

FACTS

The Southern California Association of Governments (the "association") is a joint powers agency that consists of the cities and counties of the southern six county region. The principal purpose of the organization is to facilitate a regional approach to local government issues in the southern region of the state.

The association is planning to produce and distribute more than 200 copies of an informational guide that discusses the various functions and divisions of the association. At the end of the guide is a listing of all the officials that are members of the association, with the photographs and names of the officers and heads of the various divisions featured predominantly.

ANALYSIS

Government Code Section 89001 provides that no newsletter or other mass mailing² shall be sent at public expense. Regulation 18901(c) (copy enclosed) provides that a newsletter or other mass mailing may not be sent within the meaning of Section 89001 if:

(1) The name of the elected officer or his or her photograph appears on the document; and

(A) The elected officer exercises direction or control over the content, production, or distribution of the document, or

(B) The document is sent at the request or suggestion of the elected officer or his or her agent; or

(C) The document is signed by, or is designated as being from, the elected officer or his or her office; or

(2) (A) The elected officer is affiliated with the agency which produces or distributes the document; and

(i) The elected officer is featured in the document; or

² A mass mailing is defined in Section 82041.5, and construed in Regulation 18901(d), as more than 200 substantially similar pieces of mail sent during each calendar month. This would not include copies sent in response to unsolicited specific requests. (Regulation 18901(b); Regulation 18901(h).)

(ii) The name, office or other reference to the elected officer or his or her photograph appears on the document and the document is prepared or sent in cooperation, consultation, coordination or concert with the elected officer.

You have asked whether the Southern California Association of Governments may mail a brochure with photographs and a roster listing of elected officials that are members in the association. Clearly, as members of the association, the elected officials are "affiliated" with the agency that produces or distributes the mass mailing. In addition, the association's mailing presumably was prepared or sent in cooperation, consultation, coordination or concert with the elected officers. Therefore, any use of the elected officer's name, photograph or office, or any reference to the officeholder in the mailing is prohibited.³

However, Regulation 18901(e) sets out a specific exception to the mass mailing prohibition. Regulation 18901(e) permits the use of an elected official's name in the standard letterhead or logotype of the stationery, forms and envelopes of an agency. As used in this subdivision, the term "letterhead or logotype" includes a listing of agency or committee officials or members, in which all who are listed appear in the same typeface and type size and location in the layout of the newsletter or other mass mailing. (Regulation 18901(e)(2).)

Consequently, more than 200 copies of the Southern California Association of Governments brochure may be sent at public expense each month provided there are no names, photographs or references to elected officials, with the exception of a listing of agency members where all the names are set out in the same typeface, type size and location in the layout of the mass mailing.

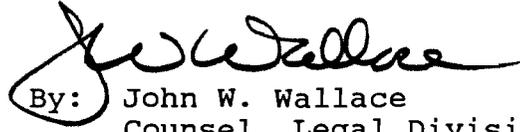
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If I can be of any further assistance to you, please feel free to contact me at (916) 322-5901.

Sincerely,

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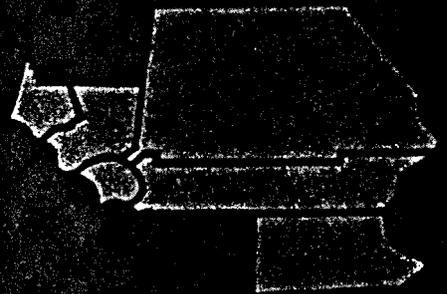
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The size and complexity of the region's problems are in proportion to its rapidly growing population. From 1980 to 2000, the region expects to add 3,216,300 new residents, equivalent to another City of Los Angeles. In dealing with this rapid growth, SCAG's technical planning staff translates the concerns of its membership into comprehensive plans, and addresses the vital issues affecting the region—among them, air quality, water quality, housing supply, transportation systems, and optimum levels and distribution of regional growth and development.

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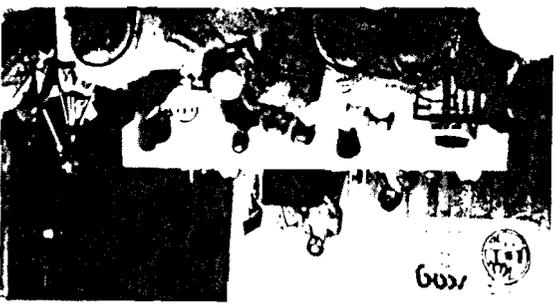
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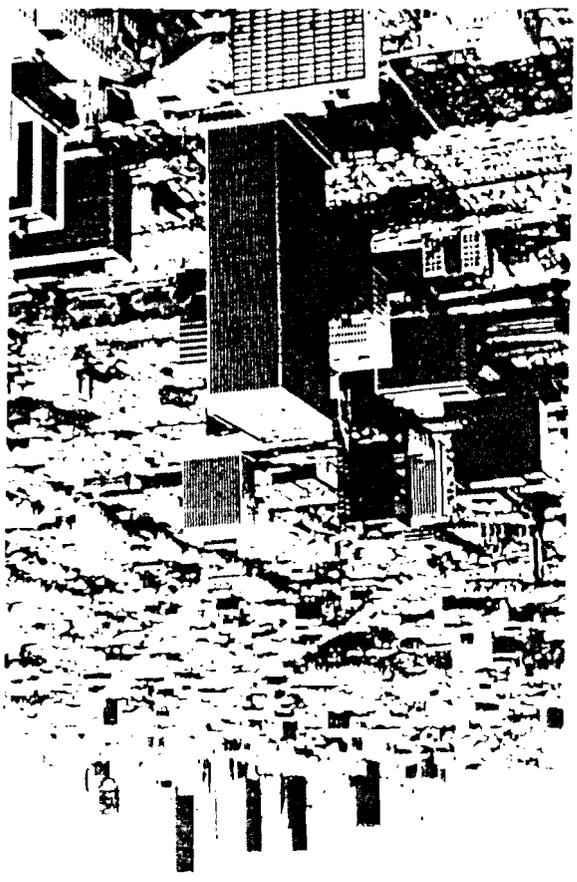
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SCAG DEPARTMENTS—THEIR WORK



- work ways to improve the quality of life
- generate cooperation between the public and private sectors
- improve local tax dollars
- use the Association's professional and technical expertise to aid in local operations
- administer funds from the numerous federal and state agencies
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- avoid duplication of efforts, and coordinate shared information to solve common problems
- Members of SCAGS local governments

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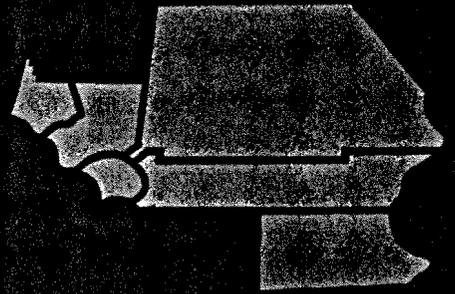
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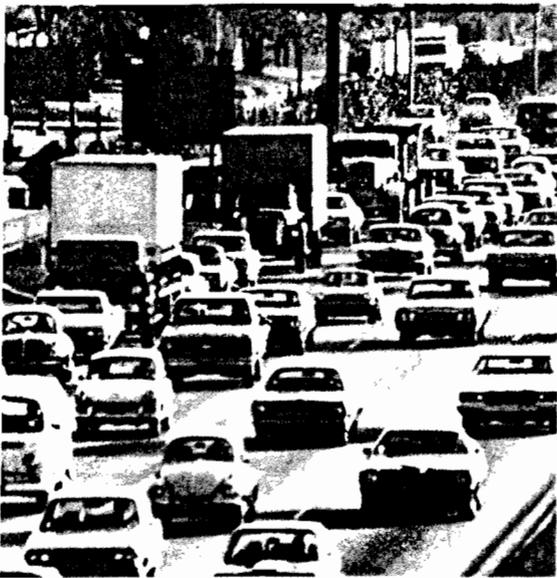
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SCAG DEPARTMENTS— THEIR WORK

SCAG also ensures maximum private and public participation in the decision-making process by publicizing current plans and programs, holding issue workshops, and conducting public hearings on final proposals.

Under the supervision of the Executive Director, SCAG's professional and support staff work within six major departments: Community and Economic Development, Data and Support Services, Environmental Planning, Government and Public Affairs, Regional Strategic Planning, and Transportation Planning.

The Chief Operating Officer oversees the agency's Overall Work Program and its contracts and grants, and supervises Accounting/Budget and Human Resources Management.

The Community and Economic Development Department focuses on regional/subregional relationships through policy planning and technical analysis in: housing (Regional Housing Allocation Model, regional housing strategies); economic analysis (forecasting employment and income, labor force and job training, economic development); area/corridor studies (transportation and land use strategies, balance of jobs and housing) and disaster planning (especially earthquake preparedness). The Department also provides staffing for the Community, Economic, and Human Development Committee.

The Data and Support Services Department includes data management, computer operations, and transportation modeling and analysis. It has overall fee-service marketing responsibility, under which it provides data analysis to both public and private clients, handles the sales of all SCAG publications, and provides a centralized information service to members and the public at large.

Support services is composed of graphic arts, document reproduction, mail services, and word processing.

The Environmental Planning Department provides a focus for planning and management work on environmental issues, and provides staffing for the Energy and Environment Committee,

Hazardous Waste Management Authority, Technical Advisory and Citizen's Advisory Committees, and other ad-hoc task forces.

The Department deals with energy, air quality, water, and hazardous waste. It also monitors major regional developments (through Plan and Project Review), as well as the Regional Transportation Plan and the Air Quality Management Plan.

The Government and Public Affairs Department is composed of two units. Government Relations studies the impact of proposed federal and state laws on local governments. Public Communications performs an essential role in helping ensure maximum private and public involvement in regional planning, and informing local government of regional issues. It is also responsible for general public information, news media relations, and the publication of FORUM, the agency's newsletter.

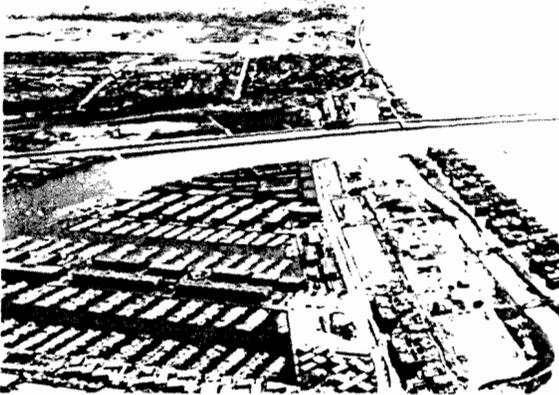
The Regional Strategic Planning Department synthesizes the collective direction for the region as expressed by the SCAG committees and by the Regional Institute and the Regional Advisory Council in their actions on plans, policies, and strategies.

The Department is responsible for assuring ongoing integration of SCAG planning activities and has the lead responsibility for preparing the regularly updated Development Guide—the plan that sets forth the agency's adopted growth policies and forecasts, and which serves as a reference base for all other major SCAG plans.

The Transportation Planning Department, through technical analysis and policy planning, addresses issues related to regional mobility: aviation, highways, transit, rail, maritime, paratransit, bicycle. It creates demand management strategies and links land-use and transportation.

Among its major products are the Regional Mobility Plan, Regional Transportation Improvement Program (consisting of specific local transportation projects), Regional Aviation Systems Plans, and numerous special studies.

OTHER ACTIVITIES



Contract Services

SCAG provides planning, analysis and data services to the Southern California community. These services allow the use of SCAG staff on a contractual basis to perform specific tasks for a wide range of user groups. The intent of this program is to make best use of the regional planning resources assembled at SCAG and to help member counties and cities perform their ongoing planning functions at a time when public resources are limited.

Corporate Fund for Housing

The Corporate Fund for Housing involves industry in the effort to produce rental and ownership housing opportunities for workers with modest incomes. CFH brings together interests to work in concert with local governments, investors, and communities to leverage their resources, streamline processing and reform regulations to finance, stimulate, and support the development of affordable housing for working families. Only with an adequate supply of such housing close to work centers can regional industries attract and retain a qualified work force. The Corporate Fund for Housing is guided by a highly distinguished group of business leaders working in concert with public elected officials.

Regional Institute of Southern California

The Regional Institute of Southern California is a nonprofit organization established by SCAG's



Executive Committee. The Institute's board of directors is composed of public officials and private-sector leaders, and its charge is to investigate issues of importance to the region's future. The Institute will provide the forum in which the public and private sectors can propose, examine, and refine solutions for economic and social change.

Census Data Center

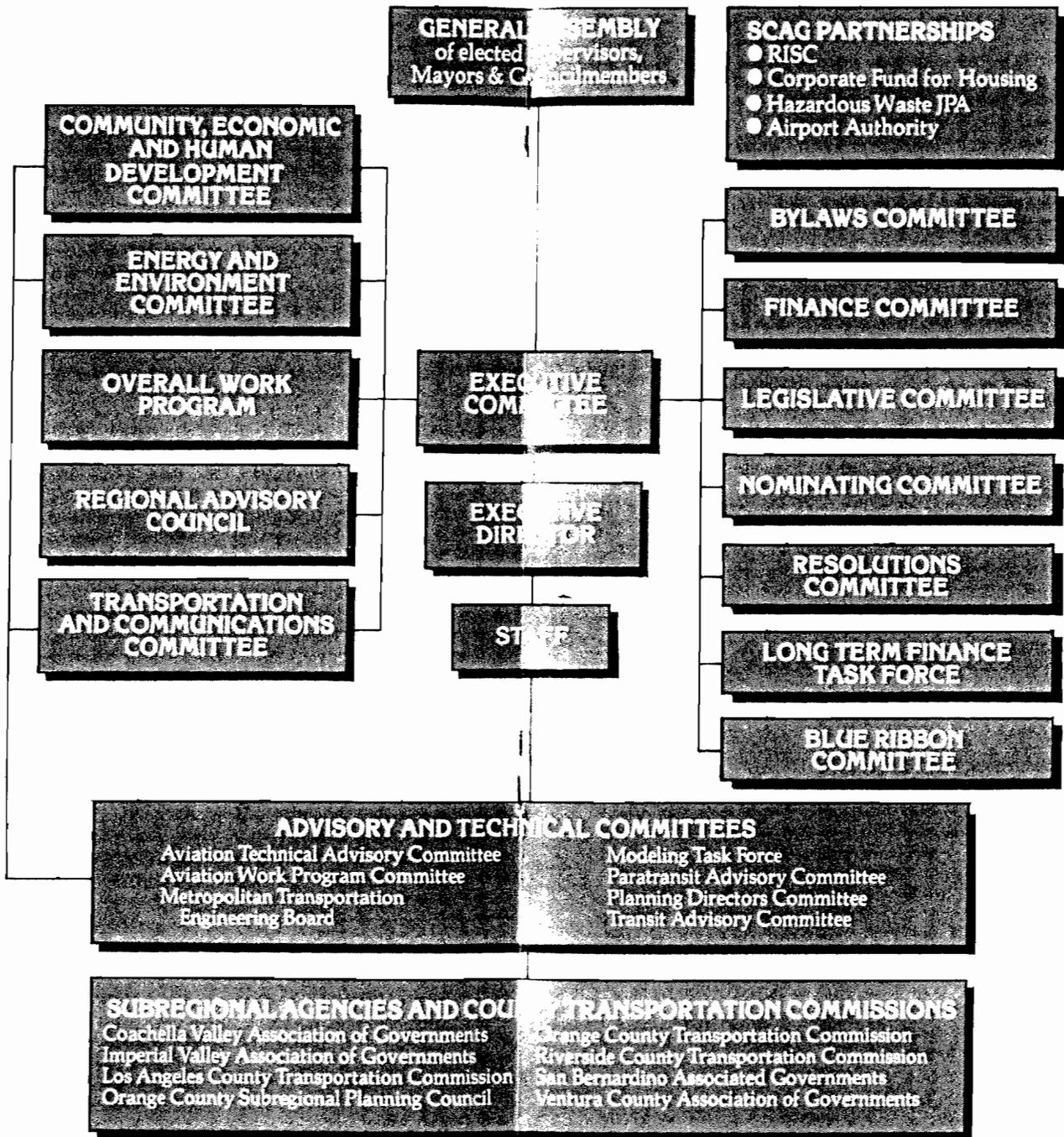
The U.S. Census Bureau has designated RISC the Regional Census Data Center for the Southern California area. The Census Data Center provides census information to governments and the general public on a cost-reimbursable basis. Census reports include demographic, housing, economic, transportation, and affirmative action information. The Center also offers projections and estimates derived from four different data bases as well as special tabulations from census and other data bases. Free catalogs of reports are available from:

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June 16, 1989

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Dear Mr. Wallace:

As I mentioned to you, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) is a joint powers agency comprised of the cities and counties in the Southern six county region. In the past, we have published a guide to SCAG for our members and the general public (see "Your Guide to SCAG, 1986-87," enclosed). The Guide includes listings of our committee members, many of whom are elected officials.

We would like to publish an update that conforms to Proposition 73. May we include the roster of our committees and photos?

Sincerely,

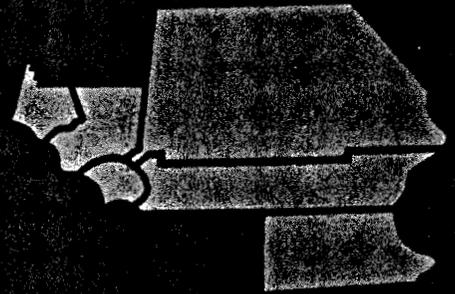
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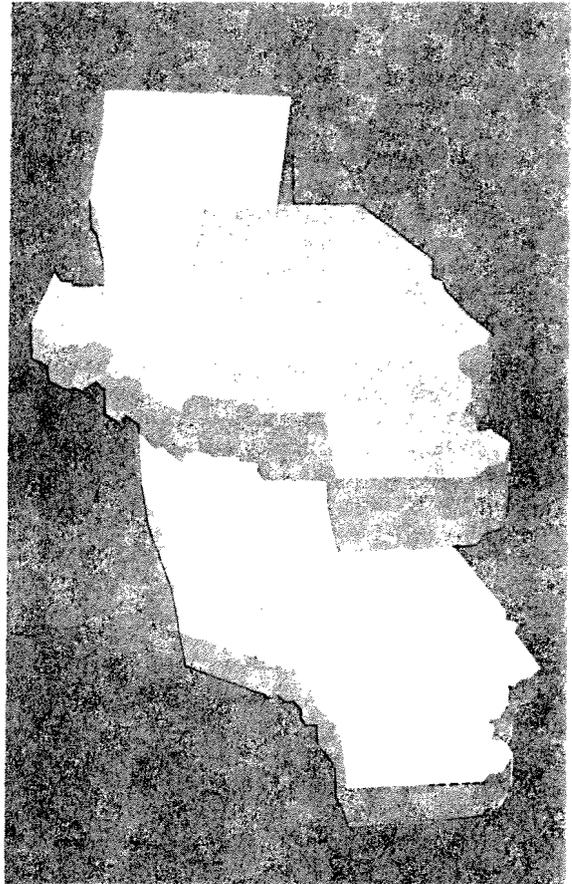
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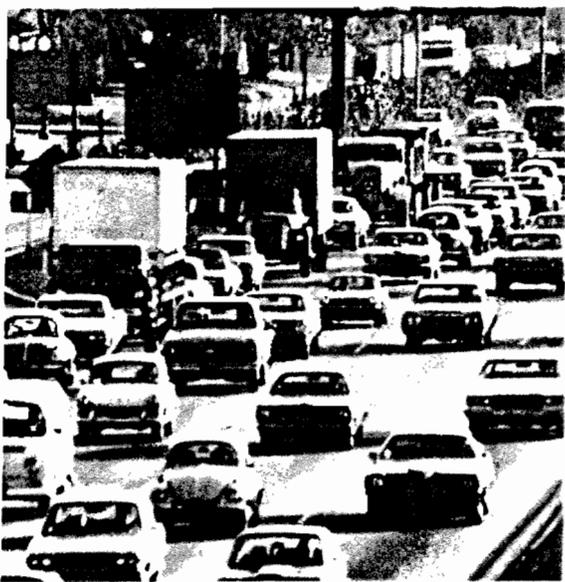


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REGIONAL PLANNING SOLVES REGIONAL PROBLEMS

The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) is an association of county and city governments—technically, a Council of Governments (COG). The purpose of such councils is to provide a forum where members can reach agreement on issues of common concern, and forge a regional rather than a local approach. Of about 700 COGs in the United States, SCAG has the largest population (13 million people) and area (38,000 square miles). SCAG's activities are funded by dues from member governments, and federal and state grants.

SCAG is the Metropolitan Planning Organization for a portion of Southern California containing 49% of the state's population. SCAG's planning jurisdiction consists of six counties—Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, Ventura, and Imperial—and 150 cities. These jurisdictions are considered a single region because they share a distinctive geographic area; they have common air basins and water supply systems; and they have inter-related transportation networks, economies, labor pools, housing markets, and social and cultural values.

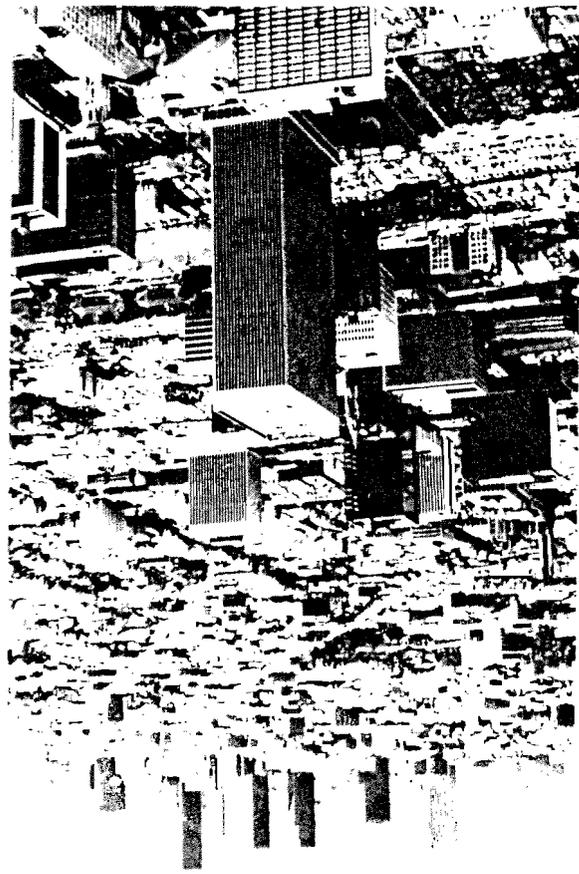


The size and complexity of the region's problems are in proportion to its rapidly growing population. From 1980 to 2000, the region expects to add 3,216,300 new residents, equivalent to another City of Los Angeles. In dealing with this rapid growth, SCAG's technical planning staff translates the concerns of its membership into comprehensive plans, and addresses the vital issues affecting the region—among them, air quality, water quality, housing supply, transportation systems, and optimum levels and distribution of regional growth and development.

In its planning activities, SCAG interacts with federal, state, and local governments, and with agencies ranging from the California Department of Transportation and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to local city planning and housing agencies. SCAG's plans integrate recommendations from a broad spectrum of private and public organizations.

SCAG also acts as a clearinghouse for certain federal grant moneys. This function helps to ensure that major projects in our area are consistent with regional policies and goals.





- As members of SCAG, local governments share information to solve common problems; avoid duplication of efforts, and coordinate their services;
- work through a single agency to obtain and administer funds from the numerous federal and state agencies;
- use the Association's professional and technical expertise to aid in local operations, thus saving local tax dollars;
- promote cooperation between the public and private sectors;
- seek ways to improve our quality of life.

REGIONAL PLANNING— A BETTER APPROACH

The Executive Committee receives information and recommendations from policy advisory committees, each of which addresses particular issue areas. These committees, made up of local elected officials, are brought together for an annual meeting to coordinate and discuss the region's and their own future. In addition, SCAG's Regional Advisory Committee, composed of 50 members from the private sector, provides the Executive Committee with community viewpoints and recommendations on regional issues.

The Executive Committee meets monthly and translates these goals into definitive policies, which guide the planning activities of SCAG staff. The Executive Committee is made up of 20 elected officials from member cities and counties. Of these, seven represent counties and Ventura have one delegate each; Los Angeles County has two. Each of the six counties has one delegate who represents that county's cities. Additionally, because of their large populations, the City of Los Angeles has three permanent seats, and the City of Long Beach has one. Three at-large delegates comprise the roster. Each member has an alternate who serves in his or her absence.

SCAG's overall governing body, the General Assembly, meets annually to establish long-range goals. The General Assembly is composed of one voting delegate from each city and county in the region, except that because they have larger populations, Los Angeles County has two voting delegates, and the City of Los Angeles has three.



SCAG DEPARTMENTS— THEIR WORK

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SCAG also ensures maximum private and public participation in the decision-making process by publicizing current plans and programs, holding issue workshops, and conducting public hearings on final proposals.

Under the supervision of the Executive Director, SCAG's professional and support staff work within six major departments: Community and Economic Development, Data and Support Services, Environmental Planning, Government and Public Affairs, Regional Strategic Planning, and Transportation Planning.

The Chief Operating Officer oversees the agency's Overall Work Program and its contracts and grants, and supervises Accounting/Budget and Human Resources Management.

The Community and Economic Development Department focuses on regional/subregional relationships through policy planning and technical analysis in: housing (Regional Housing Allocation Model, regional housing strategies); economic analysis (forecasting employment and income, labor force and job training, economic development); area/corridor studies (transportation and land use strategies, balance of jobs and housing) and disaster planning (especially earthquake preparedness). The Department also provides staffing for the Community, Economic, and Human Development Committee.

The Data and Support Services Department includes data management, computer operations, and transportation modeling and analysis. It has overall fee-service marketing responsibility, under which it provides data analysis to both public and private clients, handles the sales of all SCAG publications, and provides a centralized information service to members and the public at large.

Support services is composed of graphic arts, document reproduction, mail services, and word processing.

The Environmental Planning Department provides a focus for planning and management work on environmental issues, and provides staffing for the Energy and Environment Committee,

Hazardous Waste Management Authority, Technical Advisory and Citizen's Advisory Committees, and other ad-hoc task forces.

The Department deals with energy, air quality, water, and hazardous waste. It also monitors major regional developments (through Plan and Project Review), as well as the Regional Transportation Plan and the Air Quality Management Plan.

The Government and Public Affairs Department is composed of two units. Government Relations studies the impact of proposed federal and state laws on local governments. Public Communications performs an essential role in helping ensure maximum private and public involvement in regional planning, and informing local government of regional issues. It is also responsible for general public information, news media relations, and the publication of FORUM, the agency's newsletter.

The Regional Strategic Planning Department synthesizes the collective direction for the region as expressed by the SCAG committees and by the Regional Institute and the Regional Advisory Council in their actions on plans, policies, and strategies.

The Department is responsible for assuring ongoing integration of SCAG planning activities and has the lead responsibility for preparing the regularly updated Development Guide—the plan that sets forth the agency's adopted growth policies and forecasts, and which serves as a reference base for all other major SCAG plans.

The Transportation Planning Department, through technical analysis and policy planning, addresses issues related to regional mobility: aviation, highways, transit, rail, maritime, paratransit, bicycle. It creates demand management strategies and links land-use and transportation.

Among its major products are the Regional Mobility Plan, Regional Transportation Improvement Program (consisting of specific local transportation projects), Regional Aviation Systems Plans, and numerous special studies.

OTHER ACTIVITIES



Contract Services

SCAG provides planning, analysis and data services to the Southern California community. These services allow the use of SCAG staff on a contractual basis to perform specific tasks for a wide range of user groups. The intent of this program is to make best use of the regional planning resources assembled at SCAG and to help member counties and cities perform their ongoing planning functions at a time when public resources are limited.

Corporate Fund for Housing

The Corporate Fund for Housing involves industry in the effort to produce rental and ownership housing opportunities for workers with modest incomes. CFH brings together interests to work in concert with local governments, investors, and communities to leverage their resources, streamline processing and reform regulations to finance, stimulate, and support the development of affordable housing for working families. Only with an adequate supply of such housing close to work centers can regional industries attract and retain a qualified work force. The Corporate Fund for Housing is guided by a highly distinguished group of business leaders working in concert with public elected officials.

Regional Institute of Southern California

The Regional Institute of Southern California is a nonprofit organization established by SCAG's



Executive Committee. The Institute's board of directors is composed of public officials and private-sector leaders, and its charge is to investigate issues of importance to the region's future. The Institute will provide the forum in which the public and private sectors can propose, examine, and refine solutions for economic and social change.

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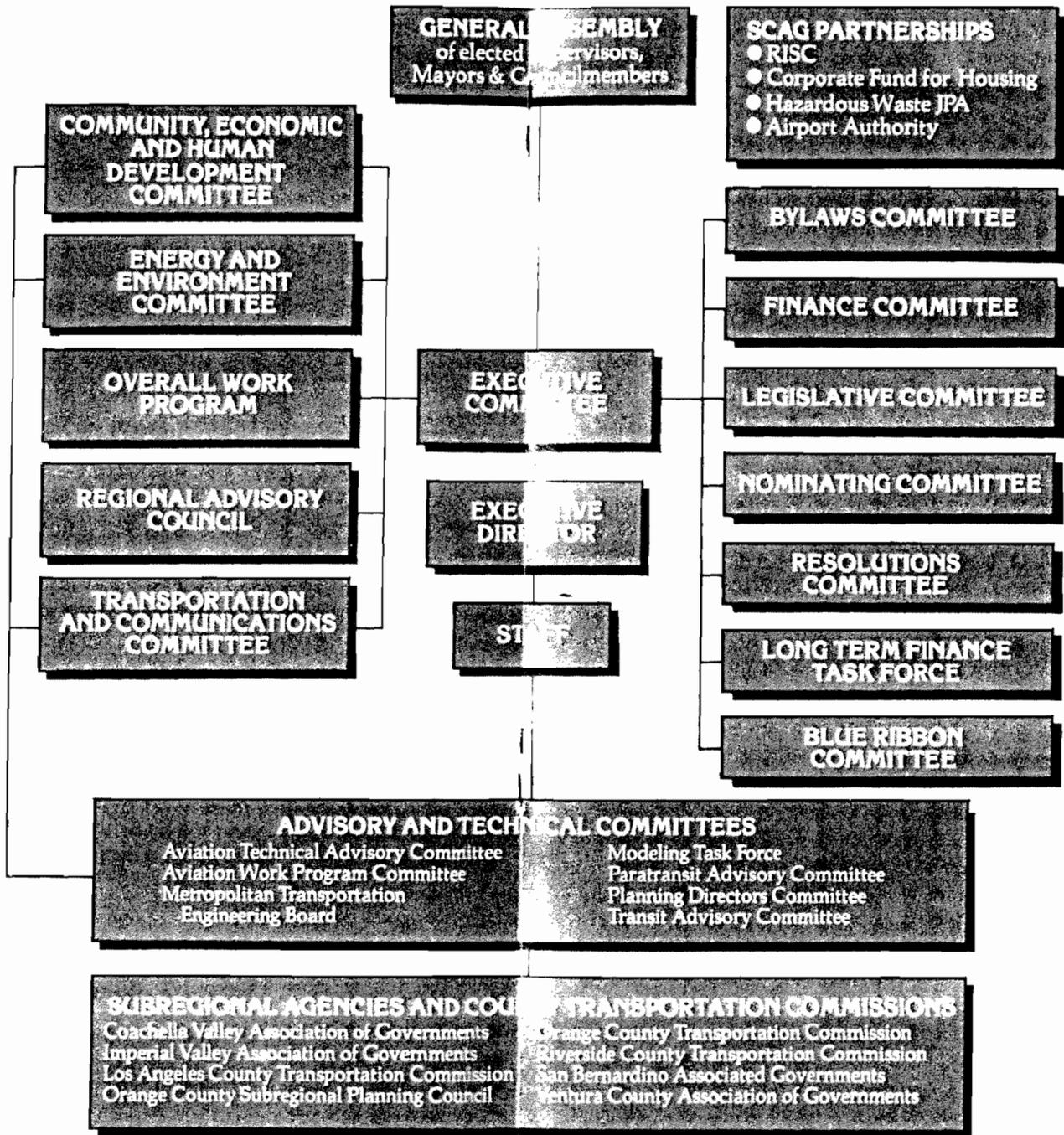
The U.S. Census Bureau has designated RISC the Regional Census Data Center for the Southern California area. The Census Data Center provides census information to governments and the general public on a cost-reimbursable basis. Census reports include demographic, housing, economic, transportation, and affirmative action information. The Center also offers projections and estimates derived from four different data bases as well as special tabulations from census and other data bases. Free catalogs of reports are available from:

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Re: Letter No. 89-374

Dear Ms. Smookler:

Your letter requesting advice under the Political Reform Act was received on June 20, 1989 by the Fair Political Practices Commission. If you have any questions about your advice request, you may contact John Wallace an attorney in the Legal Division, directly at (916) 322-5901.

We try to answer all advice requests promptly. Therefore, unless your request poses particularly complex legal questions, or more information is needed, you should expect a response within 21 working days if your request seeks formal written advice. If more information is needed, the person assigned to prepare a response to your request will contact you shortly to advise you as to information needed. If your request is for informal assistance, we will answer it as quickly as we can. (See Commission Regulation 18329 (2 Cal. Code of Regs. Sec. 18329).)

You also should be aware that your letter and our response are public records which may be disclosed to the public upon receipt of a proper request for disclosure.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kathryn E. Donovan".

Kathryn E. Donovan
General Counsel

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