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SCAG APPROVES UNPRECEDENTED GROWTH VISION FOR SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA'S FUTURE

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New Policy Committee Leadership Team Also Elected At SCAG Retreat

TEMECULA, CALIF. – At their annual Regional Council Retreat, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) approved the final Growth Vision plan to help guide development and accommodate tremendous growth throughout the region during the next 25 years. The Growth Vision involves a comprehensive approach to land-use and transportation planning as a blueprint for the future of the 187 cities comprising Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino and Ventura Counties. The Growth Vision will help cities accommodate growth, use resources efficiently and reduce waste.

SCAG estimates there will be an additional six million people in Southern California by 2030. If current trends continue, the increase will lead to devastating impacts on housing, jobs, traffic congestion and the environment. Growth Vision uniquely addresses Southern California's population growth and housing needs during the next two decades. Its approval culminates two years of rigorous policy discussion, extensive analysis and a comprehensive public involvement program to create a plan focusing on the development of urban centers and transit hubs.

"The Growth Vision represents a new way of thinking about and planning for the future of the people of Southern California," said Ron Roberts, President of SCAG and City of Temecula Councilmember. "It is the result of input from council representatives from throughout the region and public workshops with more than 1,300 residents. The Growth Vision represents our shared values for the next 25 years about how we will address transportation, jobs, and housing."

In addition to adopting the new Growth Vision, SCAG's Regional Council elected new chairs and vice chairs for its standing committees:

- *Transportation & Communications Committee (TCC)*: Chair – Lee Ann Garcia, Grand Terrace City Councilmember; Vice Chair – San Gabriel Vice Mayor Henry Baldwin. The TCC makes recommendations to the Regional Council on mobility, air quality, transportation control measures and related issues.

- *Energy & Environment Committee (EEC)*: Chair – Imperial County Supervisor Hank Kuiper; Vice Chair – Rosemead City Councilmember Margaret Clark. The EEC considers environmental protection, resource management and energy issues of regional significance.
- *Community, Economic & Human Development Committee (CEHD)*: Chair - Rialto City Councilmember Deborah Robertson; Vice Chair – Cerritos City Councilmember Paul Bowlen. The CEHD makes recommendations for long-term planning to consider quality of life issues.

[EDITOR'S NOTE: For more information about SCAG's Growth Vision, or to obtain details regarding the Growth Vision news conferences taking place on Tuesday, June 8, please contact Jeff Lustgarten of Cerrell Associates at 323/466-3445 or jeff@cerrell.com]

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