

SUPERVISOR RUSTY DUPRAY NEW SACOG BOARD CHAIR

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SACRAMENTO – The Sacramento Area Council of Governments inducted El Dorado County Supervisor Rusty Dupray as the 2007 SACOG Board Chair and Lincoln Councilmember Tom Cosgrove as Board Vice Chair at their regularly scheduled Board meeting on January 18, 2006.

Supervisor Dupray will be Board Chair for the metropolitan planning organization with 31 board members representing six counties and the 22 cities within them. SACOG provides transportation planning and funding for the greater Sacramento region, and serves as a forum for the study and resolution of regional issues. In addition to long-range transportation planning, SACOG coordinates regional discussion of land use and air quality issues.

True to the agency's mission, transportation planning will be a key focus in 2007 as SACOG works to adopt the Metropolitan Transportation Plan for 2035. SACOG is working with key public partners including transit operators, air quality management agencies and the non-profit organization Valley Vision to gather broad public input on transportation improvements anticipated to total \$38 billion in federal, state and local funds.

Supervisor Dupray will also continue to lead the agency on the critical issue of successfully implementing the Board's adopted Blueprint growth strategy. As chair, Dupray will be keenly focused on land use and transportation planning to improve the region's air quality as the region prepares its new air quality plan to meet new, stricter federal clean air act requirements.

In addition to the SACOG Board of Directors, Supervisor Dupray was first elected to the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors in November of 2000. He represents the communities of Cameron Park and El Dorado Hills on the Board and serves as Chair on the El Dorado County Transportation Commission, El Dorado County Transit Authority, El Dorado Water and Power Authority, Folsom City/El Dorado County Joint Powers Authority, Local Area Formation Commission, and the Sacramento Area Commerce & Trade Organization. He is also liaison to the Chambers of Commerce and the El Dorado County Youth Commission, and a Fellow of American Leadership Forum, Mountain Valley Chapter. Dupray earned a degree in Organizational Development from the University of San Francisco, has a college teaching credential, and is also a fire captain and paramedic for the Sacramento Metropolitan Fire Department.

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Councilmember Cosgrove has served on the Lincoln City Council since 1994, and currently serves on the city's Transit, Streets, Redevelopment, School, and Chamber committees. In addition to SACOG, he represents Lincoln on the Board of the Placer County Transportation Planning Agency (PCTPA) and as alternate on the South Placer Regional Transportation Authority. Councilmember Cosgrove holds a Bachelor of Arts in Government from California State University, Sacramento and an Associate of Science in Business Management from Sierra College, and works as an independent consultant, after years of public and private sector experience.

The SACOG Board meets on the third Thursday of each month at 9 a.m. at 1415 L Street, Suite 300 in Sacramento. Board meetings are open to the public. Board agendas and minutes may be obtained by visiting the SACOG website at **www.sacog.org** or by contacting Communications Manager Rebecca Thornton Sloan at 916-321-9000.

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