
Press Release

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SCAG ANNOUNCES NEW EXECUTIVE OFFICERS FOR 2009-2010

Los Angeles – April 3 – Today the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) announced the results of their 2009-2010 Executive Officer Election. Jon Edney, Councilmember from the city of El Centro will serve as President, Larry McCallon Councilmember from the city of Highland as 1st Vice President and Pam O’Conner Mayor Pro Tem from City of Santa Monica as 2nd Vice President.

Having served on the Regional Council for several years and as 2nd Vice President this past year, President-Elect Edney is well versed in the programs and initiatives SCAG is involved in. As President, Edney will preside over Regional Council meetings, guide policy discussions, make appointments to various policy committees and serve as the chief spokesperson for the agency.

Both McCallon and O’Conner will serve as 1st and 2nd Vice-Presidents respectively, providing leadership to the Council and maintaining the ability to preside over the council should the President be unable to. McCallon currently sits on the Executive Committee and the Community, Economic and Human Development Committee. O’Conner Chaired the Regional Comprehensive Plan Task Force and has served as a member of the Energy and Environment Committee.

Looking ahead to the new term and the new officers, SCAG Executive Director Hasan Ikhtrata had this to say, “We have a full plate of issues to deal with this year; from assisting Caltrans in programming stimulus money for county projects, to developing a plan that addresses the new mandates of SB 375. I am glad we have elected such energetic, well-informed Officers and I look forward to working with them in the coming year.” He went on to add, “President-Elect Edney and his new Vice Presidents McCallon and O’Conner, will be criss-crossing the over 39,000 mile SCAG region, representing 19 million residents and 189 cities”, that, “their

home cities and counties should be proud of the leadership they have each displayed and the confidence the 84 Regional Council members felt to nominate and elect them to these posts.”

Richard Dixon, Councilmember from Lake Forest will conclude his term as President next month during the 44th annual SCAG General Assembly, at the La Quinta Resort & Club in La Quinta. At the General Assembly, Edney will be presented the gavel and the new Executive Officers will be installed. (For more information on the General Assembly schedule visit: <http://www.scag.ca.gov/cgi/registration/ga09/index.cfm>)

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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 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.