



## SACOG Board of Directors

## Item #09-10-11 Report

October 7, 2009

### Executive Director's Report

*The following is a brief status report on some of the major issues and projects currently being advanced by SACOG.*

Please note that the next SACOG Board meeting will be held on November 12, 2009 instead of November 19 due to a conflict with the CSAC Annual Meeting on November 17-20. The committee meetings have also been moved up a week. See calendar below.

### CONSENT ITEMS:

The docket is mainly consent items again this month, in part because we do not believe any of them are controversial, and in part to keep the meeting short so the ag tour can start on time. However, if any of you have questions or concerns about any of the consent items please don't be hesitant to pull it for full board discussion and action.

### KEY BOARD ITEMS:

**Water Legislation Update:** As we mail this packet we do not have a recommended action for the Board to take, meaning that our existing "oppose unless amend" position still stands. However, we had a very frank and constructive dialogue with Senate Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg for nearly 2 hours at the Government Relations and Public Affairs Committee meeting this Monday. If the package of water bills is still a relevant issue when the Board meets (meaning, the package hasn't been held over to next year or already voted on in Special Session that starts October 13) then we may need Board discussion and action.

**Board Chair Next Year:** The Nominating Committee appointed by Chair Thomson (Directors Hill, Peters and Cabaldon) will present its recommendation to the Board to replace Director Clare in the rotation to Board Chair next year. Chair Thomson will appoint another Nominating Committee to recommend a vice-chair for next year to the Board.

**Water Workshop:** We have been working through the Land Use and Housing Committee developing an overview paper on Water Resources for some time. Greg Young, our consultant for this work, will highlight for the Board some aspects of that work that have particular relevance to some of the issues that will be address on the Sacramento County ag tour. Mr. Young will come back for a more thorough water workshop at a subsequent Board meeting.

**RECEIVE AND FILE ITEMS:**

These items were information items sent through the Committee cycle. If you have any questions, please call me prior to the meeting. Backup material for each item is attached and any of these items can be discussed during Other Matters, if the Board so chooses.

1. State Budget and Fall Programming Update

**CALENDAR:**

Oct 29 @ 10:00 a.m.	Transportation Committee	SACOG
Oct 29 @ 1:00 p.m.	Climate & Air Quality Committee	SACOG
Nov 2 @ 10:00 a.m.	Land Use & Housing Committee	SACOG
Nov 2 @ 1:00 p.m.	Government Relations & Public Affairs Committee	SACOG
Nov 12 @ 9:00 a.m.	SACOG Board of Directors	SACOG



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## State Budget and Fall Programming Update

The SACOG Board has released a call for projects and approved a draft funding range for this fall's biennial programming process (this process applies only to jurisdictions in Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo and Yuba Counties). Funding for this process consists of both state and federal funds. The state funds come from the 2010 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), while the federal funds come from the region's apportionments of Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) and Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funds.

The California Transportation Commission (CTC) released a Draft Fund Estimate for the 2010 STIP in August, but will not adopt the Final Fund Estimate until October 14. According to the Draft Fund Estimate, the 2010 STIP will consist mainly of rescheduled projects carried over from the 2008 STIP. The Flexible Funds and—to a lesser extent—the Public Transportation Account (PTA) funds are over-programmed in the early portion of the 2010 STIP period (2010/11-2012-13). It is expected that nearly all currently programmed PTA-eligible projects can remain in this time period and about a third of the Flexible Fund projects will need to be delayed to 2013/14 and 2014/15. For SACOG, this would potentially affect either of two projects both currently programmed in 2012/13:

- Sacramento County U.S. 50 Watt Avenue Interchange Modification \$10 million
- City of Sacramento I-5 Cosumnes River Blvd. Interchange \$10.5 million

The only new funds being added to the 2010 STIP will be Transportation Enhancement (TE) funds. The new TE funds—about \$2.2 million per year—will be available in 2013/14 and 2014/15. SACOG also has a TE reserve of about \$4.5 million.

The region can expect a total of approximately \$39 million each year in new CMAQ and RSTP apportionments under a likely extension of the current federal transportation act—SAFETEA-LU. However, as the region has been very successful at delivering 100% of our annual apportionments, as well as advancing projects from later years, most newly programmed projects will be unable to access these funds until 2012/13 and 2012/14. As has been the case in the past, some individual projects that are ready may be able to advance in the event of delivery failure as part of the annual project delivery plan, but there are no guarantees that all projects ready to go can be delivered.

Staff will re-evaluate the funding situation once the CTC's Final Fund Estimate is adopted, and will continue to update our stakeholders, the Transportation Committee, and Board as the process advances and will be seeking input at all stages of the process.