



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (CEHD)
THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 2026**

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (CEHD). A VIDEO AND AUDIO RECORDING OF THE FULL MEETING IS AVAILABLE AT: <http://scag.ig2.com/Citizens/>.

The Community, Economic and Human and Development Committee (CEHD) of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) held its regular meeting both in person and virtually (telephonically and electronically). A quorum was present.

Members Present

Hon. Rocky Rhodes, Chair	<i>Simi Valley</i>	District 46
Hon. Jeff Wood, Vice Chair	<i>Lakewood</i>	District 24
Hon. Cindy Allen	<i>Long Beach</i>	District 30
Hon. Joe Baca	<i>Rialto</i>	SBCTA
Hon. Debbie Baker	<i>La Palma</i>	District 18
Hon. Chelsea Byers	<i>West Hollywood</i>	District 41
Hon. Tanya D. Doby	<i>Los Alamitos</i>	OCCOG
Hon. Debra Dorst-Porada	<i>Ontario, Pres. Appt.</i>	Member at Large
Hon. Keith Eich	<i>La Cañada Flintridge</i>	District 36
Hon. Shaunna Elias	<i>Glendora</i>	District 33
Hon. Bob Engler	<i>Thousand Oaks</i>	VCOG
Hon. Margaret E. Finlay	<i>Duarte</i>	District 35
Hon. Martin Fuentes	<i>Cudahy</i>	GCCOG
Hon. John Gabbard	<i>Dana Point</i>	District 12
Hon. Gary Gardner	<i>Desert Hot Springs</i>	District 2
Hon. Mike Goodsell	<i>Holtville</i>	ICTC
Hon. Mark Henderson	<i>Gardena</i>	District 28
Hon. Cecilia Hupp	<i>Brea</i>	OCCOG
Hon. William Hussey	<i>Grand Terrace</i>	SBCTA
Hon. Lynda Johnson	<i>Cerritos</i>	GCCOG
Hon. Jed Leano	<i>Claremont</i>	SGVCOG
Hon. Jim Light	<i>Redondo Beach</i>	District 40
Hon. Anni Marshall	<i>Avalon</i>	GCCOG



Hon. Betty Martinez Franco	<i>Irvine, Pres, Appt.</i>	Member at Large
Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.	<i>Tribal Gov't Reg'l Planning Rep.</i>	
Hon. Joseph Morabito	<i>Wildomar</i>	WRCOG
Hon. Cynthia Moran	<i>Chino Hills, Pres. Appt.</i>	Member at Large
Hon. Sheila Rossi	<i>South Pasadena</i>	AVCJPA
Hon. Sonny Santa Ines	<i>Bellflower</i>	GCCOG
Hon. David Shapiro	<i>Calabasas</i>	District 44
Hon. Becky Shevlin	<i>Monrovia</i>	SGVCOG
Hon. Valerie Vandever	<i>San Jacinto</i>	WRCOG
Hon. Mark Waronek	<i>Lomita</i>	District 39
Hon. Acquanetta Warren	<i>Fontana</i>	District 8
Hon. Judy Woolsey	<i>Yucaipa</i>	SBCTA
Hon. Tony Wu	<i>West Covina</i>	SGVCOG
Hon. Frank Yokoyama	<i>Cerritos</i>	District 23
Hon. Frank Zerunyan	<i>Rolling Hills Estates</i>	Member at Large

Members Not Present

Hon. Valerie Amezcua	<i>Santa Ana</i>	District 16
Hon. Wendy Bucknum	<i>Mission Viejo</i>	District 13
Hon. Don Caskey	<i>Laguna Hills</i>	OCCOG
Hon. Rose Espinoza	<i>La Habra</i>	OCCOG
Hon. Waymond Fermon	<i>Indio</i>	CVAG
Hon. Claudia Frometa	<i>Downey</i>	District 25
Hon. John Grass	<i>Brawley</i>	ICTC
Hon. Peggy Huang	<i>Yorba Linda</i>	OCCOG
Sup. Matt LaVere	<i>Ventura County, Pres. Appt.</i>	Member at Large
Hon. Geneva Mojado	<i>Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians</i>	
Hon. Joseph Murphy	<i>Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians</i>	
Hon. Sharona Nazarian	<i>Beverly Hills</i>	WSCCOG
Hon. Nithya Raman	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 51
Hon. Mary Solorio	<i>San Fernando</i>	SFVCOG
Hon. Helen Tran	<i>San Bernardino</i>	District 7

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable Rocky Rhodes called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. He invited former CEHD Chair David Shapiro, Calabasas, RC District 44, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.



PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Chair Rhodes opened the public comment period and noted this was the time for members of the public to offer comment for matters that were within SCAG’s jurisdiction but were not listed on the agenda. He noted the several options that members of the public could utilize for giving comments on items for the CEHD Committee.

SCAG staff noted there were several written public comments received via email before and after the 5pm deadline of Wednesday, June 3, 2026 for items on the CEHD agenda. Staff noted that the those written comments were transmitted to the CEHD members and posted online. SCAG staff also noted that there were no public comments for matters not listed on the agenda.

Chair Rhodes closed the public comment period for matters not listed on the agenda.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no reprioritizations made.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval Items

1. Minutes of the March 5, 2026 Meeting

Receive and File

2. CEHD Committee Outlook and Future Agenda Items
3. Transfer of Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Units from County of Los Angeles to City of Whittier

A MOTION was made (Finlay) to approve Consent Calendar Approval Item 1 and Receive and File Items 2 and 3. Motion was SECONDED (Baca) and passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Allen, Baca, Baker, Byers, Dorst-Porada, Eich, Elias, Finlay, Fuentes, Gabbard, Goodsell, Henderson, Hupp, Hussey, Johnson, Leano, Light, Martinez Franco, Masiel, Morabito, Moran, Rhodes, Rossi, Santa Ines, Shapiro, Shevlin, Vandever, Waronek, Wood, Woolsey, Wu, and Zerunyan (32)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

There were no public comments on the Consent Calendar.

ACTION ITEMS

4. 7th Regional Housing Needs Assessment Process and Subcommittee

Chair Rhodes provided background information on the 7th Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Process noting the formation of a RHNA Subcommittee. He invited CEHD members interested in serving on the Subcommittee to contact Maggie Aguilar, Clerk of the Board, and asked Ma'Ayn Johnson, SCAG staff, to begin the RHNA process and proposed Subcommittee formation presentation.

Ms. Johnson provided an overview of the 7th RHNA Process outlining the proposed approach and timeline. Ms. Johnson reported that the development of a proposed RHNA methodology would be overseen by the SCAG RHNA Subcommittee and would involve a public comment and hearing process. She discussed the purpose and approach for the formation of SCAG's RHNA Subcommittee, noting that SCAG staff proposes the RHNA Subcommittee membership be expanded up to 17 members with the County representation based on population. She outlined the key milestone dates for the 7th RHNA schedule, noting that all dates were subject to change and that staff would continue to keep the RHNA Subcommittee and the public informed as updates became available.

Staff responded to the comments and questions expressed by the CEHD members, including comments related to the RHNA appeals process, guidelines, and the level of commitment required for the RHNA Subcommittee. Several concerns were raised about representation, particularly regarding LA County's large population and diverse needs, as well as the potential for adequate geographic and demographic representation on the subcommittee. The committee also discussed the need for a collaborative process, the appeals process from the previous cycle, and the challenges of making recommendations to the Regional Council based on past experiences.

A MOTION was made (Byers) that the CEHD Committee recommend that the Regional Council authorize the formation of the 7th Cycle RHNA Subcommittee to support the development of the RHNA methodology and allocation plan, provide recommendations to the CEHD Committee and Regional Council, and serve as the final hearing body for RHNA appeals, with membership composition, quorum, and voting procedures as described in the staff report. Motion was SECONDED (Finlay) and passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Allen, Baca, Baker, Byers, Doby, Dorst-Porada, Eich, Elias, Engler, Finlay, Fuentes, Gabbard, Gardner, Goodsell, Henderson, Hupp, Hussey, Johnson, Leano, Light, Martinez Franco, Masiel, Morabito, Moran, Rhodes, Rossi, Santa Ines, Shapiro, Shevlin, Vandever, Waronek, Warren, Wood, Woolsey, Wu, Yokoyama, and Zerunyan
(37)



NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

There were no public comments on Item 4.

The comprehensive staff report and PowerPoint Presentation: RHNA were included in the agenda packet.

5. SB 79 Approach and Methodology

Chair Rhodes provided background information stating that Senate Bill 79 (SB 79) establishes statewide standards to streamline housing development near transit by defining and mapping Transit Oriented Development (TOD) zones and stops. He noted that the California Department of Housing and Development (HCD) released the SB 79 Advisory Clarifications which SCAG utilized along with the statute to develop the region's SB 79 map. He invited Elizabeth Carvajal, SCAG Deputy Director (Land Use), to present the SB 79 approach, methodology, and the region's SB 79 map.

Ms. Carvajal provided an overview of SB 79, SCAG's approach and methodology, with a recommended action that the Regional Council approve SB 79 approach and methodology. The presentation focused on key requirements and technical details of the approach and methodology, highlights of the roles/responsibilities of the various government agencies and concluded with stakeholder engagement process and next steps. Ms. Carvajal stated that next steps would include accepting map corrections by June 12 and presenting final recommendations to the Regional Council at its July 2, 2026 meeting.

Chair Rhodes opened the floor for public comments and noted that each member of the public would be allotted two minutes to speak. The following individuals and organizations provided public comments.

SB 79 Public Comments received:

- Jacob Pierce (Abundant Housing LA) - Opposes SCAG's proposed methodology due to exclusion of stations in LPAs without full environmental clearance and believes SCAG should calculate frequency based on station service not lines.
- Thea Trindle (LA City Planning) - LACP submitted comment letter with suggested revisions.
- Jacob Wasserman (Santa Monica Planning Commission but speaking in personal capacity) - Opposes methodology due to legal risk to local cities. Encourages SCAG to follow State guidance.
- Andrew Solomon (West Hollywood Planning Commission, speaking in personal capacity) - opposes methodology and encourages SCAG to follow State law and guidance.

- Mahdi Manji (Inner City Law Center) - Opposes methodology due to legal risk related to train frequency and LPA.
- Jesse Zwick (Housing Action Coalition) - Opposes methodology due to legal risk related to train frequency and LPA.
- Billy Taylor (Sunset Chapter Abundant Housing, speaking in personal capacity) - opposes proposed methodology and interpretation of train frequency.
- Victor Olmenchenco (West Hollywood Tenant) - Supports methodology and argues unbuilt stations should not be included.
- Thomas Irwin (Faith in Housing Coalition) - Opposes methodology for reasons mentioned by previous speakers.
- Victoria Gomez (Housing Action Coalition) - Opposes methodology for reasons mentioned by previous speakers.

Chair Rhodes thanked the speakers for their comments and feedback, then invited CEHD members to share their remarks.

Staff responded to the comments and questions expressed by the Councilmembers. Further discussions focused on concerns about the lack of clear written guidance from HCD, along with calls for greater legislative clarity due to the negative impacts this uncertainty could have on local jurisdictions.

A MOTION was made (Finlay) to approve staff's recommendation that the Regional Council approve the SB 79 Approach and Methodology. Motion was SECONDED (Allen) and passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Allen, Baca, Baker, Doby, Elias, Engler, Finlay, Fuentes, Gabbard, Gardner, Goodsell, Henderson, Hupp, Hussey, Johnson, Light, Martinez Franco, Masiel, Morabito, Moran, Rhodes, Santa Ines, Shapiro, Shevlin, Vandever, Waronek, Warren, Wood, Woolsey, Wu, Yokoyama, and Zerunyan (32)

NOES: Byers, Dorst-Porada, Rossi, (3)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

The comprehensive staff report and the PowerPoint presentation titled "*SB 79 Approach and Methodology*" were included in the agenda packet.

INFORMATION ITEMS

6. Connect SoCal 2024: Implementation Strategies Update



Due to time constraints, Chair Rhodes announced that CEHD agenda item No. 6 would be moved to the next CEHD meeting.

There were no public comments on Item 6.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Rhodes provided updates on upcoming events, including opportunities to participate in both the 7th RHNA Subcommittee and the Connect SoCal 2050 Subcommittee. He asked CEHD members to submit their interest to Maggie Aguilar, Clerk of the Board, by Friday, June 5, 2026.

STAFF REPORT

Jonathan Davis, SCAG Government Affairs Officer, announced that the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) would conduct the 2026 SCAG Federal Certification Review to evaluate the regional transportation planning process. He noted that members of the public may provide the FHWA and the FTA with written comments by email or regular mail.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Rhodes adjourned the meeting of the Community, Economic, and Human Development Committee at 11:22 a.m.

Carmen Summers
Community, Economic and Human Development Committee Clerk

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COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

2026-27

MEMBERS	Representing	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Total Mtgs Attended To Date
Allen, Cindy	Long Beach, RC District 30	1												1
Amezcuca, Valarie	Santa Ana, RC District 16	1												1
Baca, Joe	Rialto, SBCTA	1												1
Baker, Debbie	La Palma, RC District 18	1												1
Bucknum, Wendy	Mission Viejo, RC District 13													
Byers, Chelsea	West Hollywood, RC District 41	1												1
Caskey, Don	Laguna Hills, OCCOG													
Doby, Tanya D.	Los Alamitos, OCCOG	1												1
Dorst-Porada, Debra	Ontario, Pres. Appt. (Member at Large)	1												1
Eich, Keith	La Cañada Flintridge, RC District 36	1												1
Elias, Shaunna	Glendora, RC District 33	1												1
Engler, Bob	Thousand Oaks, VCOG	1												1
Espinoza, Rose	La Habra, OCCOG													
Fermon, Waymond	Indio, CVAG													
Finlay, Margaret E.	Duarte, RC District 35	1												1
Frometa, Claudia M.	Downey, RC District 25													
Fuentes, Martin	Cudahy, GCCOG	1												1
Gabbard, John	Dana Point, RC District 12	1												1
Gardner, Gary	Desert Hot Springs, RC District 2	1												1
Goodsell, Mike	ICTC	1												1
Grass, John	Brawley, ICTC													
Henderson, Mark E.	Gardena, RC District 28	1												1
Huang, Peggy	Yorba Linda, OCCOG													
Hupp, Cecilia	Brea, OCCOG	1												1
Hussey William	Grand Terrace, SBCTA	1												1
Johnson, Lynda	Cerritos, GCCOG	1												1
LaVere, Matt	Ventura County CoC													
Leano, Jed	Claremont, SGVCOG	1												1
Light, Jim	Redondo Beach, RC District 40	1												1
Marshall, Anni	Avalon, GCCOG	1												1
Martinez Franco, Betty	Irvine, Pres. Appt. (Member at Large)	1												1
	Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians Tribal Gov													
Masiel, Sr., Andrew	Reg Planning Board	1												1
Mojado, Geneva	Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians													
Morabito, Joseph	Wildomar, WRCOG	1												1
Moran, Cynthia	Chino Hills, Pres. Appt. (Member at Large)	1												1
Murphy, Joseph	Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians													
Nazarian, Sharona	Beverly Hills, WSCCOG													
Perez, Misty	Port Hueneme, Pres. Appt. (Member at Large)													
Raman, Nithya	Los Angeles, RC District 51													
Rhodes, Rocky	Simi Valley, RC District 46	1												1
Rossi, Sheila	South Pasadena, AVCJPA	1												1
Santa Ines, Sonny	Bellflower, GCCOG	1												1
Shapiro, David J.	Calabasas, RC District 44	1												1
Shevlin, Becky A.	Monrovia, SGVCOG	1												1
Solorio, Mary	San Fernando, SFVCOG													
Tran, Helen	San Bernardino, SBCTA													
Valerie Vandever	San Jacinto, WRCOG	1												1
Waronek, Mark	Lomita, SBCCOG	1												1
Warren, Acquanetta	Fontana, RC District 8	1												1
Wood, Jeff	Lakewood, RC District 24	1												1
Woolsey, Judy	Yucaipa, SBCTA	1												1
Wu, Tony	West Covina, SGVCOG	1												1
Yokoyama, Frank A.	Cerritos, RC District 23	1												1
Zerunyan, Frank	Rolling Hills Estates, Member at Large	1												1
TOTAL ATTENDANCE		38												