

JOINT POWERS AGENCIES AND OTHER AUTHORITIES

Public agencies may enter into agreements to jointly exercise common powers. A joint powers agreement may establish a joint powers agency or take the form of an operating agreement. A public agency may not acquire new functions or powers through a joint powers agreement. The common power to be exercised may be exercised within the entire territorial jurisdiction of any one or more of the participating agencies. A public agency may enter into a joint powers agreement to exercise implied as well as express powers, but the implied powers must be necessary to carry out the powers expressly granted. The agency may be one or more of the parties to the agreement of a commission or board constituted pursuant to the agreement or a person, firm or corporation, including a non-profit corporation, designated in the agreement.

Cable TV Commission

The Commission exists to administer cable television franchise and licenses in Sacramento County; assist consumers in resolving their cable and non-cable video problems; monitor Community Programming Grantees; and operate the local government cable channel (METRO CABLE 14).

Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency

Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA) levies assessments, reassessments or special taxes and issue bonds to finance projects in accordance with a variety of California public improvement acts. The agency's long-term goal is to provide the Sacramento region with as much flood protection as is appropriate for a heavily populated urban area, much of which is subject to significant inundation in the event of a flood.

Sacramento County Waste Management and Recycling

The Waste Management and Recycling Division provides waste management and recycling services for residents and businesses in Sacramento County. The Sacramento Regional Solid Waste Authority (SWA) is a joint powers authority of Sacramento County and the Cities of Sacramento and Citrus Heights. The SWA Board of Directors consists of elected officials from the County and the member cities. The SWA regulates commercial solid waste collection by franchised haulers through SWA ordinances. Among other things, SWA ordinances require franchised haulers to achieve 30% recycling and to offer recycling programs to multi-family complexes.

The Sacramento Cities/County Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) is an advisory panel consisting of appointed representatives from each jurisdiction in Sacramento County. The SWAC is the State-mandated Local Task Force, which meets ten times yearly to assist in coordinating waste management and recycling efforts throughout the County.

Sacramento Employment and Training Agency

Sacramento Employment and Training Agency (SETA) provides assistance to both new and established businesses, including information about Sacramento's labor force, job tax

credits and wage subsidies. Additionally, customized human-resource services are provided to employers, including identification, interviewing, and training of qualified individuals. SETA administers the Workforce Invest Act program, which provides nearly ten million dollars for jobs skills training and incentives to businesses and job seekers. SETA's Head Start Program provides parental education in the areas of nutrition, budget management, child development and rearing, hygiene, and good health, as well as providing instruction, nutritious meals and healthcare for over 6,200 children daily.

Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency

Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency (SHRA) is the public developer for the City and the County, and the lead agency regarding affordable housing, public housing, and redevelopment projects and issues. SHRA provides and maintains Agency-owned housing and tenant-based rental assistance programs, develops and finances affordable housing opportunities, revitalizes lower income neighborhoods, and promotes economic development opportunities on commercial corridors and converted military bases.

Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District

Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District (SMAQMD) is the governmental agency that regulates sources of air pollution within Sacramento County. The Air District's jurisdiction covers the entire county, including the cities of Elk Grove, Rancho Cordova, Sacramento, Citrus Heights, Folsom, Galt, and Isleton. The District takes a progressive approach to regulating air pollution. Through its regulatory authority, permitting procedures, compliance assistance, enforcement, and public outreach programs, the Air District has one of the most proactive air quality programs in the State.

Sacramento Public Library Authority

The Sacramento Public Library Authority's service area covers almost 900 square miles, including California's capital city, the unincorporated area of Sacramento County, and the cities of Citrus Heights, Elk Grove, Galt, Isleton, and Rancho Cordova. Sacramento Public Library has a Central Library, 26 branch libraries, 2 bookmobiles, a Homebound Books-By-Mail service, a Literacy service, 2 Homework Centers, and provides free programs for pre-schoolers, school age children and adults throughout the year.

Sacramento Transportation Authority

Sacramento Transportation Authority (STA) distributes tax monies allocated for construction of highways, streets, and roads; increased bus and light rail service; increased transportation services for the elderly and handicapped; and transportation-related air quality programs. STA, in conjunction with other providers, administers the Freeway Service Patrol, providing tow trucks to patrol highway areas during weekday commute periods, and the Abandoned Vehicle Service Authority, which enforces local ordinances to remove abandoned vehicles from private and public property.