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SCAG OPENS NEW REGIONAL OFFICE IN IMPERIAL COUNTY

LOS ANGELES – January 7, 2009 – The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) today announced the opening of a new regional office in Imperial County. Located at 703 Industry Way, Suite 1, in El Centro, the regional office will offer public meetings and workshops regarding SCAG’s current plans and upcoming projects and serve an essential role in strengthening relationships with local planning partners.

“The establishment of this new regional office continues a strong partnership between SCAG and Imperial County,” said Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director of SCAG. “It represents SCAG’s intent to connect in a real and meaningful way with elected officials, business and community leaders and local planning partners in our region. We are strongly committed to representing and serving all members throughout this area.”

“Regional planning does not take place in a vacuum,” said Richard Dixon, Lake Forest Council Member and SCAG President. “We want to strengthen our relationships with local government at all levels and generate greater interest and support for regional planning. You can expect to see more outreach activities, workshops and public meetings that will educate and provide information on how SCAG and regional planning aligns with the long-term growth plans of Imperial County while maintaining local control.”

“The opening of a SCAG Regional Office launches a new era of enhanced communication and cooperation between SCAG and Imperial County,” said Jon Edney, El Centro City Council Member and SCAG Second Vice-President. “This office will be very instrumental in our service to this community and our partnership with the entire SCAG region.”

SCAG currently has regional offices in Riverside, Orange and Ventura counties and will soon open an additional office in San Bernardino County.

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About SCAG

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.

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