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**AGENDA ITEM 4b**  
**HCAOG Board Meeting**  
**May 21, 2026**

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DATE: May 13, 2026  
TO: Policy Advisory Committee (PAC)  
FROM: Brendan Byrd, Executive Director  
SUBJECT: **SSTAC Membership Updates: CAE Advisory Membership Request and Karuk Tribe Membership Appointment**

### **STAFF REPORT**

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#### **Staff's Recommended Action:**

Motion to be approved by consent:

“The PAC recommends that the HCAOG Board approve CAE’s request to change their SSTAC membership from discretionary voting membership to advisory membership.”

and

“The PAC recommends that the HCAOG Board approve the appointment of a Karuk Tribe Department of Transportation representative to the SSTAC.”

#### **Staff Summary:**

HCAOG has received two requests related to SSTAC membership.

First, Catherine Sundquist, representing CAE, has formally requested that CAE’s current discretionary voting membership be changed to an advisory membership. Pursuant to Article 4.05 of the SSTAC Bylaws, non-statutorily required members may serve in an advisory capacity, at which point they are no longer counted toward quorum and do not retain voting rights. This request is consistent with the Bylaws and would allow CAE to continue participating in SSTAC discussions in a non-voting role. Staff will note that CAE formerly served as the regions Dial-a-Ride operator. The service has since been transferred to HTA in 2025.

Second, HCAOG received correspondence from the Karuk Tribe requesting that a representative from the Karuk Tribe Department of Transportation be appointed to the SSTAC. Under Article 4.00 of the SSTAC Bylaws, the Council consists of required statutory members as defined in Section 99238(a) of the Transportation Development Act (TDA), as well as additional discretionary members appointed by the HCAOG Board under Section 99238(b). A Karuk Tribe representative would fill a discretionary seat and is expected to enhance coordination and collaboration among transit providers and partners in the region.

The SSTAC currently includes both statutorily required and discretionary members, as well as advisory members. Approval of these actions would adjust CAE's role to advisory status and add a Karuk Tribe representative as a discretionary member, maintaining compliance with SSTAC Bylaws while supporting broader regional representation.

The SSTAC made a recommendation that the HCAOG Board approve both membership requests at their May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026, meeting.