



CALIFORNIA CITIES FOR SELF RELIANCE JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING

THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED IN PERSON, TELEPHONICALLY AND ELECTRONICALLY AT THE FOLLOWING:

**CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS
ADMINISTRATION CONFERENCE ROOM
21815 PIONEER BOULEVARD
HAWAIIAN GARDENS, CA 90716**

TELECONFERENCE PHONE NUMBER: (669) 900-6833, 6476620089#

ELECTRONICALLY AT ZOOM MEETING ID: 647 662 0089, PASSWORD: 12345

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2026

11:00 A.M.

A G E N D A

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Board Members: Francis De Leon Sanchez, Chair - *Bell Gardens*
Hugo Argumedo, Vice Chair – *Commerce*
Emma Sharif, Treasurer – *Compton*
Victor Farfan, Secretary – *Hawaiian Gardens*

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public participation is now open. The members of the audience now have the right to speak on agenda items and any item under the jurisdiction of the Authority. This period will be limited to thirty minutes, with no more than three minutes for each speaker. Anyone desiring to speak during the public comment period must submit an email request juan@sixheron.com, or to the Authority Secretary via Zoom prior to the close of public participation. Due to policy and Brown Act requirements, action will not be taken on any issues not on the Agenda.

Please state your name and address clearly.

4. NEW BUSINESS – OPEN SESSION

4-1. Consideration and Possible Action to approve the Minutes of the December 10, 2025 Regular Meeting of the Board.

4-2. Consideration and Possible Action to receive and file Financial Summary and Warrant Register dated January 14, 2026.

4-3. Status Update & Report from California Advocacy, LLC with respect to legislative matters.

4-4. Consideration and Possible Action on Legislative & Regulatory Matters.

5. NEW BUSINESS - CLOSED SESSION

5-1. Pursuant to Government Code § 54957(b)(1)

- Public Employee Performance/Evaluation (Executive Director)

5-2. Pursuant to Government Code § 54957.6(a)

- Conference with Labor Negotiators
 - Agency’s Designated Representatives: Stephanie Arechiga, General Counsel
 - Unrepresented Employee: Executive Director

5-3. Pursuant to Government Code § 54956.9 (d)(2) – Conference with Legal Counsel-Potential Litigation – One (1) Matter

5-4. Pursuant to Government Code § 54956.9 (d)(4) – Conference with Legal Counsel-Potential Litigation – One (1) Matter

6. OTHER MATTERS AND REPORTS

6-1. General Counsel's Report

Pursuant to Government Code § 54954.2 (a)(3) – A report to the Board of Directors and the public on General Counsel's activities, including compliance efforts, approval of contracts as to form, receipt of notices, and requests to place matters on subsequent agendas (excluding any matters qualifying for closed session consideration).

6-2. Executive Director's Report

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

8. CHAIRMAN AND BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

This is the time and place for the Chairman and Board Members to report on any other items of interest. Upon request by an individual Board Member, the Authority may choose to take action on any of the subject matters listed below.

Treasurer Sharif (Compton)

Secretary Farfan (Hawaiian Gardens)

Vice Chair Argumedo (Commerce)

Chair De Leon Sanchez (Bell Gardens)

9. ADJOURNMENT

The next special meeting of the California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority will be held Tuesday, February 10, 2026 in the City of Bell Gardens.



**CALIFORNIA CITIES FOR SELF-RELIANCE JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING**

**CITY OF COMPTON
CITY HALL
205 SOUTH WILLOWBROOK AVENUE
COMPTON, CA 90220**

TELECONFERENCE PHONE NUMBER: (669) 900-6833, 6476620089#

ELECTRONICALLY AT ZOOM MEETING ID: 647 662 0089, PASSWORD: 12345

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2025

11:08 AM

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Vice Chair Argumedo called the meeting to order at 11:08 am and performed a roll call. Quorum was established under the following participation:

- Hugo Argumedo, *Vice Chair – Commerce*
- Victor Farfan, *Secretary – Hawaiian Gardens*
- Emma Sharif, *Treasurer – Compton (Arrived at 11:11 AM)*
- Marco Barcena, *Alternate – Bell Gardens*

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

General Counsel Arechiga read out that closed session was moved up in the agenda to accommodate outside participation for item 4-1.

Secretary Farfan moved and Alternate Member Barcena seconded to approve the agenda.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Bell Gardens	Yes
Commerce	Yes
Compton	Absent
Hawaiian Gardens	Yes

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The following individuals were present during the meeting: Juan Garza, Stephanie Arechiga and Gisselle Delgado participated in person. Joy Harn and Marvin Pineda participated via Zoom.

No comments were provided by members of the public.

4. NEW BUSINESS – CLOSED SESSION (11:11 AM)

The Board consisting of Vice Chair Argumedo, Secretary Farfan, Treasurer Sharif and Alternate Member Barcena recessed into Closed Session at 11:11 AM.

4-1. Conference with Legal Counsel Anticipated Litigation - Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 subdivision (d)(4) (One Matter)

4-2. Pursuant to Government Code § 54957(b)(1)

- Public Employee Performance/Evaluation (Executive Director)

4-3. Pursuant to Government Code § 54957.6(a)

- Conference with Labor Negotiators
 - Agency's Designated Representatives: Stephanie Arechiga, General Counsel
 - Unrepresented Employee: Executive Director

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION (11:43 AM)

The Board reconvened Into Open Session at 11:43 AM. General Counsel Arechiga reported that all members of the board were in attendance in closed session, that there was no reportable action taken on item 4-1, and that direction was given by the Board for items 4-2 and 4-3.

5. NEW BUSINESS – OPEN SESSION

5-1. Consideration and possible action to approve the Minutes of the November 12, 2025 Regular Meeting of the Board.

Secretary Farfan moved and Treasurer Sharif seconded to approve the Minutes.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Bell Gardens	Yes
Commerce	Yes
Compton	Yes
Hawaiian Gardens	Yes

5-2. Consideration and possible action to receive and file Financial Summary and Warrant Register dated December 10, 2025.

Executive Director Garza provided an update on the financial summary and warrant register.

Secretary Farfan moved and Treasurer Sharif seconded to receive and file the Financial Summary and Warrant Register.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Bell Gardens	Yes
Commerce	Yes
Compton	Yes
Hawaiian Gardens	Yes

5-3. Status update & report from California Advocacy, LLC with respect to legislative matters.

Mr. Pineda reminded the Board that Attorney General Bonta's proposed cardroom regulations have a deadline for implementation of April 11, 2026. He noted that there's a possibility that tribal interests may propose new court-related legislation during the upcoming session, but that as of this report there was none to report on. He further reported that there's an upcoming Cardroom Legislative Action Day in Sacramento scheduled for February 11, 2026, and that cardroom cities are requested to participate. Lastly, Mr. Pineda reported on the growing list of gubernatorial candidates, and the possibility that Mr. Bonta may run for Governor.

Secretary Farfan moved and Treasurer Sharif seconded to receive and file the report.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Bell Gardens	Yes
Commerce	Yes
Compton	Yes

Hawaiian Gardens Yes

5-4. Consideration and possible action on legislative & regulatory matters.

None.

5-5. Consideration and possible action to receive and file Board Meeting Dates for Calendar Year 2026.

Executive Director Garza proposed 2026 Board meeting dates per JPA policy of them taking place on the second Wednesday of every month at 11 am, as well as to solicit initial feedback on identified and potential conflicts with other events in 2026.

Mr. Garza reported that for the regularly scheduled meeting of Wednesday February 11, 2026, there exists a conflict as that date is currently scheduled for Cardroom Legislative Action Day in Sacramento. The Board then directed for a Special Meeting of the Board to take place on Tuesday February 10, 2026 at 11 am.

Mr. Garza further reported that for the regularly scheduled meeting of Wednesday November 11, 2026, there exists a conflict as that date is Veterans Day, a national holiday. The Board then directed for a Special Meeting of the Board to take place on Thursday November 12, 2026 at 11 am.

The Board finalized their review and did not identify further conflicts for the dates proposed for calendar year 2026.

Secretary Farfan moved and Treasurer Sharif seconded to receive and file the report, with amendments.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Bell Gardens	Yes
Commerce	Yes
Compton	Yes
Hawaiian Gardens	Yes

6. OTHER MATTERS AND REPORTS

6-1. Report of General Counsel

No action.

6-2. Executive Director Report/Summary

Executive Director Garza reported on:

- 1) Upcoming 2026 Gaming Efforts
 - a. Judicial
 - b. Legislative – CCCA/JPA Sacramento Lobby Day – Feb 11; Upcoming legislative session
 - c. Regulatory (AG Regs – Comments & Media Engagement)
 - i. December 16 press conference
 - ii. AG Meeting Request (no response to date)
 - d. Public Initiative (ongoing)

- 2) JPA/Cardrooms Holiday Party – Scheduled for December 30, 2025

Secretary Farfan moved and Treasurer Sharif seconded to receive and file the report.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Bell Gardens	Yes
Commerce	Yes
Compton	Yes
Hawaiian Gardens	Yes

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

8. CHAIRMAN AND BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

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Alternate Member Barcena (Bell Gardens)

Treasurer Sharif (Compton)

Secretary Farfan (Hawaiian Gardens)

Vice Chair Hugo Argumedo (Commerce)

9. ADJOURNMENT (12:19 PM)

At 12:19 pm, Vice Chair Argumedo adjourned the meeting to the next regular meeting of the board of the California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority to be held on January 14, 2026 in the City of Hawaiian Gardens.

Francis De Leon Sanchez, Chair

ATTEST:

Victor Farfan, Secretary



**CALIFORNIA CITIES FOR SELF-RELIANCE
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY**

**WARRANT REPORT AND FINANCIAL
SUMMARY – DECEMBER 2025**

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2026

BALANCE SHEET

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1/12/2026

11:53 am

City of Hawaiian Gardens

As of: 12/31/2025

Balances

Fund: 50 - CA CITIES FOR SELF RELIANCE

Assets

1000.0000 CASH

198,572.94

Total Assets

198,572.94

Liabilities

2100.0000 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

19,096.00

Total Liabilities

19,096.00

Reserves/Balances

2900.0000 FUND BALANCE-UNASSIGNED

134,071.35

2920.0000 CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE

45,405.59

Total Reserves/Balances

179,476.94

Total Liabilities & Balances

198,572.94

Edit List of Invoices - Summary

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Date: 01/12/2026

Time: 11:26 am

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City of Hawaiian Gardens

Ref. No.	Vendor Name	Invoice No.	Posting Date	PONumber	Invoice Date	Invoice Description	Invoice Amount	
186602	ALOIS LLC	251013969	12/31/2025		01/02/2026	DEC 2025 SVCS - WEBSITE	1,000.00	
						Vendor Total:	<u>1,000.00</u>	
186603	HUGO ARGUMEDO	2025-12-10	12/10/2025		12/10/2025	12.10.25 MTG STIPEND	250.00	
						Vendor Total:	<u>250.00</u>	
186604	MARCO BARCENA	2025-12-10	12/10/2025		12/10/2025	12.10.25 MTG STIPEND	250.00	
						Vendor Total:	<u>250.00</u>	
186605	VICTOR FARFAN	2025-12-10	12/10/2025		12/10/2025	12.10.25 MTG STIPEND	250.00	
						Vendor Total:	<u>250.00</u>	
186606	JUAN GARZA	2025-12-31	12/31/2025		12/31/2025	DEC 2025 SALARY	6,744.00	
						Vendor Total:	<u>6,744.00</u>	
186607	OLIVAREZ MADRUGA LAW	29788	12/31/2025		12/31/2025	DEC 2025 SVCS - GENERAL	2,806.00	
186608	OLIVAREZ MADRUGA LAW	29789	12/31/2025		12/31/2025	DEC 2025 SVCS - BOARD MEETIN	880.00	
						Vendor Total:	<u>3,686.00</u>	
186609	EVELYN PINEDA	2025-12-15	12/15/2025		12/15/2025	DEC 2025 SVCS	6,666.00	
						Vendor Total:	<u>6,666.00</u>	
186610	EMMA SHARIF	2025-12-10	12/10/2025		12/10/2025	12.10.25 MTG STIPEND	250.00	
						Vendor Total:	<u>250.00</u>	
Grand Total:							19,096.00	
Less Credit Memos:							<u>0.00</u>	
Net Total:							19,096.00	
Less Hand Check Total:							<u>0.00</u>	
Outstanding Invoice Total:							19,096.00	
Total Invoices: 9								

REVENUE/EXPENDITURE REPORT
01/14/2026 JPA MEETING

City of Hawaiian Gardens

For the Period: 7/1/2025 to 12/31/2025	Original Bud.	Amended Bud.	YTD Actual	CURR MTH	Encumb. YTD	UnencBal	% Bud
Fund Type: SR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS							
Fund: 50 - CA CITIES FOR SELF RELIANCE							
Revenues							
Function:							
Dept: 0000 ASSETS							
Acct Class: REV REVENUE							
3742.0050 JPA MEMBERSHIP FUNDING	150,000.00	150,000.00	112,500.00	0.00	0.00	37,500.00	75.0
3742.0052 CASINO DONATIONS	76,500.00	76,500.00	41,500.00	0.00	0.00	35,000.00	54.2
REVENUE	226,500.00	226,500.00	154,000.00	0.00	0.00	72,500.00	68.0
ASSETS	226,500.00	226,500.00	154,000.00	0.00	0.00	72,500.00	68.0
Function:	226,500.00	226,500.00	154,000.00	0.00	0.00	72,500.00	68.0
Revenues	226,500.00	226,500.00	154,000.00	0.00	0.00	72,500.00	68.0
Expenditures							
Function:							
Dept: 4908 JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY							
Acct Class: OPER OPERATING COSTS							
4200.0050 CONTRACT SVC-EX DIR JPA	80,925.00	80,925.00	40,464.00	6,744.00	0.00	40,461.00	50.0
4200.0052 COMMUNICATIONS	12,000.00	12,000.00	2,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	16.7
4202.0000 AUDIT SERVICES	7,500.00	7,500.00	7,100.00	0.00	0.00	400.00	94.7
4211.0000 MEETING STIPENDS	14,000.00	14,000.00	5,500.00	1,000.00	0.00	8,500.00	39.3
4213.0000 OTHER OPERATING COSTS	10,075.00	10,075.00	80.00	0.00	0.00	9,995.00	0.8
4250.0001 LEGISLATIVE ADVOCATE/JPA	80,000.00	80,000.00	39,996.00	6,666.00	0.00	40,004.00	50.0
4252.0000 SPECIAL COUNSEL - CONTRACT	22,000.00	22,000.00	13,454.41	3,686.00	0.00	8,545.59	61.2
OPERATING COSTS	226,500.00	226,500.00	108,594.41	19,096.00	0.00	117,905.59	47.9
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY	226,500.00	226,500.00	108,594.41	19,096.00	0.00	117,905.59	47.9
Function:	226,500.00	226,500.00	108,594.41	19,096.00	0.00	117,905.59	47.9
Expenditures	226,500.00	226,500.00	108,594.41	19,096.00	0.00	117,905.59	47.9
Net Effect for CA CITIES FOR SELF RELIANCE	0.00	0.00	45,405.59	-19,096.00	0.00	-45,405.59	0.0
Change in Fund Balance:			45,405.59				
Net Effect for SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	0.00	0.00	45,405.59	-19,096.00	0.00	-45,405.59	
Grand Total Net Effect:	0.00	0.00	45,405.59	-19,096.00	0.00	-45,405.59	



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January, 14 02026

California Update: Agenda

1. California Attorney General – Cardroom Regulations
2. Sb 549 – Litigation
3. California Legislature Lobby Day
4. 2026 Legislative Session



TO: Honorable Chair and Members of the Governing Board
FROM: Juan Garza, Executive Director
SUBJECT: **Executive Director Report/Summary**
DATE: January 14, 2026

- 1) Upcoming 2026 Gaming Efforts:
 - a. Judicial
 - b. Legislative – CCCA/JPA Sacramento Lobby Day – Feb 11; Upcoming session
 - c. Regulatory (AG Regs – Comments & Media Engagement)
 - i. January Press Conference – Wednesday January 28th?
 - ii. AG Deadline, April 11, 2026
 - d. Public Initiative (ongoing)
- 2) Cardroom Resolution for Each Member City
- 3) Form 700's Due – April 1, 2026