



Sonoma County Transportation Authority  
Regional Climate Protection Authority

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## **SCTA/RCPA Board Appoints James Cameron as Executive Director for Both Agencies**

The transition comes after the retirement of Executive Director Suzanne Smith

Sonoma County Transportation Authority and Regional Climate Protection Authority welcomes James Cameron as Executive Director following the retirement of longtime Executive Director Suzanne Smith. James joined SCTA/RCPA in 2012 as Deputy Director of Projects and Programming and has served as Chief Deputy Executive Director since January 2021, supporting all aspects of transportation and climate planning, funding, and implementing within agency.

“James is an ideal choice to lead the agency and continue the crucial transportation and climate work and take it to the next level,” said SCTA/RCPA Board of Directors Chair Chris Rogers. “He has demonstrated a mastery of the coordination and politics required to get projects funded and completed and understands the inner workings of SCTA/RCPA better than anyone. I look forward to working with James as we usher the agency into a new era of serving the citizens of Sonoma County.”

James is a licensed Civil Engineer and Land Surveyor and brings over 25 years of experience working on Sonoma County capital projects in all phases of development including programming, environmental, design and construction. Prior to joining SCTA, he served as a Supervising Engineer for the City of Santa Rosa in their Capital Improvements Program and a Resident Engineer for the California Department of Transportation Division of Construction.

“As the climate crisis deepens and our transportation transitions to clean fuel and alternative modes, James will bring funding and project delivery expertise to advance our goals quickly and efficiently,” said SCTA/RCPA Vice Chair Lynda Hopkins. “I look forward to working with him in the coming years to ensure all of Sonoma County sees the benefits SCTA/RCPA has to offer.”

The transition comes at an important time for the agency, with the voter approved Go Sonoma tax measure beginning to deliver integral funds to Sonoma County transportation projects and significant movement on the State Route 37 Flood Reduction Project. RCPA’s designation as a Climate Resilience District under SB852 and the potential for a statewide climate bond in 2024 the RCPA is positioned to take advantage of these new possibilities to fund local climate projects.

“After more than a decade of working with the amazing staff and Directors at SCTA/RCPA, it is an honor and a privilege to be selected as the next Executive Director,” said James Cameron. “I’m excited about our future opportunities to deliver climate and transportation solutions for Sonoma County with strong partnerships and leveraging local funds.”

Visit the SCTA and RCPA websites for detailed information on current transportation and climate projects and partnerships in Sonoma County and the greater SF Bay Area.

[www.scta.ca.gov](http://www.scta.ca.gov)

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**About the Sonoma County Transportation Authority:**

The Sonoma County Transportation Authority (SCTA) was created in 1990 and is governed by a twelve-member Board of Directors representing each of the nine cities. The SCTA plays a leading role in transportation in Sonoma County by securing funds, overseeing project delivery and long-term planning. The SCTA acts as the countywide planning and fund programming agency for transportation related issues.

**About the Sonoma County Regional Climate Protection Authority:**

The Sonoma County Regional Climate Protection Authority (RCPA) leads a local government coalition to mobilize regional climate action in Sonoma County. The RCPA was formed in 2009 to coordinate countywide climate protection efforts among Sonoma County’s nine cities and multiple agencies. The RCPA fosters collaboration, helps to set goals, pools resources, formalizes partnerships, and works across silos.

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