

# **17th ANNUAL CALCOG REGIONAL ISSUES FORUM APRIL 29 & 30, 2010**

**PRELIMINARY PROGRAM**



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# WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28, 2010

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

Optional dinner honoring recently retired Executive Directors including: Robert McCleary, Contra Costa Transportation Authority

*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 29, 2010

7:30 AM - 10:00 AM

**REGISTRATION AND  
CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**

**DOLPHINS BALLROOM**

8:00 AM - 9:50 AM

**FIRST ANNUAL CALCOG LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE:**

This session is directed toward delegates and staff who are new to CALCOG. It will describe what is CALCOG, including what programs and services it offers to its member agencies and the role it plays in legislative advocacy with the legislative and executive branches of State government. We will also explain how MPOs, COGs, and Regional Transportation Agencies function, describe their regional variances and differences from one another, and how the SB 375 requirements and related regional housing and transportation laws are intended to work under both State and Federal law.

**Speakers:**

CALCOG Officers, Executive Directors, and Staff

9:50 AM - 10:00 AM

**BREAK**

10:00 AM - 10:15 AM

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:**

**Speakers:**

Jon Edney, President, CALCOG

Monterey County or City Elected Official Local Dignitary

10:15 AM - 11:00 AM

**ROLE OF UNIVERSITIES IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SB 375:**

Some major California universities are working closely with a number of regional agencies on issues such as modeling, travel surveys, and implementation of SB 375, among others. The speakers will share regional projects they are now working on and also discuss different ways CALCOG member agencies and the universities can collaborate their efforts on issues such as SB 375.

**Speakers:**

UC Davis Urban Land Use and Transportation Center

University of California Berkeley Center for a Sustainable California

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

**RAIL AND TRANSIT OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES:**

Rail and transit are vital elements of the State's existing transportation system. However, transit is facing declining State dollars and fare increases. In addition, the California Transportation Commission states that more than \$1 billion is needed to cover total annual operating deficits of revenue to support transit operating deficits associated with the maintenance of existing physical condition and service performance. However, voters have approved bond money for high-speed rail and the Federal government has awarded California stimulus money for such a system. Rail and transit are also important for helping to reduce greenhouse gases and improve air quality. The panelists will address how to meet these opportunities and challenges.

**Speakers:**

Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority

L.A. Metro

California High-Speed Rail Authority

Federal Railroad Administration

California Transportation Commission

# THURSDAY, APRIL 29, 2010

12:30 PM - 1:30 PM

LUNCH

*UPPER PLAZA*

1:30 PM - 3:00 PM

**VIEWS FROM WASHINGTON, D.C.:**

*DOLPHINS BALLROOM*

The regions, cities, counties, and the State 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 executive branch on the reauthorization of legislation concerning federal surface transportation programs and Stimulus 2. The panelists will discuss the specific legislative proposals that will have a major impact on the transportation sector in California.

**Speakers:**

**Federal Transit Administration**

**Federal Highway Administration**

**Office of the U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary**

3:00 PM – 3:15 PM

**BREAK**

3:15 PM – 4:45 PM

**STRENGTHENING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CALCOG AND ITS CONSTITUTIONAL MEMBERS: THE CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES AND LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES:**

The three organizations represent local government elected officials who usually agree on most issues. However, sometimes, one or more of the organizations stake out a position that is different than their other partners. In addition, local government elected officials wear different hats: some days it could be as a regional official and another day as a county supervisor or city council member. The panelists will discuss how the three organizations can work more closely together and how elected officials can resolve any policy conflicts they may have when their city or county takes a different position than their regional agency.

**Speakers:**

**CALCOG**

**California State Association of Counties**

**League of California Cities**

4:45 PM – 5:30 PM

**BREAK**

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

**RECEPTION OVERLOOKING MONTEREY BAY**

*LOWER TERRACE*

# FRIDAY, APRIL 30, 2010

<b>7:30 AM - 9:00 AM</b>	<b>BREAKFAST</b>	<b>DOLPHINS BALLROOM</b>
<b>9:00 AM - 9:15 AM</b>	<b>VIEW FROM NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REGIONAL COUNCILS:</b> NARC represents the interests of most regional councils in Washington, D.C. We will hear from NARC on key issues facing regional councils. <b>Speaker:</b> <b>National Association of Regional Councils</b>	
<b>9:15 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>Caltrans Director</b> <b>Air Resources Board</b> <b>Assembly Member</b> <b>State Senator</b>	
<b>10:30 AM – 10:45 AM</b>	<b>BREAK</b>	
<b>10:45 AM – 12:00 Noon</b>	<b>CALCOG BUSINESS MEETING:</b>	
<b>12:00 Noon - 1:00 PM</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>UPPER PLAZA</b>
<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>	

**ALL SPEAKERS AND TIMES LISTED IN THIS PROGRAM  
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