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# Regionalism in California

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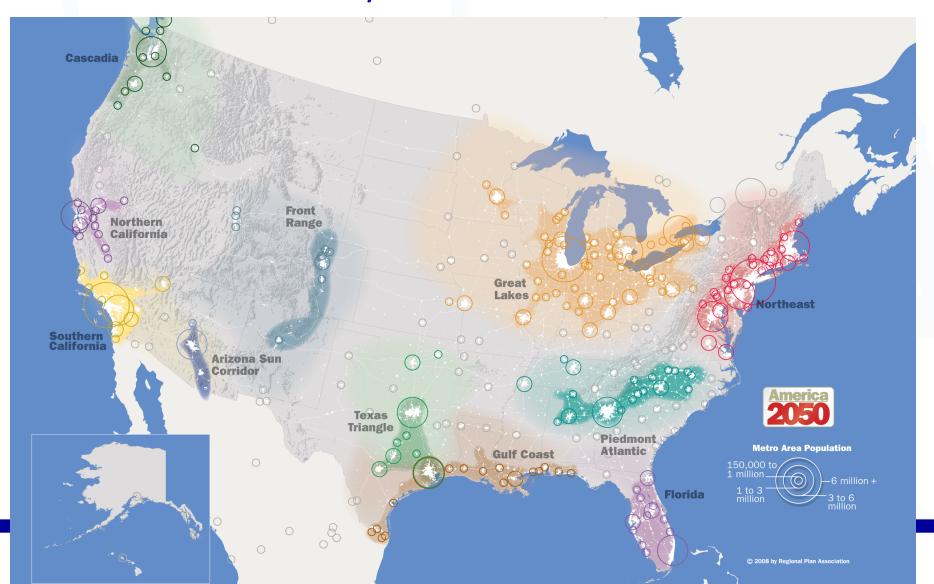


A region is an area safely larger than the last one to whose problems we found no solution. – Jane Jacobs



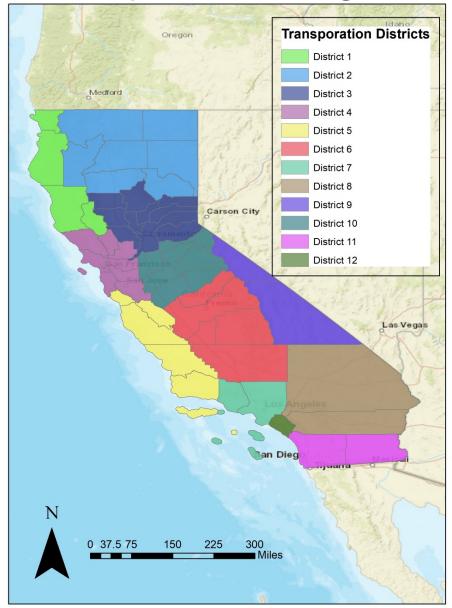


## The country is made up of megaregions with California the only state with two of them.





## **Transportation Regions**





California Department of Transportation

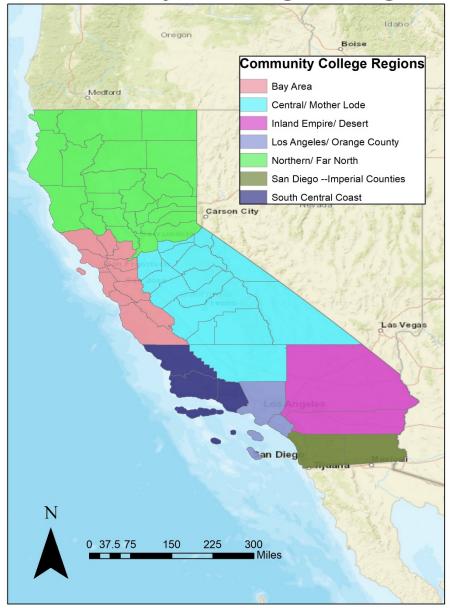
### **Economic Regions**





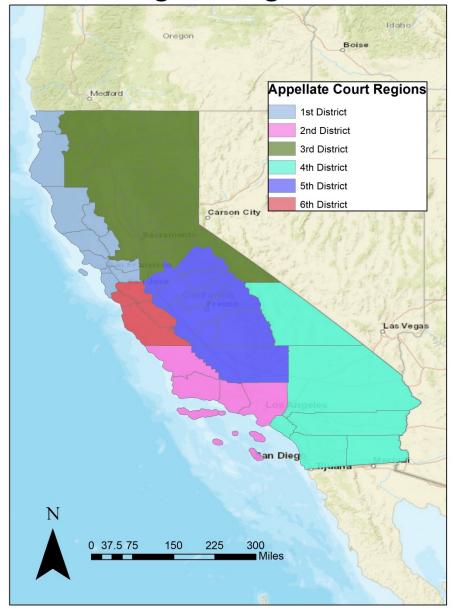
Employment Development Department (EDD)

## Community College Regions





## Legal Regions





California Appellate Court Regions

### Wildlife Regions





California Department of Fish and Wildlife

## **Ecology and Climate Regions**



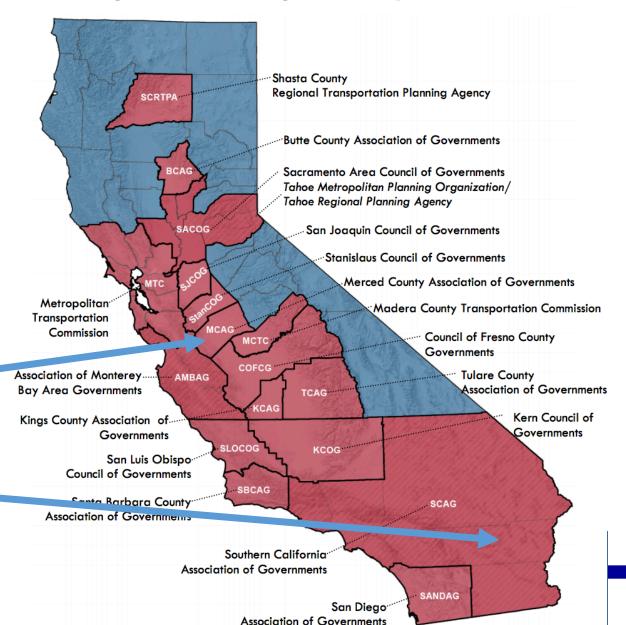


**Energy Comission Building Zones** 

The geographic scale of regions who produce Sustainable Communities
Strategies vary widely

Compare the San Joaquin Valley with SCAG

#### Metropolitan Planning Organizations Responsible for Implementing SB 375





The 2019 Housing Planning and Production Regions include fewer geographies.

#### Areas: Housing Planning and Production Grants Trailer Bill



## The Role of the Region SPUR Forum

Therese W. McMillan, Executive Director Metropolitan Transportation Commission/Association of Bay Area Governments August 22, 2019



## A couple of stage setting questions.....

## 1. What is "a Region"?

### The Challenges of "Boundaries"

- Political jurisdiction vs. functional outcomes
  - → \$\$\$ follows political boundaries

- II. Regional solutions don't align with regional problems
  - → that hasn't changed; instead is getting more problematic today.

## 2. What is a Regional Issue?

## Intersectionality of Regional Issues

Can't talk about transportation without talking about...

- a) Land Use
- **b)** Housing
- c) Economic Development
- d) Resilience

## 2. What is a Regional Issue? (continued)

But who is talking? Who is acting in this increasingly complex discussion?

- MTC/ABAG governance deliberation
  - → Lead/Partner/Get out of the way
- Private Sector as partner?

## Questions?



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