



City of San Gabriel Chinese New Year Festivities

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SGVCOG JPA ADOPTED

On October 19, 2017, the SGVCOG Governing Board approved the revised Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) and directed staff to distribute the JPA to all member agencies for adoption. Revision of the JPA required the approval of the majority of the SGVCOG member agencies.

recommended changes to the current classification system will be made.

- **Project Identification Application:** Currently, staff is working to develop a draft workplan/application that would set specifications of potential projects.

On December 19th, the 4th amendment to the SGVCOG JPA was officially adopted by the nineteenth member agency, which constituted a majority. This effectively integrates the Alameda Corridor-East Construction Authority and the SGVCOG. The key changes to the JPA are as follows:

The integration process continues to move forward. It is expected that the workplan/application will be brought to the Governing Board by May 2018, and the classification study completed by early Summer 2018.

- To expand the jurisdiction of the SGVCOG’s construction scope to include projects anywhere in the San Gabriel Valley; and
- Modify all references to the ACE Construction Authority to instead reference Capital Projects and Construction Committee (Committee); and

Next steps in the process, are as follows:

- **Classification and compensation study:** The study will review current job descriptions and compensation systems. The study will also include a review of public sector jobs within the same essential duties and functions to ensure equity and external competitiveness. Based on this study, it’s expected that

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Safe, Clean Water Committee Update

The second Safe, Clean Water (SCW) Policy Committee meeting was held December 13th at the historic Plaza de Artes y Cultura in downtown LA. The committee is comprised of a diverse group of stakeholders and meets to discuss and provide input on the County's potential stormwater funding ballot measure. The San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments' (SGVCOG) representative is Councilmember Judy Nelson, who also serves as Vice Chair of the SGVCOG Water

Policy Committee. In addition, Councilmember Diana Mahmud, our Water Policy Committee Chair, represents Supervisor Barger on the SCW advisory group.

Three topic areas were discussed including, Project Types, Threshold Criteria, and Project Lists. The county presented a matrix of project types (e.g., park infiltration galleries, low impact development, or wetlands) along with the

(stormwater) benefits derived from each type of project (e.g. water supply, water quality, passive recreation, educational opportunities). County staff also reviewed the threshold criteria, which were directed by the Board of Supervisors' motion in May 2017 and by AB 1180 (Holden). Those criteria include prioritizing multi-benefit projects, augmenting water supply, and improving water quality.



Safe, Clean Water for Los Angeles County Residents

LACCE Set To Roll Out Service

LACCE is a countywide program that allows local governments, working through a JPA, to purchase and sell electricity to customers in their jurisdictions as an alternative to traditional investor owned utilities (IOU). LACCE was established in June, and will begin to roll out service this January.

January 17th, for the purchase of power supply for Phase II and III. Table 1 provides an overview of Phase I-III roll out.

To date, nine cities from LA County have joined LACCE, including the following San Gabriel Valley cities: Alhambra, Claremont and South Pasadena. There are an

additional fifteen cities currently in the process of joining the LACCE. There was an open enrollment period of 6 months for interested cities that began on June 27th and ended on December 27th. Interested cities may still join, but their membership must now be approved by the LACCE Board.

In August 2017, the LACCE board released an RFP for the purchase of power supply commodity products to supply retail electricity for customers of the LACCE Program, under Phase I. LACCE will begin to roll out its service offering to customers, for Phase I, January 15th. An RFP is expected to be released, on

LACCE Roll Out		
Phase	Assumed Start Date	Eligibility
Phase 1	January 15th	County Owned Facilities
Phase 2	June 2018	Municipally Owned, Commercial and Industrial
Phase 3	Q4 2018	All Customers

Table 1.

Homelessness Coordination Update

The SGVCOG continues its effort build consensus in the SGV on homelessness issues. In December, COG and Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) staff gave a joint presentation to the San Dimas Masons to help educate community members on homelessness and how residents can get involved in positive solutions that do not have a negative impact on local neighborhoods and parks. LAHSA staff provided information on the Homeless Point in Time Count, which will take place on January 23, 2018. Also, COG staff presented information about homelessness, regional planning and the cities' homeless planning efforts to the

San Gabriel Valley Health Neighborhood, a coalition of healthcare providers. At these meetings, COG staff was able to secure the names and cities of residence of 50 community members supportive of the planning efforts and homeless housing and services in their communities.

On January 2nd, the SGVCOG submitted the first quarter homelessness coordination report to LA County. As part of the contract, the COG must submit a report to the County outlining the key tasks and deliverables that have been accomplished, to date.

The COG will continue to work on furthering regional homelessness coordination, throughout the San Gabriel Valley. In the coming month's additional informational presentations will be given, and we encourage any city to reach out to Jan Cicco at jcicco@sgvcog.org, for additional information.



El Monte Health Neighborhood Meeting

San Gabriel Valley News In Brief

City of Alhambra Names New City Manager

In December, the City of Alhambra named Jessica Binnquist as their new city manager. She follows Mark Yokoyama, who retired this past November.

Jessica has worked with the City of Alhambra since 2009, and most recently served as Interim City Manager. Previously, she spent 13 years with the City of San Marino, where she held positions in the Planning and Finance Departments.

The SGVCOG wishes her great success in her new position!



New Alhambra City Manager Jessica Binnquist

SGV Cities To Host Bike Days:

Two SGV cities will be hosting monthly bike days to promote and encourage resident's to make local trips by bike, on foot, or via transit. Join fellow riders, in South Pasadena, on the 4th Thursday of the month for Bike Thursdays and explore a new part of the South Pasadena Bike Friendly Business District. These rides highlight a different local business in the City and includes giveaways, promotions, and fun activities.

Additionally, the City of Glendora will be hosting their own bike day on the 2nd Saturday of the month. These rides are intended to showcase not only local businesses in these cities, but promote active transportation as a viable option to easily get around and enjoy your neighborhood at a leisurely pace. These rides are typically about 5 miles long, and are family friendly.

To learn more, get updates, or sign up for a ride, visit bikefriendlysgv.com.



Arcadia City Manager Dominic Lazzaretto and Staff Accepting Business Friendly City Award

City of Arcadia Named One of 2017's Most Business-Friendly Cities:

The City of Arcadia and the City of Downey were named the most business-friendly cities in Los Angeles County, for 2017, at the annual gala of the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation.

The awards are given to the cities that demonstrate commitment to economic development, assistance for local businesses and competitive tax rates and fee structures. The City of Arcadia specifically was chosen because they enacted a business-friendly zoning code that demonstrates the city's continued commitment to cutting red tape, promoting economic growth and supporting local businesses.

The SGVCOG congratulates the City of Arcadia for this recognition!

Record Turnout At 2017 Merry Mingle:

A record turnout of over 160 guests came together at the 14th annual Merry Mingle, which was held in December. This event is held for local elected official and regional agency representatives to network and celebrate the holiday season. The San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments, San Gabriel Valley Public Affairs Network, and Regional Chamber of Commerce San Gabriel Valley co-sponsored this year's event.

Key attendees and speakers included Senator Dr. Ed Hernandez; SGVCOG President, Cynthia Sternquist; and ACE Director of Government and Community Relations, Paul Hubler. Various other dignitaries from across the San Gabriel Valley were also on hand to take part in the holiday festivities.



COG President, Cynthia Sternquist and ACE Director of Government and Community Relations, Paul Hubler



Glendora Bike Saturday Participants

Meetings

Wednesday, January 3, 12:00 p.m.
 City Managers Steering Committee
 100 S Vincent Ave #200, West Covina

Monday, January 8, 12:00 p.m.
 Executive Committee
 1000 S. Fremont Ave., Alhambra

Wednesday, January 17, 10:00 a.m.
 Water Committee
 602 E. Huntington Dr., Monrovia

Wednesday, January 17, 12:30 p.m.
 EENR Committee
 602 E. Huntington Dr., Monrovia

Thursday, January 18, 4:00 p.m.
 Transportation Committee
 602 E. Huntington Dr., Monrovia

Thursday, January 18, 6:00 p.m.
 Governing Board
 602 E. Huntington Dr., Monrovia

Thursday, January 25, 12:30 p.m.
 Homelessness Committee
 321 S. Myrtle Ave., Monrovia

Thursday, January 25, 12:00 p.m.
 Planners TAC
 602 E. Huntington Dr., Monrovia



Proposed SGV Ciclavia Map

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2018 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count

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