



**REGIONAL SOLUTIONS PROGRAM
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South-Valley/Mid-Coast Priorities and Focus Areas

Appointed by the Governor, Regional Solutions Advisory Committees are composed of community leaders, including a Convener and representatives for cities, counties, businesses, sovereign Tribal nations, and philanthropic and community benefit organizations. Committees are tasked with identifying Regional Priorities for community and economic development, assisting with obtaining and connecting to resources and funding, and utilizing their local connections to advance regional efforts. Below are the priorities and tactics adopted by the members of the South-Valley/Mid-Coast Regional Solutions Advisory Committee on February 5, 2025.

Priorities	Focus Areas
Housing Production	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Land availability and readiness• Innovative housing production models• Rural access to state housing programs and technical assistance• Public-private partnerships in workforce housing
Community Resilience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2020 wildfire recovery• Support for businesses and non-profits during and after disaster• Increased coordination and capacity to improve resilience (human capital)• Preparedness and resilience of the built environment (e.g. communication infrastructure, electrical upgrades)
Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Upgrade aging water, wastewater, and other critical infrastructure• Infrastructure regionalization• Infrastructure services in rural unincorporated communities
Accessible and Affordable Child Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increase number and diversity of child care facilities• Public, private, and non-profit partnerships• Address land use barriers limiting expansion of child care facilities• Co-location of child care facilities with housing and employment
A Thriving Business Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support existing business community• Industrial land availability and readiness• Innovation and commercialization of new technology• Leverage federal investments in economic development initiatives

Committee Members

Convener	Dave Price
County Representative	County Commissioner Heather Buch
City Representative	Mayor Alex Johnson II
Business Representative	Justin Freeman
Philanthropy Representative	Ruby Buchholtz
Tribal Representative	Shelby Erickson
Community-Based Organization Representative	Andrea Myhre