

December 14, 2023

**Subject:** SGC Council Elections

Reporting Period: November 2021 – December 2023

Staff Lead: Lynn von Koch-Liebert, Executive Director, SGC

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## Recommended Action

Council shall nominate and vote on Council Chair and Vice-Chair.

## Summary

SGC Council Operating Guidelines and the Public Resources Code sec. 75122 require the election of a Chair and Vice Chair every two years. The last election occurred during the [November 16, 2021 SGC Council Meeting](#) and the next election will be held in Fall/Winter 2025.

## Background

Through State statute (Pub. Resources Code section 75120 et seq.), the Council is charged with developing a process to coordinate state agency activities so they assist and support the planning and development of sustainable communities which strengthen the economy, ensure social equity, and enhance environmental stewardship.

The Council consists of ten members. The Council will elect a Chair and one Vice-Chair for a two-year term. The Chair will be responsible for presiding over Council and representing the Council in public meetings. The Vice-Chair will be responsible for fulfilling the Chair's duties when the Chair is unavailable.

In November 2021, the Council appointed Governor's Office of Planning & Research Sam Assefa as Chair and California Department of Food & Agriculture Secretary Karen Ross as Vice Chair. The Chair and Vice-Chair serve for a two-year term.

## Council Recommendation

Should the Council agree with Staff's recommendation, the following motion language is suggested:

"I move that the Council..."