



# Western Riverside Council of Governments WRCOG Executive Committee

## AGENDA

Monday, March 2, 2026  
2:00 PM

County of Riverside Administrative Center  
4080 Lemon Street, 1st Floor, Board Chambers  
Riverside, CA 92501

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The Committee may take any action on any item listed on the agenda, regardless of the Requested Action.

**1. CALL TO ORDER (Brenda Dennstedt, Chair)**

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. ROLL CALL**

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

At this time members of the public can address the Committee regarding any items within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Committee that are not separately listed on this agenda. Members of the public will have an opportunity to speak on agenda items at the time the item is called for discussion. No action may be taken on items not listed on the agenda unless authorized by law. Whenever possible, lengthy testimony should be presented to the Committee in writing and only pertinent points presented orally.

**5. CONSENT CALENDAR**

All items listed under the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and may be enacted by one motion. Prior to the motion to consider any action by the Committee, any public comments on any of the Consent Items will be heard. There will be no separate action unless members of the Committee request specific items be removed from the Consent Calendar.

**A. Action Minutes from the February 2, 2026, Meeting of the Executive Committee**

**Requested Action(s):** 1. Approve the Action Minutes from the February 2, 2026, meeting of the Executive Committee.

**B. WRCOG Committees and Agency Activities Update**

**Requested Action(s):** 1. Receive and file.

**C. Report out of WRCOG Representatives on Various Committees**

**Requested Action(s):** 1. Receive and file.

**D. I-REN Monthly Activities Update**

**Requested Action(s):** 1. Receive and file.

**E. Vehicle Miles Traveled Mitigation Program - Credit Generator Participation Agreement with the City of Banning**

**Requested Action(s):** 1. Authorize the Executive Director to execute a Credit Generator Participation Agreement with the City of Banning for the Vehicle Miles Traveled Mitigation Program.

**F. First Amendment to a Professional Services Agreement with Engineering Solutions Services for Grant Management, Project Controls, Data Collection, and Toolkit Development**

**Requested Action(s):** 1. Authorize the Executive Director to execute an updated Professional Services Agreement with Engineering Solutions Services to 1) assign additional scope and

associated budget to Engineering Solutions Services, and 2) extend the Agreement's period of performance, in an amount not-to-exceed \$206,096, for a term through December 31, 2027.

**6. REPORTS / DISCUSSION**

Members of the public will have an opportunity to speak on agenda items at the time the item is called for discussion.

**A. Approval of Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Budget Amendment**

**Requested Action(s):** 1. Approve the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Budget Amendment.

**B. WRCOG Project Management of Transportation Studies**

**Requested Action(s):** 1. Receive and file.

**7. REPORT FROM THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) CHAIR**

Craig Miller, Western Water

**8. REPORT FROM COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES**

*CALCOG, Brian Tisdale*

*SANDAG Borders Committee, Colleen Wallace*

*SAWPA OWOW Steering Committee, Wes Speake*

*SCAG Regional Council and Policy Committee Representatives*

*WRCOG Ad Hoc Committees*

*I-REN Executive Committee*

**9. REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHAIR**

Brenda Dennstedt, Western Water

**10. REPORT FROM THE DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Chris Gray

Access the report [here](#).

**11. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

Members are invited to suggest additional items to be brought forward for discussion at future Committee meetings.

**12. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Members are invited to announce items / activities which may be of general interest to the Committee.

**13. NEXT MEETING**

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 6, 2026, at 2:00 p.m., in the County of Riverside Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon Street, 1st Floor, Board Chambers, Riverside.

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

# WRCOG Executive Committee

## Action Minutes

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the WRCOG Executive Committee was called to order by Chair Brenda Dennstedt at 2:01 p.m., on Monday, February 2, 2026, at the Riverside County Administrative Center, 1st Floor Board Chambers.

### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Andrew Ruiz, WRCOG Chief Financial Officer, led Committee members and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 3. ROLL CALL

- City of Banning - Sheri Flynn
- City of Beaumont - Mike Lara
- City of Calimesa - Eric Cundieff
- City of Canyon Lake - Mark Terry
- City of Eastvale - Christian Dinco\*
- City of Hemet - Connie Howard-Clark
- City of Jurupa Valley - Chris Barajas
- City of Lake Elsinore - Brian Tisdale
- City of Menifee - Bob Karwin
- City of Moreno Valley - Elena Baca - Santa Cruz
- City of Murrieta - Lori Stone
- City of Norco - Kevin Bash
- City of Perris - Michael Vargas
- City of Riverside - Chuck Conder
- City of San Jacinto - Crystal Ruiz
- City of Temecula - Jessica Alexander
- City of Wildomar - Ashlee DePhillippo
- County of Riverside, District 1 - Jose Medina
- County of Riverside, District 2 - Karen Spiegel
- Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD) - David Slawson
- Western Water - Brenda Dennstedt

\*Arrived after Roll Call

Absent:

- City of Corona
- County of Riverside, District 3
- County of Riverside, District 5

- Riverside Co. Sup. of Schools - Dr. Edwin Gomez (ex-officio)

**4. SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Chris Gray, WRCOG Deputy Executive Director, recognized the Fiscal Department for receiving the Government Finance Officers Association Award for Financial Reporting. Chair Dennstedt congratulated staff.

**5. WELCOME NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Chair Dennstedt welcomed new Committee representatives Eric Cundieff of the City of Calimesa and Ashlee DePhillippo of the City of Wildomar.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**7. CONSENT CALENDAR**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Jurupa Valley
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Perris
<b>AYES:</b>	Banning, Beaumont, Calimesa, Canyon Lake, Hemet, Jurupa Valley, Lake Elsinore, Menifee, Moreno Valley, Murrieta, Norco, Perris, Riverside, San Jacinto, Temecula, Wildomar, Dist. 1, Dist. 2, EMWD, Western Water

**A. Action Minutes from the January 9, 2026, Meeting of the Executive Committee**

**Action:**

1. Approved the Action Minutes from the January 9, 2026, meeting of the Executive Committee.

**B. Fiscal Activities Update**

**Action:**

1. Received and filed.

**C. WRCOG Committees and Agency Activities Update**

**Action:**

1. Received and filed.

**D. Report out of WRCOG Representatives on Various Committees**

**Action:**

1. Received and filed.

**E. I-REN Monthly Activities Update**

**Action:**

1. Received and filed.

**F. Approval of First Amendment to Professional Services Agreements for On-Call Planning Services with PlaceWorks Inc.**

**Action:**

1. Authorized the Executive Director to execute a First Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement for On-Call Planning Services with Placeworks, Inc., for support with general land use and housing planning support activities and services to WRCOG and its member agencies, and to increase the total not-to-exceed amount from \$400,000 to \$800,000. Any changes to the attached draft Agreement are subject to consultation by legal counsel.

**G. Vehicle Miles Traveled Mitigation Program - Credit Generator Participation Agreements with the City of Beaumont and City of Riverside**

**Action:**

1. Authorized the Executive Director to execute separate Credit Generator Participation Agreements with the City of Beaumont and the City of Riverside for the Vehicle Miles Traveled Mitigation Program.

**H. TUMF Program Activities Update: One TUMF Reimbursement Agreement and One TUMF Reimbursement Agreement Amendment**

**Actions:**

1. Authorized the Executive Director to execute a TUMF Reimbursement Agreement with the City of Norco for the Planning, Engineering, and Construction Phases for improvements on Hamner Avenue between Detroit Avenue and the Santa Ana River in an amount not to exceed \$4,000,000.
2. Authorized the Executive Director to execute a TUMF Reimbursement Agreement Amendment with the City of Perris for the Engineering, Right-of-Way, and Construction Phases of the Perris Boulevard Project in an amount not to exceed \$4,971,371.

**I. Property Management Services for 1955 Chicago Avenue**

**Action:**

1. Authorized the execution of a Professional Services Agreement with The Larchmont Group for comprehensive property management services for 1955 Chicago Avenue.

**J. Agreement Between WRCOG and PaulosAnalysis for the Development and Implementation of an I-REN Incentive Finder Tool**

**Action:**

1. Authorized the Executive Director to execute a Professional Services Agreement between WRCOG and PauloAnalysis for the Development and Implementation of an I-REN Incentive Finder tool.

**8. REPORTS / DISCUSSION**

## **A. I-REN Public Sector Activities Update**

### **Action:**

1. Received and filed.

## **B. California Public Utilities Commission Business Plan Application (2028 - 2035) Filing**

### **Action:**

1. Received and filed.

## **9. REPORT FROM THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) CHAIR**

The TAC Chair was not present at this meeting due to there being no TAC meeting.

## **10. REPORT FROM COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES**

CALCOG representative Brian Tisdale reported that the Regional Leadership Forum will take place this year March 9 - 11, 2026, in Long Beach. Some of CALCOG's priorities this year consist of supporting members for Senate Bill 79, as well as navigating housing reforms and monitoring all Federal transportation programs and the State budget, which now is projected at \$2.9 billion, with \$42 billion higher income tax in strong stock markets, which Governor Gavin Newsome takes accountability for. Mr. Tisdale indicated that Bills being monitored can be found at [www.calcog.org](http://www.calcog.org).

SANDAG representative Colleen Wallace reported that on January 23, 2026, SANDAG presented an update on the Baja California Border Resilient Plan. On November 22, 2024, the SANDAG Board of Directors accepted a \$3 million Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant from Caltrans to support development of this binational plan. The plan focuses on addressing climate-related hazards, including flooding, extreme heat, wildfires, and sea level rise, and their impacts on drivers, public transit users, pedestrians, and bicyclists within the Baja California region. Ms. Wallace stated that this effort is being carried out through a binational partnership that includes Caltrans, SCAG, and partners in Baja, California to identify strategies that promote Border resiliency and protect transportation infrastructure from climate hazards. Ms. Wallace further stated that the initiative evaluates existing and planned efforts by federal, state, and local agencies to identify potential gaps in addressing climate impacts. Extensive outreach is underway, with participation from tribal partners as well.

SCAG provided a presentation regarding transportation planning efforts for the upcoming 2028 Summer Olympics. The presentation focused on managing significant visitor volumes and coordinating transportation options between San Diego, Los Angeles, and desert communities. Coordination with Caltrans is ongoing to support these regional mobility strategies.

SANDAG serves the San Diego region in multiple capacities, including as the Regional Transportation Planning Agency, the Regional Transportation Commission, the Council of Governments, and the Metropolitan Planning Organization. These designations provide specific, though limited, responsibilities related to regional housing. Key responsibilities include developing and implementing a Sustainable Communities Strategy that integrates land use patterns with the Regional Transportation Network and accommodates the Regional Housing Needs Allocation; administering the Smart Growth Incentive Program to local jurisdictions to support implementation of Sustainable Communities Strategy goals and

promote development in smart growth areas; and administering funding programs established under Assembly Bill 101 to support housing and climate objectives, including the Regional Early Action Planning Grants program. This program provides funding to local jurisdictions and partner agencies to advance housing production and support the State's housing and climate goals.

#### **11. REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHAIR**

Chair Dennstedt wished the Committee a happy Groundhog's Day and extended her thanks and appreciation to those Committee members who'd attended the Executive Committee Strategic Planning Session on January 9, 2026.

#### **12. REPORT FROM THE DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Chris Gray welcomed the new Committee members. WRCOG's New Member Handbook is accessible on WRCOG's website at [wrcog.us/handbook](http://wrcog.us/handbook). The handbook provides a comprehensive overview of WRCOG's programs and operations. An in-person workshop is being scheduled for early March for new members to tour the office, meet staff, and receive a detailed overview of WRCOG activities. Existing members seeking a refresher are also welcome to attend. Arrangements for the workshop will be coordinated by Janis Leonard and the administrative staff. Lastly, Mr. Gray noted that he will be out of the office for part of February; during his absence, members are encouraged to contact Janis Leonard, Casey Dailey, or Andrew Ruiz, for assistance.

#### **13. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

There were no items for future agenda.

#### **14. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Committee member Lori Stone reported that there is a collaboration of consisting of southwest Riverside County leaders which encompasses the Cities of Canyon Lake, Lake Elsinore, Menifee, Murrieta, Temecula, an Wildomar. This collaboration has been meeting over the past to years to prepare a plan on how to address regional freeway and roadway congestion. Committee member Stone recognized WRCOG's Chris Gray for his leadership in coordinating this collaboration with the Riverside Transit agency and the Riverside County Transportation Commission. On February 18, 2026, the group will travel to Sacramento to request State support for synchronizing traffic signals across the six cities, with proposed legislation from Assemblywoman Kate Sanchez aimed at granting local control. Ms. Stone encouraged local elected officials to support the effort once more details are available, noting its importance for managing traffic given state restrictions on freeway expansion.

Bonnie Woodrome, WRCOG's Manager, Communications and External Affairs, reported that WRCOG is holding it's third annual Women's History Month event on March 10, 2026, at the Moreno Valley Conference Center.

#### **15. NEXT MEETING**

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 2, 2026, at 2:00 p.m., in the County of Riverside Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon Street, 1st Floor, Board Chambers, Riverside.

**16. CLOSED SESSION**

There were no reportable actions.

**17. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:16 p.m.



# Western Riverside Council of Governments WRCOG Executive Committee

## Staff Report

**Subject:** WRCOG Committees and Agency Activities Update  
**Contact:** Chris Gray, Deputy Executive Director, [cgray@wrcog.us](mailto:cgray@wrcog.us), (951) 405-6710  
**Date:** March 2, 2026

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### **Recommended Action(s):**

1. Receive and file.
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### **Summary:**

Attached are summary recaps of actions and activities from recent WRCOG standing Committee meetings that occurred during the month of February 2026.

### **Purpose / WRCOG 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Goal:**

The purpose of this item is to inform the Committee of actions and activities from WRCOG standing Committee meetings. This item aligns with WRCOG's 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Goal #4 (Communicate proactively about the role and activities of the Council of Governments).

### **Discussion:**

A summary is provided for the following meetings that occurred in February 2026:

- February 2 2026: Executive Committee
- February 11, 2026: Administration & Finance Committee
- February 12, 2026: Planning Directors Committee
- February 12, 2026: Public Works Committee
- February 18, 2026: Solid Waste Committee
- February 19, 2026: Technical Advisory Committee

### **Prior Action(s):**

None.

### **Financial Summary:**

This item is for informational purposes only; therefore, there is no fiscal impact.

**Attachment(s):**

[Attachment 1 - WRCOG Committees Activities Update February 2026](#)



**Western Riverside Council of Governments  
Executive Committee Meeting Recap**  
February 2, 2026

*Following is a summary of key items discussed at the last Executive Committee meeting.*

**Agenda Packet:** <https://www.wrcog.us/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/ec-0226-ap.pdf>

**PowerPoint Presentation:** <https://www.wrcog.us/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/EC-1225-PPT.pdf>

**I-REN Public Sector Activities Update**

- I-REN will now be able to provide technical assistance for clean energy and resilience services, including support for solar panels, battery storage, electric vehicle chargers, and microgrids.
- I-REN can provide a paid Fellow to work at public agencies for 11 months to support energy projects. Most Fellows are recent college grads or professionals seeking to gain energy and local government experience. Agencies with an I-REN Fellow are more likely to move forward with I-REN Cash for Kilowatts incentive. Host applications will open within the next few weeks.
- Agencies in the WRCOG subregion are making progress with I-REN participation, but staff are aiming to increase the number of energy projects and incentive funding in the WRCOG subregion. Nearly \$5 million has been identified in Cash for Kilowatts incentives, and funding is still available. The current I-REN funding cycle ends in 2027. Please contact Karina Camacho at [kcamacho@wrcog.us](mailto:kcamacho@wrcog.us) to discuss energy projects and ensure I-REN resources reach the WRCOG subregion.

**California Public Utilities Commission Plan Application (2028-2035) Filing**

- The current cycle of I-REN funding goes through the end of 2027. The CPUC requires I-REN to submit a new Business Plan for 2028-2035 by March 16, 2026.
- I-REN will keep the same sectors: Public, Codes & Standards, and Workforce Education & Trainings. The aim is to expand programs with proven success, increase cross-sector coordination, and increase regional awareness of existing energy resources from other programs.
- For the 2022-2027 cycle, I-REN was funded for \$65M. For the 2028-2035 cycle, I-REN is proposing a budget of \$178M. The average annual budget is forecasted to increase from ~\$10.5M to \$22.3M. The increased budget is due to increased regional demand for technical support, expansion of successful workforce programs, new Codes & Standards Sector training and compliance support, and increased staffing to deliver expanded programs.

**Next Meeting**

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 2, 2026, at 2:00 p.m., in the County of Riverside Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon Street, 1st Floor, Board Chambers, Riverside.



**Western Riverside Council of Governments  
Administration & Finance Committee Meeting Recap  
February 11, 2026**

*Following is a summary of key items discussed at the last Administration & Finance Committee meeting.*

**Agenda Packet:** <https://www.wrcog.us/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/ec-0226-ap.pdf>

**PowerPoint Presentation:** <https://www.wrcog.us/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/af-ppt-021126.pdf>

**35<sup>th</sup> Annual General Assembly & Leadership Address Community Service Award Nominations**

- Staff reviewed Community Service Award Guidelines and proposed updates.
- The Committee approved the updated guidelines, which include a standardized nomination form, an extended nomination deadline through the Sunday prior to the March A&F Committee meeting, the opportunity for nominators to speak on behalf of their nominees at the March meeting, and a maximum of two award recipients per category.

**Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Budget Amendment**

- The mid-year budget review identified seven areas with revenue or expenditure levels different from the adopted levels, primarily due to lower-than-expected activity in the Inland Regional Energy Network (I-REN) Program, as well as the TUMF Program.
- The budget amendment is also proposing the addition of an I-REN Program Manager to support I-REN Public Sector efforts, the removal of the Administrative Services Director position, and in its place a Program Manager to support the core human resources function, and a Contracts Management Analyst to support contracts, insurance, and other administrative functions.
- In total, the proposed amendment package includes a decrease of \$684,843 in revenues and \$492,722 in expenditures in WRCOG's General Fund. The package also reflects a decrease of \$376,451 in revenues and \$299,574 in expenditures in the Clean Cities Fund. Additionally, the I-REN Fund will experience a decrease of \$1,864,428 in both revenues and expenditures. Overall, the proposed amendments result in a combined reduction of \$2,925,721 in Agency revenues and \$2,656,724 in expenditures, for a net decrease in revenues of \$268,997.

**Next Meeting**

The next Administration & Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 11, 2026, at 12:00 p.m., at WRCOG's new office at 1955 Chicago Avenue, Riverside.



## Western Riverside Council of Governments Planning Directors Committee Meeting Recap February 12, 2026

*Following is a summary of key items discussed at the last Planning Directors Committee meeting.*

**Agenda Packet:** <https://www.wrcog.us/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/PWC-021226-AP-REVISED.pdf>

**PowerPoint Presentation:** <https://www.wrcog.us/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/pdc-021226-ppt.pdf>

### **Socio-Economic Data Update for Riverside County Transportation Analysis Model (RIVCOM)**

- WRCOG maintains RIVCOM and is committed to keeping it consistent with SCAG's Connect SoCal Plan.
- Following SCAG's approval of the 2024 Connect SoCal Plan, WRCOG is updating the RIVCOM in coordination with SCAG to ensure alignment with current regional projections.
- Member agency input is critical to this effort to ensure the model reflects the most recent local plans and analyses; therefore, WRCOG is requesting updated information from its members.
- The RIVCOM update is anticipated to be completed by fall of 2026.

### **Screening Criteria for Vehicle Miles Traveled Impacts on Small Projects**

- Based on the recent ruling by the California Supreme Court, using the previously recommended Office of Planning & Research screening criteria of 110 daily trips for presuming a less than significant VMT impact is no longer a valid screening criteria.
- Through testing with RIVCOM, the level of development that can be added without increasing VMT in the local area has been established.
- A new small project screening criteria by TUMF Zone is available for land use development projects that can be assumed to have a less than significant VMT impact. This criterion is provided as an option for jurisdictions to utilize and not mandatory to apply.

### **Emergency Evacuation Network Resilience (EENR) Study**

- The EENR Study was prepared by the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority and WRCOG.
- It evaluates how well the regional transportation system can maximize safety, reliability, and efficiency for evacuation during emergencies like wildfires, earthquakes, and flooding.
- The goal of the Study is to provide a coordinated framework to support future evacuation planning, funding strategies, and project development to WRCOG members.

### **Next Meeting**

The next Planning Directors Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 9, 2026, at 12:00 p.m., at WRCOG's new office at 1955 Chicago Avenue, Riverside.



## Western Riverside Council of Governments Public Works Committee Meeting Recap February 12, 2026

*Following is a summary of key items discussed at the last Public Works Committee meeting.*

**Agenda Packet:** <https://www.wrcog.us/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/PWC-021226-AP-REVISED.pdf>

**PowerPoint Presentation:** <https://www.wrcog.us/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/pwc-021226-ppt.pdf>

### **TUMF Program Status Overview**

- For Fiscal Year 2025/2026 to date, TUMF collections total \$24.36M, and over \$46.7M has been reimbursed for major infrastructure projects.
- Additionally, more than \$4.5M in developer Credit Agreements have been processed to satisfy Program obligations.
- WRCOG has reimbursed \$46.75M in invoices during FY 2025/2026.
- WRCOG staff are working with agencies to implement the Construction Cost Index update. This update requires an updated local ordinance. WRCOG staff will be proactive in attending member agencies meetings in which the ordinance is on the meeting agenda.

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### **Next Meeting**

The next Public Works Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 9, 2026, at 12:00 p.m., at WRCOG's new office at 1955 Chicago Avenue, Riverside.



## Western Riverside Council of Governments Solid Waste Committee Meeting Recap February 18, 2026

*Following is a summary of key items discussed at the last Solid Waste Committee meeting.*

**Agenda Packet:** <https://www.wrcog.us/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/swc-0226-ap.pdf>

**PowerPoint Presentation:** <https://www.wrcog.us/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/swc-021826-ppt.pdf>

### **CalRecycle Enforcement Activities Update**

- SB 1383 compliance evaluations are becoming more structured, documented, and enforcement ready.
- Jurisdictions show progress in planning and outreach but continue to struggle with full program execution.
- Early correction, documentation alignment, and engagement are critical to avoiding enforcement escalation.

### **Legislative Update**

- The California Product Stewardship Council (CPSC) continues to expand Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) across product categories.
- Textile EPR (SB 707) is now law and entering implementation.
- CPSC is actively shaping 2026 legislation focused on enforcement, product bans, and program refinement.

### **Residential & Commercial Solid Waste Rate Survey**

- Rate adjustments are primarily driven by CPI, but regulatory and market pressures are increasingly influencing costs.
- Rate structures and service configurations vary significantly across member agencies.
- Actual rate increases show a wide range across service types.

### **Next Meeting**

The next Solid Waste Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 20, 2026, at 1:00 p.m., at WRCOG's new office at 1955 Chicago Avenue, Riverside.



**Western Riverside Council of Governments  
Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Recap**  
February 19, 2026

*Following is a summary of key items discussed at the last Technical Advisory Committee meeting.*

**Agenda Packet:** <https://www.wrcog.us/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/tac-0123-ap.pdf>

**PowerPoint Presentation:** <https://www.wrcog.us/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/TAC-021926-PPT.pdf>

**Regional Food Rescue Program Activities Update**

- WRCOG’s Regional Food Rescue Program provides a coordinated, regional approach to SB 1383 edible food recovery compliance.
- By year two, the Program shifted from outreach to active compliance, achieving 86% compliance among commercial edible food generators and 95% compliance among food recovery organizations.
- A proposed fourth year of the Program would continue services at the rates developed by the contractor, MSW Consultants; absent city participation, WRCOG support would conclude, and individual jurisdictions would need to independently meet SB 1383 compliance obligations.

**Development Mitigation Fee Legislation Activities Update**

- The U.S. Supreme Court’s decision in *Sheetz v. County of El Dorado* significantly changes the legal framework for development impact fees by requiring that all fees — including legislatively adopted fee programs — satisfy the federal Nollan/Dolan “essential nexus” and “rough proportionality” tests.
- Courts have indicated that class-based fee programs can still be valid, but agencies must support them with strong technical analysis, modeling, and documented evidence demonstrating the relationship between development impacts and fee amounts.
- For WRCOG, the TUMF program is generally well positioned because it is supported by extensive technical studies, nexus documentation, and an appeals process allowing individualized review — but agencies should maintain thorough documentation and ongoing compliance to reduce legal risk.

**35th Annual General Assembly & Leadership Address Community Service Award Nominations**

- The Annual Community Service Award nominations are open for TAC, Executive Committee, and member agency elected officials to nominate an exemplary volunteer in their community. Please check your email for the nomination form or use the QR code below.



**Next Meeting**

The next Technical Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 19, 2026, at 9:30 a.m., at WRCOG's new office at 1955 Chicago Avenue, Riverside.



# Western Riverside Council of Governments WRCOG Executive Committee

## Staff Report

**Subject:** Report out of WRCOG Representatives on Various Committees  
**Contact:** Chris Gray, Deputy Executive Director, [cgray@wrcog.us](mailto:cgray@wrcog.us), (951) 405-6710  
**Date:** March 2, 2026

### **Recommended Action(s):**

1. Receive and file.

### **Summary:**

One key function of the Executive Committee is to appoint representatives to various external agencies, groups, and committees on behalf of WRCOG. This Staff Report provides a summary of activities related to appointments for CALCOG, the SANDAG Borders Committee, and the SAWPA OWOW Steering Committee.

### **Purpose / WRCOG 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Goal:**

The purpose of this item to provide information regarding various external agencies, groups, and committees related to WRCOG where WRCOG has appointed one or more representative(s) to serve as its representative. This item supports WRCOG's 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Goal #4 (Communicate proactively about the role and activities of the Council of Governments).

### **Discussion:**

#### **CALCOG Board of Directors (Brian Tisdale)**

The CALCOG Board of Directors met on January 30, 2026. Agenda highlights are as follows:

1. CALCOG 2026 Work Program Priorities.
2. Exploring the Establishment of a 501(c)(3).
3. Regional Leadership Forum Overview.
4. RIA Grant Update and RFP Approval.
5. State Legislative Update.
6. Federal Reauthorization.
7. SB 375 Reform Discussions.
8. Call for Second Vice President Nominations

The next CALCOG Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for March 9 - 11, 2026, at the annual

Regional Leadership Forum.

**SANDAG Borders Committee (Colleen Wallace)**

The SANDAG Borders Committee has not met since its last meeting of January 23, 2026. The next SANDAG Borders Committee meeting is scheduled for April 24, 2026.

**SAWPA OWOW Steering Committee (Wes Speake)**

The SAWPA OWOW Steering Committee met on February 26, 2026. The agenda packet packet can be accessed at [https://sawpa.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/2026-2-26-OWOW-SC-Ag\\_Pkt\\_WEB.pdf](https://sawpa.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/2026-2-26-OWOW-SC-Ag_Pkt_WEB.pdf).

Agenda highlights are as follows:

1. Grand funded project highlights - City of Lake Elsinore Proposition 1 Round 1 and Round 2 Projects.
2. Proposition 4 Update.

The next SAWPA OWOW Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for May 28, 2026.

**Prior Action(s):**

None.

**Financial Summary:**

Appointed Committee members are paid \$150 to attend their respective meetings. WRCOG stipends are included in the Agency's adopted Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Budget under the Administration Department in the General Fund (Fund 110).

**Attachment(s):**

[Attachment 1 - CALCOG Board agenda January 30, 2026.pdf](#)

# Attachment

CALCOG Board of Directors  
agenda packet January 30, 2026



California Association of  
Councils of Governments

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA

January 30,  
1:30 pm to 3:00 pm

## California Association of Councils of Governments

1415 L Street, Suite 300  
Sacramento, CA 95814

(916) 436-0040

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### BOARD OFFICERS

President: Jan Harnik  
Coachella Valley Assoc. of Governments

First Vice President: Tim Hepburn  
San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments

Second Vice President: Vacant

Past President: Britt Huff  
South Bay Cities Council of Governments

### LOCATION: Virtual Meeting

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6759856183>

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### SITE NOTES

No physical location for this meeting, it is entirely virtual. For questions, contact Natalie Zoma at [nzoma@calcog.org](mailto:nzoma@calcog.org) or (916) 436-0045.

## BOARD MEETING AGENDA

BUSINESS MEETING				
1:30 PM	<b>1</b>	<b>Call to Order, Roll Call</b>		
1:35 pm	<b>2</b>	<b>Approval of November 7, 2025 Minutes</b>	<b>Action</b>	8
1:40 pm	<b>3</b>	<b>CALCOG 2026 Work Program Priorities</b>	<b>Action</b>	11
1:45 pm	<b>4</b>	<b>Exploring the Establishment of a 501(c)(3)</b>	<b>Information</b>	12
1:50 pm	<b>5</b>	<b>Regional Leadership Forum Overview</b>	<b>Information</b>	17
2:05 pm	<b>6</b>	<b>RIA Grant Update and RFP Approval</b>	<b>Action</b>	18
2:15 pm	<b>7</b>	<b>State Legislative Update</b>	<b>Information</b>	20
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2:35 pm	<b>9</b>	<b>SB 375 Reform Discussions</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	25
2:45 pm	<b>10</b>	<b>Call for Second Vice President Nominations</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	27
2:55 pm	<b>11</b>	<b>Adjourn</b>		

**Board of Director Events**

**March 9 – 11: Regional Leadership Forum. In Person**, Long Beach Marriott Downtown. Approximate timing of each day is listed below.

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**March 11**

(8:30 AM– 12:00 PM) **Conference sessions – conference concludes at noon**

(12:00 – 1:00 PM) **Lunch**

(1:00 PM– 3:00 PM) **Roadway Pricing Leadership Academy** (all invited)

**June 3:** (Tentative\*\*: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm) **Legislative Day & Board Meeting, In Person.** (Program will include speakers from Legislature and State Agencies) **CDAC and Board.**

**June 30:** (2:00 pm – 3:30 pm) **Board Business Meeting. Virtual**

**August 13:** (2:00 – 3:00 PM) **Board Meeting.** (Late Leg. session policy meeting). **Virtual**

**September 29:** (2:00 pm – 3:30 pm). **Board Meeting** (Policy briefing). **Virtual**

**November 5 & 6: Fall Board Meeting & CARL Session. In Person** (Location TBD).

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- **Brian Veerkamp**, Supervisor, El Dorado, El Dorado County Transportation Commission
- **Gary Yep**, Council Member, City of Kerman, Fresno Council of Governments
- **Kimberly White**, Mayor, City of Arcata, Humboldt County Association of Governments
- **Mike Goodsell**, Councilmember, City of Holtville, Imperial County Transportation Commission
- **Bob Smith**, Council Member, City of Bakersfield, Kern Council of Governments
- **Doug Verboon**, Supervisor, Kings County, Kings County Association of Governments
- **Bruno Sabatier**, Supervisor, Lake County/City Area Planning Council
- **Robert Poythress**, Supervisor, Madera County, Madera County Transportation Commission
- **John Haschak**, Supervisor, Mendocino County, Mendocino Council of Governments
- **Josh Pedrozo**, Supervisor, Merced County, Merced County Association of Governments
- **Mitch Mashburn**, Supervisor, Solano County, Metropolitan Transportation Commission
- **John Gabbard**, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Dana Point, Orange County Council of Governments
- **Patrick Harper**, Council Member, City of Fountain Valley, Orange County Transportation Authority
- **Ken Broadway**, Council Member, City of Rocklin, Placer County Transportation Authority
- **Lloyd White**, Council Member, City of Beaumont, Riverside County Transportation Commission
- **Oscar Villegas**, Supervisor, Yolo County, Sacramento Area Council of Governments
- **Ignacio Velazquez**, Supervisor, San Benito County, Council of San Benito County of Governments
- **Alan Wapner**, Council Member, City of Ontario, San Bernardino County Transportation Authority
- **Lesia Heebner**, Mayor, City of Solana City, San Diego Association of Governments
- **Robert Rickman**, Supervisor, San Joaquin County, San Joaquin Council of Governments
- **Fred Strong**, City of Paso Robles, San Luis Obispo Council of Governments
- **Alice Patino**, Mayor, City of Santa Maria, Santa Barbara County Association of Governments
- **Manu Koenig**, Supervisor, Santa Cruz County, Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission
- **Tenessa Audette**, Councilmember, City of Redding, Shasta Regional Transportation Agency
- **Steve Young**, Mayor, City of Benicia, Solano Transportation Authority
- **Lynda Hopkins**, Supervisor, Sonoma, Sonoma County Transportation Authority
- **Margaret Finlay**, Council Member, City of Duarte, Southern California Association of Governments
- **Rachel Hernandez**, Mayor, City of Riverbank, Stanislaus Council of Governments
- **Cindy Gustafson**, Supervisor, Placer County, Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
- **Steve Teshara**, Board Representative, Tahoe Transportation District
- **Chaps Poduri**, Council Member, City of Pacific Grove, Transportation Agency for Monterey County
- **Rudy Mendoza**, Mayor, City of Woodlake, Tulare County Association of Governments
- **Jenny Crosswhite**, Councilmember, City of Santa Paula, Ventura County Transportation Commission
- **Brian Tisdale**, Council Member, City of Lake Elsinore, Western Riverside Council of Gov'ts

**Vacancies:** Butte County Association of Governments, Calaveras County Association of Government, City/County Association of San Mateo, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, Napa Valley Transportation Authority, Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority, Transportation Agency of Marin County, Tuolumne County Transportation Commission, Cal Cities, California State Association of Counties

- **Brown Act Light.** CALCOG is a nonprofit social welfare entity organized under California law. We are not a public agency. Accordingly, though we typically apply procedures that are common for local government meetings, we are not required to operate that way.
- **Roll Call.** We often take roll as board members enter the room or sign in online. Staff will announce whether there is a quorum.
- **Quorum.** A requires that a majority of active directors be present. Once established, the meeting can proceed even if members leave. A public agency member is deemed to have an active director when it has been represented at a board meeting within the last twelve months (including the current meeting).
- **Short-of-Quorum Procedure.** If we fail to have a quorum but have at least 10 members present at a regularly scheduled meeting, the board can proceed as an advisory body. Actions that are passed will be sent electronically to all other board members. When total affirmative responses from present and non-present members equals two thirds or more of all active members, the action will be affirmed.
- **Two Thirds Vote Requirement.** Our bylaws emphasize consensus. The Board adopted a two-thirds majority requirement to assure that actions are broadly supported by the membership.
- **Member Staff Participation.** Our board meetings are often attended by member agency staff. They often make contributions during discussion. We benefit from their expertise and experience. We generally welcome such input. The President has discretion to limit discussion to board members at any point.
- **Roberts Rules of Order.** We follow Robert Rules of Order. Pragmatically. If we are ever getting to a point where we are arguing details in procedure, the issue probably lacks the two-thirds majority needed to pass it in the first place.
- **For Virtual Meetings.** We ask Board members to keep their cameras on and that everyone who is not on the board or currently speaking turn their camera off.
- **Virtual Meeting Consensus Vote Procedure.** If President judges that there is broad concurrence on an item, in lieu of a roll call or voice vote, the chair may simply ask if there is any opposition or abstentions. The chair will then wait for a few seconds. If there is no response, the President may declare a unanimous vote. If a small number of nays and abstentions are registered, the President can declare a majority vote. If there are more than a few, or if any board member calls for it, we will take a roll call vote.



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## APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER MINUTES



### CALCOG Board Meeting Minutes November 7, 2025

In-person at Hotel Paseo (Palm Desert) and Virtual (Zoom)

#### 1. Attendance

Attendance was taken visually as members walked into the meeting room and logged into their accounts via the Zoom meeting platform: the following 29 board members attended the meeting

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#### 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action

The board unanimously approved the minutes of the September 29, 2025 meeting. Motioned by Second Vice President Hepburn, seconded by Director Finlay.

#### 3. Executive Director Report

Information

The Executive Director provided updates including a summary of the Housing Law and Policy Update event, the exploration of an executive-level leadership training program for CALCOG members (building on the California Academy for Regional Leaders), a tracking of administrative issues of importance to members.

**4. Fiscal Committee Report****Information**

Staff reported that CALCOG is experiencing organizational growth, including increased grant revenue, which requires stronger accounting capacity and reporting systems. Staff noted that CALCOG is exploring contract CFO/accounting support and will return with recommendations and associated budget impacts in March or May. Staff also introduced the concept of re-establishing an operating reserve policy.

**5. ProcureWorks Program Overview****Information**

Staff provided an overview of CALCOG's participation as a reseller under the Department of General Services software licensing program, noting it as a potential revenue opportunity and a way to help members procure software more quickly. Staff described current partnership terms (including pricing advantages negotiated with vendors) and noted the approach may support CALCOG's financial sustainability efforts (including reserve-building).

**6. Exploring Establishment of 501c3****Information**

Staff presented an option to establish a CALCOG-affiliated 501(c)(3) foundation model (similar to other associations) to expand eligibility for education-focused grants and philanthropic funding. Staff discussed governance concepts including a services agreement between entities, board composition limits, safeguards in bylaws/articles, and clarified that lobbying activities would remain with the 501(c)(4). Board discussion included administrative considerations (e.g., separate books/reporting, donor disclosure thresholds) and the value of setting up the structure with appropriate accounting/legal oversight.

**7. RIA Grant Contract Amendment****Action**

Staff reported on the Regional Infrastructure Accelerator (RIA) Grant, noting that Caltrans is proposing to pass through the full grant amount to CALCOG, which would require additional procurement and staff/consultant management. Staff noted prior payment issues appear resolved and shared that the work supports CALCOG's role in emerging policy areas such as roadway pricing/tolling and the transition toward mileage-based funding approaches. The board unanimously approved the contract amendment. Motioned by Director Finlay, seconded by Second Vice President Hepburn.

**8. Legislative Year in Review****Information**

Staff provided a summary of CALCOG's legislative work over the past year, noting it was a successful year. No Board action was requested, and members were invited to ask questions as needed.

**9. Legislative Advocacy Principles** **Discussion**

Staff reminded the Board that CALCOG operates under Board-adopted legislative principles that guide CALCOG positions on legislation and are updated annually. Staff noted members are also updating their own principles, and CALCOG intends to review member priorities before proposing updates. Staff indicated the RTPA legislative staff meeting in December will help inform updates, with a draft expected to return in March.

**10. SB 375 Reform Discussions** **Discussion**

Staff provided an update on ongoing SB 375 “modernization” discussions, including stakeholder convenings facilitated by Darrell Steinberg (who is under contract with the Big 4 MPOs) and parallel state-led conversations. Staff described the primary MPO goal of reducing burdensome back-and-forth and time intensity in the SCS process (including discussion of extending the SCS update cycle, such as moving from every four years to every eight years) to allow more focus on implementation and technical assistance. Staff emphasized the issue affects both MPOs and non-MPO members due to downstream impacts on grant criteria and committed to continued transparency as discussions progress toward potential legislation.

**11. Board Officer Elections** **Action**

The board unanimously approved the staff recommendation to advance current officers to next the positions in line, leaving the position of Second Vice President vacant. Staff set a timeline for nominations/elections to occur at the Regional Leadership Forum in March. Motioned by Director Teshara, Seconded by Director Poythress.

**12. Meeting Adjourned by President Harnik**

**End of DRAFT Minutes**

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## CALCOG 2026 Work Program Priorities



### A. BACKGROUND

The board held its fall meeting on November 7, 2025, which included a morning session focused on identifying work program priorities for 2026. Based on that discussion, staff are proposing four priorities to guide the work of CALCOG in 2026.

### B. RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board approve the identified priorities to focus CALCOG Staff work in 2026.

### C. DRAFT Work Program Priorities

Outlined below are four priorities for CALCOG's 2026 Work Program. Should the board approve these priorities, CALCOG Staff would focus their efforts on these key areas.

- ***SB 375 Legislative Reform.*** CALCOG will continue to support member-driven efforts to modernize SB 375 to better reflect today's housing, transportation, and climate realities, with a focus on improving implementation, flexibility, and alignment with local and regional priorities.
- ***Federal Reauthorization & other fed issues.*** CALCOG will monitor and engage on federal transportation reauthorization and related policy developments to ensure California regions are well positioned for future funding, regulatory changes, and evolving federal priorities.
- ***Telling regional stories to build trust.*** CALCOG will elevate clear, accessible regional narratives that demonstrate how regional planning delivers tangible local benefits, helping build trust with policymakers, partners, and the public.
- ***Housing – SB 79, RHNA generally, and Redevelopment.*** CALCOG will support members in navigating ongoing housing reforms, including SB 79 and RHNA implementation, while exploring tools and policies—such as redevelopment-style financing—to accelerate infill housing and infrastructure investment.

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## Exploring the Establishing a 501(c)3



### A. SUMMARY

CALCOG is organized as a 501(c)(4) nonprofit social welfare organization, which allows the Association to engage in legislative advocacy but limits eligibility for public and philanthropic grant opportunities. In November 2024, the Board discussed the value of establishing a separate but affiliated 501(c)(3) foundation as a fiscal tool to expand access to grant funding for education, research, and technical assistance activities. Board members raised two concerns related to governance and accountability and the cost of operating two nonprofit entities.

This staff report is intended to carry that conversation forward by outlining a proposed framework for addressing concerns, while providing additional time for Board review and feedback before any action is considered.

### B. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

**For Information.** Review and discuss the proposed framework. Staff anticipates that the Board could consider an action item as early as the March Board meeting if there should be sufficient consensus to proceed.

### C. GENERAL COMMENTS

- **Governance First.** The Board’s focus on governance is appropriate. Clear separation, documented roles, and transparency are essential to protecting both organizations and maintaining member trust.
- **Mission Alignment.** A foundation should be narrowly focused on education, research, and capacity-building activities that directly support CALCOG’s mission and members, rather than becoming a broad or unfocused entity.
- **Cost vs. Opportunity.** While a second nonprofit adds complexity, staff believes the potential to unlock new funding streams—particularly for education and training—warrants continued exploration.
- **Deliberate Pace.** Staff supports moving slowly, with multiple discussion points, to ensure that any eventual decision reflects broad understanding and consensus among the membership.
- **Future Decision Point.** If the Board wishes to proceed, staff anticipates that a formal action—such as authorizing incorporation of the Foundation—could be considered as early as the March Board meeting at the Regional Leadership Forum.

## Key Differences Between a 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4)

Feature	501(c)(3) – Charitable	501(c)(4) – Social Welfare
<b>Primary Purpose</b>	Charitable, educational, religious, scientific, or literary purposes	Promote social welfare and community interests
<b>Lobbying</b>	Limited lobbying allowed; cannot be a substantial part of activities	Unlimited lobbying permitted if related to mission
<b>Political Campaigning</b>	Prohibited from supporting or opposing candidates	May engage in some candidate-related activity if mission-related
<b>Tax Deductibility for Donors</b>	Donations are generally tax-deductible for the donor	Donations are <b>not</b> tax-deductible
<b>Grant Eligibility</b>	Eligible for most government, foundation, and philanthropic grants	Ineligible for many foundation and government grants
<b>Funding Sources</b>	Broad philanthropic and public funding base	Primarily member dues, sponsorships, and unrestricted contributions
<b>IRS Oversight</b>	Higher level of IRS scrutiny to ensure compliance with charitable purpose	Less IRS restriction on activities, but fewer tax benefits to donors
<b>Examples of Activities</b>	Public education campaigns, research reports, training programs, scholarships	Advocacy for legislative change, lobbying elected officials, policy campaigns

### D. COST & ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATIONS

Staff’s assessment is that the costs of creating and maintaining the corporate entity are relatively modest. Many of these costs are fixed and predictable. Variable costs (such as staff time) would be scaled to the Foundation’s size and activity level (and grant-funded programs would be structured to recover appropriate administrative and overhead costs).

**Fixed Operating Costs.** The fixed operating costs to maintain a nonprofit corporation shell (excluding additional activities funded by outside sources) would be:

Incorporation and IRS filings (one-time costs)	\$1,200
Accountant fees, including tax filings	\$5,000
Insurance	\$4,000
Administration (Staffing Service Contract)	\$15,000
	<b>\$25,200</b>

- This represents basic maintenance of the corporate entity.
- Assumes that CALCOG would provide the initial contributions to the organization until it was able to support itself (including administrative costs) with outside resources.
- The \$15,000 for the Service Contract would be booked as an expense to the Foundation but also represents a revenue to CALCOG under the Services Contract.

Over time, successful grant activity could offset not only the Foundation’s direct costs but also reduce pressure on CALCOG dues by covering education and program expenses currently paid with unrestricted dues revenue.

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## E. COST & ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATIONS

One issue raised in the last board discussion was concern over the governance of a Foundation. A foundation can be affiliated with another organization, but it also must maintain a separate board of directors and maintain its own tax filings, bank accounts, and accounting systems. Nevertheless, there are several permitted means that the CALCOG Board can employ to assure that the Foundation work programs remains aligned with CALCOG objectives.

- **Appointment Authority.** CALCOG can appoint directors that make up 49% or less of the voting majority. Thus, if the Foundation board has seven seats, the CALCOG Board can appoint up to three of the directors.
- **Super Majority Vote to Amend Articles.** A two-thirds vote requirement to amend the Articles of Incorporation would provide the appointed CALCOG board members a veto to unwanted changes to the governance structure. A similar provision can be inserted into the Bylaws.
- **Other Board Seat Qualifications.** Additional conditions can initially be placed on the remaining board seats. For example, one or more seats could be filled by an executive director of a council of government, regional transportation planning agency, or metropolitan planning organization.
- **Authorize Services Contract.** Additionally, CALCOG would provide staff services to the foundation on a reimbursement basis. The fact that CALCOG staff is being used to complete the Foundation work further assures alignment. Additionally, the contract can also limit the types of tasks in which staff is available to do.

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## F. DRAFT ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

The following draft articles of incorporation implement the above strategies and could be used to address any concerns about the relationship between the entities. The highlighted language designates terms that are consistent with the strategies outlined above.

### ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this corporation is The CALCOG Foundation ("Foundation").

### ARTICLE II – CORPORATE STATUS AND LOCATION

This corporation is a nonprofit public benefit corporation organized under the Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law of the State of California. The principal office shall be located in Sacramento County, California.

### ARTICLE III – PURPOSES

This corporation is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

Specific purposes include advancing public understanding of regional governance, conducting research, and supporting leadership training and educational programs.

#### ARTICLE IV - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Foundation shall have no fewer than five and no more than nine directors. Directors shall serve three-year staggered terms. Officers include a Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Board shall meet at least three times annually. The maximum number of board members permitted by California Law shall be appointed by the California Association of Councils of Governments. At least one other board member shall be a currently serving executive director of a regional agency like a council of governments or regional transportation planning agency. The remainder of the directors shall have expertise in regional governance or the issues relating to regional government.

#### ARTICLE V – DEDICATION OF ASSETS

The property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to charitable and educational purposes meeting the requirements of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. No part of the net earnings shall inure to the benefit of any private person. Upon dissolution, assets shall be distributed to another 501(c)(3) organization supporting local or regional governments in California.

#### ARTICLE V – LIMITATION OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNIFICATION

The liability of the directors shall be limited to the fullest extent permitted by law. The corporation shall indemnify its directors, officers, employees, and agents to the extent allowed by law.

#### ARTICLE VI - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Foundation may enter into an executive and staffing service agreement with CALCOG, provided such arrangements comply with IRS rules on cost allocation and do not compromise either organization's tax-exempt status.

#### REPORTING

The Foundation Board shall provide CALCOG with annual reports on Foundation activities.

#### AMENDMENTS

An amendment to the Articles of Incorporation shall require a two-thirds majority vote of all appointed board members.

#### ARTICLE VI – INITIAL AGENT FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS

Name: Bill Higgins, 1415 L Street, Suite 300 Sacramento CA 95814

#### ARTICLE VII – INCORPORATOR

Bill Higgins, Incorporator. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Regional Leadership Forum Overview



### G. BACKGROUND

CALCOG's annual Regional Leadership Forum will take place on March 9 – 11 at the Long Beach Marriott Downtown.

### H. SUMMARY OF EVENT

- **Network with peers across the state.** The Regional Leadership Forum is a place where elected officials and executive staff from regional agencies across California come to share best practices, learn about innovative programs/projects, and celebrate the successes achieved by regional governments.
- **Invite your fellow board members.** This is a conference that is open to all elected officials who serve on regional boards, not just CALCOG board members.
- **Build relationships with state partners.** We will have partners from Caltrans, CTC, and HCD in attendance. It's an excellent opportunity to build relationships with state agencies that regional agencies interface with frequently.
- **Visit our sponsors!** Our partnering sponsors make it possible for us to put on a great event. We hope you will stop by their booths and thank them for their support.
- **Events & Sessions not to miss.** We know it can be tough to make it to every session and event but here are a few items we think you won't want to miss!

#### March 9

(10:00 AM – 12:00 PM) **Board Meeting**

(12:00 PM – 1:00 PM) **Board & CARL Cohort Lunch**

(1:00 – 3:00 PM) **Long Beach Port Boat Tour**

(4:30 – 6:00 PM) **Regional Excellence Awards ceremony & CARL Graduation**

(6:00 – 8:00 PM) **Reception Hosted by CARLA** (nearby location)

(7:00 PM) **Dinner with Best, Best & Krieger** (invite coming soon)

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(3:00 – 4:30 PM) **Super-Californiaistic-Lets-All-Be Precious Trivia Contest**

(5:30 – 7:30 PM) **Reception** (nearby location, with dinner style appetizers)

#### March 11

(1:00 PM– 3:00 PM) **Roadway Pricing Leadership Academy – Post Conference Workshop** (all invited)

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## RIA Grant Update and RFP Approval



### A. SUMMARY

In 2023, CALCOG joined Caltrans to partner on a Regional Infrastructure Accelerator (RIA) grant. SCAG, MTC, SANDAG, SACOG, and TRPA were also co-applicants. The project involves studying how to make toll lane pricing more acceptable by identifying messaging and modeling practices that could be applied more broadly throughout the state. In November, the board approved a contract amendment with Caltrans to pass through an additional \$600,000 in grant funding to CALCOG for a total contract amount of \$2 million.

### B. RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board delegate authority to CALCOG executive director and deputy director to negotiate and execute a contract with a consultant that will be selected through a competitive RFP process to complete some of this additional work.

### C. BACKGROUND

Part of the additional scope related to that contract amendment approved in November is for CALCOG (with support from a consultant) to conduct in-depth desk research and stakeholder interviews, identifying key qualitative factors that have enabled or hindered the progress of implementing toll lane road pricing strategies in California. CALCOG and the selected consultant will produce a report that will describe the experiences of MPO's, RTPA's, and other regional and local agencies have had when they have proposed and implemented road pricing. It will focus on identifying barriers and challenges encountered by agencies and recommendations on how other agencies and navigate these issues in the future.

In December, CALCOG released an RFP for consultant support on this task. Federal procurement rules require that the board authorize the organization to enter into a contract.

### D. ADDITIONAL WORK UNDERWAY

- **Focus Groups.** DKS, the consultant selected from the first RFP under this grant, has been convening focus groups over the last two weeks to hear what the public knows about roadway pricing, their attitudes toward these projects, and what might make the projects more appealing to them. Staff will provide an update at the March board meeting on key preliminary findings from these focus groups.
- **Statewide Public Poll.** DKS is also in the process of developing survey for a statewide poll that will complement the focus group work.



- **Pricing Leadership Academy Workshop Planning.** As a post conference workshop after the Regional Leadership Forum we are working with DKS to host a workshop focused on navigating politics and public perceptions related to advancing tolled/priced roadways. The Pricing Leadership Academy will be held on Wednesday, March 11 at 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM. This workshop is free and open to elected officials and executive leaders from public organizations. We encourage you to attend and invite your staff. It is not meant for the general public so please limit your invitations to public sector leaders.

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**Legislative Update**



**A. Summary**

As the new legislative year gets underway, this update summarizes the Governor’s January Budget proposal and early legislative developments relevant to CALCOG members.

**B. STATE BUDGET UPDATE: GOVERNOR’S JANUARY BUDGET RELEASE**

Expectations heading into this budget year were modest, with the LAO projecting an \$18 billion deficit. The Governor’s January budget revised that outlook, citing an additional \$42 billion in General Fund revenues driven by higher personal income tax receipts tied to a strong stock market—particularly in the AI sector. Under the administration’s estimates, this reduced the projected shortfall to \$2.9 billion. The LAO continues to caution that a market downturn remains a real risk and that the budget should hedge accordingly.

This underlying uncertainty is expected to shape budget negotiations through June. Reflecting that risk, the Governor’s January proposal takes a largely wait-and-see approach, maintaining prior-year commitments while avoiding new General Fund investments, including in housing programs such as IIG, the Multifamily Housing Program, and LIHTC.

One significant structural change CALCOG is monitoring for potential opportunities is the proposal to split the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) program between the newly established Housing Development and Finance Committee (HDFC) and the Strategic Growth Council (SGC). Under this approach, HDFC would allocate the affordable housing portion of the program (up to \$560 million), while SGC would retain responsibility for the sustainable communities’ portion (up to \$240 million).

**C. EARLY ADVOCACY EFFORTS**

**1. RHNA Funding Legislation (Solache). Cosponsor.**

Last year, CALCOG explored legislation to codify an updated version of REAP 1.0 to elevate the importance of the program and underscore that RHNA remains an unfunded mandate. While an author was not secured at the time, the effort helped raise awareness of the program’s value and the persistent funding gap.

Building on that groundwork, CALCOG has now secured an author and is moving forward with introducing legislation while also exploring potential budget opportunities.

**Next Steps:** Legislative Counsel is creating an RN based on our draft language, and Assemblymember Solache will introduce the bill between now and the 02/20 introduction deadline. In the meantime, we are socializing the bill with legislative staff.  
*Consistent with CALCOG Legislative Policy Principle: (8)(h).*

**2. SB 79 Clean Up Legislation (Wiener). Transit-Oriented Development. Oppose Unless Amended**

Last session, SB 79 was enacted to require upzoning around qualifying transit stations in “urban transit counties” and to direct MPOs overseeing affected counties to produce maps for member cities identifying where the upzoning applies and the corresponding zoning standards. Since its enactment, it has become clear that the statute lacks sufficient definitional clarity and procedural guidance to ensure consistent implementation.

In response, the author is pursuing clean-up legislation to clarify key terms and requirements. However, the July 1, 2026, implementation date remains in statute, and absent timely state guidance or statutory fixes, MPOs face heightened litigation risk in attempting to implement the law.

**Next Steps:** CALCOG plans to take an will work with our local government partners at CalCities and CSAC to advance the following amendments as part of any clean-up legislation:

- Delay the July 1, 2026, start date for SB 79;
- Require HCD to issue guidance by a specified date; and
- Establishing a clear deadline for MPOs to complete the required maps.

*Consistent with CALCOG Legislative Policy Principle: (3)(a).*

**3. AB 1421 (Wilson). Vehicles: Road Usage Charge TAC. Support**

Requires CTC, in coordination with CalSTA, to pull together existing research and develop recommendations on a potential road-user charge or mileage-based fee system. It would require the commission to report those findings to the Legislature by January 1, 2027. CALCOG joined a broad support coalition focused on efforts to identify and implement a fair, accountable, and affordable policy solution to address California’s looming transportation funding crisis.

**Next Steps:** Provide support in committee hearings as the bill moves forward.  
*Consistent with CALCOG Legislative Policy Principle: (4)(a).*

**4. SB 417 (Cabaldon). Housing Bond Act. Support.**

Last year, two \$10 billion housing bond measures were introduced—one in the Assembly and one in the Senate. As the Assembly version advanced, CALCOG took a supportive position to strengthen our ability to advocate for directing a portion of the bond’s infrastructure funding through MPOs for REAP-2.0-like purposes. The assembly version has now stalled, and the Senate version became the primary vehicle. While challenging, we are actively making that case. Please find a breakdown of the distribution below.

**Next Steps:** Continue meeting with stakeholders.

*Consistent with CALCOG Legislative Policy Principle: (1)(h).*

Authorizes \$10 billion in general obligation bonds at the November 3, 2026, statewide general election to fund the following programs:

- \$5.25 billion to MHP
- \$1.75 billion to supportive housing administered through the MHP program
- \$800 million for the Portfolio Reinvestment Program
- \$250 million for the Tribal Housing Grant Program
- \$500 million for a program to be created by the Legislature that funds acquisition and rehabilitation of unrestricted housing units (*i.e.*, unsubsidized housing that may naturally be affordable) and the attachment of long-term affordability restrictions to the units.
- \$1 billion to the CalHOME Program and the My Home down payment assistance program administered by CalHFA
- \$250 million to the Joe Serna, Jr. Farmworker Housing (Serna) Program and a dedicated program for tribes to finance housing and housing related activities that will enable tribes to rebuild and reconstitute their communities;
- \$200 million for wildfire prevention, rental assistance, and affordable housing construction.

**5. LCI Planning Advisory and Assistance Council. Support.**

CSAC is working to revive the defunct Planning Advisory and Assistance Council, with CALCOG playing a more prominent role in selecting the regional planning representatives to the council.

**Next Steps:** Work with our partners at CSAC to get this done through the budget.

*Consistent with CALCOG Legislative Policy Principle: (1)(e).*

## D. GENERAL BILLS WE ARE WATCHING

Although we are early in the legislative session, with not many bills having been introduced, there are a few early ones we are tracking:

- **AB 1596 (Davies).** Public Transit: CA Transit Stop Registry: Transit Datasets  
Requires Caltrans to create, on or before 12/31/26 the CA Transit Stop Registry as a centralized, statewide dataset of standardized information regarding transit stops.
- **AB 1623 (Davies).** RHNA and APRs: Student Housing Quarters  
Requires certain types of student housing quarters to count toward a local governments share of the locality's lower income RHNA.
- **SB 677 (Wiener).** *Transit-Oriented Development/SB 79 Clean Up Legislation*  
Cleans up the high-frequency commuter rail by redefining it as a public commuter or intercity rail station served by an average of at least 48 passenger trains per weekday, in all directions combined. Temporary service changes lasting less than one-month, unplanned disruptions, and any station that failed to meet this standard at any point in the past three years are excluded.
- **SB 908 (Wiener).** *Transit-Oriented Development/SB 79 Clean Up Legislation*  
Currently, it is only intent language, but we expect the bulk of the cleanup language to be handled in this bill.

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## Federal Reauthorization Update



### E. Summary

Federal surface transportation reauthorization continues to be a key focus for national regional planning associations as Congress works toward renewing the federal transportation authorization before the current law expires on September 30, 2026.

- **CalSTA & Caltrans:** The state has released its consensus principles, entitled “California Federal Surface Transportation Reauthorization Principles.” You can find the [draft document here](#). They are requesting comments by February 27<sup>th</sup> and they hope to have regions as signatories. We are taking a closer look and getting feedback from members to evaluate whether CALCOG should submit any comments.
- **Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO):** AMPO continues advancing its *Policy Roadmap* for reauthorization, advocating for stronger federal support and flexibility for MPOs, including increased formula funding, enhanced planning resources, and a more predictable Highway Trust Fund to support long-term regional planning and project delivery.
- **National Association of Regional Councils (NARC):** NARC’s reauthorization priorities emphasize increasing and enhancing metropolitan planning (PL) funding, supporting rural and non-metropolitan planning, strengthening formula programs, and preserving/streamlining federal transportation funding for regions and local governments.
- **Coalition advocacy (LOT Coalition):** Through the Local Officials in Transportation Coalition—which includes AMPO, NARC, and other national associations—a coalition letter has been sent to key Congressional committees urging a larger share of federal transportation funding be directly available to local and regional governments, greater discretionary grant opportunities, and federal support for planning and project selection authorities at the regional level.

We will provide an oral update on recent Congressional activity and anticipated next steps in the federal reauthorization process at the board meeting.

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## SB 375 Reform Discussions



### A. SUMMARY

SB 375 requires the state's 18 MPOs to develop a Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) to achieve GHG reduction targets related to the use of cars and light trucks. As California approaches the 2035 planning horizon established under Senate Bill (SB) 375, discussions are underway regarding how to modernize the statute to better support implementation of regional transportation, housing, climate and other goals. These discussions have recently become more active.

The state's four largest Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) have secured Senator Christopher Cabaldon as a bill author and are meeting with CALCOG members, state agencies, and stakeholders to shape draft legislative language. This work is preliminary and continues to evolve.

At a high level, the effort is focused on improving how SB 375 functions in practice—particularly with respect to implementation, funding, planning efficiency, and transparency—rather than revisiting the state's underlying climate goals. Staff are providing this update for situational awareness.

In parallel, the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) has convened a Sustainable Communities Task Force to examine longer-term implementation and governance issues related to transportation, housing, and climate policy. Staff are coordinating to ensure these efforts are complementary.

### B. EMERGING IDEAS

Discussions to date have coalesced around several high-level concepts:

- **Perusing AHSC Funding for Implementation:** With the governor's proposal to shift 30% of AHSC funding specifically for sustainable communities, it provides an opportunity to advocate that regions are best suited to manage those funds, not SGC. This could serve as an ongoing source of funding for future REAP projects.
- **Creating a Role for CTC:** One of the key changes MPOs would like to achieve is shifting SB 375 away from being an increasingly technical planning exercise toward something more focused on outcomes and project delivery. To do this, it may involve creating a role for CTC in the process so that projects can continue to move forward if ARB does not get back to MPOs within the timeframes set in statute.
- **Right-sizing targets to regions:** ARB should be required to base the targets on what is achievable for each region given existing conditions, taking exogenous factors, size of regional agency, and financial constraints of regions into consideration. Targets should be different for each region (as allowed under current law) and should consider a region's existing resources, access to non-drive alone modes of travel, and built environment.

- **Reducing CEQA costs:** Another way of reducing the time and costs of creating SCSs is to explore other options for CEQA. Instead of having to complete a full Environmental Impact Report (EIR), perhaps the plans should be held to the Environmental Equivalency requirements that CARB uses for setting targets, which are much shorter, simpler compared to developing an EIR.
- **Requiring ARB to be more transparent in target setting and plan review:** This would involve requiring ARB to take draft targets to its board and publish its methodology, fleet assumptions, and budget assumptions, prior to releasing draft targets for public comment.

These concepts remain under development and do not represent finalized legislative ideas. The largest four MPOs are in active conversations with stakeholders to refine these ideas.

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### C. WHY THIS MATTERS TO CALCOG

Although SB 375 applies directly to MPOs, its effects extend beyond MPO boundaries. SB 375 influences state funding priorities, project eligibility, and implementation expectations that affect counties, cities, RTPAs, and non-MPO Councils of Governments. Potential implications for CALCOG’s broader membership include:

- **Clearer and more consistent state funding signals** that affect project delivery across all regions.
- **Reduced administrative burden** for agencies that contribute to or rely on regional plans.
- **Greater emphasis on implementation**, benefiting local and regional agencies advancing transportation, housing, and climate projects.
- **Improved policy clarity** between competing state programs and in navigating state climate and transportation expectations.
- **Protection of regional flexibility**, ensuring reforms do not disadvantage smaller or non-MPO regions.

CALCOG’s engagement helps ensure these perspectives are reflected as discussions continue.

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### D. Next steps

Discussions with Senator Cabaldon, state agencies, MPOs, and stakeholders are ongoing, and draft concepts are expected to evolve over the coming weeks. Staff will continue to monitor developments, engage on behalf of CALCOG’s diverse membership, and return to the Board with updates as proposals become more defined.

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## Board Officer Elections



### A. SUMMARY

The CALCOG Bylaws establish four Board officer positions: President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, and Immediate Past President. The Bylaws require the President to appoint a Nominating Committee to consider qualified and interested Board members to serve as officers, with the Board approving the Committee's recommendation through an election of a slate of officers.

At its prior meeting, the Board approved the staff recommendation and elected a slate of officers for President, First Vice President, and Immediate Past President. At that time, no nominations had been received for the position of Second Vice President, and the Board affirmed that this position may remain vacant without affecting CALCOG's ability to conduct normal operations.

Staff is now issuing a formal call for nominations to fill the vacant Second Vice President position. Consistent with CALCOG practice, the Nominating Committee will consider interested and qualified Board members and bring a recommendation to the Board for action at the March meeting. The Bylaws specify that it shall be CALCOG policy, whenever possible, to rotate officers among councils of governments according to relative size (urban, medium, and small) and geographic balance between Northern and Southern California.

Board members are encouraged to express interest, self-nominate, or encourage colleagues to seek nomination for this role.

### B. NOMINATING COMMITTEE UPDATE

At the prior meeting, the Board approved the following slate of officers:

- **President:** Jan Harnik, Coachella Valley Association of Governments
- **First Vice President:** Tim Hepburn, San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments
- **Immediate Past President:** Britt Huff, South Bay Cities Councils of Government
- **Second Vice President:** *Vacant*

Staff, in coordination with the Nominating Committee, will conduct a call for nominations for Second Vice President and return to the Board with a recommended nominee for consideration at the March meeting.



# Western Riverside Council of Governments WRCOG Executive Committee

## Staff Report

**Subject:** I-REN Monthly Activities Update  
**Contact:** Benjamin Druyon, Program Manager, [bdruyon@wrcog.us](mailto:bdruyon@wrcog.us), (951) 405-6727  
**Date:** March 2, 2026

### Recommended Action(s):

1. Receive and file.

### Summary:

The Inland Regional Energy Network (I-REN) is a coalition of three councils of government - WRCOG, the Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG), and the San Bernardino Council of Governments (SBCOG) - encompassing Riverside and San Bernardino Counties, and all their respective jurisdictions within the region. These organizations have joined to establish locally administered, designed, and delivered energy efficiency programs. This report will be provided at each meeting to inform the Committee of I-REN's progress.

### Purpose / WRCOG 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Goal:

The purpose of this item is to provide regular updates on I-REN activities. This effort aligns with WRCOG's 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Goal #6 (Develop and implement programs that support resilience for our region).

### Discussion:

### Background

In February 2021, I-REN applied for REN Program Administrator status in order to offer a portfolio of programs serving the Public, Codes & Standards, and Workforce Education & Training Sectors, with governance from WRCOG as the lead agency. In November 2021, I-REN was approved in Decision (D.) 21-11-013, Approval of Inland Regional Energy Network Energy Efficiency Business Plan, which funded I-REN to offer energy efficiency programs through program year 2027.

### Present Situation

Public Sector (PS) Programs: I-REN offers two PS programs - the Technical Assistance and Strategic Energy Planning (TA) Program, and the Normalized Metered Energy Consumption (NMEC) Incentive Program. The TA Program helps agencies secure funding and financing to implement projects and

provide support through construction and project close-out. The NMEC Program (publicly known as Cash for Kilowatts) provides technical support such as eligibility screening and measurement & verification, as well as incentives for meter-based energy savings. Combined with technical assistance and reinforcement of operations and management best practices, public agencies will experience maximized savings for their communities. Attachment 1 to this Staff Report highlights the Cash For Kilowatt projects currently being processed. Below are notable activities for the Public Sector this past month.

- Five Cash for Kilowatts Installation Reports were submitted for projects that were completed in 2025 - including projects for the San Bernardino Community College District, the City of Calimesa, and the Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino.
- I-REN conducted audits at four facilities for the City of Colton and the Jurupa Community Services District (JCSD). This is Colton's second round of projects and JCSD's first facilities to leverage I-REN project services.
- The City of Murrieta Library received project approval to move forward with a Cash for Kilowatts project focused on LED lighting upgrades.

Codes & Standards (C&S) Programs: The shared goal of I-REN's C&S Programs is to work closely with local building departments and the building industry to support, train, and enable long-term streamlining of energy code compliance. I-REN's programs will nurture the confidence, skills, and existing C&S knowledge of local building department staff, provide technical assistance to jurisdictions pursuing reach codes and local ordinances, and support building and construction industry actors to foster increased compliance. Below are updates for the C&S Programs this past month.

- I-REN hosted its "Introduction to the Energy Code" training on February 12, 2026, which garnered 37 registrants and 23 attendees. I-REN plans to continue to build on this interest in introductory level Codes & Standards topics throughout 2026.
- I-REN has engaged 18 total jurisdictions in 2026, double the amount that were engaged at the same time on 2025.
- Of the 46 evaluation surveys received so far in 2026 for I-REN C&S trainings, 100% of respondents have agreed that the trainings improved their knowledge of the Energy Code.

Workforce Education & Training (WE&T) Programs: The goal of I-REN's WE&T cross-cutting Sector activities is to ensure there is a trained workforce to support and realize energy efficiency (EE) savings goals across all market sectors. I-REN is committed to identifying the most effective and accessible ways to increase the number of skilled EE workers, especially those within underserved, hard-to-reach, tribal, and disadvantaged communities. Below are updates for the WE&T Programs for this past month.

- On February 9, 2026, the 2025-2026 I-REN Energy Fellow cohort conducted their first tour and event of the Fellowship cycle. Fellows and WE&T staff rode the Arrow Hydrogen Train to the Esri facility and conducted a tour of the Esri facility in Redlands. The event provided professional networking opportunities and educational insights surrounding the feasibility of using Hydrogen as an alternative fuel source and the practice of GIS with regards to urban planning to the Fellows. These tours and events are coordinated and planned by the I-REN Energy Fellows at WRCOG and SBCOG, as an enhancement to the Fellowship, providing professional development opportunities.
- From February 10 - 12, 2026, the I-REN Workforce team conducted quarterly Workforce roundtables at WRCOG, CVAG and SBCOG.

- February 18, 2026, the I-REN Workforce team participated in a panel about the I-REN Energy Fellowship to UCR students ahead of the UCR Education, Government and Non-profit Career Fair.
- February 18, 2026, the I-REN Energy Fellowship Host Site Applications opened host sites that currently host I-REN Energy Fellows; the Cities of Corona, Jurupa Valley, Lake Elsinore, and Riverside.
- February 19, 2026, the I-REN Workforce team participated in the CBU Spring Career fair and panel to students discussing the I-REN Energy Fellowship.
- February 20, 2026, the I-REN Workforce team participated in the UCR Education, Government and Non-profit Career Fair.

I-REN Events / Activities Around the Region: In the coming months, I-REN activities updates will include member agency updates and spotlights on successes achieved throughout the I-REN territory.

Other Activities: [Sign up for I-REN updates](#) and learn more about all the programs, services, and resources I-REN has to offer by visiting [www.iren.gov](http://www.iren.gov) or emailing [info@iren.gov](mailto:info@iren.gov).

**Prior Action(s):**

None.

**Financial Summary:**

All costs associated with I-REN Program activities are included in WRCOG's adopted Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Agency Budget under I-REN Program (Fund 180) in the Energy & Environmental Department.

**Attachment(s):**

[Attachment 1 - Cash for Kilowatts Dashboard February 2026.pdf](#)



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## Cash for Kilowatts February 2026 Dashboard

### Incentives Update<sup>1</sup>

The table below shows all Cash for Kilowatts projects that have received incentive application approval. \* indicates that construction start / end dates are estimated

Project	Incentive Payment	Application Approval Date	Construction Start	Construction End	Estimated Payment Date	Incentive Amount	Actual Payment Date
Joe Baca Middle School LED Lighting Retrofit	1	7/5/2024	6/4/2024	12/20/2024	June 2025	\$88,348.99	6/30/2025
	2				Feb. 2026	\$132,523.49	
SBCCD Lighting SBVC North Hall	1	2/7/2025	2/12/2025	9/12/2025	Feb. 2026	\$49,666.22	
	2				Nov. 2026	\$74,499.34	
SBCCD Lighting SBVC Library	1	2/24/2025	2/12/2025	9/12/2025	June 2026	\$43,239.34	
	2				Mar. 2027	\$64,859.01	

<sup>1</sup> As of 2/13/2026

The Coachella Valley Association of Governments and San Bernardino Council of Governments have partnered with the Western Riverside Council of Governments to develop I-REN to serve the cities and communities of our region.



Project	Incentive Payment	Application Approval Date	Construction Start	Construction End	Estimated Payment Date	Incentive Amount	Actual Payment Date
Calimesa WB Senior Center	1	4/4/2025	7/1/2025	9/27/2025	Mar. 2026	\$1,197.70	
	2				Nov. 2026	\$1,796.54	
Calimesa WB City Hall	1	4/7/2025	7/1/2025	11/7/2025	Mar. 2026	\$1,912.53	
	2				Dec. 2026	\$2,868.80	
Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino WB Victorville Office	1	4/14/2025	9/2/2025	2/3/2026	June 2026	\$5,287.75	
	2				Mar. 2027	\$7,931.62	
Indian Wells Fire Station #55	1	5/21/2025	7/1/2026*	6/12/2027*	Oct. 2027	\$8,516.80	
	2				July 2028	\$12,775.20	
Indian Wells Public Works Yard	1	5/21/2025	1/22/2026	2/27/2026*	July 2026	\$1,861.60	
	2				April 2027	\$2,792.40	
Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino WB San Bernardino Admin Office HVAC & Lighting	1	7/16/2025	10/2/2025	11/26/2025	April 2026	\$13,579.20	
	2				Jan. 2027	\$20,368.80	



Project	Incentive Payment	Application Approval Date	Construction Start	Construction End	Estimated Payment Date	Incentive Amount	Actual Payment Date
Rancho Mirage-I-REN-WB-Library Observatory	1	8/13/2025	3/2/2026*	12/31/2026*	May 2027	\$9,056.48	
	2				Feb. 2028	\$13,584.72	
Rancho Mirage-I-REN-WB-City Hall	1	8/15/2025	3/2/2026*	12/31/2026*	April 2027	\$22,964.65	
	2				Jan. 2028	\$34,446.98	
Town of Apple Valley WB Corporate Yard	1	9/4/2025	3/1/2026*	10/21/2026*	Feb. 2027	\$17,270.71	
	2				Nov. 2027	\$25,906.07	
Town of Apple Valley WB Dev. Services & Conf. Center	1	9/4/2025	3/1/2026*	10/21/2026*	Feb. 2027	\$63,899.12	
	2				Nov. 2027	\$95,848.68	
SBCOG Whole Building Santa Fe Train Depot	1	10/1/2025	3/2/2026*	7/23/2026*	Dec. 2026	\$37,626.48	
	2				Sept. 2027	\$56,439.72	
Town of Apple Valley Police Department	1	10/10/2025	3/1/2026*	10/1/2026*	Feb. 2027	\$37,904.76	
	2				Nov. 2027	\$56,857.14	
Norco WB City Hall	1	10/27/2025	3/18/2026*	10/31/2026*	Mar. 2027	\$16,693.92	
	2				Dec. 2027	\$11,129.28	
Palm Springs WB Fire Station #1	1	11/25/2025	4/1/2026*	10/1/2026*	Feb. 2027	\$3,654.00	



Project	Incentive Payment	Application Approval Date	Construction Start	Construction End	Estimated Payment Date	Incentive Amount	Actual Payment Date
	2				Nov. 2027	\$5,481.00	
City of Murrieta Library Lighting	1	1/12/2026	4/1/2026*	12/31/2026*	May 2027	\$12,560.00	
	2				Feb. 2028	\$18,840.00	
<b>Total Committed (includes disbursed)</b>						<b>\$1,074,189.03</b>	
<b>Total Incentives Disbursed</b>							<b>\$88,348.99</b>

## Predictability Analyses Update<sup>2</sup>

The table below shows Cash for Kilowatts projects that have completed a predictability analysis for the current dashboard reporting period.

Project	Pass/Fail	If failed, notes on why
Murrieta City Hall	Electric Fail	<p>We submitted the predictability analysis request in September 2025. Our project team requested solar data from the agency. However, the agency's solar provider could only provide monthly data and the model used to run the predictability analysis requires hourly or daily solar data. In response, the project's developing engineer modelled out the hourly solar data from the monthly data provided. When the modelled hourly data was plugged into the model and combined with the utility data, a large set of the hourly data came back with negative values. Due to the negative values, the predictability analysis was</p>

<sup>2</sup> From 1/15/2026 - 2/13/2026



		<p>unable to pass as the analysis includes a review of the data. In response, the project team reconfirmed with the agency that more granular solar data was not available. With their confirmation, the predictability analysis failed.</p> <p>Anticipated 46,056 kWh Savings.</p>
Norco City Hillside Fire Station	Electric Pass/Gas Fail	<p>Initially, it did not seem like the gas data would pass the predictability analysis because the gas data did not show variation with temperature. In response, we provided the schedules for shower, dishwasher, and laundry use. However, because their usage remains the same each week, it did not improve the model. Additionally, we provided hourly data rather than daily. However, the current model used for gas predictability analyses is a daily model. Franklin Energy shared that while updating the model to hourly may assist other projects, the gas model for Norco Hillside Fire Station would still be unable to meet the criteria to pass the predictability analysis.</p> <p>Anticipated 13 Therms Savings.</p>

## Incentive Rates

### Base Rates

Energy Savings	Base Incentive Rate
kWh	\$0.50
kW	\$200.00
therms	\$1.00



### Incentive Kickers

Tiered kWh incentive “kickers” will also be available to encourage deep energy savings (over 15% total savings at the meter) and holistic projects. Additionally, kWh incentives will be doubled for projects that occur at a critical cooling or resiliency center.

In 2024-2026, I-REN offered its maximum incentive rate of \$2.00/kWh for projects that submitted an application.

Total Savings Percentage*	Incentive Rate	Critical/Cooling/Resiliency Center Rate
Up to 15%	\$0.50/kWh	\$1.00/kWh
16-30%	\$0.60/kWh	\$1.20/kWh
31-50%	\$0.70/kWh	\$1.40/kWh
Over 50%	\$1.00/kWh	\$2.00/kWh

\* Total project savings will have to pass eligibility criteria as per the NMEC Rulebook

### Incentive Payout Timeline

- 3 month project completion incentive - 40% of incentive amount
  - Measures installed and post-installation inspection completed
  - 3 months of data is analyzed and incentive amount determined
- 12 month final incentive - remaining incentive payout
  - 12 months of data is analyzed and remaining incentive amount determined





# Western Riverside Council of Governments WRCOG Executive Committee

## Staff Report

**Subject:** Vehicle Miles Traveled Mitigation Program - Credit Generator Participation Agreement with the City of Banning

**Contact:** Christopher Tzeng, Program Manager, [ctzeng@wrcog.us](mailto:ctzeng@wrcog.us), (951) 405-6711

**Date:** March 2, 2026

### **Recommended Action(s):**

1. Authorize the Executive Director to execute a Credit Generator Participation Agreement with the City of Banning for the Vehicle Miles Traveled Mitigation Program.

### **Summary:**

If approved, the attached Credit Generator Participation Agreement with the City of Banning would formalize their participation in WRCOG's Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) Mitigation Program. The Executive Committee previously approved the Program Manual on May 5, 2025, allowing implementation efforts to begin. Since then, WRCOG has engaged member and partner agencies to support Program rollout and participation.

### **Purpose / WRCOG 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Goal:**

The purpose of this item is to authorize the Executive Director to execute a Credit Generator Participation Agreement with the City of Banning for WRCOG's VMT Mitigation Program. This effort aligns with WRCOG's 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Goal #5 (Develop projects and programs that improve infrastructure and sustainable development in our subregion).

### **Discussion:**

### **Background**

The Executive Committee approved the VMT Mitigation Program Manual at its May 5, 2025, meeting. This action authorized staff to implement a VMT Mitigation Program that is available to WRCOG member and partner agencies to opt-in to, should they choose to do so. As highlighted in the Staff Report and presentation at the May meeting, key implementation efforts include but are not limited to:

- Meet with WRCOG member and partner agencies to discuss Program implementation and operations in greater detail.
- Solicit WRCOG member and partner agencies to sign participation agreements should they choose to do so.

- Hold meetings with member agencies and stakeholders to discuss how parties might request credits from the Program.
- Develop informational materials (videos, fact sheets, etc.) that provide additional information about the Program.
- Prepare appropriate forms, calculation tools, and other items needed for Program operation.

The City of Banning approved its participation in the Program as a Credit Generator and authorized their jurisdiction to enter into a Credit Generator Participation Agreement with WRCOG. The Agreement, which is one between WRCOG and the member or partner agency that is voluntarily opting-in to participate in the VMT Mitigation Program, enables the agency to submit credits into the VMT Mitigation Program. The Agreement outlines the terms, responsibilities of each party, indemnity, etc. WRCOG's execution of the Agreement would enable the City of Banning to participate as a Credit Generator.

As defined in the Program Manual, a Credit Generator is a public agency that implements a project or program that produces a VMT reduction credit. Credit Generators will enter into a Participation Agreement with the Program Administrator. This Agreement enables public agencies to submit Credit-Generating Items to the Program that are eligible to receive funding through the Program.

### **Present Situation**

If the Executive Committee authorizes the Executive Director to execute the Credit Generator Participation Agreement between WRCOG and the City of Banning, the following steps will be taken:

1. WRCOG will engage with staff from the City on the projects / programs it has that are VMT reducing, also known as Credit-Generating Items, so that they may be submitted to the Program.
2. Once projects / programs are submitted, the amount and price of credits generated by the submissions will be determined.
3. The projects / programs will be listed as available for any public or private entity in need of mitigating its project's VMT impacts to purchase VMT credits produced by the jurisdiction's submittals, if it meets the mitigation needs.
4. When / if a public / private entity purchases the credits produced by a jurisdiction, WRCOG will provide payment to that specific jurisdiction for the amount paid by the entity, minus the nominal administration fee, as agreed upon in the Credit Generator Participation Agreement.

### **Prior Action(s):**

**February 2, 2026:** The WRCOG Executive Committee authorized the Executive Director to execute separate Credit Generator Participation Agreements with the City of Beaumont and the City of Riverside for the Vehicle Miles Traveled Mitigation Program.

**August 4, 2025:** The WRCOG Executive Committee authorized the Executive Director to execute a Credit Generator Participation Agreement with the Riverside Transit Agency for the Vehicle Miles Traveled Mitigation Program.

### **Financial Summary:**

Costs for initial Program evaluation and development are funded by LTF (Fund 210) and included in the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Agency budget. Program implementation will be funded through an

Administrative Fee which would be assessed on credits purchased by public sector and private sector entities. Once Agreements have been executed, and staff has analyzed the demand, a budget amendment will be brought forward, if needed, or funding will be programmed in the Fiscal Year 2026/2027 budget.

**Attachment(s):**

[Attachment 1 - VMT Program Credit Generator Participation Agreement with the City of Banning.pdf](#)

**VOLUNTARY VMT EXCHANGE PROGRAM**  
**PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT**

This Participation Agreement (“Agreement”) is made as of \_\_\_\_\_ (“Effective Date”), by and between the Western Riverside Council of Governments, a California public agency (“WRCOG”) and the City of Banning, a municipal corporation (“Participant”). WRCOG and Participant are sometimes individually referred to as “Party” and collectively as “Parties”.

**RECITALS**

A. Before a California public agency issues a discretionary approval that authorizes an action with potential environmental impacts, the agency must first comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) and disclose potential impacts to the environment.

B. The CEQA process may involve the imposition of “mitigation measures” which help to reduce a project’s potentially significant impacts.

C. The manner in which transportation effects are analyzed under CEQA changed dramatically when Senate Bill 743 (“SB 743”) was adopted in 2013. SB 743 and its implementing regulations require that transportation impacts throughout the state no longer be measured in terms of vehicle delay, but instead in terms of how many Vehicle Miles Traveled (“VMT”) a project generates.

D. Transportation demand management strategies have traditionally been utilized to change travel behavior as a way of reducing VMT. These strategies are generally most effective in urban areas where a project site is accessible through multiple travel modes offering similar travel times and convenience.

E. However, these strategies are less effective in low-density suburban and rural areas, such as Western Riverside County. As a result, Western Riverside County needs a coordinated regional approach.

F. To address these needs, WRCOG has established a Voluntary VMT Exchange Program (the “Program”) that allows Credit Users to agree to fund a predetermined VMT-reducing project submitted by a Credit Generator.

G. Participant desires to participate in the Program as a Credit Generator.

H. The purpose of this Agreement is to outline the terms and conditions of the Participant’s voluntary participation in the Program.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS AGREED AS FOLLOWS:**

**AGREEMENT**

1. Incorporation of Recitals. The recitals above are true and correct and are hereby incorporated herein by this reference.

2. Definitions.

(a) “Credit” shall mean a VMT reduction credit.

(b) “Credit Generator” shall mean an entity that implements some action which produces a Credit. For the purposes of this Agreement, Participant is a Credit Generator.

(c) “Credit Generating Item” shall mean a specific project or action which may produce a Credit.

(d) “Credit User” shall mean a land development or transportation project administrator that needs a Credit for the purpose of CEQA mitigation.

(e) “Program Manual” shall mean the Western Riverside Council of Governments Voluntary VMT Exchange Program Implementation Manual as may be amended from time to time.

3. Term and Termination

(a) Term. The term of this Agreement shall commence on the Effective Date and shall remain in effect until terminated in accordance with Section 3(b) of this Agreement.

(b) Termination.

(i) Termination for Convenience. Either Party may terminate this Agreement upon three (3) months written notice, except that this Agreement shall remain in effect as to any Credit-Generating Item for which Credit Purchase Agreement has been executed but not completed. However, in the event that there are any Credit-Generating Items submitted by Participant that remain which are subject to a Credit Purchase Agreement, Participant may only terminate this Agreement upon the completion of such Credit-Generating Items.

(ii) Termination for Breach. WRCOG reserves the right to terminate this Agreement in the event of Participant’s violation of this Agreement and non-compliance with the Program Manual. Upon receipt of written notice from WRCOG regarding the violation, Participant shall have thirty (30) days to correct the violation. Failure to cure the violation within the thirty (30) day period shall result in the termination of this Agreement.

4. Participant Responsibilities.

(a) Submission of Credit-Generating Items. Upon execution of this Agreement, Participant can then submit Credit-Generating Items for use in the Program by utilizing a Credit-Generating Item Form as further described in the Program Manual. Credit-Generating Items are subject to approval by WRCOG as the Program Administrator pursuant to the process as outlined in the Program Manual.

(i) Qualification and Accuracy of Information. Participant agrees that any Credit-Generating Items that are submitted to the Program shall provide the necessary information as provided in the Program Manual Section III.D.4. In addition, Participant is solely

responsible for providing accurate information regarding their Credit-Generating Items submitted. Inaccurate information may result in removal of the Credit-Generating Item from the Program.

(ii) Credit User Agreement. Upon the selection of a Credit-Generating Item submitted by Participant by a Credit User, the WRCOG shall enter into a Credit Purchase Agreement with the Credit User. The Credit Purchase Agreement shall substantially be in the form as presented in the Program Manual.

(iii) Avoidance of Duplicate Mitigation. Participant agrees that any Credit-Generating Items submitted to WRCOG shall not be used to satisfy multiple instances of mitigation. This includes, but is not limited to, placing Credit-Generating-Items on multiple exchanges at once.

(iv) Disputes. In the event of any disputes regarding a Credit-Generating Item occurring under this Agreement, Participant agrees to follow the dispute procedures as outlined in Program Manual.

(v) Removal of Credit-Generating Items. Participant understands and agrees that Credit-Generating Items placed into the Program shall remain in the Program unless otherwise approved in writing by WRCOG.

(vi) Credit Generating Item Completion. To the extent practicable, Participant shall ensure that the Credit-Generating Item is carried out or completed once it has been assigned to a Credit User and Participant has received payment for the Credits. Participant shall take all steps reasonably necessary to ensure that the Credit-Generating Item is carried out or completed. Upon completion of the Credit-Generating Item, Participant shall provide WRCOG with a completion form.

(b) Laws and Regulations. Participant shall keep itself fully informed of and in compliance with all local, state and federal laws, rules and regulations in any manner affecting the performance of its obligations under this Agreement. In addition, Participant shall comply with the Program Manual, as may be amended from time to time.

## 5. WRCOG Responsibilities.

(a) Program Administration. WRCOG agrees to administer the Program in accordance with the Program Manual, as may be amended from time to time.

(b) Allocation of Funds. WRCOG shall collect and allocate funds from Credit Users when Participant's Credit Generating Item is selected.

(c) Credit Transfer. Following the execution of the Credit Purchase Agreement by WRCOG and the Credit User, WRCOG will transfer the credits from the program to the Credit User for their use.

(d) Technical Assistance. WRCOG agrees to provide technical assistance to quantify the potential amount of credits a Credit Generating Item produces, ensure compliance

with Program Manual, and take appropriate measures to address any discrepancies or concerns with the submission of Credit Generating Items.

(e) Transparency. WRCOG agrees to maintain transparency in all Program-related matters, including calculation methodologies, maintenance of the exchange list, and distribution of credit-generating items, ensuring fair and equitable treatment of all participants.

6. Indemnity.

(a) To the fullest extent permitted by law, Participant shall defend, at Participant's sole cost and expense, indemnify, protect, and hold harmless WRCOG, its officers, directors, employees, and agents (collectively the "WRCOG Indemnified Parties"), from and against any and all liabilities, actions, suits, claims, demands, losses, costs, judgments, arbitration awards, settlements, damages, demands, orders, penalties, and expenses including legal costs and attorney fees (collectively "Claims"), including but not limited to Claims arising from injuries to or death of persons (Participant's employees included), for damage to property, including property owned by WRCOG, or from any violation of any federal, state, or local law or ordinance, alleged to be caused by the negligent acts, omissions or willful misconduct of Participant, its officers, directors, employees or agents in connection with or arising out of the construction and/or operation of any Credit-Generating Items submitted to the Program by Participant as well as performance of Participant's obligations under this Agreement.

(b) To the fullest extent permitted by law, WRCOG shall defend, at WRCOG's sole cost and expense, indemnify, protect, and hold harmless Participant, its officers, directors, employees, and agents (collectively the "Participant Indemnified Parties"), from and against any and all liabilities, actions, suits, claims, demands, losses, costs, judgments, arbitration awards, settlements, damages, demands, orders, penalties, and expenses including legal costs and attorney fees (collectively "Claims"), including but not limited to Claims arising from injuries to or death of persons (WRCOG's employees included), for damage to property, including property owned by Participant, or from any violation of any federal, state, or local law or ordinance, alleged to be caused by the negligent acts, omissions or willful misconduct of WRCOG, its officers, directors, employees or agents in connection with or arising out of the administration of the Program and the performance of its obligations under this Agreement. The indemnity obligations outlined in this Section 6(b) shall include any actions brought under the California Environmental Quality Act, the National Environmental Policy Act or other related action to the extent that such actions do not arise out of Participant's breach of this Agreement and/or noncompliance with the Program Manual.

(c) The indemnification and defense obligations of this Agreement shall survive its expiration or termination.

7. Insurance. During the term of this Agreement and for one (1) year thereafter, Participant shall maintain Commercial General Liability insurance. The Commercial General Liability insurance policy limits shall be not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) combined single limit per occurrence for bodily injury, death and property damage liability, and Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) in aggregate. Such insurance shall cover Participant's obligations under this Agreement and the actions of its employees, agents and subcontractors.

All policies shall be written by reputable insurance companies with a Best's policyholder rating of not less than A- VII.

Upon execution of this Agreement, Participant shall provide a Certificate of Insurance evidencing the insurance required herein. In no event shall the limits of any policy be considered as limiting the liability of Participant under this Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Participant may satisfy these requirements through a self-insurance program or participation in a public entity risk-sharing pool, subject to applicable law.”

8. Miscellaneous Terms.

(a) Third Party Rights. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to give any rights or benefits to anyone other than the Participant and WRCOG.

(b) Notice. Any notice or instrument required to be given or delivered by this Agreement may be given or delivered by depositing the same in any United States Post Office, certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, addressed to the following addresses and shall be effective upon receipt thereof:

**WRCOG:**

Western Riverside Council of Governments  
1955 Chicago Avenue, Suite 200  
Riverside, CA 92507  
Attn: Executive Director

**PARTICIPANT:**

City of Banning  
99 E. Ramsey Street  
Banning, CA 92220  
Attn: City Manager

(c) Entire Agreement. This Agreement represents the entire understanding of WRCOG and Participant as to those matters contained herein, and supersedes and cancels any prior or contemporaneous oral or written understanding, promises or representations with respect to those matters covered hereunder. Each Party acknowledges that no representations, inducements, promises, or agreements have been made by any person which are not incorporated herein, and that any other agreements shall be void. This is an integrated Agreement.

(d) Severability. If any provision of this Agreement is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable for any reason, such determination shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining terms and provisions hereof or of the offending provision in any other circumstance, and the remaining provisions of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

(e) Successors and Assigns. This Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the successors in interest, executors, administrators and assigns of each Party to this Agreement. However, Participant shall not assign or transfer by operation of law or otherwise any or all of its rights, burdens, duties or obligations without the prior written consent of WRCOG. Any attempted assignment without such consent shall be invalid and void.

(f) Non-Waiver. The delay or failure of either Party at any time to require performance or compliance by the other Party of any of its obligations or agreements shall in no way be deemed a waiver of those rights to require such performance or compliance. No waiver of any provision of this Agreement shall be effective unless in writing and signed by a duly authorized representative of the Party against whom enforcement of a waiver is sought. The waiver of any right or remedy with respect to any occurrence or event shall not be deemed a waiver of any right or remedy with respect to any other occurrence or event, nor shall any waiver constitute a continuing waiver.

(g) Time of Essence. Time is of the essence for each and every provision of this Agreement.

(h) Governing Law and Venue. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California. Venue shall be in the County of Riverside.

(i) Headings. Paragraphs and subparagraph headings contained in this Agreement are included solely for convenience and are not intended to modify, explain, or to be a full or accurate description of the content thereof and shall not in any way affect the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement.

(j) Amendments. Only a writing executed by all of the Parties hereto or their respective successors and assigns may amend this Agreement.

(k) Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original. All counterparts shall be construed together and shall constitute one single Agreement.

(l) Authority. The persons executing this Agreement on behalf of the Parties hereto warrant that they are duly authorized to execute this Agreement on behalf of said Parties and that by doing so, the Parties hereto are formally bound to the provisions of this Agreement.

(m) Electronic Signature. Each Party acknowledges and agrees that this Agreement may be executed by electronic or digital signature, which shall be considered as an original signature for all purposes and shall have the same force and effect as an original signature.

**[SIGNATURES ON FOLLOWING PAGE]**

**SIGNATURE PAGE FOR VOLUNTARY VMT EXCHANGE PROGRAM  
PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Agreement as of the date first written above.

**WRCOG**

**PARTICIPANT**

**WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNCIL OF CITY OF BANNING  
GOVERNMENTS**

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Interim City Manager

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Best Best & Krieger LLP  
General Counsel

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General Counsel



## Western Riverside Council of Governments WRCOG Executive Committee

### Staff Report

**Subject:** First Amendment to a Professional Services Agreement with Engineering Solutions Services for Grant Management, Project Controls, Data Collection, and Toolkit Development

**Contact:** Taylor York, Program Manager, [tyork@wrcog.us](mailto:tyork@wrcog.us), (951) 405-6751

**Date:** March 2, 2026

#### **Recommended Action(s):**

1. Authorize the Executive Director to execute an updated Professional Services Agreement with Engineering Solutions Services to 1) assign additional scope and associated budget to Engineering Solutions Services, and 2) extend the Agreement's period of performance, in an amount not-to-exceed \$206,096, for a term through December 31, 2027.

#### **Summary:**

In March 2024, WRCOG was awarded approximately \$1.35M in grant funding from the California Air Resources Board (CARB) and the California Energy Commission (CEC) to support zero-emission vehicle and infrastructure deployment in the subregion. Staff identified a need for additional resources to support project administration, and the Executive Committee authorized the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with Engineering Solution Services, Inc. (ESS) on October 6, 2025.

#### **Purpose / WRCOG 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Goal:**

The purpose of this item is to request that the Executive Committee authorize the Executive Director to execute the First Amendment to Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with Engineering Solutions Services to support grant management and project controls for the Western Riverside County Municipal Green Zones project. This item is aligned with WRCOG's 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Goal #5 (Develop projects and programs that improve infrastructure and sustainable development in our subregion).

#### **Discussion:**

#### **Background**

In March 2024, WRCOG was awarded grant funding through the CARB and CEC's Advanced Technology Demonstration and Pilot Program grant (now known as SHIFT). This funding was awarded in partnership with the City of Banning, the City of Moreno Valley, Riverside County Purchasing and Fleet Services, and the Riverside County Transportation and Land Management Agency (Local Partner Agencies).

WRCOG also partnered with the Long Beach Clean Cities Coalition, whose technician training is industry-leading and was developed by the Cerritos College Advanced Transportation and Logistics Center. The funding will support multiple activities, including:

- Acquisition and deployment of Zero Emission Vehicles (ZEV) for agency fleets.
- Acquisition and deployment of supporting electric vehicle charging infrastructure.
- Technical training for partner agency fleets to ensure that this equipment is maintained and can continue to provide value.
- Development of a zero-emission transition toolkit outlining successes, challenges, and best practices related to ZEV deployment, which can be broadly shared to inform other agencies as they undertake ZEV transitions.

WRCOG staff identified a need for additional resources to support the development and execution of project controls, grant management, reporting, invoicing, and other administrative functions. This ensures that grant terms and conditions are adhered to and project requirements are met in a timely manner.

On March 6, 2025, WRCOG released a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for on-call services, seeking responses from firms capable of providing grant management and project controls services. The RFQ indicated that successful candidates may be chosen to support the Municipal Green Zones Project. Following a thorough evaluation, ESS was selected based on its technical capabilities, creative approach, and cost-effectiveness. Under that RFQ, the administrative and project controls scope was awarded to ESS.

### **Present Situation**

This action authorizes an amendment to the existing Professional Services Agreement between WRCOG and ESS to assign additional, previously unawarded scope and associated budget to the ESS and extend the agreement's period of performance.

The additional scope includes the remaining data collection and deployment toolkit development tasks for the Green Zones Pilot Project. This work will involve collecting vehicle and infrastructure performance data, engaging project partners to document operational challenges, successes, and opportunities, and developing a deployment toolkit that captures lessons learned and best practices. The toolkit is intended to serve as a resource for other agencies seeking to improve the deployment and operation of zero-emission vehicles and supporting infrastructure.

ESS brings demonstrated experience supporting data collection, evaluation, and toolkit development for utility and public-sector pilot programs. They have managed and supported pilot projects requiring structured data collection, performance evaluation, and synthesis of lessons learned to inform future deployment decisions, including an Automated Metering Infrastructure (AMI) pilot conducted in partnership with the Coachella Valley Water District. For that effort, ESS supported site selection, established evaluation criteria, coordinated multi-vendor data collection, analyzed operational and performance data, and documented findings for stakeholder review and broader agency dissemination. Across electric vehicle charging, utility infrastructure, and technology demonstration projects, ESS has applied consistent methodologies to collect and evaluate operational data, document implementation challenges and best practices, and translate pilot results into practical guidance and decision-support

tools suitable for replication by other agencies.

The Green Zones Pilot Project has experienced implementation delays driven by vehicle and equipment availability, including extended manufacturer production and delivery timelines that were outside of WRCOG's control. To provide sufficient time for vehicle and infrastructure deployment, operational data collection, and completion of required state and federal reporting, WRCOG staff determined that an extension of the project timeline was necessary. The extension ensures continued compliance with CARB and CEC grant requirements and supports achievement of the project's intended outcomes.

Accordingly, the period of performance is extended through December 31, 2027. The amount of the current contract is not-to-exceed \$88,000, with the proposed amount not-to-exceed amount of \$206,096, reflecting an increase of \$118,096 to complete the additional scope. This funding was included in the approved grant budget and is now being formally assigned through this action.

**Prior Action(s):**

**October 6, 2025:** The Executive Committee authorized the Executive Director to execute a Professional Services Agreement between WRCOG and Engineering Solutions Services for grant management and project controls for the Western Riverside Municipal Green Zones Project, in an amount not-to-exceed \$88,000, for a term through March 15, 2027.

**October 7, 2024:** The Executive Committee authorized the Executive Director to 1) execute the Advanced Technology Demonstration and Pilot Program Grant Agreement between WRCOG and the California Air Resources Board; 2) execute the Advanced Technology Demonstration and Pilot Program Grant Agreement between WRCOG and the California Energy Commission; and 3) execute agreements with the City of Banning, the City of Moreno Valley, Riverside County Purchasing and Fleet Services, and the Riverside County Transportation and Land Management Agency to provide a portion of the grant funding.

**Financial Summary:**

Activities related to this item are included in the Agency's Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Budget under the Clean Cities Fund (Fund 120). Since this is a multi-year grant, any unspent funds will be programmed into the Fiscal Year 2026/2027 budget.

**Attachment(s):**

[Attachment 1 - First Amendment to Professional Services Agreement - ESS Green Zones.pdf](#)

**FIRST AMENDMENT TO  
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN  
WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
AND  
ENGINEERING SOLUTIONS SERVICES, INC**

**1. PARTIES AND DATE.**

This First Amendment is made and entered into on \_\_\_\_\_ by and between the Western Riverside Council of Governments, a California public agency (“WRCOG”), and **Engineering Solutions Services, Inc.** (“Consultant”). WRCOG and Consultant are sometimes individually referred to as “Party” and collectively as “Parties.”

**2. RECITALS.**

**2.1 Master Agreement.**

WRCOG and Consultant have entered into that certain Professional Services Agreement dated November 5, 2025 (“Master Agreement”).

**2.2 First Amendment.**

WRCOG and Consultant desire to enter into this First Amendment for the purposes of expanding scope of services, expanding term of agreement, and increasing compensation for professional services as it pertains to the Western Riverside County Municipal Green Zones Project (“Project”).

**3. TERMS.**

**3.1 Extension of Scope and Term.**

Exhibit “A” Scope of Services in the Master Agreement is hereby replaced with the attached Exhibit “A” Amended Scope of Services.”

Section 3.1.1 of the Master Agreement is hereby deleted and replaced as follows:

“Consultant promises and agrees to furnish to WRCOG all labor, materials, tools, equipment, services, and incidental and customary work necessary to fully and adequately supply grant management and project controls services necessary for the Project (“Services”). The Services are more particularly described in **Exhibit “A” Amended Scope of Services** attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. All Services shall be subject to, and performed in accordance with, this Agreement, the exhibits attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, and all applicable local, state and federal laws, rules and regulations.”

Section 3.1.2 of the Master Agreement is hereby deleted and replaced as follows:

“The term of this Agreement shall be from **November 5, 2025 to December 31, 2027**, unless earlier terminated as provided herein. Consultant shall complete the Services within the term of this Agreement and shall meet any other established schedules and deadlines.”

**3.2 Additional Compensation.**

Section 3.3.1 of the Master Agreement is hereby deleted and replaced as follows:

“Consultant shall receive compensation, including authorized reimbursements, for all Services rendered under this Agreement at the rates set forth in Exhibit ”B” attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. The total compensation shall not exceed **\$206,096** without written approval from WRCOG. Extra Work may be authorized, as described below, and, if authorized, said Extra Work will be compensated at the rates and manner set forth in this Agreement.”

**3.3 Continuation of Existing Provisions.**

Except as amended by this First Amendment, all provisions of the Master Agreement, including without limitation the indemnity and insurance provisions, shall remain in full force and effect and shall govern the actions of the Parties under this First Amendment.

**3.4 Counterparts.**

This First Amendment may be executed in duplicate originals, each of which is deemed to be an original, but when taken together shall constitute one instrument.

**3.5 Electronic Delivery of Amendment; Electronic Signatures.**

A manually signed copy of this First Amendment which is transmitted by facsimile, email or other means of electronic transmission shall be deemed to have the same legal effect as delivery of an original executed copy of this First Amendment for all purposes. This First Amendment may be signed using an electronic signature.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereby have made and executed this Agreement as of the date first written above.

WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNCIL  
OF GOVERNMENTS

ENGINEERING SOLUTIONS SERVICES

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chris Gray  
Deputy Executive Director

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sudi Shoja  
Principal

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
General Counsel  
Best Best & Krieger LLP



# Western Riverside Council of Governments

## WRCOG Executive Committee

### Staff Report

**Subject:** Approval of Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Budget Amendment  
**Contact:** Andrew Ruiz, Chief Financial Officer, [aruiz@wrcog.us](mailto:aruiz@wrcog.us), (951) 405-6741  
**Date:** March 2, 2026

#### **Recommended Action(s):**

1. Approve the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Budget Amendment.

#### **Summary:**

The mid-year budget review identified seven areas with revenue or expenditure levels different from the adopted levels, primarily due to lower-than-expected activity in the Inland Regional Energy Network (I-REN) Program, as well as the TUMF Program. To ensure the budget accurately reflects our most current estimates of revenues and expenditures, a series of budget amendments are recommended.

The combined revenue decreases equal \$2,925,721 and the combined expenditure decreases equal \$2,656,724 for a net decrease in revenues of \$268,997.

#### **Purpose / WRCOG 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Goal:**

The purpose of this item is to provide information regarding WRCOG's mid-year financial analysis and to request approval of a budget amendment. This effort aligns with WRCOG's 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Goal #3 (Ensure fiscal solvency and stability of the Western Riverside Council of Governments).

#### **Discussion:**

#### **Background**

The WRCOG annual budget is adopted prior to the start of each fiscal year. It reflects the anticipated revenue and spending levels of each fund based on information known at the time. Throughout the year, staff tracks actual revenues and expenditures and compares them to the levels projected when the budget was adopted. The mid-year budget amendment process reflects updated assumptions for each fund and program.

#### **Present Situation**

Information from seven programs for which there are applicable changes are described in detail below. Attachment #1 provides a detailed summary of the budget adjustments for those funds for which a change is warranted. Attachment #2 documents current positions authorized in the FY 2025/2026

Budget. Attachment #3 indicates potential changes to these positions with the addition of new positions and the elimination of an existing position.

**1. I-REN:** The I-REN Program is fully funded by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) with a six-year allocation totaling \$65.6 million. Each fiscal year, a portion of this funding is budgeted, with unspent balances carried forward over the six-year Program period.

For Fiscal Year 2025/2026, the I-REN Program budget totaled approximately \$12.9 million across three sectors: (1) Public Sector, (2) Workforce, Education & Training, and (3) Codes & Standards. Through December 2025, approximately \$3.2 million in expenditures have been incurred. While the overall rate of spending has increased as the Program continues to mature, at approximately 20% higher than the same period last year (July – December), projected expenditures in several budget categories are anticipated to be \$1,864,428 below the current fiscal year budget.

Since the inception of the Program's funding cycle in 2022, I-REN has expended approximately \$22 million of its total \$65.6 million allocation. Any deferred funds must be fully expended by 2027.

A key challenge in fully utilizing the Program's allocated funding has been internal staffing capacity. Over the past two years, three analyst-level positions have remained vacant; however, staff have recently received direction to proceed with filling these positions, which is expected to enhance support for I-REN member agencies and improve Program implementation. In addition, a need has been identified for a Program Manager position within the Public Sector, which represents I-REN's largest program area. Attachment #3 shows the proposed additions to the organizational chart reflecting the addition of the new I-REN Program Manager.

**2. Administration:** The Administration Department will experience several budget changes. First, as a result of the sublease of Citrus Towers, WRCOG's former office space, the Administration budget will realize approximately \$262,000 in savings for the remainder of the fiscal year. The sublease offsets approximately 75% of WRCOG's remaining lease obligation. Next, due to unforeseen circumstances, a budget amendment of approximately \$302,000 is required to increase legal and consulting expenditures.

Another significant change to the Administration budget is a proposed reorganization of the Agency's Administrative Services structure. Staff recommends eliminating the Administrative Services Director position and replacing it with a Program Manager to oversee core human resources functions, along with the addition of an Analyst position to centralize and manage WRCOG's contracts and procurement activities. While the need for a dedicated HR function is straightforward, the Contracts Management Analyst position is driven by workload, complexity, and risk management considerations.

The Contracts Management Analyst would centralize contract and procurement functions, ensure consistency and compliance, coordinate Requests for Proposals, manage contract tracking, renewals, and amendments, and provide a stronger internal review prior to legal counsel review. This position does not replace legal oversight but is intended support more efficient use of legal services. It is also recommended that this position oversee insurance policies, as insurance coverage is closely tied to contractual risk and vendor requirements. Attachment #3 shows the proposed additions to the organizational chart reflecting the addition of the new Human Resources and Contracts positions.

Overall, expenditures in certain Administration budget line items will increase by approximately \$332,000, with corresponding decreases in other line items of the same amount, resulting in no net

increase to the Administration budget.

Lastly, due to the Federal Reserve maintaining interest rates more steadily than originally anticipated, an additional \$10,000 in interest revenue is expected, resulting in a net increase in revenues of \$10,000.

**3. Chicago Building:** Earlier this fiscal year, a \$1.9 million budget amendment was approved for capital expenditures related to WRCOG's new office building. These funds were primarily intended to support the second-floor construction and redesign, the buildout of the unfinished first-floor shell, and an LED lighting retrofit throughout the building.

Staff is recommending deferring the first-floor buildout, implementing targeted energy-efficiency improvements, and focusing capital efforts on completing the second floor that WRCOG will ultimately occupy.

At this time, staff is bringing forward a budget amendment to reduce the previously approved capital expenditures by \$500,000. It is anticipated that the full remaining balance of the original \$1.9 million authorization will not be fully expended.

**4. Clean Cities:** As part of the development of the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 budget, four funding sources were identified for the Clean Cities program: 1) member dues, 2) federal funding through the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), 3) grant funding from the California Air Resources Board (CARB), and 4) state funding through the Clean Mobility Options (CMO) Program.

Staff has since re-evaluated these funding sources and anticipates a reduction of approximately \$404,000 from these funding sources. The majority of this reduction relates to CARB grant funding that is treated as a passthrough expense to support member agencies in the purchase of clean air vehicles. All funding reductions associated with the CARB and CMO grants will be rolled forward into Fiscal Year 2026/2027.

Member dues are also projected to decrease due to one member agency electing not to participate in the Clean Cities Program for the fiscal year. With respect to federal funding, it was initially anticipated, following budget adoption, that no DOE funding would be received; however, funding has recently been restored. Staff now anticipates receiving approximately 75% of the originally budgeted federal amount.

Lastly, funding for the Inland Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Forum was not included in the originally adopted budget, and an additional \$28,000 in revenue will be added to the Clean Cities budget.

Overall, for Fiscal Year 2025/2026, revenues are anticipated to decrease by approximately \$376,000, with a corresponding reduction in expenditures of approximately \$300,000.

**5. TUMF:** The Transportation Uniform Mitigation Fee (TUMF) Program originally projected total fee collections of approximately \$77.5 million for Fiscal Year 2025/2026, based on development activity assumptions in place at the time the budget was prepared. However, actual collections during the first six months of the fiscal year total approximately \$20 million, which is materially below projections and indicates a significant slowdown in residential and commercial development activity within the region. Based on year-to-date performance and updated market conditions, staff anticipates that total TUMF collections for the fiscal year will be approximately \$48 million, requiring a downward revision to the adopted revenue assumptions.

The slowdown in development activity appears to be driven by a combination of factors including elevated interest rates, reduced project financing feasibility, availability of workers, construction cost pressures, and housing affordability constraints. Higher borrowing costs have increased the cost of capital for developers and homebuyers alike, resulting in project delays, reduced housing starts, and fewer building permits. Together, these conditions have reduced the pace at which development applications are moving forward, directly impacting TUMF fee collections.

Under the revised projection of \$48 million in total TUMF collections, WRCOG's administrative revenue, equal to 4% of total TUMF receipts, with the remaining 96% treated as pass-through funds, is now estimated at approximately \$1.9 million. This represents a reduction of approximately \$1.2 million compared to the revenues assumed in the originally adopted budget.

While this revenue decrease is significant, it is partially mitigated by the fact that, at the time the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 budget was adopted, there was an estimated \$700,000 positive variance between revenues and expenditures, which provided a measure of budgetary cushion. In addition, staff has identified expenditure reductions totaling approximately \$478,000 across multiple line items to further align spending with revised revenue expectations. In summary, revised revenues are now approximately \$1.9 million against anticipated expenditures of approximately \$1.9 million, representing a balanced budget in the TUMF Program.

**6. TUMF Project Management:** As part of this budget amendment, staff is adding a new program related to the Transportation Uniform Mitigation Fee (TUMF) Program. While the TUMF Program currently utilizes 4% of total TUMF collections to fund general administrative costs, WRCOG has worked with its respective TUMF Zones to establish an additional, programmatic approach to supporting Zone-specific transportation project delivery.

This new program provides a mechanism for staff to perform direct project management and implementation support for transportation projects that have been formally approved by the individual Zones. Funding for this work will be provided by the respective Zones and will be paid by Fund 220, the TUMF Fiduciary Fund, rather than through the existing administrative fee.

By utilizing Zone-specific TUMF funds to support this work, the program ensures that project management costs are directly aligned with and attributable to the benefiting projects, while preserving the integrity of the 4% administrative allocation. This approach provides greater transparency, improves project delivery capacity, and allows Zones to leverage WRCOG staff expertise in advancing approved transportation improvements.

**7. Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) 2.0:** In January 2024, Governor Newsom released the State budget proposal, which included proposed reductions to several housing-related programs, including REAP 2.0. Due to this uncertainty, REAP 2.0 funding was not included in the Fiscal Year 2024/2025 adopted budget. Subsequently, the State restored REAP 2.0 funding, and WRCOG brought forward a budget amendment in Fiscal Year 2024/2025 reflecting the anticipated program expenditures.

At fiscal year-end, approximately \$373,000 in REAP funds remained unspent. These funds are being carried forward into the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 budget to support program activities and ensure full utilization of the remaining allocation within the required expenditure timeframe.

In total, the proposed amendment package includes a decrease of \$684,843 in revenues and \$492,722 in expenditures in WRCOG's General Fund (110). The package also reflects a decrease of \$376,451 in revenues and \$299,574 in expenditures in the Clean Cities Fund (120). Additionally, the I-REN Fund (180) will experience a decrease of \$1,864,428 in both revenues and expenditures. Overall, the proposed amendments result in a combined reduction of \$2,925,721 in Agency revenues and \$2,656,724 in expenditures, for a net decrease in revenues of \$268,997.

This Budget Amendment also results in the addition of three new positions (two Manager positions and one Analyst position) concurrent with the elimination of one position (Administrative Services Director).

**Prior Action(s):**

**February 11, 2026:** The Administration & Finance Committee recommended that the Executive Committee approve the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Budget Amendment.

**Financial Summary:**

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**Attachment(s):**

[Attachment 1 - Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Budget Amendment.pdf](#)

[Attachment 2 - Org chart as of November 2025.pdf](#)

[Attachment 3 - Proposed Org Chart.pdf](#)

# Attachment

WRCOG Fiscal Year  
2025/2026 Mid Year Budget  
Amendment

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Fund	Dept	Account	Project	Location	Description	Actual	FY 26 Budget	Variance	Amendment	New Budget
<b>Administration</b>										
<b>Revenues</b>										
110	12	40001	0000	0000	Member Dues	\$ 545,821	\$ 545,821	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 545,821
110	12	49001	0000	0000	Interest Revenue - Other	44,628	150,000	105,372	10,000	160,000
110	12	97001	0000	0000	Operating Transfer Out	466,872	1,139,060	672,188	-	1,139,060
<b>Total Revenues</b>						<b>\$ 1,057,321</b>	<b>\$ 1,834,881</b>	<b>\$ 777,560</b>	<b>\$ 10,000</b>	<b>\$ 1,844,881</b>
<b>Expenses</b>										
110	12	60001	0000	0000	Salaries & Wages - Fulltime	\$ 228,409	\$ 449,203	\$ 220,794	\$ (22,347)	\$ 426,856
110	12	61000	0000	0000	Fringe Benefits	326,686	217,499	(109,187)	6,109	223,608
110	12	65101	0000	0000	General Legal Services	131,536	80,000	(51,536)	220,895	300,895
110	12	65507	0000	0000	Commissioners Per Diem	25,500	55,000	29,500	-	55,000
110	12	7XXXX	0000/4300	0000	Citrus Towers - Office Lease/Bldg Maint/Parking	160,703	471,800	311,097	(262,462)	209,338
110	12	73004	0000	0000	WRCOG Auto Maintenance Expense	-	5,000	5,000	(4,000)	1,000
110	12	73104	0000	0000	Staff Recognition	1,608	4,000	2,392	-	4,000
110	12	73107	0000	0000	Event Support	1,864	3,000	1,136	-	3,000
110	12	73108	0000	0000	Program/Office Supplies	10,239	12,650	2,411	-	12,650
110	12	73109	0000	0000	Computer Equipment/Supplies	8,599	18,000	9,401	(6,000)	12,000
110	12	73110	0000	0000	Computer Software	43,925	41,425	(2,500)	3,500	44,925
110	12	73111	0000	0000	Rent/Lease Equipment	4,842	16,000	11,158	(2,000)	14,000
110	12	73113	0000	0000	Membership Dues	599	-	(599)	1,000	1,000
110	12	73114	0000	0000	Subscription/Publications	14,689	10,000	(4,689)	6,000	16,000
110	12	73115	0000	0000	Meeting Support Services	601	200	(401)	2,500	2,700
110	12	73116	0000	0000	Postage	2,036	2,500	464	3,500	6,000
110	12	73120	0000	0000	Printing Services	11,898	5,000	(6,898)	8,000	13,000
110	12	73200	0000	0000	Communications - Regular & Cell Phones/Computer Services	16,376	47,000	30,624	(12,000)	35,000
110	12	73301	0000	0000	Equipment Maintenance - General	-	1,500	1,500	(1,500)	-
110	12	73405	0000	0000	Insurance - Gen/Busi Liab/Auto	117,442	122,844	5,402	-	122,844
110	12	73601	0000	0000	Seminars/Conferences	869	11,700	10,831	(6,000)	5,700
110	12	73610	0000	0000	Travel	5,355	25,427	20,072	(10,000)	15,427
110	12	73650	0000	0000	Training	5,745	17,750	12,005	(6,000)	11,750
110	12	85101	0000	0000	Consulting Labor	161,944	216,500	54,556	80,805	297,305
<b>Total Expenses</b>						<b>\$ 1,281,467</b>	<b>\$ 1,833,998</b>	<b>\$ 552,531</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1,833,998</b>

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<b>Chicago Building</b>										
<b>Revenues</b>										
110	12	41500	4300	0000	Tenant Rental Income	\$ 180,997	\$ 437,655	\$ 256,658	\$ -	\$ 437,655
<b>Total Revenues</b>						<b>\$ 180,997</b>	<b>\$ 437,655</b>	<b>\$ 256,658</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 437,655</b>
<b>Expenses</b>										
110	12	65101	4300	0000	General Legal Services	\$ 4,162	\$ 10,000	\$ 5,837	\$ -	\$ 10,000
110	12	65505	4300	0000	Bank Fees	61	146	85	-	146
110	12	70001	4300	0000	Utilities	27,294	65,573	38,278	-	65,573
110	12	73108	4300	0000	Program/Office Supplies	1,198	2,878	1,680	-	2,878
110	12	73113	4300	0000	Membership Dues	49,072	117,891	68,819	-	117,891
110	12	73405	4300	0000	Insurance - Gen/Busi Liab/Auto	38,416	92,290	53,875	-	92,290
110	12	73805	4300	0000	Chicago Building Expenses	2,950	7,087	4,137	-	7,087
110	12	85101	4300	0000	Consulting Labor	30,634	73,595	42,961	-	73,595
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110	12	90501/90802	4300	0000	Office/Building Improvements	172,932	1,900,000	1,727,068	(500,000)	1,400,000
<b>Total Expenses</b>						<b>\$ 326,719</b>	<b>\$ 2,269,460</b>	<b>\$ 1,942,741</b>	<b>\$ (500,000)</b>	<b>\$ 1,769,460</b>

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<b>Clean Cities</b>										
<b>Revenues</b>										
120	80	41402	1010	OXXX	Air Quality - Other Reimburse	\$ 174,240	\$ 1,504,240	\$ 1,330,000	\$ (376,451)	\$ 1,127,789
<b>Total Revenues</b>						<b>\$ 174,240</b>	<b>\$ 1,504,240</b>	<b>\$ 1,330,000</b>	<b>\$ (376,451)</b>	<b>\$ 1,127,789</b>
<b>Expenses</b>										
120	80	60001	1010	OXXX	Salaries & Wages - Fulltime	\$ 91,711	\$ 181,831	\$ 90,120	\$ -	\$ 181,831
120	80	61000	1010	OXXX	Fringe Benefits	50,303	94,104	43,801	-	94,104
120	80	63000	1010	OXXX	Overhead Allocation	49,648	96,467	46,819	-	96,467
120	80	65101	1010	OXXX	General Legal Services	766	1,500	734	-	1,500
120	80	73107	1010	OXXX	Event Support	25,926	9,000	(16,926)	16,926	25,926
120	80	73204	1010	OXXX	Communications - Cellular Phones	196	600	404	-	600
120	80	73404	1010	OXXX	Grant Reimbursement	-	1,030,000	1,030,000	(257,500)	772,500
120	80	73610	1010	OXXX	Travel	-	6,000	6,000	(5,000)	1,000
120	80	85101	1010	OXXX	Consulting Labor	-	84,000	84,000	(54,000)	30,000
<b>Total Expenses</b>						<b>\$ 218,551</b>	<b>\$ 1,503,502</b>	<b>\$ 1,284,951</b>	<b>\$ (299,574)</b>	<b>\$ 1,203,928</b>

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<b>Inland Regional Energy Network - Public Sector</b>										
<b>Revenues</b>										
180	67	41480	2080	71XX	IREN - Public Sector	\$ 2,190,160	\$ 7,496,501	\$ 5,306,341	\$ (41,547)	\$ 7,454,954
<b>Total Revenues</b>						<b>\$ 2,190,160</b>	<b>\$ 7,496,501</b>	<b>\$ 5,306,341</b>	<b>\$ (41,547)</b>	<b>\$ 7,454,954</b>
<b>Expenses</b>										
180	67	60001	2080	71XX	Salaries & Wages - Fulltime	\$ 336,298	\$ 853,752	\$ 517,454	\$ (132,549)	\$ 721,203
180	67	61000	2080	71XX	Fringe Benefits	147,791	365,857	218,066	(40,701)	325,156
180	67	63000	2080	71XX	Overhead Allocation	245,336	637,894	392,558	(107,599)	530,295
180	67	65101	2080	71XX	General Legal Services	2,681	10,000	7,319	-	10,000
180	67	73107	2080	71XX	Event Support	106,475	75,000	(31,475)	35,000	110,000
180	67	73113	2080	71XX	Membership Dues	17,655	5,000	(12,655)	40,000	45,000
180	67	73117	2080	71XX	Other Household Exp	255	-	(255)	500	500
180	67	73204	2080	71XX	Communications - Cellular Phones	643	5,000	4,357	(1,500)	3,500
180	67	73601	2080	71XX	Seminars/Conferences	250	5,000	4,750	-	5,000
180	67	73610	2080	71XX	Travel	4,364	19,000	14,636	(4,000)	15,000
180	67	73703	2080	71XX	Supplies/Materials	153	10,000	9,847	5,000	15,000
180	67	85100	2080	71XX	Direct Costs	-	360,000	360,000	-	360,000
180	67	85101	2080	71XX	Consulting Labor	1,252,759	4,549,998	3,297,239	164,302	4,714,300
180	67	85182	2080	71XX	COG REN Reimbursement	75,501	600,000	524,499	-	600,000
<b>Total Expenses</b>						<b>\$ 2,190,160</b>	<b>\$ 7,496,501</b>	<b>\$ 5,306,341</b>	<b>\$ (41,547)</b>	<b>\$ 7,454,954</b>

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<b>Inland Regional Energy Network - Workforce Education and Training</b>										
<b>Revenues</b>										
180	67	41480	2080	72XX	IREN - Workforce Education and Training	\$ 699,393	\$ 3,898,752	\$ 3,199,359	\$ (1,360,467)	\$ 2,538,285
<b>Total Revenues</b>						<b>\$ 699,393</b>	<b>\$ 3,898,752</b>	<b>\$ 3,199,359</b>	<b>\$ (1,360,467)</b>	<b>\$ 2,538,285</b>
<b>Expenses</b>										
180	67	60001	2080	72XX	Salaries & Wages - Fulltime	63,120	\$ 146,039	\$ 82,919	\$ (14,501)	\$ 131,538
180	67	61000	2080	72XX	Fringe Benefits	33,175	66,669	33,494	(1,967)	64,702
180	67	63000	2080	72XX	Overhead Allocation	48,802	111,253	62,451	(11,799)	99,454
180	67	65101	2080	72XX	General Legal Services	2,681	10,000	7,319	-	10,000
180	67	73107	2080	72XX	Event Support	21,270	50,000	28,730	(22,500)	27,500
180	67	73113	2080	72XX	Membership Dues	5,583	202,000	196,417	(102,000)	100,000
180	67	73601	2080	72XX	Seminars/Conferences	2,135	5,000	2,865	-	5,000
180	67	73610	2080	72XX	Travel	3,335	5,200	1,865	-	5,200
180	67	73650	2080	72XX	Training	-	65,000	65,000	(35,000)	30,000
180	67	73703	2080	72XX	Supplies/Materials	286	7,000	6,714	8,000	15,000
180	67	85101	2080	72XX	Consulting Labor	430,422	2,980,591	2,550,169	(1,180,700)	1,799,891
180	67	85182	2080	72XX	COG REN Reimbursement	88,584	250,000	161,416	-	250,000
<b>Total Expenses</b>						<b>\$ 699,393</b>	<b>\$ 3,898,752</b>	<b>\$ 3,199,359</b>	<b>\$ (1,360,467)</b>	<b>\$ 2,538,285</b>

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<b>Inland Regional Energy Network - Codes and Standards</b>										
<b>Revenues</b>										
180	67	41480	2080	73XX	IREN - Codes and Standards	\$ 332,471	\$ 1,377,962	\$ 1,045,491	\$ (462,413)	\$ 915,549
<b>Total Revenues</b>						<b>\$ 332,471</b>	<b>\$ 1,377,962</b>	<b>\$ 1,045,491</b>	<b>\$ (462,413)</b>	<b>\$ 915,549</b>
<b>Expenses</b>										
180	67	60001	2080	73XX	Salaries & Wages - Fulltime	\$ 39,315	\$ 99,967	\$ 60,652	\$ (14,753)	\$ 85,214
180	67	61000	2080	73XX	Fringe Benefits	17,090	42,011	24,921	(3,771)	38,240
180	67	63000	2080	73XX	Overhead Allocation	28,586	74,259	45,673	(11,692)	62,567
180	67	65101	2080	73XX	General Legal Services	2,681	10,000	7,319	-	10,000
180	67	73107	2080	73XX	Event Support	18,250	-	(18,250)	20,000	20,000
180	67	73113	2080	73XX	Membership Dues	583	-	(583)	45,000	45,000
180	67	73610	2080	73XX	Travel	-	500	500	500	1,000
180	67	73703	2080	73XX	Supplies/Materials	153	4,000	3,847	11,000	15,000
180	67	85101	2080	73XX	Consulting Labor	209,619	1,097,225	887,606	(508,697)	588,528
180	67	85182	2080	73XX	COG REN Reimbursement	16,195	50,000	33,805	-	50,000
<b>Total Expenses</b>						<b>\$ 332,471</b>	<b>\$ 1,377,962</b>	<b>\$ 1,045,491</b>	<b>\$ (462,413)</b>	<b>\$ 915,549</b>

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<b>TUMF</b>										
<b>Revenues</b>										
110	65	4300X	1148	0000	TUMF Admin Revenue	\$ 651,276	\$ 3,100,000	\$ 2,448,724	\$ (1,180,000)	\$ 1,920,000
110	65	43027	1148	0000	Beaumont TUMF Settlement Revenue	4,670	50,000	45,330	-	50,000
<b>Total Revenues</b>						<b>\$ 655,946</b>	<b>\$ 3,150,000</b>	<b>\$ 2,494,054</b>	<b>\$ (1,180,000)</b>	<b>\$ 1,970,000</b>
<b>Expenses</b>										
110	65	60001	1148	0000	Salaries & Wages Fulltime	\$ 227,478	\$ 680,560	\$ 453,082	\$ (108,705)	\$ 571,855
110	65	61000	1148	0000	Fringe Benefits	103,449	283,381	179,932	(17,174)	266,207
110	65	63000	1148	0000	Overhead Allocation	200,660	481,585	280,925	-	481,585
110	65	65101	1148	0000	General Legal Services	20,988	75,000	54,012	(30,000)	45,000
110	65	65505	1148	0000	Bank Fees	77	250	174	-	250
110	65	73102	1148	0000	Parking Validations	-	500	500	(500)	-
110	65	73108	1148	0000	Program/Office Supplies	263	1,500	1,237	-	1,500
110	65	73109	1148	0000	Computer Supplies	-	2,500	2,500	(2,500)	-
110	65	73110	1148	0000	Computer Software	113,468	125,000	11,532	3,500	128,500
110	65	73113	1148	0000	Membership Dues	-	1,500	1,500	-	1,500
110	65	73114	1148	0000	Subscriptions/Publications	-	250	250	-	250
110	65	73116	1148	0000	POSTAGE	-	50	50	-	50
110	65	73204	1148	0000	Communications - Cellular Phones	427	3,000	2,573	(1,000)	2,000
110	65	73302	1148	0000	Equipment Maintenance	-	1,500	1,500	(1,500)	-
110	65	73405	1148	0000	Insurance - Gen/Busi Liab/Auto	-	3,000	3,000	(3,000)	-
110	65	73601	1148	0000	Seminar/Conferences	1,870	20,000	18,130	(10,000)	10,000
110	65	73610	1148	0000	Travel	3,736	15,000	11,264	(7,000)	8,000
110	65	85101	1148	0000	Outside Consultants	225,847	700,000	474,153	(300,000)	400,000
<b>Total Expenses</b>						<b>\$ 898,264</b>	<b>\$ 2,394,576</b>	<b>\$ 1,496,312</b>	<b>\$ (477,879)</b>	<b>\$ 1,916,697</b>

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Fund	Dept	Account	Project	Location	Description	Actual	FY 26 Budget	Variance	Amendment	New Budget
<b>TUMF Project Management</b>										
<b>Revenues</b>										
110	65	4300X	1248	0000	TUMF Admin Revenue	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 112,381	\$ 112,381
<b>Total Revenues</b>						<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 112,381</b>	<b>\$ 112,381</b>
<b>Expenses</b>										
110	65	60001	1248	0000	Salaries & Wages Fulltime	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,625	\$ 5,625
110	65	61000	1248	0000	Fringe Benefits	-	-	-	2,592	2,592
110	65	63000	1248	0000	Overhead Allocation	-	-	-	4,164	4,164
100	65	85101	1248	0000	Outside Consultants	-	-	-	100,000	100,000
<b>Total Expenses</b>						<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 112,381</b>	<b>\$ 112,381</b>

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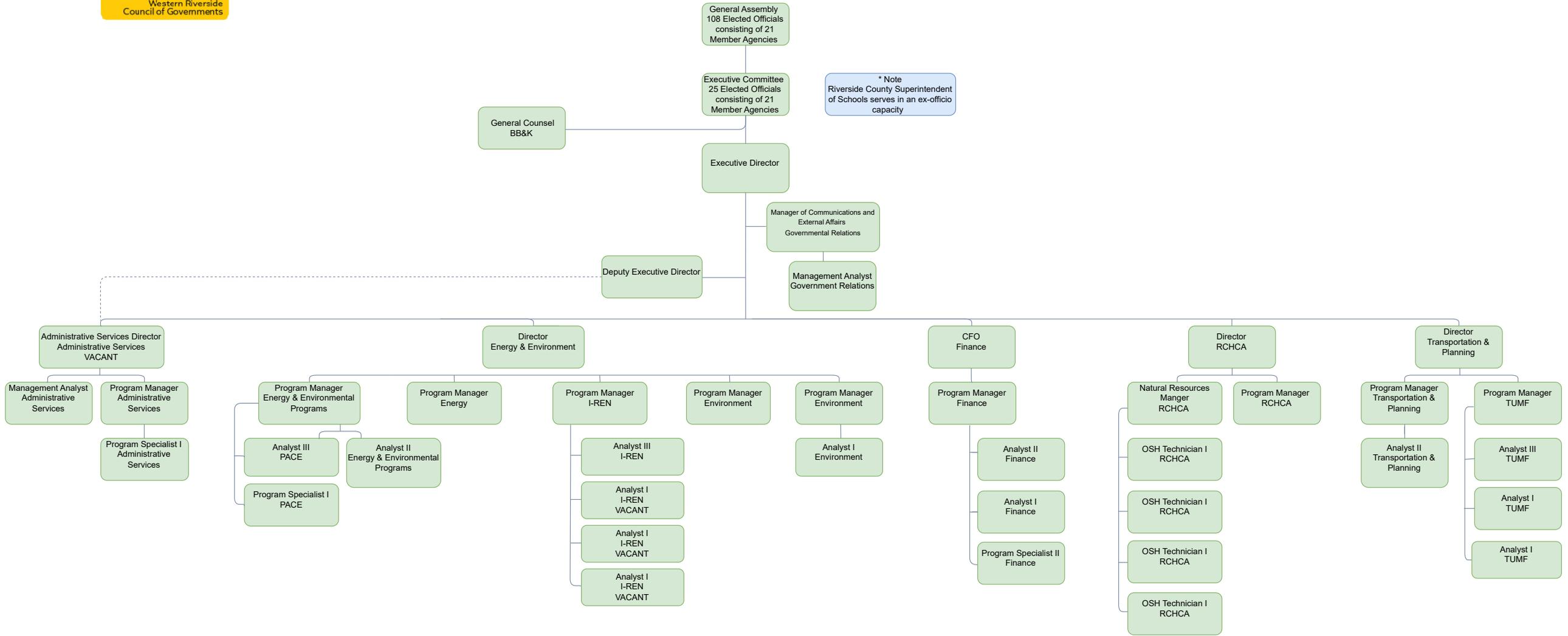
Fund	Dept	Account	Project	Location	Description	Actual	FY 26 Budget	Variance	Amendment	New Budget
<b>Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) 2.0</b>										
<b>Revenues</b>										
110	65	41606	2036	0000	REAP Revenue	\$ 431,378	\$ 1,176,929	\$ 745,551	\$ 372,776	\$ 1,549,705
<b>Total Revenues</b>						<b>\$ 431,378</b>	<b>\$ 1,176,929</b>	<b>\$ 745,551</b>	<b>\$ 372,776</b>	<b>\$ 1,549,705</b>
<b>Expenses</b>										
110	65	60001	2236	0000	Salaries & Wages - Fulltime	\$ 70,700	\$ 158,570	\$ 87,871	\$ 3,794	\$ 162,365
110	65	61000	2236	0000	Fringe Benefits	30,486	70,548	40,062	19,020	89,568
110	65	63000	2236	0000	Overhead Allocation	51,281	114,468	63,187	11,397	125,865
110	65	65101	2236	0000	General Legal Services	536	5,000	4,464	1,744	6,744
110	65	85101	2236	0000	Consulting Labor	278,374	828,343	549,969	336,820	1,165,163
<b>Total Expenses</b>						<b>\$ 431,378</b>	<b>\$ 1,176,929</b>	<b>\$ 745,551</b>	<b>\$ 372,776</b>	<b>\$ 1,549,705</b>

**Summary**

General Fund (110) Revenue Increase (Decrease)	\$ (684,843)
General Fund (110) Expenditure Increase (Decrease)	\$ (492,722)
Clean Cities Fund (120) Revenue Increase (Decrease)	\$ (376,451)
Clean Cities Fund (120) Expenditure Increase (Decrease)	\$ (299,574)
I-REN Fund (180) Revenue Increase (Decrease)	\$ (1,864,428)
I-REN Fund (180) Expenditure Increase (Decrease)	\$ (1,864,428)
Total Agency Revenue Increase (Decrease)	\$ (2,925,721)
Total Agency Expenditure Increase (Decrease)	\$ (2,656,724)

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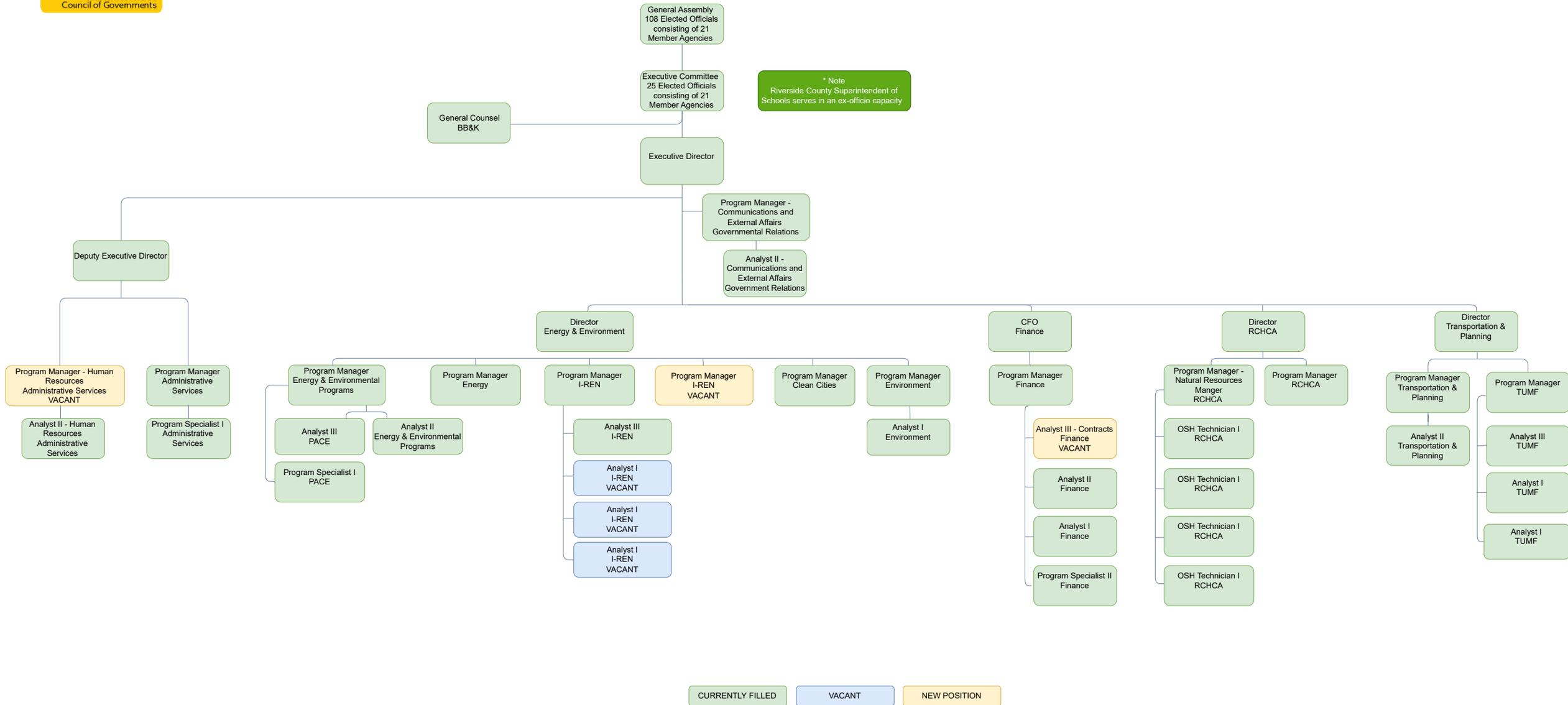
Agency Organizational Chart  
as of November 2025



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 Organizational Chart by Name  
 Effective November 10, 2025

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## Proposed Agency Organizational Chart





# Western Riverside Council of Governments WRCOG Executive Committee

## Staff Report

**Subject:** WRCOG Project Management of Transportation Studies  
**Contact:** Christopher Tzeng, Program Manager, [ctzeng@wrcog.us](mailto:ctzeng@wrcog.us), (951) 405-6711  
**Date:** March 2, 2026

### **Recommended Action(s):**

1. Receive and file.

### **Summary:**

WRCOG is providing project management services to WRCOG member agencies on two studies: 1) Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Feasibility Analysis for the Pass Area Jurisdictions; and 2) Pilot Transportation Study for Southwest Jurisdictions. The services provided by WRCOG will help the Studies plan and execute efficiently by defining the scope, timelines, budgets and deliverables. WRCOG will coordinate with the jurisdictions, manage resources, and ensure clear communication throughout both Studies. Both of these Studies are being funded through allocations from their respective TUMF Zone.

### **Purpose / WRCOG 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Goal:**

The purpose of this item is to provide an information on project management services that WRCOG is providing on transportation studies for member agencies. This effort aligns with WRCOG's 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Goal #5 (Develop projects and programs that improve infrastructure and sustainable development in our subregion).

### **Discussion:**

### **Background**

Requests by member agencies have been made for WRCOG to spearhead and provide project management on two transportation studies. The goal of the services is to provide resources and structure to the studies so that they may be concluded on time and within budget. Both of these studies are being funded through allocations from their respective TUMF Zone. The two studies are generally described below.

**Pass Area ITS Feasibility Analysis:** WRCOG has initiated a study of potential ITS implementation in the Pass Area (Cities of Banning, Beaumont and Calimesa). The Pass area is geographically limited and not directly connected to the other areas of the WRCOG subregion. RCTC has been looking at options

for ramp metering in the Pass area along I-10 as a way to improve freeway operations in the near-term. Additionally, there were requests made to analyze options of concurrent implementation of an ITS system for the arterials for jurisdictions in the Pass area. Any implementation of an ITS system on the arterials would be a complimentary effort to the ramp metering efforts on the I-10. This analysis has recently kicked off and is estimated to be completed in the fall of 2026.

Pilot Transportation Study for Southwest TUMF Zone: WRCOG has participated in discussions with the jurisdictions in the Southwest TUMF Zone for different methods to resolve vehicular congestion in that area. As a result of these discussions, WRCOG will manage a pilot project study to find more efficient methods for congestion relieving projects in the Southwest TUMF Zone. The Study seeks to deliver a creative, results-driven analysis in order to deliver recommendations on feasible, near-term solutions for improving traffic congestion at 8 - 10 areas of congestion within the Zone. This project is envisioned to be a pilot project study in which the jurisdictions within the Southwest TUMF Zone, the selected consultant team, and WRCOG, can test a novel approach to quickly and efficiently identifying areas that are congested, able to be improved quickly, and with available funding sources.

**Prior Action(s):**

None.

**Financial Summary:**

The Fiscal Year 2025/2026 budget amendment being proposed will reflect activity related to these efforts for the remainder of the year. These efforts will be supported by the TUMF Zone (Fund 220) funds.

**Attachment(s):**

None.