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AGENDA ITEM 3a
HCAOG Board Meeting
January 15, 2026

DATE: January 9, 2026
TO: HCAOG Board of Directors
FROM: Brendan Byrd, Executive Director
SUBJECT: **Election of Officers and Appointment of a California Association of Council of Governments (CALCOG) Delegate for Calendar Year 2026**

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Staff's Recommended Action:

By one motion the HCAOG Board will elect a Chair, Vice Chair, third Executive Committee Member, and CALCOG Delegate to serve during calendar year 2026.

Staff Summary:

Each year the HCAOG Board appoints a Chair, Vice Chair, third Executive Committee member and CALCOG delegate for the new calendar year. In accordance with Articles II and VII of the HCAOG Bylaws, the Chair, Vice Chair and third Executive committee member shall be appointed annually. There are no limits to the number of consecutive years a seat can be held by the same Board member as long as they are re-elected each year.

Section 2.2: Rights of the Presiding Officer

The Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, or such other member as may be presiding, shall be deprived of none of the rights or privileges of a member by reason of his or her occupying the chair and may move, second, and debate from the chair, subject only to such limitations of debate as are by the rules imposed on all members.

Section 2.3 Chairperson Duties

In the absence of the Chairperson, the Vice Chairperson may perform duties and obligations of the office of the Chairperson.

Section 7.1 Executive Committee

The Board annually appoints an Executive Committee to carry out administrative and executive functions between regular monthly meetings. The Executive Committee is made up of the Chair, Vice Chair and an additional member selected by the Board.

Section 7.2 Executive Committee Emergency Actions

When it is not possible because of time or other constraints to assemble a quorum of the Board for routine decisions between regular meetings, the Chairperson and at least two other Board members, but no more than a quorum, may act as an executive committee to authorize transactions not specifically required by statute to be determined by a majority with a quorum present; and any such executive committee action shall be reviewed and either approved or rescinded at the next meeting of the Board at which a quorum can be assembled. The purpose of this section is primarily to avoid delay in meeting Work Program schedules and carrying out other general activities; the executive committee is not authorized to approve allocations or take any long-term action which for which a resolution is usually required.

The California Association of Councils of Governments (CALCOG) Representative and Alternate (optional).

CALCOG is a nonprofit, social welfare organization formed to serve regional governments. There are currently 45 member agencies. Membership ranges in size from the Lake County/City Area Planning Council (population 64,000) to the Southern California Association of Governments (population 18 million). Most members are involved in planning and funding transportation infrastructure; many actually deliver specific projects, and a few also operate transit systems. Each member has a single representative.

CALCOG's work program includes:

- A consensus-based advocacy program that targets high priority Legislation in which members have a common interest.
- Facilitate member meetings and conferences designed to share information and encourage peer-to-peer learning.
- Coordinate government-to-government communications between state, regional, and local governments as it relates to implementing policy, including transportation, housing, and climate change.
- Provide general educational information to interested stakeholders, governmental partners, and the public the structure, role, constraints, and opportunities for effective regional governance.
- Coordinate transportation policy implementation with Caltrans, the California Transportation Commission, and California State Transportation Agency.

The CALCOG Delegate takes part in CALCOG meetings and conferences, both online and in person when needed. The Delegate helps make sure Humboldt County's regional priorities are heard in statewide policy and legislative discussions, and keeps the HCAOG Board informed about CALCOG activities, upcoming issues, and advocacy efforts. A key part of the role is providing input to CALCOG on legislation and budget items that affect our region, including communicating what HCAOG supports, does not support, or would like to see changed. Since CALCOG is actively involved in advocacy and lobbying, the Delegate plays an important role in making sure those efforts reflect the needs of rural and coastal communities.