SCAG’s Water Action Resolution

Mayors Water Council
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Who We Are

• SCAG is the nation’s largest metropolitan planning organization, serving 6 counties, 191 cities and a population of more than 19 million.

• SCAG serves as a catalyst for a brighter future for Southern California through visioning, collaboration and planning.

• SCAG has a critical role in addressing the housing crisis by driving innovative solutions to overcome barriers to build more housing.

• SCAG empowers Southern California jurisdictions with enhanced access to critical data, the sharing of best practices and other resources and tools that lead to regional solutions.
The SCAG Region

- 191 CITIES
- 6 COUNTIES
- 19.1M RESIDENTS
- 38,000 SQUARE MILES
- $1.2T REGIONAL GDP
- 15TH LARGEST ECONOMY WORLDWIDE
- 48.1% OF STATE POPULATION
## Primary Roles & Responsibilities

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Climate Change Impacts in the SCAG Region

- Extreme heat & precipitation
- Sea level rise, coastal flooding & erosion
- Inland flooding
- Severe storms & winds
- Drought
- Wildfire
- Air quality & vector borne diseases
- Landslides & debris flows
- Pests & ecological hazards

Source: California’s Fourth Climate Change Assessment, Statewide Summary Report (2018)
Southern California is Particularly At-Risk

- FEMA identified Southern California as one of the most vulnerable areas in the U.S. due to natural hazards
- Los Angeles County is the most at-risk nationwide
- Riverside County and San Bernardino Counties are among the 10 highest at-risk in the U.S.

Source: FEMA (2021)
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• Adopted unanimously by SCAG's Regional Council on October 6, 2022

• Affirms the drought and water emergency in Southern California

• Calls on local and regional partners to join together to adopt an "all of the above" approach to addressing the region's water crisis
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Water Resolution Proposed Actions

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Examples of Proposed Actions

- Hold an Industry Forum and seek expertise on investments in sustainable water infrastructure that support housing production goals in line with Housing Elements
- Foster policy and implementation of green infrastructure, greywater systems, urban cooling strategies, and groundwater recharge technologies
- Support legislative advocacy for a state low-income rate program and investments in repairs, modernization, and enhancements of the region’s water infrastructure
- Advocate for flexibility in state and federal resources for integrated planning and technical assistance for groundwater resources and infrastructure
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