



San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments

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City Managers' Steering Committee

Date: September 2, 2009

Time: 12 noon

Location: SGVCOG Offices

1.0 Preliminary Business

1.1 Call to Order

C. Jeffers called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

1.2 Roll Call / Introductions

Members Present:

Alhambra	J. Keating
Diamond Bar	Jim DeStefano
Glendora	C. Jeffers
Rosemead	J. Allred
San Marino	M. Ballantyne
West Covina	A. Pasmant, C. Freeland

Members Not Present:

El Monte
La Canada Flintridge
San Gabriel
San Dimas
Walnut

SGVCOG Staff:

N. Conway, Executive Director
M. Creter, Staff
N. Gale, Staff
A. Koenker, Staff
O. Pena, Staff

2.0 Public Comment

There were no public comments.

3.0 Changes to Agenda Order; Identify Subsequent Need or Emergency Items

4.0 Consent Items

- 4.1 Executive Director Summer Report
- 4.2 Minutes from July 15, 2009 meeting
There were no changes to the minutes.

5.0 Discussion Items

5.1 Executive Director Annual Evaluation

The Executive Director stated that the period to submit evaluations had closed in August and that the consultant was now tabulating the results. The results will be presented to the Steering Committee for review at the next meeting, prior to going to the Governing Board in October.

5.2 SGVCOG Accountant/Treasurer

The Executive Director stated that the COG's accountant announced his plans to retire in July. Since that time, the COG has undertaken a recruitment process and after reviewing a number of resumes and proposals that were submitted, Chip Conway, the former Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of the ACE Project was selected to serve in this capacity. He began work in September.

5.3 Metro's LRTP and Measure R Funding

The Executive Director stated that adoption of the Metro's 2009 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) had been delayed in June at the request of the Metro Board of Directors until a fully detailed highway plan was developed. Since that time, a Measure R Highway Subcommittee has been meeting to develop recommendations for how highway projects should be scheduled. SGVCOG representatives, including the Executive Director, have been active on this committee and have been successful in securing the following: allocation of all of ACE's \$400 million in Measure R funds by FY 2017, funding for La Canada to complete soundwalls along the I-210, allocation of \$156 million through FY 2017 for the 710 Gap Closure Project, which will allow for the preparation of the needed environmental documents, and a guarantee that all funding will be retained within a subregion should a project be cancelled, modified or require less funding.

5.4 SGVCOG Interns

The Executive Director stated that during the month of August, the COG undertook a recruitment effort for interns for FY 09-10. Over 30 resumes were received in response to this solicitation, and after a selection process Allison Koenker (MPA Candidate), Nathaniel Gale (MPA/MPL Candidate), and Osvaldo Pena (MPP Candidate) were selected. Each of the interns introduced themselves to the Steering Committee.

5.5 AB 811

The Executive Director gave a brief overview of this legislation, which allows jurisdictions in California to create opt-in assessment districts to allow property owners to finance energy efficiency and solar projects through loans that are financed as part of their property tax assessment. The County of Los Angeles plans to implement an AB 811 program, using \$12 million of its federal economic stimulus energy-efficiency funds to design and implement the program. On August 20, the COG hosted a workshop on the County's program and there were over 50 attendees representing the majority of the cities in the San Gabriel Valley. Several cities in the San Gabriel Valley have expressed interest in the County's program, and the COG will be working in partnership with the County to design, implement and market the program in the San Gabriel Valley. The COG's efforts are being funded through the San Gabriel Valley Energy Wise Partnership.

5.6 SB 375

The Executive Director stated that the Planning Directors' TAC and the Housing Committee continue to review issues associated with SB 375, including possible subdelegation of the development of a Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS). He stated that the deadline to indicate to SCAG whether or not a subregion will be developing its own SCS has been extended from September 2009 to December 2009. He also stated that a number of subregions have expressed concerns over the confusion and lack of clarity associated with this process and that SCAG staff have been working to clarify this process.

The Executive Director also reported that in August SCAG staff held meetings with staff from each city in the San Gabriel Valley to review their General Plan and on-the-ground land use data that will be used to develop the 2012 Growth Forecasts. These meetings, which were the first of their kind, were very productive and SCAG and city staff are now working to reconcile any inconsistencies or issues that were identified.

5.7 Los Angeles County's Flood Control District's Water Quality Initiative

The Executive Director stated that negotiations to develop a County-wide Water Quality Initiative have stalled. The County CEO and Flood Control District (FCD) staff are now looking into the possibility of developing smaller benefit zones (along COG or sub-watershed boundaries) where such a fee could be implemented. COG staff has been in discussions with FCD staff on implementing this type of subregional approach in the San Gabriel Valley, and FCD staff will present an update on these efforts at the October Steering Committee meeting.

5.8 Transportation Summit – September 23

The Executive Director gave a brief overview of this event, which will include the participation of Supervisors Molina, Knabe and Antonovich, who represent the San Gabriel Valley. This event will provide elected officials and staff in the San Gabriel Valley with an overview of Metro's 2009 LRTP and

the scheduling and funding for all rail and highway projects in the San Gabriel Valley. Additionally, this event will provide an update on federal advocacy efforts to secure funding for the SGV's priority transportation projects, which include the downtown regional connector, the ACE project, and high-speed rail.

There was an extended discussion on the California High-Speed Rail Authority project and the Executive Director indicated that staff from the Authority will be presenting at the October Transportation Committee meeting to provide an update on the potential routing and station location options in the San Gabriel Valley.

5.9 Title 24 and Weatherization Workshops – October 20

COG staff gave a brief overview of these workshops, which are being planned as part of the San Gabriel Valley Energy Wise Partnership.

6.0 New Business items for Next Regular Meeting

Agenda topics for the next meeting including:

- ACE Financial reporting format
- SGVCOG/ACE 1st Quarter financial report
- SGVCOG 2009-2010 budget amendments
- Executive Director Evaluation
- Update on Los Angeles County Flood Control District's Water Quality Initiative

7.0 Announcements

8.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 7.

9.0 Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.