
Authority Board **STAFF REPORT**

Meeting Date: February 19, 2025

Subject	NEW ITEM: Appoint One Authority Board Member to Serve as the Authority's Representative on the California Association of Councils of Governments (CALCOG) Board of Directors
Summary of Issues	<p>CALCOG was formed to serve regional governments and consists of 49 member agencies including the Authority. Each member agency appoints a representative from their legislative body to serve on the CALCOG Board of Directors. To qualify, the member must be a voting member on the Board of the Member Agency. In April 2021, former Commissioner Loella Haskew was appointed by the Authority Board as the primary representative and Commissioner Kelly was appointed as the alternate representative to represent the Authority on the CALCOG Board of Directors. Commissioner Haskew served as the primary member through December 2024. As she no longer serves as a Commissioner on the Authority Board, the primary member position is now vacant and a new representative needs to be appointed.</p>
Recommendations	<p>Staff requests that the Chair appoint one voting Authority Board Member to serve as the Authority's primary representative and appoint an alternate representative, if needed, to serve on the CALCOG Board of Directors. The appointed representative(s) would serve on the CALCOG Board of Directors so long as they serve on the Authority Board as a voting member.</p>
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Financial Implications	Potential minimal travel costs and costs to attend conferences.

Options	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Authority Board can appoint the alternate representative as the primary representative and appoint a new alternate. 2. The Authority Board can appoint a new primary representative and keep the current alternate. 3. The Authority Board can elect to not make the appointment at this time in which case the alternate member would continue to serve in an acting primary representative capacity.
Attachments	None
Changes from Committee	N/A

Background

CALCOG is a nonprofit social welfare organization formed to serve regional governments. They have 49 member agencies, most of which are involved in transportation planning, funding transportation infrastructure, and delivering projects similar to the Authority. Its membership also includes all 18 of the state's federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organizations (like the Metropolitan Transportation Commission) that are responsible for developing regional transportation plans under federal law and Sustainable Communities Strategies under state law.

CALCOG works to ensure that California's regional agencies have the tools, information, and capacity to best serve their member cities, towns, and counties. To do this, CALCOG facilitates communication and information sharing, encourages regions to build consensus, and executes a targeted, consensus-based advocacy program that touches on the issues of transportation funding, regional housing policy, economic development, and sustainable infrastructure.

CALCOG's Work Program includes:

- A consensus-based advocacy program that targets high priority legislation in which the members have a common interest.
- Facilitation of member meetings and conferences designed to share information and encourage peer-to-peer learning.
- Coordination of government-to-government communications between State, regional, and local governments as it relates to implementing policy, including transportation, housing, and climate change.
- Provides general educational information to interested stakeholders, governmental partners, and the public regarding the structure, role, constraints, and opportunities for effective regional governance.
- Focuses on Senate Bill 375 (requiring regions to achieve a greenhouse gas reduction target within their transportation planning process).
- Coordinates transportation policy implementation with the California Department of Transportation, California Transportation Commission, and California State Transportation Agency.

Each member agency appoints a representative from their legislative body to serve on the CALCOG Board of Directors. Representation on the CALCOG Board of Directors provides opportunities for building inter-relationships between regional and local governments, discussions around policy development at the regional level, and the potential to form partnerships between member agencies to find new solutions for the problems of tomorrow.

Qualifications to serve as the representative on the CALCOG Board of Directors only requires that the member be a voting member currently serving on the Board of the Member Agency and be formally appointed by the Authority Board to serve as the representative. There are no term limits for this position. The Authority's representative will provide regular updates on CALCOG's activities and information. The Authority's representation is enhanced if the appointed representative can serve for multiple years.

Time Commitment

The CALCOG Board of Directors meets in person three times a year; most frequently in Sacramento. Meetings are usually 2 to 4 hours. One of the meetings is scheduled to occur at the annual Regional Leadership Forum, which is usually a two-day event. The CALCOG Board provides high-level guidance on budgeting, policy, and strategic direction, and works closely with a representative group of executive directors and senior staff to work out the details on policies and strategic direction. The selected representative may also elect to serve on CALCOG Board committees that would involve additional (usually virtual) meetings.

Former Commissioner Loella Haskew represented the Authority on the CALCOG Board of Directors for nearly four years as the primary member. As she no longer serves as a Commissioner on the Authority Board, the position is now vacant and a new primary representative needs to be appointed. Commissioner Kelley currently serves as the alternative representative and has also served in this capacity for the past four years.

Staff requests that the Chair appoint one voting Authority Board Member to serve as the Authority's primary representative and appoint an alternate representative, if needed, to serve on the CALCOG Board of Directors. The appointed representative(s) would serve on the CALCOG Board of Directors so long as they serve on the Authority Board as a voting member.