

## Thank You For Attending Our Annual Kick Off Celebration Hosted by Seven Mile Casino!

*Thank You Debbie Espe!*



A heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined us for our SCEDC Annual Celebration at Seven Mile Casino! Your presence made the event truly special as we reflected on our successes and celebrated Debbie Espe's incredible leadership over the past 18 months.

We would also like to extend a special thank you to Mayor John McCann of the City of Chula Vista, Mayor Paloma Aguirre of the City of Imperial Beach, and Mayor Ron Morrison of National City for taking the time to attend this important event and honor Debbie Espe's successful tenure.

Additionally, we want to express our gratitude to Tony McCune as the incoming chair. We look forward to your leadership and vision in the coming year!

Click the button below to see more pictures from the event!

We appreciate your support and look forward to an exciting journey together in 2025!

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### Good afternoon, San Diego County leaders.

It goes without saying that wind-driven wildfires in Los Angeles this week have by all accounts been devastating. What happens to one Southern California water community is felt by all of us in the industry. Our hearts go out to residents, public safety personnel and our colleagues who are dealing with circumstances beyond anyone's control.

The scale of events that we are witnessing in real time can quickly overwhelm prudent planning.

In San Diego County, we are well-prepared for wildfires, in part because we endured them in 2003 and 2007. Our crews learned lessons in those events that will serve us well when the next fires hit. Just this week, we have been operating some facilities manually without incident due to Public Safety Power Shutoffs. This, of course, underscores the value of maintaining a reliable water supply for the San Diego region. That equation includes both sufficient water resources and well-maintained regional infrastructure – two resources that this region has invested in heavily for decades.

I can assure you that as a region we have plenty of surface water in reservoirs like Olivenhain and San Vicente that can be accessed by helicopters for fire suppression. In addition, the regional Water Agency Emergency Collaborative streamlines mutual aid to shift resources where they are needed most. Our operations staff is participating in Emergency Operations Center calls with SDG&E on a daily basis, and we continue to monitor emergency response efforts by the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, which is based in Los Angeles.

We expect these efforts to continue into next week given the potential for winds to pick up again in our region. I will keep you updated on this dynamic situation as conditions change for San Diego County.

Dan Denham  
General Manager  
San Diego County Water Authority

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## South County Water News



### SD County Water Authority

In the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2024, the Water Authority maintained its leadership position in the water industry by facing new challenges with creativity, connection and commitment.

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### Otay Water District

Are you aware that the Otay Water District offers several rebates to help you save water and money? For more information, please click button below.

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### Sweet Water Authority

At the Dec 11 Sweetwater Authority Governing Board meeting, Manny Delgado and Paulina Martinez-Perez were sworn in for new 4-year terms representing South Bay Water Divisions 3 and 2.

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### Two County Supervisors Sworn into Office

Two re-elected County supervisors took the oath of office Monday at the County Administration Center Board Chamber.

Vice Chair Terra Lawson-Remer from District 3 and Supervisor Joel Anderson from District 2 were sworn into office after winning a second term in the November election.

The vice chair outlined the Board's many accomplishments in helping San Diegans. She said none of it had been easy, but the Board is going to continue to make progress.

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### City of Chula Vista City Managers Message

I am looking forward to a transformative year for our City. While we celebrated many milestones in 2024, this year marks the completion of several significant projects that will positively impact Chula Vista. These initiatives will provide new opportunities for residents and drive strong economic growth.

We're kicking off 2025 in style after the recent reopening of Harborside Park, now featuring a brand-new mini-pitch soccer field generously donated by the U.S. Soccer Foundation. This revitalized space, enhanced with improved safety measures, is already serving as a vibrant hub for community connection and recreation.

Last month, the City Council unanimously approved two groundbreaking Letters of Intent. The first is a partnership with San Diego State University to bring its School of Nursing and Global Campus programs to the lower level of the Millenia Library building.

This partnership will create greater access to higher education and workforce development opportunities for our residents.



Maria V. Kachadoorian, City Manager

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### 2025 Leadership Delegation to Sacramento

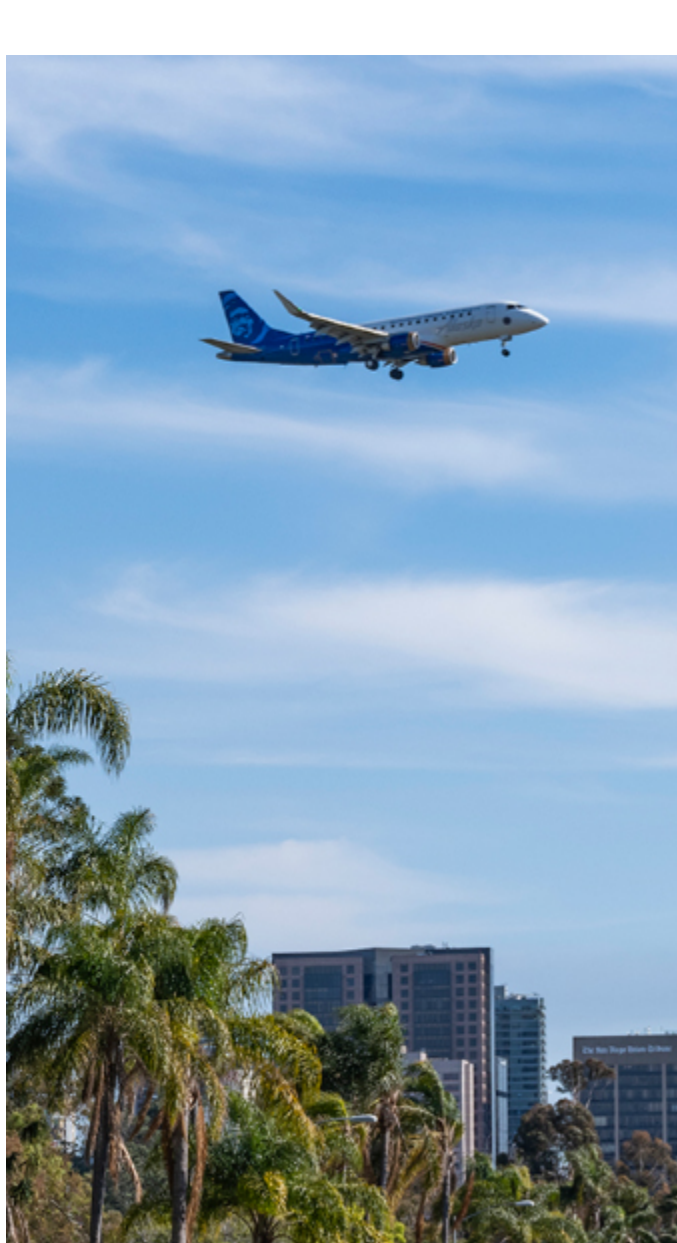
Lead the charge as the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce heads to Sacramento to bring local, regional, and state leaders together to discuss policy priorities that are in the best interest of business and job creation in the San Diego-Baja mega-region on Tuesday, February 4 and Wednesday, February 5.

February 4th @ 12:00 pm and

February 5th @ 1:30 pm

It is up to us to make sure that our leaders in Sacramento understand how to help businesses grow by making our voices heard on the issues that are pertinent to our mega-region.

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### T1 is Arriving 2025

After many years of extensive community outreach and input, we're creating a new terminal that reflects all the things we love about our region.

**Improved Access:**  
The New T1 airport project will include several improvements to access and connectivity around the facility. A new on-airport entrance road will provide travelers a quicker route to the airport by bypassing local traffic on N. Harbor Drive.

Additionally, new bicycle lanes and a pedestrian path will be added to connect the airport to the surrounding San Diego communities. Furthermore, space is being reserved to allow for a future public transit connection directly to the airport, making it easier for people to access the facility without a personal vehicle.

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## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

We are thrilled to announce that sponsorship opportunities are available to support our talented students in the Young Entrepreneurs Academy (YEA), proudly hosted by the South County Economic Development Council (SCEDC).

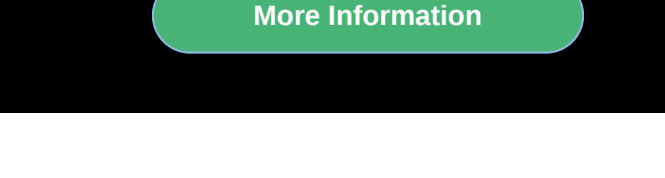
This year-long innovative program is dedicated to empowering high school students to become confident and capable entrepreneurs.

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor for the (YEA) Young Entrepreneurs Academy, please purchase our sponsorship packages by clicking the button below or contact us at (619) 424-5143 or email Alejandra@SouthCountyEDC.com

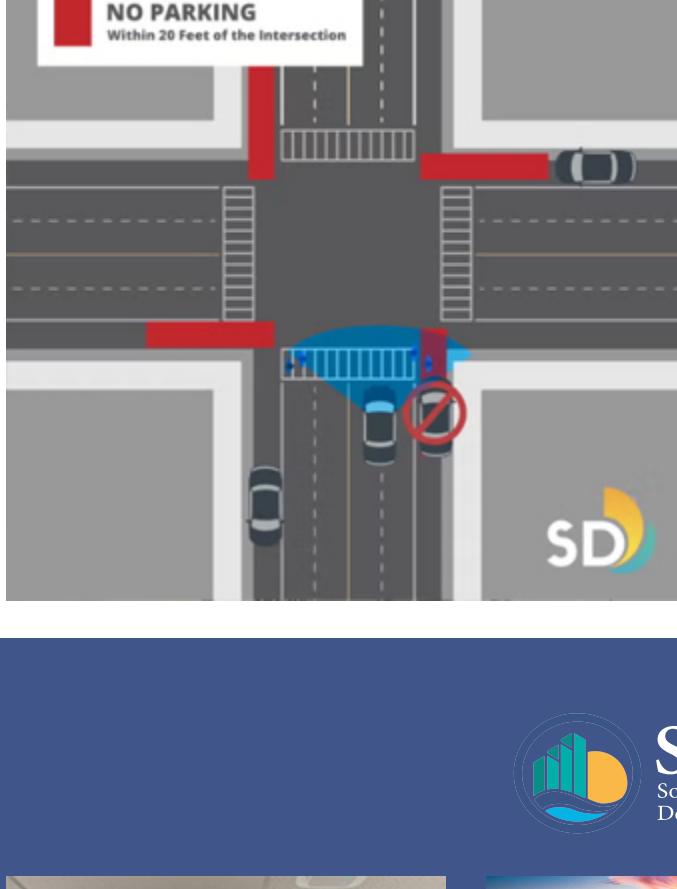
With the help of your sponsorship you are financially investing in the success of our students.

Your contribution can make a lasting impact on the lives of aspiring young entrepreneurs and the future of our community!

We would like to thank our sponsors for their support: The City of San Diego, Thomas C. Ackerman Foundation, and Truck Net LLC.



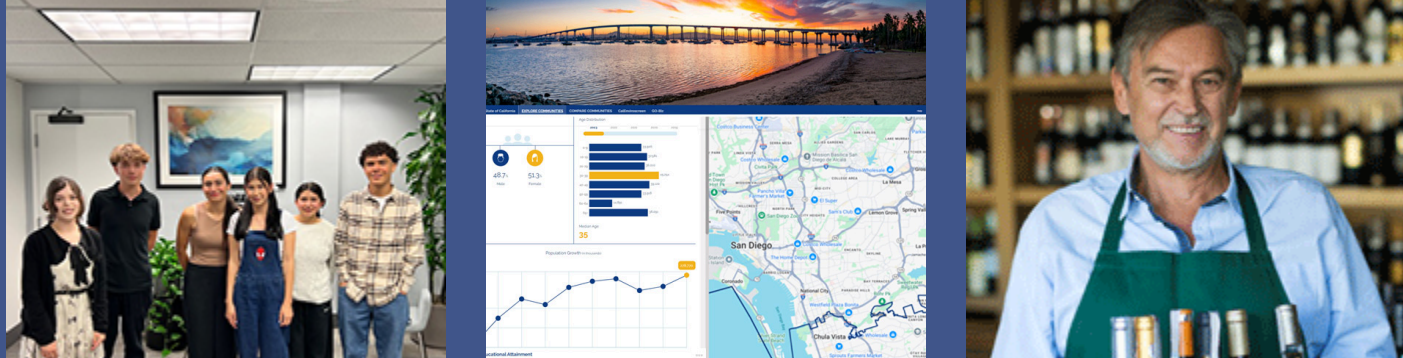
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### "Daylighting" to Save Lives

Assembly Bill 413 is commonly known as the Daylighting Bill and aims to prevent parking or stopping of vehicles within 20 feet from marked crosswalks, improve visibility and safety for both pedestrians and drivers.

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**Young Entrepreneurs**  
The Young Entrepreneurs Academy is back! We are on the lookout for fresh talent to join its entrepreneurial ranks.

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**SCEDC Census Data**  
We are excited to share our Census Data Page, a valuable resource designed to provide our members with essential insights into South County, San Diego.

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**SCEDC Recovery Loan**  
Do you have a Small Business in need of a loan? Are you looking to acquire new equipment or adding employees?

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## What's Coming Up

<p><b>Summit Committee Meeting</b></p> <p>January 15th 11AM - 12PM</p>	<p><b>Policy and Infrastructure Committee Meeting</b></p> <p>January 15th 3PM - 4PM</p>	<p><b>Martin Luther King Jr. Day - Holiday</b></p> <p>SCEDC CLOSED</p>
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