



SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
AGENDA AND NOTICE OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY  
MANAGERS' STEERING COMMITTEE

Date: Wednesday, October 5, 2022 – 12:00 PM

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Marcella Marlowe  
San Marino

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*Vice-Chair*  
Jessica Binnquist  
Alhambra

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Diamond Bar  
Joshua Nelson  
Industry

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*Southwest Representatives*  
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Montebello  
Mark Lazzaretto  
San Gabriel

*Northwest Representatives*  
Mark Alexander  
La Canada Flintridge  
Kevin Kearney  
Bradbury

**AGENDA ITEMS:** The Agenda contains the regular order of business of the City Managers' Steering Committee. Items on the Agenda have generally been reviewed and investigated by the staff in advance of the meeting so that the City Managers' Steering Committee can be fully informed about a matter before making its decision.

*At-Large Representatives*  
Ron Bow  
Monterey Park  
Bryan Cook  
Temple City  
Chris Constantin  
San Dimas  
Arminé Chaparyan  
South Pasadena

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### **PRELIMINARY BUSINESS**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Public Comment
4. Changes to the Agenda Order

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

5. City Managers' Steering Committee Minutes – **Page 1**  
*Recommended Action: Approve City Managers' Steering Committee Minutes.*
6. Adopt Resolution 22-08-CMS Making Specified Findings to Enable the City Managers' Steering Committee to Continue to Hold Meetings Via Teleconferencing – **Page 3**  
*Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution 22-08-CMS making certain findings that the existence of a local and state of emergency in California caused by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic continues to directly impact the ability of the SGVCOG to hold public meetings safely in person thereby necessitating an ability to continue holding meetings via teleconferencing.*

### **PRESENTATIONS**

7. SGVCOG Homeless Programs Update – Caitlin Sims, SGVCOG Manager of Local Programs – **Page 5**  
*Recommended Action: For information only.*
8. Water Supply Update and Drought Actions Presentation – Tom Love, General Manager of the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District – **Page 12**  
*Recommended Action: For information only.*

### **UPDATE ITEMS**

9. SGVCOG Regional Vehicle Miles Traveled Programs Update – Steph Wong, SGVCOG Management Analyst – **Page 14**
10. Executive Director's Report

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **ADJOURN**



**SGVCOG City Managers' Steering Committee **Special Meeting****  
**Unapproved Minutes**  
**September 14, 2022**  
**12:00 PM - Via Zoom/Teleconference**

**PRELIMINARY BUSINESS**

1. Call to Order

J. Binnquist called the meeting to order at 12:03 PM.

2. Roll Call:

**Members Present:**

Alhambra, J. Binnquist  
Azusa, S. Gonzalez  
Baldwin Park, E. Zaldivar  
Diamond Bar, D. Fox  
Glendora, A. Raymond  
Industry, J. Nelson  
La Canada Flintridge, M. Alexander  
Montebello, R. Bobadilla  
San Dimas, C. Constantin  
Temple City, B. Cook

**Members Absent:**

Arcadia, D. Lazzaretto  
Bradbury, K. Kearney  
Monterey Park, R. Bow  
San Gabriel, M. Lazzaretto  
San Marino, M. Marlowe  
South Pasadena, A. Chaparyan

**Guests:**

**SGVCOG Staff:**

M. Creter, Executive Director  
K. Ward; S. Wong; R. Choi; C. Sims, Staff

3. Public Comment

There was no public comment given at this meeting.

4. Changes to the Agenda Order

There were no requested changes to the agenda order.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

5. City Managers' Steering Committee Minutes

*Action: Approve City Managers' Steering Committee Minutes.*

6. Adopt Resolution 22-07-CMS Making Specified Findings to Enable the City Managers' Steering Committee to Continue to Hold Meetings Via Teleconferencing

*Action: Adopt Resolution 22-07-CMS making certain findings that the existence of a local and state of emergency in California caused by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic continues to directly impact the ability of the SGVCOG to hold public meetings safely in person thereby necessitating an ability to continue holding meetings via teleconferencing.*

**There was a motion to approve consent calendar items 5-6 (M/S: D. Fox/B. Cook).**

**[MOTION PASSED]**

<b>AYES:</b>	Alhambra, Azusa, Baldwin Park, Diamond Bar, Glendora, Industry, La Canada Flintridge, Montebello, Temple City
<b>NOES:</b>	
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Arcadia, Bradbury, Monterey Park, San Dimas, San Gabriel, San Marina, South Pasadena

**UPDATE ITEMS**

7. Food Insecurity Grant Program Update: SGVCOG staff  
C. Sims provided an update on this item.
8. Executive Director's Report  
M. Creter provided an update on this item.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 PM.

# REPORT

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DATE: October 5, 2022

TO: City Managers' Steering Committee

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **ADOPT RESOLUTION 22-08-CMS MAKING SPECIFIED FINDINGS TO ENABLE THE CITY MANAGERS' STEERING COMMITTEE TO CONTINUE TO HOLD MEETINGS VIA TELECONFERENCING**

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Adopt Resolution 22-08-CMS making certain findings that the existence of a local and state of emergency in California caused by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic continues to directly impact the ability of the SGVCOG to hold public meetings safely in person thereby necessitating an ability to continue holding meetings via teleconferencing.

## **BACKGROUND**

Introduced by Assemblymember Robert Rivas (D-Hollister) on February 1, 2021, AB 361 codifies portions of Governor Gavin Newsom's existing Ralph M. Brown Act exemptions pertaining to teleconferencing if a local agency issues an emergency finding, and reissues it every 30 days, that it is unsafe to meet in person. Specifically, the Brown Act exemptions include requirements to provide a public teleconference location, to maintain a member quorum within the agency's jurisdiction and to provide for public comment at each teleconference location, such as a private residence. The legislation expires in December 2024. On September 16, 2021, California Governor Gavin Newsom signed AB 361 into law, effective immediately.

A local agency wishing to rely on the provisions of AB 361 must meet one of the following criteria:

1. The local agency holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency, and state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing; or
2. The local holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency for the purpose of determining, by majority vote, whether as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees; or
3. The local agency holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency and has determined, by majority vote, that, as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.

On March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency in California due to the threat of COVID-19 and shortly thereafter issued Executive Order N-29-20 suspending certain Brown Act provisions relating to teleconferencing as public meetings began to be held online.<sup>1</sup> However, this Executive Order expired on September 30, 2021, despite the State of Emergency remaining in place.

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<sup>1</sup> Similarly, on March 4, 2020, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and Los Angeles County Health Officer declared a local and health emergency due to the threat of COVID-19.

The threat that COVID-19 has presented continues to directly impact the ability of the SGVCOG to conduct Governing Board/committee meetings safely in person. Updated guidelines issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Los Angeles Department of Public Health in July and August 2021 advise governmental entities to refrain from conducting indoor meetings and consider moving operations outdoors, where feasible, to prevent transmission. SGVCOG staff finds it has been unable to find a suitable outdoor space with the requisite audio/visual capabilities at which the monthly Committee meetings can be held safely. Similarly, an indoor space with sufficient capacity to accommodate safe social distance practices among members, staff, and the public could not be identified

In order to continue to conduct meetings in a safe manner and to prevent unnecessary COVID-19 exposure to members, staff and the public, staff is recommending that the City Managers' Steering Committee adopt a resolution making certain findings that the current local and state of emergency caused by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic continues to directly impact the ability of the SGVCOG to hold public meetings safely in person thereby necessitating an ability to continue holding meetings via teleconferencing.

Prepared by:   
Steph Wong  
Management Analyst

Approved by:   
Marisa Creter  
Executive Director

**ATTACHMENT**

[Attachment A – Resolution 22-08-CMS](#)

# REPORT

DATE: October 5, 2022  
TO: City Managers' Steering Committee  
FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director  
RE: **SGVCOG HOMELESS PROGRAMS UPDATE**

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

For information only.

## **BACKGROUND**

In its FY 2021-2022 and FY 2022-2023 Measure H Funding Recommendations, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors (BOS) included a total of \$10 million in funding for the period between January 2022 through June 2023 allocated to each subregion based on the 2020 point-in-time (PIT) homeless count. The SGVCOG has been allocated a total of \$3.525 million to be expended by June 30, 2023.

The SGVCOG was required to develop a scope of work and metrics for its contract with the County Homeless Initiative (HI). Based on a review of the SGVCOG's homelessness program reporting data, conversations with and surveys of city staff, and meetings with various SGVCOG committees and working groups, SGVCOG staff identified several consistent gaps and needs within the existing homeless services system. Rather than burdening cities with the contractual and administrative requirements of the HI contract, it was determined that a better approach would be to focus on providing needed services to the participating cities, thus reducing the administrative burden on city staff and stretching the region's limited funding as far as possible.

Three regional programs were approved by the Governing Board at its August 18, 2021, meeting, each one targeted at a different population and need within the homeless services system.

<b>Program</b>	<b>Brief Description</b>	<b>Targeted Need</b>
Services to Supplement Existing Services	Multidisciplinary teams of 4 people providing proactive outreach and engagement to cohorts of cities	More proactive outreach approach to serve PEH; multidisciplinary resources for PEH
High-Acuity and Substance Use Disorder-Focused Services	2-person teams working closely with cities' existing law enforcement/outreach teams to specifically serve those clients that are the most of need of services	More targeted and in-depth resources for those clients that are the most in-need
Mobile Crisis Response Program	2-person team able to respond to and de-escalate non-violent service calls, such as those related to PEH or mental health crises	More immediate response to support law enforcement on non-violent service calls (e.g. PEH; mental health crises)

There was additional funding set-aside for city-specific programs that were not incorporated into the regional programs for which cities were also able to apply.

Some programs were automatically available to all cities engaged in homelessness; others required cities to “opt-in” by indicating their interest. An overview of each city’s participation in these regional programs can be found in below.

City	Supplemental Services Program	High-Acuity Program	Mobile Crisis Program	City-Specific Program
Alhambra				X
Arcadia	X	X	X	
Azusa	X			X
Baldwin Park	X			X
Claremont				X (cohort)
Covina	X	X		
Diamond Bar	X			
Duarte	X	X		
El Monte				X
Glendora	X			
Irwindale	X			
La Puente	X	X		
La Verne		X		X (cohort)
Monrovia		X		
Montebello	X		X	X
Monterey Park	X	X		
Pomona				X
Rosemead	X			
San Dimas	X			
San Gabriel	X	X		
San Marino			X	
South El Monte	X			
South Pasadena	X		X	
Temple City	X			
West Covina				X

The purpose of this report is to provide a more in-depth overview of each of these programs and provide an update on their implementation.

## **DISCUSSION**

### **Services to Supplement Existing Services**

This program was designed to fill gaps in the existing homeless services system. To identify those

gaps needed supplemental services, SGVCOG staff outreached to city staff, service providers, and County departments to identify service gaps, and released a request for information (RFI) for service providers to consider. The greatest needs identified through these conversations and the responses to this RFI included sufficient real-time street outreach responses to support persons experiencing homelessness, mental health and health services, access to interim housing and affordable housing, case management, easily-accessible supportive services and financial assistance, and housing navigation.

All cities that were not receiving other funding from the SGVCOG for similar services were automatically “opted-in” to the Program and asked to subdivide into cohorts based on existing relationships, geography, and the 2020 point-in-time (PIT) homeless count. Due to funding limitations, there was not sufficient funding for a single team for each cohort, so SGVCOG staff brought together multiple cohorts – based on geography and the 2020 point-in-time homeless count – to be served by a single team. SGVCOG staff developed a request for proposals (RFP) within which proposers were asked to propose up to three four-person multidisciplinary teams to serve the established cohorts.

After a competitive procurement process – and a failed negotiation with Union Station Homeless Services (USHS) – in July 2022, the Governing Board authorized the Executive Director to execute an agreement with Los Angeles Centers for Alcohol and Drug Abuse (L.A CADA). This contract provides three multidisciplinary teams of 4 full-time equivalents (FTEs), comprised of the following staff positions:

- 2.0 FTE Mental Health Clinicians
- 2.0 FTE Case Managers
- 2.0 FTE Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN)/Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)
- 2.0 FTE Housing Navigators
- 4.0 FTE Outreach Specialists
- 0.2 FTE Project Director

Each team has 2.0 FTEs permanently assigned, to ensure consistency and support relationship-building, while the remaining 2.0 FTEs will be floating based on the needs within the cohort. In total, this contract provides an additional 12.0 FTEs of direct service provision to the region. The teams provide a broad range of services to the region, including but not limited to the following:

- Street Outreach
- Housing Navigation
- Mental Health Support
- Case Management
- Homelessness Prevention and Problem Solving
- Supportive Services

The teams are specifically focused on connecting clients to health services and housing.

The cohorts can be found below:

<b>Team</b>	<b>Cohort</b>	<b>2020 PIT Count</b>
Team 1	Cohort 1: Diamond Bar, Glendora, Irwindale, San Dimas	440
	Cohort 2: Azusa, Duarte	
	As-needed support for Claremont, La Verne, West Covina	

Team 2	Cohort 3: Arcadia, South Pasadena, Temple City	455
	Cohort 4: Monterey Park, Rosemead, San Gabriel	
	Cohort 5: Covina, La Puente	
	As-needed support for Montebello	
Team 3	Cohort 6: Baldwin Park, South El Monte	615

This program is designed to provide proactive engagement to all residents, but in a way that provides more comprehensive support to those persons experiencing homelessness (PEH).

Program services began September 19, 2022, and are currently funded through June 30, 2023.

### **High-Acuity and Substance Use Disorder-Focused Outreach**

This program was approved to provide more targeted engagement for individuals in close coordination to cities’ existing outreach and engagement programs for clients that are experiencing homelessness. Specifically, this program was designed to fill gaps in outreach and the service needs of high-acuity populations<sup>1</sup>, including those suffering from substance use disorder and/or mental illness. The program pairs the service provider(s) with city public safety or outreach teams to target more frequent users of homeless services. The program was designed based on the City of Alhambra’s successful model with LA CADA.

In the fall of 2021, staff released an application to all cities, seeking interest in participating in the regional program. Given the fact that more intensive engagement between participating cities and the service provider would be required, participating cities were required to have and assign active public safety or outreach teams that were familiar with PEH in their communities to conduct outreach in coordination with the selected services provider. SGVCOG staff organized the participating cities into two cohorts (East and West Cohort) that would be served by a team and released an RFP to select a service provider. While the SGVCOG did not receive any responses to the RFP, after establishing contact with firms to determine the resources and technical ability, the SGVCOG pursued a sole source contract with LA CADA, which was providing similar services in the City of Alhambra. At its April 2022 meeting, the Governing Board authorized the Executive Director to execute an agreement with LA CADA.

This contract provides two teams with 2 FTEs, including the following positions on each team:

- 1.0 FTE EMT
- 1.0 FTE Homelessness Outreach Worker

Each team serves a cohort, and the two cohort teams have shared support from 1.5 FTE housing navigators and a 0.75 FTE clinician. The program also provides the participating cities with access to 6 emergency beds. In total, the contract provides an additional 6.25 FTEs and 6 emergency beds for the region.

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<sup>1</sup> Acuity refers to the severity and chronicity of one’s illness and/or disability, and the level of care necessary to support activities of daily living. Acuity also takes into consideration the impact of multiple co-occurring chronic health and behavioral health conditions. The Vulnerability Index-Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (VI-SPDAT) is the triage tool currently used in Los Angeles County to consider level of acuity, and it is used to help direct services and housing to individuals. Those with a lower acuity score require less assistance in their daily living and, thus, fewer services. Those with a higher acuity score require more assistance and wrap-around support in their daily living.

The two cohorts can be found below:

<b>Cohort</b>	<b>Cities</b>	<b>2020 PIT</b>
West Cohort	Arcadia, Monrovia, Monterey Park, San Gabriel	231
East Cohort	Covina, Duarte, La Puente, La Verne	225

The LA CADA teams have worked closely with their city partners to identify those clients that are the highest users of city services and that have the greatest needs of being housed. The LA CADA team, in partnership with its city partners, have been working closely to serve those individuals and connect them to housing and services. Specifically, the LA CADA teams provide the following services:

- Intensive case management, counseling, and peer support
- Treatment services for substance use disorder (SUD), co-occurring disorders, and related supportive services
- Medical and mental health treatment
- Crisis housing and rapid re-housing assistance
- Connections to other services, such as those available through the Coordinated Entry System and the SGVCOG

Services for this program began in early August 2022 and are currently funded through June 30, 2023.

### **Mobile Crisis Response Program**

This program was designed to provide cities’ law enforcement teams with an alternative tool to respond to non-violent service calls, which could include those related to PEH and/or those suffering from mental health crises. The pilot program was designed to allow for the dispatch of an alternative crisis van – with a clinician and peer support navigator – to respond to non-violent calls. Again, the program was intended to serve a cohort of cities.

Given the complexities of rolling out this regional program, the SGVCOG released an application for interested cities, which include providing 911-call data. Cities were also asked to ensure that there was true support for piloting the program, especially given that the program would be implemented in an iterative fashion. Based on that metric, the SGVCOG partnered with a group of cities that were most interested in deployment – the cohort cities of Arcadia, San Marino, and South Pasadena and the City of Montebello. The SGVCOG did release an RFP to identify a service provider to implement a 24/7/365 crisis response program in the participating cities; however, given the uniqueness of the program and the complexity of launching regionally, there were no responsive bidders. Instead, the SGVCOG surveyed potential providers to evaluate their resources, technical ability, and interest in completing the project, and, following this engagement, recommended contracting with LA CADA. At its May 2022 meeting, the Governing Board authorized the Executive Director to execute an agreement with LA CADA for the mobile crisis response program.

The program, which launched on August 15, 2022, provides two mobile crisis teams (MCTs) that consist of a clinician and a peer support specialist. Each MCT is dispatched in a van – which also provides a safe space where they can perform crisis de-escalation – and its initial focus has been on responding to calls relating to homelessness and mental health crises.

Based on data collected from the cities in the spring and summer of 2022, it was recommended to move forward with limited service hours. One MCT currently provides 40 hours of service per week for the cohort cities of Arcadia, San Marino, and South Pasadena, and one MCT provides 20 hours of service per week for the City of Montebello.

Both MCTs are also currently deployed co-responding to calls – in the cohort cities of Arcadia, San Marino, and South Pasadena, the MCT is co-responding with the Police Department, and in Montebello, the MCT is co-responding with the City’s Montebello Community Assistance Program (MCAP) that is based in the Fire Department. The SGVCOG continues to meet with the cities on a weekly basis to discuss the challenges and opportunities of deployment, to review data, and maximize referrals to other parts of the service system.

The SGVCOG was also one of four jurisdictions nationwide that was selected to receive pro-bono technical assistance from the Harvard Kennedy School Government Performance Lab (GPL) to support the deployment of the mobile crisis response program. The other cities in the SGVCOG’s cohort are the cities of Chicago, Washington, D.C., and Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. The GPL has supported jurisdictions nationwide in the establishment of alternative crisis response systems and will bring this expertise and support to the SGVCOG. In addition, the GPL team can provide more focused technical support on specific, short-term projects to help tackle implementation challenges. The SGVCOG’s participation in the GPL cohort began in September 2022 and will continue for 12 months. In addition, the SGVCOG is excited to report that, thanks to the support of State Senator Anthony Portantino, the SGVCOG received an \$850,000 State budget earmark to support the program. At this phase, the SGVCOG is excited to begin initial conversations around expansion.

### **Other Supportive Programs**

In addition to the regional programs that are provided to the cities, the SGVCOG is implementing several other programs that cities can access to address specific unique needs related to housing and homelessness:

- **Food Insecurity Program:** As discussed at the September City Managers’ Steering Committee meeting, this grant program was open to cities, nonprofits, and service providers to apply for funding to establish and/or increase their capacity to collect food and distribute food to PEH or those at-risk of homelessness. The intent of this program is to meet both the critical need for food within the region as well as the need for increased capacity for compliance with SB 1383, which requires large entities to donate food for recovery. Applications were due for this program on September 30, 2022, and the SGVCOG is currently reviewing those applications to move forward with contracting.
- **Housing Linkage Working Group:** As briefly discussed at the September City Managers’ Steering Committee meeting, this grant program is open to cities to pilot innovative approaches and activities to connect PEH with permanent housing. The purpose of the Program is to test potential approaches at a small scale and evaluate their impact in connecting clients to permanent housing. Applications for this program are due on October 15, 2022.
- **Interim/Bridge Housing:** Those cities that are members of the San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust (SGVRHT) can access both technical assistance to evaluate the potential for an interim/bridge housing site in their city and funding to implement an interim/bridge housing project. Technical assistance is available to, among other things,



# REPORT

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DATE: October 5, 2022

TO: City Managers' Steering Committee

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

**RE: WATER SUPPLY UPDATE AND DROUGHT ACTIONS PRESENTATION**

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

For information only.

## **BACKGROUND**

On October 19, 2021, Governor Gavin Newsom extended his declared state of emergency due to drought to Los Angeles County. This proclamation built on a previous order (Executive Order N-10-21), which called for a voluntary 15% reduction of water consumption across the state.

In early January 2022, the State Water Resource Control Board approved emergency water conservation mandates in place for cities, individual property owners, and residents restricting the water activities they can conduct. These statewide rules were established to prevent wasteful water use and promote water conservation.

On April 26<sup>th</sup>, the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) Board took an unprecedented step in unanimously approving a resolution declaring a water shortage emergency (Attachment A). As a part of the declaration, the board ordered outdoor water usage be restricted to just one day a week for about six million people in parts of Los Angeles, Ventura and San Bernardino counties. The outdoor watering restrictions took effect June 1<sup>st</sup> and apply to jurisdictions that rely heavily or entirely on the State Water Project, a Northern California water supply that officials say runs the real risk of running dry.

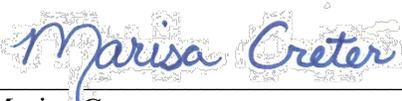
## **DISCUSSION**

In the San Gabriel Valley, water comes from a combination of local and imported water sources. Local water includes groundwater, rain, and recycled water. Imported water refers to the State Water Project and Colorado River Aqueduct. All of California is well into its third consecutive year of drought, making these water resources scarcer.

In addition to the regional and state mandates and restrictions listed above, water agencies are also set to receive a lesser allocation of imported water. For the State Water Project specifically, the water allocation in March 2022 was reduced from 15% to 5%.

Tom Love, General Manager of the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District, will provide an update on the state drought, including the current status of water supplies in the San Gabriel Valley. He will also review the new restrictions, consequences for local jurisdictions, and resources to help cities inform their residents on the current drought.

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**ATTACHMENTS**

[Attachment A – MWD Drought Declaration and Water Restrictions Resolution](#)

# REPORT

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DATE: October 5, 2022

TO: City Managers' Steering Committee

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **REGIONAL VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED PROGRAMS UPDATE**

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

For information only.

## **BACKGROUND**

Following the passage of SB 743, local jurisdictions are required to evaluate transportation impacts under CEQA using Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) rather than level of service (LOS). In 2020, the SGVCOG developed a Regional VMT Analysis Model to help member agencies evaluate the VMT impacts of development projects and comply with SB 743. This effort culminated in an Analysis Tool that helps cities determine whether a proposed project will trigger their VMT thresholds, and therefore create a significant impact under CEQA. In September 2021, the SGVCOG launched a one-year initiative to support 25 San Gabriel Valley cities through their LOS-to-VMT transitions by studying the opportunity to create a Regional VMT Mitigation Program. The goal of this program is to provide a system by which developers could mitigate significant VMT impacts. Both of these SGVCOG-led VMT efforts are approaching stages that will require public and stakeholder outreach, discussion and renewed participation from cities.

## **DISCUSSION**

### **I. VMT Analysis Model & Tool**

Currently, 27 cities are engaged in agreements with SGVCOG to maintain the VMT Analysis Tool. The SGVCOG has contracted Fehr & Peers to conduct this work, the same firm that built the Tool. SCAG models and data informed the baseline calculations used by Fehr & Peers to determine VMT impacts under CEQA. As the result of new activity-based modeling system established by SCAG, updates to the Tool must now be made using the 2020 SCAG RTP/SCS (Connect SoCal) data.

The proposed updates to the Tool will involve new analysis to be performed in order to update each city's VMT baseline/threshold and remain in compliance with SB 743. The SGVCOG will work with Fehr & Peers to perform these recalculations, assist cities in determining whether their current baselines/thresholds are still acceptable, and maintain the tool for an additional 5-year period. SGVCOG is inviting all of our member cities to an informational session about these changes. **The session will take place on October 12, 2022 at 1pm over Zoom.**

### **II. VMT Study**

The Regional VMT Mitigation Study is expected to conclude soon. Following discussions with

city staff through the Project Working Group, the previous subarea meetings, briefings with elected officials, and review by legal and economic experts, Fehr & Peers has proposed a VMT Mitigation Bank Pilot Program. This pilot presents an opportunity for SGV member cities to join one of the first Regional VMT Mitigation programs of its kind in the region and State.

When the study has closed, SGVCOG staff will disseminate the final deliverables and hold outreach meetings with participating cities, sorted by subarea. Staff will communicate the results of the study and gauge interest in the proposed pilot program. This will be an opportunity to receive updates, ask questions, and assess support for this program in each subarea.

**The subarea outreach meeting schedule is as follows:**

**Central** (Baldwin Park, El Monte, Rosemead, South El Monte)

- October 3rd @ 4:00-5:00p

**Northeast** (Claremont, Glendora, La Verne, San Dimas)

- October 5th @ 3:00-4:00p

**Northwest** (Arcadia, Duarte, La Cañada Flintridge, Monrovia, Pasadena, San Marino, Sierra Madre)

- October 5th @ 4:00-5:00p

**Southeast** (Covina, Diamond Bar, La Puente, Walnut)

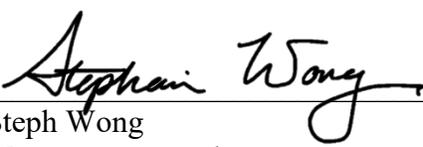
- October 6th @ 2:00-3:00p

**Southwest** (Alhambra, Montebello, Monterey Park, San Gabriel, South Pasadena, Temple City)

- October 6th @ 3:00-4:00p

The meetings will be held over Zoom and a calendar invitation has already been sent to staff. All city staff who wish to receive a briefing on the results of the study are welcome to attend.

At this meeting, Steph Wong, SGVCOG Management Analyst, will provide a brief update on the status of SGVCOG-led Regional VMT Programs.

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