

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
**SCAG MEMBERSHIP**



# 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, a membership in SCAG provides excellent value for minimal investment, including a forum to discuss regional issues, the ability to shape the legislative priorities of the region and the support of a staunch advocate in both Sacramento and Washington, and increased access to the knowledge and insight of ongoing federal, state and local activities. SCAG membership affords many opportunities to engage regionally and enhance policies and projects affecting constituents, benefiting Southern California now and for the future.

## 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 help provide local cities and counties with the resources they need 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 toolk, 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 and Southern California Economic Summit.



### 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 longterm benefit of the region.



### PRIORITY RESPONSE

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

## MEMBERSHIP ASSESSMENT/PRICING

Membership to SCAG is voluntary and member cities pay dues which are invoiced when the General Assembly approves them. Dues are based on the respective populations of the counties and cities, as determined by the State Department of Finance's most recent estimate. Below is a specific breakdown of how SCAG dues are calculated:

### THE FIRST STEP IS 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 off the total of the previous years' dues).

### THE SECOND STEP IS ASSESSING THE PERCENT OF THE REGIONAL POPULATION A COUNTY OR CITY REPRESENT:

- > 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 their unincorporated areas bear on the regional population

#### *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). Then, in the second step, 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).

SCAG membership offers excellent value for minimal investment. Dues paid to SCAG are equivalent to eight cents per capita, far less than those assessed for other Councils of Government locally and statewide (dues in other metropolitan areas range from 12-21 cents per capita).

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### QUESTIONS ABOUT MEMBERSHIP?

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