



SACOG Board of Directors

Item #15-2-15
Report

February 12, 2015

Chief Executive Officer's Report

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

Note: The consent calendar includes several items approved unanimously by SACOG's policy committees in February. The Board Workshop for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (MTP/SCS) Update is intended to provide additional briefing time for the SACOG Board to consider additional information related to the land use and transportation assumptions in the discussion draft preferred scenario.

In February, SACOG is also holding Elected Official Information Meetings throughout the region for the MTP/SCS Update consistent with state requirement. Those sessions are designed to provide information briefing on the MTP/SCS Update to local elected officials from the cities and counties in the six-county region. We appreciate your assistance in encouraging your elected colleagues to attend.

The MTP/SCS Discussion Draft Preferred Scenario, which is composed of a transportation project list and land use forecast, is currently being vetted between SACOG staff and local government staff. The vetting period runs from January 26 to March 9. Staff will update the Board on input received over the next couple months that lead up to the April Board cycle. In April, staff will bring a Preferred Scenario to the Board for adoption. This is a significant action as it allows SACOG staff to continue its technical and environmental impact work in a compressed schedule toward a September Board action to release the draft plan, air quality conformity determination, and environmental impact report for public review.

SACOG's Rural-Urban Connections Strategy (RUCS) team recently completed a study of the regional food system with particular emphasis on the concept of a "food hub." This facility would aggregate, process and distribute food grown in the region for local markets and eventually markets outside the region. Since the inception of RUCS, stakeholders have been calling for such a facility to help connect local farmers with new opportunities, particularly providing product for institutions, such as schools and hospitals. The study assessed market conditions to determine the appropriate mix of products, price and size of facility to formulate an economically sustainable strategy. The [Sacramento Region Food Hub Feasibility Analysis](#) is available on the SACOG RUCS webpage.

Board Chair Saylor and Vice Chair Rohan accompanied SACOG staff on the annual advocacy trip to Washington DC. The trip provided opportunity to meet with the federal delegation representing our six-county region as well as key federal agencies. The advocacy trip coincided with the National Association of Regional Councils Annual Conference, in which Mike McKeever and Erik Johnson participated. Conference topics of note included: open source planning tools, transportation and public health impacts linkages, shared services, pooled purchasing, regional convening roles, business models, and alternative governance structures including non-profit organizations. The NARC conference was also attended by regional leaders from Atlanta, Boston, Cincinnati, Columbus, Dallas,

Denver, Detroit, Fresno, Houston, Kansas City, Los Angeles, Philadelphia, Phoenix, Pittsburgh, Salt Lake City, San Diego, San Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, Seattle, Washington DC and CALCOG.

SACOG also submitted a Section 6 letter to California Senators Barbara Boxer and Diane Feinstein encouraging full federal funding of the Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund in the 2016 Appropriations as beneficial to county-scale and regional habitat conservation plans (HCP). Regional HCPs help preserve local land use decision-making by providing for multi-decade permits, establishing certainty for both local governments and the development community. Section 6 Funding has been disproportionately cut in the past five years; SACOG’s comments encourage restoring funding as soon as possible to the level of the Fiscal Year 2010 appropriation.

CONSENT ITEMS:

All items on the consent calendar received unanimous support in their respective policy committees.

ACTION ITEMS:

#11: Webcast of SACOG’s Board of Directors Meetings. This item was approved unanimously by the Government Relations & Public Affairs Committee with direction to continue to pursue technology options which may include live streaming of audio or video best suited to the agency’s mission and core activities. The item is coming forward for full Board consideration and discussion.

LAND USE ACTIVITIES:

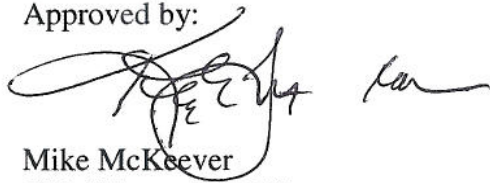
During the month of January - February SACOG staff conducted the following work:

- Submitted comments to the City of Roseville in response to a Notice of Preparation of Draft Environmental Impact Report for Placer Ranch Specific Plan, Sphere of Influence and Annexation Project.
- Submitted comments to Sacramento Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) on two separate LAFCO applications: one to amend the Sphere of Influence and boundary of County Service Area No. 10 and one to amend the Sacramento Metro Fire District Sphere of Influence.
- Submitted comments to the City of Woodland in response to the Notice of Preparation of Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Proposed Prudler Tentative Subdivision Map Project.

CALENDAR:

February 19	9:30 a.m.	SACOG Board Meeting
February 19	11 a.m.	Innovation Task Force Meeting
March 5	10 a.m.	Transportation Committee Meeting
March 5	1 p.m.	Land Use & Natural Resources Committee Meeting
March 9	10 a.m.	Government Relations & Public Affairs Committee Meeting

Approved by:



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Chief Executive Officer