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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (SCAG) ANNOUNCES SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

LOS ANGELES – May 10, 2010 – The Regional Council of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) has announced the 2010 recipients of the Agency’s academic scholarship. The seven students were selected from a field of more than 150 applicants and are the first recipients of SCAG’s scholarship, established in July 2009.

The recipients are from each of the counties SCAG serves: Imperial County: Erica Ilene Leon, El Centro; Los Angeles County: Mayra Maturana, Lancaster; Emily Warner, Lancaster; Orange County: Rondeep Paul, Irvine; Riverside County: Fernando Herrera, Riverside; San Bernardino County: Carolina Rodriguez, Fontana; and Ventura County: Danna Morgan Seligman, Newbury Park.

The recipients, announced during SCAG’s May Regional Council Meeting, will each receive \$2,000 and participate in a two-week externship at a local planning agency during the summer. In July, the students will come to SCAG to learn about a career in urban planning and have the opportunity to meet their local elected officials.

“The Southern California Association of Governments is proud to award this scholarship to these very deserving students,” said SCAG President and Highland City Councilman Larry McCallon. “The regional planning work performed by SCAG is essential to the long term sustainability of our region. As the largest metropolitan planning organization in the country, we want to do all we can to encourage students to pursue higher education and careers related to regional planning and public service,” he said.

SCAG Scholarship Program applicants were evaluated on several criteria, including their grade point average (3.0 or higher), letters of recommendation and a 500-word essay. The recipients were evaluated based on expressed interests, career goals, and activities in the student’s school and surrounding community.

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SCAG is the nation’s largest metropolitan planning organization, representing six counties, 189 cities and more than 19 million residents. SCAG undertakes a variety of planning and policy initiatives to plan for a livable and sustainable Southern California now and in the future. For more information about SCAG’s regional efforts, please visit www.scag.ca.gov.