

VALUE FOR YOUR INVESTMENT

The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) undertakes a variety of planning and policy initiatives to encourage a more sustainable Southern California now and in the future. As the nation's largest metropolitan planning organization, SCAG provides excellent value for membership, including a forum to discuss regional issues, the ability to shape the legislative priorities of the region with the support in both Sacramento and Washington, D.C., and increased access to the knowledge and insight of ongoing federal, state and local activities. SCAG membership affords opportunities to engage regionally to enhance policies and projects that benefit Southern California.

BENEFITS OF SCAG MEMBERSHIP



ADVOCACY

SCAG is at the forefront of advocating for the region's fair share of federal and state funding for plans and programs and has been instrumental in delivering billions of dollars to the region.



FUNDING

SCAG grant programs provide local jurisdictions with resources to build a sustainable future for their communities. Members can also get help in finding and securing grant funding from federal and state agencies for local projects.



TOOLS, DATA & TRAINING

Whether it is customized city profiles of economic and demographic data, free trainings on GIS and other tools, data sharing, custom mapping or extensive technical assistance, SCAG offers members the resources they need to plan more effectively for the future.



CONFERENCES & EVENTS

Members have access to outside events sponsored by SCAG, as well as the ability to attend conferences and summits of regional significance hosted by SCAG, such as the Regional Conference & General Assembly.



A UNIQUE REGIONAL FORUM

SCAG helps bring to fruition many regionally significant projects and programs while serving as a place to introduce, test and nurture new ideas for the long-term benefit of the region.



PRIORITY RESPONSE

Members receive priority response on requests for data, publications or planning support.

MEMBERSHIP DUES ASSESSMENT & PRICING

SCAG membership is voluntary, and dues are based on the respective populations of the counties and cities, as determined by the California Department of Finance's most recent estimate. Below is a specific breakdown of how SCAG dues are calculated:

STEP ONE: ASSESSING A BASE RATE

Once the base rate is established for all cities, they are added together, and that total is deducted from the annual dues goal (based on the total of the previous years' dues).

STEP TWO: ASSESSING THE PERCENT OF REGIONAL POPULATION

- > Cities are charged based on the proportion their population bears on the total regional population (Tribal Governments in the SCAG region are treated as cities for purposes of dues assessment).
- > Counties are charged based on the proportion of the population unincorporated areas bear on the regional population.

SCAG membership offers excellent value. Dues paid to SCAG are equivalent to eight

Calculating SCAG Dues Example:



A city with a population of **29,000** would be assessed base dues of **\$500** (which are added to the total for all cities and subtracted from the annual dues goal). **The City's population represents approximately 0.00153%** of the regional population (18.9 million) and would therefore be **assessed an additional \$2,833** for a **total of \$3,333** (\$500 + \$2833).

cents per capita, far less than those assessed for other councils of governments locally and statewide (dues in other metropolitan areas range from 12-21 cents per capita).

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SCAG membership affords many opportunities to engage regionally and enhance policies and projects affecting constituents, benefiting Southern California now and into the future.

QUESTIONS ABOUT MEMBERSHIP?

For more information, please contact **Kevin Gilhooley** at gilhooley@scag.ca.gov.

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IN LOCAL FUNDING AWARDS TO DATE*.

SCAG's Local Investments Dashboard allows users to explore SCAG-funded plans, programs and projects by jurisdiction, in support of shared regional goals in alignment with Connect SoCal.

*Current funding data is featured on [SCAG's Local Investments Dashboard](#).

The Regional Data Platform provides access to spatial and non-spatial data, documents, maps and applications that support stronger planning and information-based decision making.



DATASETS



APPS & MAPS



DOCUMENTS

Members have access to the Toolbox Tuesday library with more than

55 TRAINING SESSION RECORDINGS

on planning topics.