



## **SACOG Board of Directors**

**Item #09-11-14  
Report**

November 5, 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.*

#### **CONSENT ITEMS:**

The docket is mainly consent items again this month, in part because we do not believe any of them are controversial. 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:**

##### **Presentations:**

Karen Wilcox, our Finance Director, is leaving SACOG after 5+ years of service. On at least an interim basis I am moving David Ghiorso back to supervise our strong finance team. David did a great job as the #2 person in that section for several years and over the last couple years had been reassigned to the transportation section. After consulting with Board leadership I will make a decision soon regarding filling Karen's functions on a permanent basis and discuss with the full Board in December. I appreciate Karen's years of service to the organization.

Gene Skoropowski, Capitol Corridor Director, is retiring. He has had a major impact in establishing one of the premier train corridors in America.

##### **Water Legislation Update:**

After careful deliberation the Board's Government Relations and Public Affairs Committee decided at Monday's meeting that SACOG should remain in an "opposed unless amended" position on the water bill package. However, while there were several provisions in the package reviewed by the Committee on Monday that had not met the Board's principles, there were also several areas in which amendments had been made to address our concerns. We will convey our appreciation for those changes to Senator Steinberg as well as identify our areas of outstanding concern after we have had a chance to analyze the final bills that were adopted. We will brief the Board on the key issues during the workshop.

##### **Other Issues:**

I testified to the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee last Thursday. A copy of my prepared verbal comments is attached. SACOG's work has had a substantial impact on the transportation planning components of that bill.

**CALENDAR:**

Dec 3 @ 10:00 a.m.	Transportation Committee	SACOG
Dec 3 @ 1:00 p.m.	Climate & Air Quality Committee	SACOG
Dec 7 @ 10:00 a.m.	Land Use & Housing Committee	SACOG
Dec 7 @ 1:00 p.m.	Government Relations & Public Affairs Committee	SACOG
Dec 17 @ 9:00 a.m.	SACOG Board of Directors	SACOG

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