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Sacramento Region's Best Workplaces for Commuters Coalition

Sacramento Region's Best Workplaces for CommutersSM Coalition is composed of leading government and business organizations in the Sacramento Region working to reduce traffic congestion, improve air quality, cut global warming emissions, and make commuting less stressful and costly for employers and employees.

Air Districts of the Sacramento Region

The Air Districts work with local, state, and federal government agencies, the business community, and private citizens to achieve and maintain healthy air quality. Their overall mission is to achieve clean air goals by leading the region in protecting public health and the environment through innovative and effective programs, dedicated staff, community involvement, and public education. Air Districts in the coalition include: Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District, El Dorado County Air Pollution Control District, Feather River Air Quality Management District, Placer County Air Pollution Control District, and the Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District. <www.arb.ca.gov/capcoa/roster.htm>

American Lung Association of Sacramento-Emigrant Trails

The American Lung Association of Sacramento-Emigrant Trails is a voluntary nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting clean air, healthy lungs, and the elimination of lung disease. This local grassroots organization was originally founded in 1917 and is dedicated to making our communities better places to live and breathe. With an emphasis on youth programs and health preservation, the Lung Association is paving the way to a healthier future. Core programs include tobacco prevention, asthma and clean air education, and advocacy in a nine-county area. <www.saclung.org>

Sacramento Area Council of Governments

Sacramento Area Council of Governments' (SACOG) primary charge is to provide regional transportation planning and funding, as well as a forum for the study and resolution of regional issues. SACOG prepares the region's long-range transportation plan; approves distribution of affordable housing around the region; keeps a regionwide database for its own and local agency use; helps counties and cities use federal transportation funds in a timely way; assists in planning for transit, bicycle networks, clean air, and airport land uses; and is undertaking a new program to link transportation and land development more closely. <www.sacog.org>

Sacramento Area Human Resources Association

The Sacramento Area Human Resources Association (SAHRA) is an organization of more than 750 human resource professionals representing private and public sector employers in the greater Sacramento Area. SAHRA provides a forum for networking and the interchange of ideas and information related to the issues of human resource management, promotes a human resource voice in the community through civic responsibility, partnership with education and recognition of diversity, aids in the advancement of professional development for all members by providing informative monthly meetings, annual and semi-annual workshops or seminars and training for completion of professional certification, provides political and legislative advocacy by

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monitoring local, state, and national actions to ensure that the needs and concerns of human resource professionals are represented in the political decision-making process, and furnishes superior member support services and access to information relating to the human resource management issues. SAHRA is affiliated with the Society for Human Resource Management. <www.sahra.org>

Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce

The Sacramento Metro Chamber is the second largest chamber in California, with 2,500 members in a region that encompasses Sacramento, El Dorado, Placer, Sutter, Yolo, and Yuba Counties. The Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce is a catalyst in transforming the Sacramento region into an international center for commerce, learning, culture, and recreation. The Metro Chamber works on behalf of business, advocating for economic prosperity to keep the region vital for commerce and families. In its mission to foster regional economic prosperity, the Metro Chamber also provides business people with networking, visibility, and educational opportunities. <www.metrochamber.org>



U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Through Best Workplaces for CommutersSM, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency recognizes employers nationwide that offer outstanding commuter benefits. Participating organizations achieve a *National Standard of Excellence* that includes offering employees commuter benefits such as employer-provided transit passes, vanpool subsidies, carpool matching, bike lockers, compressed work schedules, or onsite day care. Supporters of the Best Workplaces for CommutersSM are working together with EPA to promote commuter benefits. <www.bwc.gov>



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