



## The Blueprint List

Number of acres in the counties studied:

**3,053,593**

Number of acres examined in neighborhood workshops:

**15,500**

Number of flyers printed and distributed:

**50,000**

Number of workshop participants:

**2,200**

Number of other Blueprint speaking engagements:

**125**

Number of neighborhood study areas examined:

**57**

Number of news stories published:

**57**

Number of community involvement workshops:

**37**

Number of countywide scenarios:

**20**

## Countywide Workshops Draw Large Crowds Forum Set for April 30

THE BLUEPRINT PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT JUGGERNAUT that began last spring will mark another milestone on February 7 with the last of the countywide workshops being held in Yuba County, bringing to 37 the number of neighborhood and countywide planning workshops held in communities throughout the region, and setting the stage for the regional workshop—the Regional Forum—on April 30.

To date, over 2,200 members of the public have participated in the workshops.

“We really want to thank again our recruitment partner, Valley Vision, which made such an outstanding effort bringing people to the table for this series of events,” said Christopher Cabaldon, chair of the SACOG Board of Directors. “Of course, we want to



Participants at Sacramento County Workshop

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## Legislative Update State's Budget Hinges on March Election

GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER RELEASED HIS 2004-2005 state budget in early January, and as expected, the proposed cuts are deep and widespread.

The Governor's budget once again looks to the coffers of local government for relief by expanding the Educational Revenue Augmentation Funds (ERAF) property tax shift by an additional \$1.3 billion. Local transportation projects do not fair any better.

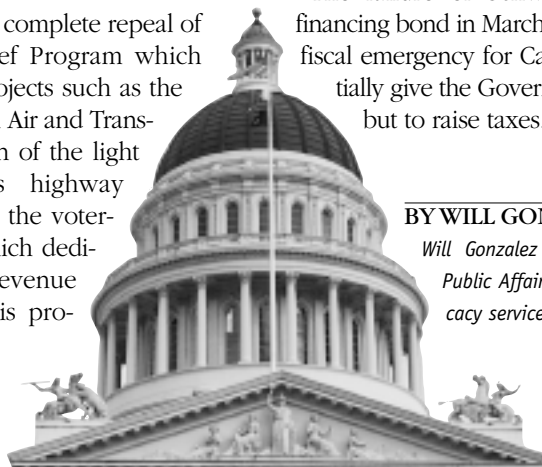
The Governor proposes a complete repeal of the Traffic Congestion Relief Program which includes vital Sacramento projects such as the Sacramento Emergency Clean Air and Transportation program, extension of the light rail system, and various highway improvements. In addition, the voter-approved Proposition 42 which dedicates specific gasoline tax revenue for transportation projects is proposed to be suspended.

The Governor's budget cuts are indeed painful, and they will likely impact the daily lives of every Californian. However, the cuts are predicated on the notion that \$15 billion in bonds will be authorized by voters in March. Should the Governor's debt refinancing proposal fail at the polls (recent polling shows it with only 44 percent approval), California will find itself in even deeper debt with little left to cut.

The failure of Schwarzenegger's debt financing bond in March would spark a true fiscal emergency for California and potentially give the Governor no other choice but to raise taxes.

**BY WILL GONZALEZ**

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Feeling the State Budget Pain



Martin Tuttle

Cities, counties and transit operators throughout the region are reeling from the recently proposed state budget, in which more than a billion in transportation funds for fiscal year 2004-05 are in jeopardy.

The pain is being felt all around, in virtually every sector of the state government, notably in health and human services. In transportation, the budget would suspend for a second year in a row voter-approved Proposition 42, which allowed sales taxes collected on gasoline to be used to fund transportation projects. Prop 42 brings in about \$1.1 billion annually. Here at home, the measure would cut into the region's transportation budget by about \$140 million for 2005.

The budget also proposes repeal of the Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP), enacted by former Governor Davis in 2002. The TCRP had been funded from Proposition 42 and General Fund monies. If the budget is approved as proposed, those monies would return to the General Fund in 2005, and the SACOG region would lose \$130 million designated for these six projects:

- The SECAT program, which provides incentives for the reduction of emissions from heavy-duty diesel engines operating in the region
- The South Line light rail extension toward Elk Grove
- The Northeast Line double-tracking project
- Major improvements to Watt Avenue from Highway 50 to Folsom Boulevard
- The Sheldon Road/Route 99 interchange improvement project
- Yolo Bus 42 to the Sacramento Airport

The region will have to find substitute funding for these projects, or drop them. We are, along with the local air districts and clean air advocates, working with the administration and legislature to find \$34 million of replacement funding for the SECAT Program and next will begin looking for \$66 million to replace the funding lost for the South Line Light Rail Extension.

These are challenging times, but SACOG will continue to provide leadership in meeting the crisis head on.

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SHA Sponsors Inclusionary Housing Event

The Sacramento region is experiencing dramatic growth, with home prices and apartment rents rising significantly in the past four years. Many jurisdictions have responded with "inclusionary zoning" to ensure production of affordable housing for lower-wage workers.

The Sacramento Housing Alliance (SHA), through a grant from Citibank, will host a session 'Inclusionary Housing: Making it Work!' on Monday, February 9, 2004, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Sacramento Association of Realtors, 2003 Howe Ave. There is no charge to attend and lunch will be provided.

Developers, Realtors, and local government officials are often required to plan and implement mechanisms to produce this housing, as well as evaluate potential partners (both for- and not-for-profit) who have the experience and skills required to develop and manage affordable housing.

The event will feature nationally known land use planner and urban economist, Walter F. Kieser, of Economic & Planning Systems. In addition, all participants will receive a useful guidebook that will detail current housing policies for many local jurisdictions, financing options, and partnering opportunities.

Please visit the SHA Website to register or to obtain more information: [www.sachousingalliance.org](http://www.sachousingalliance.org), or SHA, at (916) 442-1198.

## Elk Grove-Rancho Cordova-El Dorado Stakeholder Advisory Committee to Meet

The first formal meeting of the Elk Grove-Rancho Cordova-El Dorado Stakeholder Advisory Committee is scheduled for Thursday February 5, 2004, from 1pm-4pm at the SACOG offices, 1415 L Street, Suite 300, Sacramento, CA. The stakeholder advisory committee will assist the project team in developing consensus on purpose and need, and identifying viable concepts to serve as alternatives for environmental review, as well as act as a liaison between the project team and public, community and business organizations. Input from the Stakeholder Advisory Committee will be presented to the Policy Advisory Committee at its meeting in April 2004. For more information please contact Aimee Hagen at [ahagen@sacog.org](mailto:ahagen@sacog.org) (916)340-6211.

## BOARD ACTIONS

In its January meeting the Board of Directors took the following actions:

- Unanimously supported a resolution to fund by 2005 three projects necessary for clean air in the Sacramento region; two Caltrans traffic operations systems projects and the City of Sacramento's Main Avenue Bridge widening at the Natomas East Main Drainage Canal.
- Reaffirmed commitment to the U.S. 50 carpool lanes project or its alternatives and to funding the project in one of the next three State Transportation Improvement Programs (STIPs).
- Referred draft Affordable Housing Policy to committee.
- Heard report on Placer County Air Quality Ordinance.

## STAFF NEWS

**Aimee Hagen, P.E.**, has joined SACOG as an Assistant Planner. Her responsibilities will



*Aimee Hagen, P.E.*

primarily include conducting the technical work, meeting organization, and consultant oversight for the Elk Grove-Rancho Cordova-El Dorado Connector Study.

Ms. Hagen for several months worked for SACOG as a temporary assistant planner. Prior to that, she worked for SACOG as an intern, working primarily on the Connector Study, and also producing the first draft of the Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails Master Plan and assisting with Blueprint workshops.

Ms. Hagen is a native of Colorado. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering from the Colorado School of Mines, is a registered California civil engineer, and recently completed a Masters in Business Administration Degree at the University of California, Davis Graduate School of Management. Ms. Hagen can be reached at (916) 340-6211 or at [ahagen@sacog.org](mailto:ahagen@sacog.org).

In December **Ryan Kirkham** joined SACOG as a Temporary Junior Geographic Information Systems Analyst. He has worked for SACOG as a temporary GIS clerk and intern since October 2001. Mr. Kirkham's primary responsi-



*Ryan Kirkham*

bilities are to provide GIS support for the Blueprint project. Previously, he was employed at Towill, Inc., a surveying, mapping and GIS services company and by the University of California, Davis Urban Modeling Lab. He received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in History from UC Davis in 2000. Mr. Kirkham can be reached at (916) 340-6279 or [rkirkham@sacog.org](mailto:rkirkham@sacog.org).

**Steve Hossack, P.E.**, also joined SACOG in December as a Senior Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Analyst. His responsibilities include providing support for the implementation of ArcSDE and geodatabase to manage SACOG's GIS data; providing assistance to SACOG staff on ArcView and ArcGIS applications; and developing GIS applications to support the data analysis needs of SACOG and its member agencies. Prior to joining SACOG, Mr. Hossack was employed in the private sector designing, developing and managing GIS and transportation information systems applications. He received his Bachelor of Science Degree and his Master of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from Arizona State University. He is a native of Phoenix, Arizona. Mr. Hossack can be reached at (916) 340-6204 or [shossack@sacog.org](mailto:shossack@sacog.org).



*Steve Hossack, P.E.*

In January **Gregory Chew, AICP**, joined SACOG in the role of Associate Planner. Prior to joining SACOG, Mr. Chew was a Senior Planner with Parsons Brinckerhoff Quade and Douglas,

Inc., Sacramento, where his areas of focus were regional growth management, regional governance, and land use and transportation planning. He spent 15 years in planning in Portland, Oregon. At SACOG his areas of responsibility will include preparing the Sacramento Regional Housing Needs Plan, the Airport Comprehensive Land Use Plan and assisting with the Blueprint Project. Mr. Chew received his Bachelor of Science degree in the Social Sciences from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo. Additional studies were conducted at the Universidad de Salamanca, Spain and University of Bradford, England, as well as graduate courses in Urban and Regional Planning at Portland State University. Mr. Chew can be reached at (916) 340-6227, or [gchew@sacog.org](mailto:gchew@sacog.org).



*Gregory Chew, AICP*

**Sue Teranishi**, Alternative Modes Coordinator, retired in December. She managed the bicycle/pedestrian planning and Rideshare programs, and was integral in the effort with Caltrans to design a new '511' Traveler Information System to be unveiled this spring.

Prior to joining SACOG, Ms. Teranishi was employed with the California Franchise Tax Board for 16 years, where she was responsible for the education and marketing of transportation options to 5,000 employees.

# Regional Report



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## Blueprint...

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thank the thousands of citizens from throughout the region who attended the workshops, and invite them to the Regional Forum in April."

"It has been a fantastic opportunity to see hundreds of people getting hands-on with planning how they want to see their communities and the region look in the future. The great thing about it is that it has been informative for us and the participants as well," said Manager Mike McKeever.

In addition to the workshops, SACOG

and Valley Vision have participated in more than 125 speaking engagements at city councils, county boards of supervisors and other community groups to educate the public about Blueprint.

The daylong Forum, "Tall Order: Choices for Our Future," will be held at the Sacramento Convention Center, with more than 1,400 expected to attend. Registration to attend the Forum will open in February. For more information, visit [www.sacog.org/sacog2/forum2004/home.htm](http://www.sacog.org/sacog2/forum2004/home.htm)

For more information about the Blueprint Project, visit [www.sacregionblueprint.org](http://www.sacregionblueprint.org).

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**February 5**  
Transportation/Air Quality Committee  
10 a.m.

Administration Committee  
1:30 p.m.

**February 7**  
Blueprint Workshop  
Yuba County  
One-Stop Training Center  
1114 Yuba St.  
Marysville, CA

**February 9**  
Housing and Land Use/  
Legislation and Public Affairs Committee  
10 a.m.

**February 19**  
SACOG Board Meeting  
9 a.m.

**February 26**  
Regional Planning Partnership  
2 p.m.

All meetings listed, unless otherwise noted, are located in the SACOG Board Room, 1415 "L" Street, Suite 300, Sacramento.

Note: Dates, times and locations are subject to change. Please call SACOG at 916.321.9000 to confirm, or visit the calendar on our website at [www.sacog.org/calendar](http://www.sacog.org/calendar).