



**Item #16-4-7  
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## **Innovation Task Force**

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### **Receive & File: Innovation Task Force Charge**

**Issue:** The Innovation Task Force is an ad hoc committee established in 2012. In 2014, the Task Force was renamed from Shared Services & New Initiatives to Innovation Task Force. Staff is providing the committee charge to provide clarity on the Innovation Task Force activities.

**Discussion:** In 2012, Chair Peter Hill initiated the Shared Services & New Initiatives Task Force, with its main focus to identify opportunities for cost savings and potential service improvements for SACOG's member jurisdictions. It was intended to serve as a place to discuss shared services and how SACOG would respond to requests for involvement in new initiatives. Over the next two years, the Task Force also became a useful forum to explore new options for SACOG to assist member cities and counties with planning and start up services, technical assistance, and leadership coordination in areas of concern to members.

In 2014, Chair Steve Cohn renamed the Task Force to be the Innovation Task Force and expanded its charge to include exploration of best practices throughout the state and country. In renaming the committee, Chair Cohn emphasized the need for local governments in the Sacramento region to think of new ways to collaborate with business and residents to ensure that our local governments are maximizing our competitiveness in a global economy.

Through 2016, SACOG Board Chair Susan Rohan will continue with the priorities of the Innovative Task Force consistent with its 2014 charge to include: shared services, member services, and best practices exploration. The Task Force will be led by Director John Buckland (Yuba City Council Member), and Vice Chairs Paul Joiner (City of Lincoln) and John Clerici (City of Placerville) and will meet on the third Thursday of each month following the SACOG Board meeting in an alternating schedule with informal Strategic Planning Committee meetings or Board lunch discussions. Meetings are open to all members of the SACOG Board. The Innovation Task Force agendas will be posted to the SACOG website.

The attached Task Force charge reflects anticipated activities for the Task Force in 2016. Membership in the Task Force is by Board Chair annual appointment, but all members of the SACOG Board of Directors are encouraged to actively participate.

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Attachment

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**Sacramento Area Council of Governments**

**Innovation Task Force (Ad Hoc Committee) Charge**

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**Purpose:** The Innovation Task Force shall serve as a forum for discussion of issues relating to member services, shared services, best practices, innovative government practices, issues of shared concern among local government members, and local government collaboration with stakeholders including, but not limited to, businesses and residents.

**Activities:** Activities of the Task Force may include, but are not limited to discussion of:

- Common areas of member concerns and the possibility of new agency initiatives
- Expanded opportunities for cost savings to members
- Shared service opportunities
- Best practices from member jurisdictions
- Best practices from peer regions in the state and country
- Competitive and high performing regions in the country
- Opportunities for regional and sub-regional collaboration between member jurisdictions and stakeholder groups including businesses, non-profit organizations and residents

**Membership:** The current chair of the SACOG Board of Directors shall appoint the members of the Innovation Task force. All Board members are encouraged to actively participate.

**Term of Task Force Members:** Members of the Innovation Task Force shall serve for a term of one year.

**Officers:** The current chair of the SACOG Board of Directors shall designate one of the Task Force members to serve as Task Force chair, and members to serve as vice chairs.