comments and questions expressed by the Councilmembers that focused on wildfire prevention, disaster preparedness strategies, and community safety. Members raised questions about obtaining educational resources and training for their communities and the applicability of the presented information for densely populated areas, in addition to the challenges that underserved communities have in trying to combat climate change with their limited resources. Additional discussions focused on the importance of defensible

spaces and home hardening, with the speakers offering to provide the Committee with more concise information for select communities. The importance of community outreach and securing funding for coordinated fire-safe projects, including the benefits of becoming a fire-wise community and potential insurance discounts, were discussed.

The CEHD members expressed gratitude for the speakers' thorough presentations.

The comprehensive staff report was provided in the agenda packet. Copies of the presentation were distributed to the CEHD members after the meeting and posted on the website.

There were no public comments on Item 4.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Vice Chair Rhodes recognized and welcomed the newest members to the CEHD Committee: Debbie Baker (La Palma, District 18); John Grass (Brawley, ICTC); and Joe Baca (Rialto, SBCTA). He also reported on the Sacramento Summit whereby SCAG's Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee travelled to Sacramento to meet with key elected officials and staff to advocate for the region's priorities, including a list of priorities and policies intended to promote resiliency and address the impact of natural disasters. He also reported that SCAG was hosting its 60th Annual Regional Conference and General Assembly on May 1 through May 2, 2025, in Palm Desert.

STAFF REPORT

Jonathan Davis, SCAG Government Affairs Officer, reported that SCAG received two separate awards: the California Association of Councils of Governments (CALCOG) Eureka Award for Regional Excellence, which recognized SCAG's active transportation safety and engagement program, *Go Human*; and the Association of Environment Professionals (AEP) award for Outstanding Environmental Analysis Document, which recognizes the analysis of the Environmental Impact Report for the Connect SoCal 2024 RTP/SCS.



ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Vice Chair Rhodes adjourned the meeting of the Community, Economic, and Human Development Committee at 11:32 a.m.

Carmen Summers

Community, Economic and Human Development Committee Clerk

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COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT															
2024-25															
MEMBERS	Representing	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Total Mtgs Attended To Date	
Allen, Cindy	Long Beach, RC District 30	1					1					1		3	
Amezcuca, Valarie	Santa Ana, RC District 16	1												1	
Baca, Joe	Rialto, SBCTA											1		1	
Baker, Debbie	La Palma, RC District 18											1		1	
Boyles, Drew	El Segundo, RC District 40											1		1	
Bucknum, Wendy	Mission Viejo, RC District 13	1			1		1	1			1	1		6	
Caskey, Don	Laguna Hills, OCCOG	1					1	1						3	
Doby, Tanya D.	Los Alamitos, OCCOG	1			1		1	1			1	1		6	
Dorst-Porada, Debra	Ontario, Pres. Appt. (Member at Large)						1				1			2	
Dunn, Lucy	Business Representative	1			1		1				1	1		5	
Eich, Keith	La Cañada Flintridge, RC District 36	1	D	D	1	D	1	1			1	1		6	
Elias, Shaunna	Glendora, RC District 33										1	1		2	
Engler, Bob	Thousand Oaks, VCOG	1					1	1			1	1		5	
Espinoza, Rose	La Habra, OCCOG	1						1			1	1		4	
Fermon, Waymond	Indio, CVAG	1					1				1	1		4	
Finlay, Margaret E.	Duarte, RC District 35	1					1	1				1		4	
Frometa, Claudia M.	Downey, RC District 25	1									1			2	
Fuentes, Martin	Cudahy, GCCOG	1										1		2	
Garcia, Victoria	San Fernando, RC District 67		A	A		A					1	1		2	
Gardner, Gary	Desert Hot Springs, RC District 2											1		1	
Goodsell, Mike	ICTC						1	1			1	1		4	
Grass, John	Brawley, ICTC														
Henderson, Mark E.	Gardena, RC District 28	1						1			1			3	
Huang, Peggy	Yorba Linda, OCCOG										1			1	
Hupp, Cecilia	Brea, OCCOG	1			1		1	1			1	1		6	
Hussey William	Grand Terrace, SBCTA	1			1			1			1	1		5	
Johnson, Lynda	Cerritos, GCCOG				1			1				1		3	
LaVere, Matt	Ventura County CoC	1			1		1	1				1		5	
Leano, Jed	Claremont, SGVCOG	1			1		1	1			1			5	
Marshall, Anni	Avalon, GCCOG				1			1			1	1		4	
Masiel, Sr., Andrew	Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians Tribal Gov Reg Planning Board				1			1						2	
Mirisch, John	Beverly Hills, Pres. Appt. (Member at Large)	1					1	1						3	
Mojado, Geneva	Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians	1	K	K		K	1				1	1		4	
Morabito, Joseph	Wildomar, WRCOG	1			1		1	1			1	1		6	
Mullins, Zizette	Burbank, AVCJPA	1			1		1	1				1		5	
Murphy, Joseph	Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians	1										1		2	
Nava, Marisela	Perris, RC District 69	1			1		1	1				1		5	
Oliva, Tomas	El Centro, ICTC														
Perez, Misty	Port Hueneme, Pres. Appt. (Member at Large)														
Puza, Freddy	Culver City, WCCOG				1		1	1			1	1		5	
Raman, Nithya	Los Angeles, RC District 51														
Rhodes, Rocky	Simi Valley, RC District 46	1			1		1	1			1	1		6	
Santa Ines, Sonny	Bellflower, GCCOG	1			1			1			1			4	
Shapiro, David J.	Calabasas, RC District 44	1			1		1	1			1	1		6	
Shevlin, Becky A.	Monrovia, SGVCOG	1			1			1			1	1		5	
Solorio, Mary	San Fernando, SFVCOG						1	1			1			3	
Tran, Helen	San Bernardino, SBCTA						1	1			1			3	
Waronek, Mark	Lomita, SBCCOG							1			1	1		3	
Warren, Acquanetta	Fontana, SBCTA	1			1			1			1	1		5	
Wood, Jeff	Lakewood, RC District 24				1		1	1			1	1		5	
Woolsey, Judy	Yucaipa, SBCTA										1	1		2	
Wu, Tony	West Covina, SGVCOG	1			1			1			1	1		5	
Yokoyama, Frank A.	Cerritos, RC District 23	1					1	1			1	1		5	
Zerunyan, Frank	Rolling Hills Estates, SBCCOG				1		1				1	1		4	
TOTAL ATTENDANCE		31			23		27	32			34	38			