



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 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, APRIL 8, 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 March 11, 2026 Regular Meeting of the Board.

4-2. Consideration and Possible Action to receive and file Financial Summary and Warrant Register dated April 8, 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 May 13, 2026 in the City of Hawaiian Gardens.



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

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

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

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2026

11:19 AM

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Vice Chair Argumedo called the meeting to order at 11:19 am and performed a roll call. Quorum was established under the following participation:

- Francis De Leon Sanchez, *Chair – Bell Gardens* **(Absent)**
- Hugo Argumedo, *Vice Chair – Commerce*
- Victor Farfan, *Secretary – Hawaiian Gardens*
- Emma Sharif, *Treasurer – Compton*

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Treasurer Sharif moved and Secretary Farfan seconded to approve the agenda, as posted.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Bell Gardens	Absent
Commerce	Yes
Compton	Yes

Hawaiian Gardens Yes

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The following individuals were present during the meeting: Juan Garza, Manny Cruz, and Gisselle Delgado participated in person. Gary Townsend, Joy Harn, and John Griffo 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 February 11, 2026 Special Meeting of the Board.

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

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Bell Gardens	Absent
Commerce	Yes
Compton	Yes
Hawaiian Gardens	Yes

4-2. Consideration and possible action to receive and file Financial Summary and Warrant Register dated March 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	Absent
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 that the cardrooms, via the California Gaming Association (CGA), officially filed two lawsuits against Attorney General Rob Bonta on Friday, March 6, 2026. One lawsuit was filed contesting the new regulations of blackjack-style games, and the other contesting the new regulations against games with a third-party player-dealer position. It is widely expected that the CGA will soon file for a preliminary injunction against both new regulations, seeking a stay until their final determination in court.

Lastly, follow up legislator letters resulting from the February 17-18 CA Legislature Lobby Day in Sacramento, are upcoming.

Secretary Farfan moved and Vice Chair Argumedo seconded to receive and file the report.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Bell Gardens	Absent
Commerce	Yes
Compton	Yes
Hawaiian Gardens	Yes

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

None.

5. OTHER MATTERS AND REPORTS

5-1. Report of General Counsel

None.

5-2. Executive Director Report/Summary

Executive Director Garza reported on:

- 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 legislative session
 - c. Regulatory
 - d. Public Initiative (ongoing)
 - e. Media Engagement – Impacts to Cities

- 2) Form 700's Due – April 1, 2026
 - a. Follow up with each city's staffs for each member

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

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Bell Gardens	Absent
Commerce	Yes
Compton	Yes
Hawaiian Gardens	Yes

6. NEW BUSINESS – CLOSED SESSION (11:38 AM)

The Board consisting of Vice Chair Argumedo, Secretary Farfan, and Treasurer Sharif recessed into Closed Session at 11:38 AM.

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

7. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION (12:04 PM)

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 12:04 PM. Assistant General Counsel Cruz reported that Vice Chair Argumedo, Secretary Farfan, and Treasurer Sharif were in attendance in closed session for Item 6-1, further direction was given by the Board for the Item, and that there was no reportable action on the Item.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

9. CHAIRMAN AND BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

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Treasurer Sharif (Compton)

Secretary Farfan (Hawaiian Gardens)

Vice Chair Argumedo (Commerce)

10. ADJOURNMENT (12:04 PM)

At 12:04 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 April 8, 2026, in the City of Compton.

Francis De Leon Sanchez, Chair

ATTEST:

Victor Farfan, Secretary



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

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2026

BALANCE SHEET

04/08/2026 JPA MEETING

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4/7/2026

5:44 pm

City of Hawaiian Gardens

As of: 3/31/2026

Balances

Fund: 50 - CA CITIES FOR SELF RELIANCE

Assets

1000.0000 CASH

194,924.58

Total Assets

194,924.58

Liabilities

2100.0000 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

30,768.81

Total Liabilities

30,768.81

Reserves/Balances

2900.0000 FUND BALANCE-UNASSIGNED

134,071.35

2920.0000 CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE

30,084.42

Total Reserves/Balances

164,155.77

Total Liabilities & Balances

194,924.58

Edit List of Invoices - Summary

04/08/2026 JPA MEETING

Date: 04/07/2026

Time: 5:30 pm

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City of Hawaiian Gardens

Ref. No.	Vendor Name	Invoice No.	Posting Date	PONumber	Invoice Date	Invoice Description	Invoice Amount	
188062	ALOIS LLC	251018795	03/31/2026		04/02/2026	MAR 2026 SVCS - WEBSITE	1,000.00	
						Vendor Total:	1,000.00	
188063	HUGO ARGUMEDO	2026-03-11	03/11/2026		03/11/2026	03.11.26 MTG STIPEND	250.00	
						Vendor Total:	250.00	
188064	VICTOR FARFAN	2026-03-11	03/11/2026		03/11/2026	03.11.26 MTG STIPEND	250.00	
						Vendor Total:	250.00	
188065	JUAN GARZA	2026-03-31	03/31/2026		03/31/2026	MAR 2026 SALARY	6,744.00	
188066	JUAN GARZA	4049896832	03/27/2026		03/27/2026	10.18.25 - 10.18.27 JPA DOMAIN	112.36	
						Vendor Total:	6,856.36	
188067	OLIVAREZ MADRUGA LAW	30753	03/31/2026		03/31/2026	MAR 2026 SVCS - GENERAL	14,848.90	
188068	OLIVAREZ MADRUGA LAW	30754	03/31/2026		03/31/2026	MAR 2026 SVCS - BOARD MEETIN	647.55	
						Vendor Total:	15,496.45	
188069	EVELYN PINEDA	2026-03-12	03/12/2026		03/12/2026	MAR 2026 SVCS	6,666.00	
						Vendor Total:	6,666.00	
188070	EMMA SHARIF	2026-03-11	03/11/2026		03/11/2026	03.11.26 MTG STIPEND	250.00	
						Vendor Total:	250.00	
Grand Total:							30,768.81	
Less Credit Memos:							0.00	
Net Total:							30,768.81	
Less Hand Check Total:							0.00	
Outstanding Invoice Total:							30,768.81	
Total Invoices: 9								

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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April 8, 02026

California Update: Agenda

1. California Attorney General – Cardroom Regulations Litigation
2. SB 920 (Archuleta) - The Gambling Control Act: regulatory fees.
3. SB 1322 (Richardson) - Tribal Housing Grant Program Trust Fund: tribal liaison.
4. AB 1898 (Shultz) - Workplace artificial intelligence tools.



TO: Honorable Chair and Members of the Governing Board

FROM: Juan Garza, Executive Director

SUBJECT: **Executive Director Report/Summary**

DATE: April 8, 2026

- 1) 2026 Gaming Efforts:
 - a. Judicial – CGA March 6 Lawsuit-AG Bonta Regulations / SB 549 Appeal
 - b. Legislative – Current session
 - c. Regulatory
 - d. Public Initiative
 - e. Media Engagement – March 26 Bell Gardens/Commerce Tax Measures Press Conference / Ongoing
- 2) Form 700's Were Due – April 1, 2026