



Overview of CALCOG for Prospective Board Members

Who We Are

A statewide association representing California's regional planning and transportation agencies (50 member agencies), including:

- Councils of Governments (COGs)
- County Transportation Agencies (CTAs)
- Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) and Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPAs)

What We Do

CALCOG is the collective voice, coordinator, and convener for regional agencies. Work includes:

- **Advocacy** on state and federal legislation, budgets, and regulations
- **Policy coordination** on housing, transportation, climate, and regional governance
- **Member support** through training, peer exchange, and implementation-focused resources
- **Capacity building** to strengthen regional agencies as partners to cities, counties, and the state

CALCOG works closely with statewide partners such as the League of California Cities, California State Association of Counties, and Self Help Counties Coalition to ensure regional perspectives are integrated into broader local government policy discussions.

Work Program Snapshot

- State & federal advocacy for regional priorities
- Housing & transportation alignment (RHNA, RTP/SCS, funding, implementation)
- Training & peer learning (academies, workshops, conferences, briefings)
- Research & tools (plain-language guidance, curated resources)
- Regional governance (cross-jurisdiction coordination)

Role of Our Board

Board members (elected officials from member agencies) help:

- Provide policy and strategic direction to staff
- Help set advocacy priorities and organizational goals
- Represent regional perspectives statewide

Time Commitment

- 2–3 in-person meetings per year (including the Regional Leadership Forum) and up to 4–5 virtual meetings per year
- Meetings are structured, focused and respectful of elected officials' time
- Member agencies typically cover travel. Thus, there is typically no additional Form 700 filing requirement associated with CALCOG Board service. CALCOG does not pay a per diem.

Why You Should Serve

- Influence statewide housing and transportation policy
- Stay ahead of emerging state/federal issues
- Build relationships with regional leaders across California
- Strengthen the regional role in local implementation