

Megaregion Exchange Groups:

What are the Megaregion Exchange Groups (MEG)?

The Megaregion Exchange Groups are a collaborative effort of staff within the Sacramento, San Joaquin, and Bay Area regions that provides an opportunity for staff-level collaboration on regional issues – housing, mobility, air quality, data analysis, legislation, and more. These group will exchange best practice research, share information on programs and projects, coordinate legislative activities, and discuss strategies for regional growth through regular, informal meetings.

What is the goal of discussions through MEG?

Build capacity at the megaregional level by discussing relevant planning efforts, implementation projects, replicable strategies, and research needs.

Ultimately, update the Megaregion Working Group to further leverage resources and serve as unified voice for the megaregion at the state and federal levels to inform policy and funding decisions.

How often will these groups meet?

Quarterly or more, as needed

Who will facilitate these calls?

SACOG staff will coordinate virtual meetings.

Current Megaregion Exchange Groups:

MOBILITY

Link intersection of existing infrastructure with new services and technology to increase transportation options and reduce vehicle emissions and/or vehicle miles traveled.

Coordinate on/with:

- Performance measurement efforts
- Micromobility and/or shared mobility policies, pilots
- Shared procurement opportunities when relevant to mobility projects/programs
- Ways to decrease the average mileage driven by teleworkers that use telework to replace commute trips.
- Policy implications at the local, regional, or megaregional level surrounding telework and inter-regional travel.
- Changes in ongoing telework rates through analysis of pre-COVID-19 travel patterns, telework levels during various pilot efforts, and post pilot outcomes and lasting effects.
- Work with regional air districts to assess air quality through stationary monitoring and look for opportunities to build in required support for telework or other related projects

HOUSING:

Share and learn from each other on regional housing efforts, regional housing needs allocation (RHNA) process, strategies for state funding programs, and technical assistance products/services for member agencies.

Coordinate on/with:

- RHNA methodologies and long-term RHNA reform

- Housing Element Technical Assistance products and services
- Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) activities
- Land use modeling for long range planning documents
- Promotion of housing policies among member agencies that forward regional/megaregional planning objectives