

# **16th ANNUAL CALCOG REGIONAL ISSUES FORUM APRIL 30 & MAY 1, 2009**

## **PROGRAM**



**MONTEREY PLAZA HOTEL & SPA  
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# WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2009

## 7:00 PM DINNER AT MASSARO AND SANTOS AT THE COAST GUARD PIER

Optional dinner honoring recently retired executive directors including: Barbara Goodwin, Council of Fresno County Governments and Nick Papadakis, Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments.

*This dinner is not included in the conference registration, but is included on the registration form as a separate item. An additional fee of \$50 is required to attend this event.*

# THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2009

7:30 AM - 9:00 AM

## REGISTRATION AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

**DOLPHINS BALLROOM**

9:00 AM - 9:15 AM

## WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

### Speakers:

**Mark Stone**, CALCOG President and Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission Board Member

**Jon Edney**, CALCOG First Vice President and Southern California Association of Governments Incoming President

**Stephany Aguilar**, CALCOG Second Vice President and Second Vice President of the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments

**Frank Sollecito**, Monterey City Councilmember and Chair of the Transportation Agency of Monterey County/Monterey County Regional Development Impact Fee Joint Powers Agency

9:15 AM - 10:45 AM

## REGIONAL TARGETS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RTAC) AND STRATEGIC GROWTH COUNCIL:

SB 375, signed by the Governor in 2008, requires the California Air Resources Board (ARB) to set regional targets for the purpose of reducing greenhouse gas emissions from passenger vehicles, for 2020 and 2035. The Board appointed on January 23, 2009 a Regional Targets Advisory Committee (RTAC) to provide recommendations on factors to be considered and methodologies to be used in the ARB target setting process. The panelists will discuss what work has already been accomplished and what remains to be completed by RTAC.

SB 732, signed by the Governor in 2008, creates a Strategic Growth Council. One of the Council's responsibilities is to distribute money from Proposition 84 to regional and local agencies and governments to assist them in implementing SB 375. The panelists will discuss the goals and objectives of the Council, including the process by which it will distribute the funds.

### Speakers:

**Julia Lave Johnston**, Senior Planner, Governor's Office of Planning and Research

**Jim Bourgart**, Deputy Secretary, Business, Transportation and Housing Agency

**Doug Ito**, Manager, Local Government Strategies, California Air Resources Board

**Mike McKeever**, Chair, RTAC & Executive Director, Sacramento Area Councils of Governments

**Kome Ajise**, Interim Deputy Director, Planning and Modal Programs, Caltrans

**Moderator: Mark Stone**, CALCOG President and Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission Board Member

10:45 AM - 11:00 AM

## BREAK

# THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2009

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

## **PUBLIC TRANSIT – COPING WITH DECLINING REVENUES ALONG WITH RISING RIDERSHIP:**

A significant amount of state funds designated for public transit have been diverted the past few years to non-transit programs in order to balance the State Budget. The panelists will discuss how public transit systems are coping with increased operating costs due to rising ridership and major decreases in revenue.

### **Speakers:**

**Michael Wiley**, General Manager/CEO, Sacramento Regional Transit District

**Carl Sedoryk**, General Manager, Monterey-Salinas Transit

**Mark Stone**, CALCOG President and Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission Board Member

**Gus Khouri**, Legislative Advocate, California Transit Association

**Moderator: Stephany Aguilar**, CALCOG Second Vice President and Second Vice President of the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments

12:30 PM - 1:30 PM

## **LUNCH**

**UPPER PLAZA**

1:30 PM - 3:00 PM

## **IMPLEMENTATION OF SB 375 AS SEEN BY ENVIRONMENTAL AND BUSINESS STAKEHOLDERS:**

**DOLPHINS BALLROOM**

The environmental community was the major sponsor of SB 375. The business community, especially the major builders, was a key player in the negotiations to draft SB 375. These two groups continue to play a significant role in the implementation of SB 375. The panelists, who represent the environmental and business community, will discuss their roles in implementation of the legislation and how they perceive their roles vis a vis the Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs).

### **Speakers:**

**Tom Adams**, Board President, California League of Conservation Voters

**Kathryn Phillips**, Director, California Transportation and Air Initiative, Environmental Defense Fund

**Mark Watts**, Executive Director, Transportation California

**Edward Manning**, Lobbyist, California Major Builders Council

**Moderator: Jon Edney**, CALCOG First Vice President and Southern California Association of Governments Incoming President

3:00 PM – 3:15 PM

## **BREAK**

3:15 PM – 4:45 PM

## **IMPACT OF NEW AND UPCOMING FEDERAL LEGISLATION AND REGULATIONS ON CALIFORNIA:**

The State of California, cities, counties, and regional agencies are receiving a transfusion of billions of dollars from the Federal economic stimulus legislation to improve infrastructure in the state.

Simultaneously, they are engaged in providing input to the U.S. Congress and the Executive Branch on the reauthorization of legislation concerning federal surface transportation programs, or SAFETEA-LU. State and local officials must also factor in proposed EPA regulations to curtail greenhouse emissions.

The panelists will discuss the specific legislative and regulatory proposals that will have a major impact on the transportation sector in California.

### **Speakers:**

**Walter C. Waidelich**, Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration

**Ken De Crescenzo**, Federal Liaison, California Department of Transportation

**Marnie Primmer**, Executive Director, Coalition 21

**Amy Zimpfer**, Associate Director, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX (San Francisco)

**Jon Edney**, CALCOG First Vice President and Southern California Association of Governments Incoming President

**Moderator: Mark Stone**, CALCOG President and Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission Board Member

4:45 PM – 5:30 PM

## **BREAK**

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

## **RECEPTION OVERLOOKING MONTEREY BAY**

**LOWER TERRACE**

# FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2009

<b>7:30 AM - 9:00 AM</b>	<b>BREAKFAST</b>	<b>DOLPHINS BALLROOM</b>
<b>9:00 AM - 10:30 AM</b>	<b>VIEWS FROM SACRAMENTO:</b>  Not only must regional officials monitor developments in Washington, D.C., they must also confront numerous fiscal and political challenges in their own backyard and Sacramento. What are these challenges? What solutions are being proposed? How are regional agencies directly impacted? What role should regional agencies be playing? The panelists will answer these questions.  <b>Speakers:</b> <b>Will Kempton</b> , Director, California Department of Transportation <b>Lynn Jacobs</b> , Director, Department of Housing and Community Development <b>Assemblymember Anna Caballero</b> , 28 <sup>th</sup> District, California State Assembly <b>Steve Schnaidt</b> , President, Schnaidt and Associates <b>Assemblymember Roger Niello</b> , Co-Chair, Assembly Republican Working Group on Safeguarding Federal Stimulus Dollars  <b>Moderator: Mark Stone</b> , CALCOG President and Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission Board Member	
<b>10:30 AM - 10:45 AM</b>	<b>BREAK</b>	
<b>10:45 AM - 11:45 AM</b>	<b>CALCOG BUSINESS MEETING:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ <b>Adoption of Positions on Important Legislation</b></li><li>➤ <b>Election of Officers</b></li><li>➤ <b>Executive Director's Annual Report</b></li></ul>	
<b>11:45 AM - 12:00 PM</b>	<b>BREAK</b>	
<b>12:00 PM - 1:00 PM</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>UPPER PLAZA</b>
<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>	

**PLEASE NOTE THAT A SPECIAL MEETING FOR COG DIRECTORS TO DISCUSS HOW TO STRENGTHEN CALCOG WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2009 FROM 1:00 PM UNTIL 3:00 PM IN THE DOLPHINS BALLROOM**

**ALL SPEAKERS AND TIMES LISTED IN THE AGENDA ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE**