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Transportation Commission makeup in other counties broken down

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The current El Dorado County Transportation Commission makeup, three supervisors from the county and three Placerville City Council members, was most recently defined by 1996 legislation that locked in the city of Placerville and El Dorado County by name.

Under current law, even if El Dorado Hills or Cameron Park became cities, they still wouldn't get a seat on the Transportation Commission.

The "three and three" model is the default composition for counties with one incorporated city, and dates back to the 1970s. Many other counties have grappled with the challenge of fairly representing often diverse population bases and updated their transportation commission makeup. Here's what some have done. Ex-officio (non-voting) members are not included.

Placer County

One council member from each of the six incorporated cities or towns, two members of the county Board of Supervisors, and one member of the public appointed by the Board of Supervisors, for a total membership of nine.

Nevada County

One member from each of three cities, two members of the Board of Supervisors, and two "county-at-large" representatives appointed by the board.

Santa Cruz County

One member from each city, five from the county and three from the metropolitan transit district.

Amador County

Three members appointed by a city selection committee, three appointed by the Board of Supervisors.

Most of the commission members in those counties are elected officials, but most also permit "citizen membership," wherein a knowledgeable non-elected person can fill a city or county seat.

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