



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 COMMERCE
ADMINISTRATION CONFERENCE ROOM
2535 COMMERCE WAY
COMMERCE, CA 90040**

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

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 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 February 11, 2026 Special Meeting of the Board.

4-2. Consideration and Possible Action to receive and file Financial Summary and Warrant Register dated March 11, 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. OTHER MATTERS AND REPORTS

5-1. 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).

5-2. Executive Director's Report

6. NEW BUSINESS - CLOSED SESSION

6-1. Pursuant to Government Code § 54956.9 (d)(4) – Conference with Legal Counsel-Pending Litigation – One (1) Matter

7. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

9. 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)

10. ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting of the California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority will be held April 8, 2026 in the City of Compton.



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

**CITY OF BELL GARDENS
EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER – 2ND FLOOR, CITY HALL
7100 GARFIELD AVENUE
BELL GARDENS, CA 90201**

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

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2026

11:10 AM

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Chair De Leon Sanchez called the meeting to order at 11:10 am and performed a roll call. Quorum was established under the following participation:

- Francis De Leon Sanchez, *Chair – Bell Gardens*
- Hugo Argumedo, *Vice Chair – Commerce* (*Absent from 12:17 pm to 12:18 pm*)
- Victor Farfan, *Secretary – Hawaiian Gardens*
- Emma Sharif, *Treasurer – Compton* (*Absent from 11:48 am to 11:51 am*)

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Secretary Farfan moved and Vice Chair Argumedo seconded to approve the agenda, as posted.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Bell Gardens Yes

Commerce	Yes
Compton	Yes
Hawaiian Gardens	Yes

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The following individuals were present during the meeting: Juan Garza, Manny Cruz, Natalie Hernandez, and Manuel Carrillo participated in person. Stephanie Arechiga, Gary Townsend, Marvin Pineda, John Griffo, Ernesto Marquez, Shavon Moore-Cage, and Linda Hollinsworth participated via Zoom.

No comments were provided by members of the public.

4. NEW BUSINESS – OPEN SESSION

4-1. Consideration and possible action to approve the Minutes of the January 14, 2026 Regular Meeting of the Board.

Vice Chair Argumedo moved and Secretary Farfan seconded to approve the Minutes, as presented.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Bell Gardens	Yes
Commerce	Yes
Compton	Yes
Hawaiian Gardens	Yes

4-2. Consideration and possible action to receive and file Financial Summary and Warrant Register dated February 11, 2026.

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, as presented.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Bell Gardens	Yes
Commerce	Yes
Compton	Yes
Hawaiian Gardens	Yes

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

Mr. Pineda and Mr. Garza reported on the unexpected, surprising, holiday-time submission of Attorney General Bonta's proposed cardroom regulations, and their subsequent adoption by the CA Office of Administrative Law. As of today, the regulations are scheduled to be in effect by April 1, 2026, with cardroom compliance plans due to the AG's office by May 31, 2026. It is widely expected that legal challenges to the adopted regulations will take place.

Mr. Pineda further reported on the increasing prevalence of predictive markets and their competition with gaming.

Lastly, Mr. Pineda reported on CA Legislature Lobby Day in Sacramento, scheduled to take place February 17-18.

Vice Chair Argumedo moved and Secretary Farfan 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

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

None.

4-5. Consideration and possible action regarding the second amendment of Employment Agreement for Executive Director Services between the Authority and Juan Garza.

Assistant General Counsel Cruz provided a historical overview of the Authority's employment agreement and related actions with Mr. Garza, as well as the Board's recent directive on this current proposed employment agreement amendment.

Vice Chair Argumedo moved and Treasurer Sharif seconded to approve the employment agreement amendment, as presented.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Bell Gardens	Yes
Commerce	Yes
Compton	Yes

Hawaiian Gardens Yes

5. NEW BUSINESS – CLOSED SESSION (11:56 AM)

The Board consisting of Chair De Leon Sanchez, Vice Chair Argumedo, Secretary Farfan, and Treasurer Sharif recessed into Closed Session at 11:56 AM.

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

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION (12:16 PM)

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 12:16 PM. Assistant General Counsel Cruz reported that all members of the board were in attendance in closed session for Item 5-1, further direction was given by the Board for the Item, and that there was no reportable action on the Item.

6. OTHER MATTERS AND REPORTS

6-1. Report of General Counsel

None.

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 18; Upcoming legislative session
 - c. Regulatory
 - i. AG-OAL Reg Timelines
 - ii. Next Steps
 - d. Public Initiative (ongoing)
 - e. Media Engagement
- 2) Form 700's Due – April 1, 2026

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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Treasurer Sharif (Compton)

Secretary Farfan (Hawaiian Gardens)

Vice Chair Argumedo (Commerce)

Chair De Leon Sanchez (Bell Gardens)

9. ADJOURNMENT (12:21 PM)

At 12:21 pm, Chair De Leon Sanchez 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 March 11, 2026, in the City of Commerce.

Francis De Leon Sanchez, Chair

ATTEST:

Victor Farfan, Secretary



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

**WARRANT REPORT AND FINANCIAL
SUMMARY – FEBRUARY 2026**

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2026

BALANCE SHEET

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3/10/2026

4:16 pm

City of Hawaiian Gardens

As of: 2/28/2026

Balances

Fund: 50 - CA CITIES FOR SELF RELIANCE

Assets

1000.0000 CASH

216,406.94

Total Assets

216,406.94

Liabilities

2100.0000 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

21,482.36

Total Liabilities

21,482.36

Reserves/Balances

2900.0000 FUND BALANCE-UNASSIGNED

134,071.35

2920.0000 CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE

60,853.23

Total Reserves/Balances

194,924.58

Total Liabilities & Balances

216,406.94

Edit List of Invoices - Summary

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Date: 03/10/2026

Time: 3:52 pm

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City of Hawaiian Gardens

Ref. No.	Vendor Name	Invoice No.	Posting Date	PONumber	Invoice Date	Invoice Description	Invoice Amount	
187628	ALOIS LLC	251017137	02/28/2026		03/03/2026	FEB 2026 SVCS - WEBSITE	1,000.00	
						Vendor Total:	<u>1,000.00</u>	
187629	HUGO ARGUMEDO	2026-02-11	02/11/2026		02/11/2026	02.11.26 MTG STIPEND	250.00	
						Vendor Total:	<u>250.00</u>	
187640	BANC OF CALIFORNIA	25-12-15	02/01/2026		12/15/2025	BUS ONLINE SERVICE FEE	80.00	
187641	BANC OF CALIFORNIA	26-02-17	02/17/2026		02/17/2026	BUS ONLINE SERVICE FEE	80.00	
						Vendor Total:	<u>160.00</u>	
187630	VICTOR FARFAN	2026-02-11	02/11/2026		02/11/2026	02.11.26 MTG STIPEND	250.00	
						Vendor Total:	<u>250.00</u>	
187631	JUAN GARZA	2026-02-28	02/28/2026		02/28/2026	FEB 2026 SALARY	6,744.00	
187632	JUAN GARZA	AEXD8B	02/18/2026		02/18/2026	02.17 - 02.18.26 SACRAMENTO	348.81	
187633	JUAN GARZA	4427691501	02/18/2026		02/18/2026	02.17 - 02.18.26 SACRAMENTO	379.09	
187634	JUAN GARZA	GARZA260217-260218R	02/18/2026		02/18/2026	02.17 - 02.18.26 SACRAMENTO	321.06	
						Vendor Total:	<u>7,792.96</u>	
187635	OLIVAREZ MADRUGA LAW	30304	02/28/2026		02/28/2026	FEB 2026 SVCS - GENERAL	4,066.00	
187636	OLIVAREZ MADRUGA LAW	30305	02/28/2026		02/28/2026	FEB 2026 SVCS - BOARD MEETIN	797.40	
						Vendor Total:	<u>4,863.40</u>	
187637	EVELYN PINEDA	2026-02-12	02/12/2026		02/12/2026	FEB 2026 SVCS	6,666.00	
						Vendor Total:	<u>6,666.00</u>	
187638	FRANCIS DE LEON SANCHEZ	2026-02-11	02/11/2026		02/11/2026	02.11.26 MTG STIPEND	250.00	
						Vendor Total:	<u>250.00</u>	
187639	EMMA SHARIF	2026-02-11	02/11/2026		02/11/2026	02.11.26 MTG STIPEND	250.00	
						Vendor Total:	<u>250.00</u>	
							Grand Total:	21,482.36
							Less Credit Memos:	<u>0.00</u>
							Net Total:	21,482.36
							Less Hand Check Total:	<u>0.00</u>
							Outstanding Invoice Total:	21,482.36
Total Invoices: 14								

REVENUE/EXPENDITURE REPORT
03/11/2026 JPA MEETING

City of Hawaiian Gardens

For the Period: 7/1/2025 to 2/28/2026	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	150,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.0
3742.0052 CASINO DONATIONS	76,500.00	76,500.00	59,000.00	15,000.00	0.00	17,500.00	77.1
REVENUE	226,500.00	226,500.00	209,000.00	15,000.00	0.00	17,500.00	92.3
ASSETS	226,500.00	226,500.00	209,000.00	15,000.00	0.00	17,500.00	92.3
Function:	226,500.00	226,500.00	209,000.00	15,000.00	0.00	17,500.00	92.3
Revenues	226,500.00	226,500.00	209,000.00	15,000.00	0.00	17,500.00	92.3
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	53,952.00	6,744.00	0.00	26,973.00	66.7
4200.0052 COMMUNICATIONS	12,000.00	12,000.00	4,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	8,000.00	33.3
4202.0000 AUDIT SERVICES	7,500.00	7,500.00	7,100.00	0.00	0.00	400.00	94.7
4210.0000 TRAVEL & MEETINGS	0.00	0.00	1,048.96	1,048.96	0.00	-1,048.96	0.0
4211.0000 MEETING STIPENDS	14,000.00	14,000.00	7,500.00	1,000.00	0.00	6,500.00	53.6
4213.0000 OTHER OPERATING COSTS	10,075.00	10,075.00	940.00	160.00	0.00	9,135.00	9.3
4250.0001 LEGISLATIVE ADVOCATE/JPA	80,000.00	80,000.00	53,328.00	6,666.00	0.00	26,672.00	66.7
4252.0000 SPECIAL COUNSEL - CONTRACT	22,000.00	22,000.00	20,277.81	4,863.40	0.00	1,722.19	92.2
OPERATING COSTS	226,500.00	226,500.00	148,146.77	21,482.36	0.00	78,353.23	65.4
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY	226,500.00	226,500.00	148,146.77	21,482.36	0.00	78,353.23	65.4
Function:	226,500.00	226,500.00	148,146.77	21,482.36	0.00	78,353.23	65.4
Expenditures	226,500.00	226,500.00	148,146.77	21,482.36	0.00	78,353.23	65.4
Net Effect for CA CITIES FOR SELF RELIANCE	0.00	0.00	60,853.23	-6,482.36	0.00	-60,853.23	0.0
Change in Fund Balance:			60,853.23				
Net Effect for SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	0.00	0.00	60,853.23	-6,482.36	0.00	-60,853.23	
Grand Total Net Effect:	0.00	0.00	60,853.23	-6,482.36	0.00	-60,853.23	

ITEM 4-3

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March 11, 02026

California Update: Agenda

1. California Attorney General – Cardroom Regulations Litigation



TO: Honorable Chair and Members of the Governing Board

FROM: Juan Garza, Executive Director

SUBJECT: **Executive Director Report/Summary**

DATE: March 11, 2026

- 1) Upcoming 2026 Gaming Efforts:
 - a. Judicial – CGA March 6 Lawsuit-AG Bonta Regulations / SB 549 Appeal
 - b. Legislative – CCCA/JPA Sacramento Lobby Day – Feb 18; Upcoming session
 - c. Regulatory
 - d. Public Initiative (ongoing)
 - e. Media Engagement
- 2) Form 700's Due – April 1, 2026