

# The Fifth Annual Southern California **ECONOMIC RECOVERY & JOB CREATION SUMMIT**

## **AGENDA**

**9:00 a.m. REGISTRATION & NETWORKING**

**10:00 a.m. WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS**

**Hon. Carl Morehouse**, SCAG President, City of San Buenaventura

Moderator: **Frank Mottek**, Anchor, "The Business Hour," KNX 1070 Newsradio

**10:15 a.m. OPENING KEYNOTE**

**10:30 a.m. SCAG REGION ECONOMIC UPDATE**

News headlines declare that the national economy has recovered. There has been progress, but that progress has been slow and uneven. With poverty rates rising and nearly 800,000 Californians still unemployed and actively looking for work, some are asking, "What recovery?" Hear what SCAG's team of independent economists has to say about Southern California's economy, and the outlook and timeline for job creation and economic growth.

**Wallace Walrod, Ph.D.**, Chief Economic Advisor, Orange County Business Council

**Michael Bracken, MPA**, Managing Partner & Chief Economist, Development Management Group, Inc.

**Christine Cooper, Ph.D.**, Vice President of Economic & Policy Analysis, Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation

**John Husing, Ph.D.**, Chief Economist, Inland Empire Economic Partnership

**Bill Watkins, Ph.D.**, Executive Director, California Lutheran University Center for Economic Research & Forecasting

**11:30 a.m. REGIONAL ACTION PLAN ON POVERTY**

On August 20, 2014, SCAG and the Southern California Leadership Council convened the Fifty Years into the War on Poverty Summit to both commemorate President Lyndon B. Johnson's signing of the Economic Opportunity Act and bring forth solutions to reduce poverty in Southern California. The conclusion of the Summit saw a commitment to develop a plan to address poverty. Experts will unveil and discuss Southern California's Regional Action Plan on Poverty.

**12:30 p.m. LUNCH**

**12:45 p.m. WORKING LUNCH - NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING & COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION**

In California's post-redevelopment era, local governments are struggling to identify funding resources for essential infrastructure investment and service delivery. Without stable revenue streams, many jurisdictions are attempting to cobble together various sources to achieve their economic development objectives. This panel of public, private, and non-profit representatives will highlight opportunities to finance infrastructure projects and community revitalization efforts and share real-world success stories.

**Larry J. Kosmont**, President & CEO, Kosmont Companies

**Ruben Gonzales Jr.**, Community Organizer Consultant, LA n Sync

**Nancy O. Andrews**, President & CEO, Low Income Investment Fund

**1:45 p.m. WRAP-UP, MEASURING PROGRESS & NEXT STEPS**

**2:00 p.m. SUMMIT ADJOURNMENT**