



**SGVCOG Governing Board Approved Minutes**

Date: July 18, 2019

Time: 5:30 PM

Location: Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water Districts (602 E. Huntington Drive, Monrovia, CA 91016)

**PRELIMINARY BUSINESS**

1. Call to Order  
SGVCOG President Cynthia Sternquist called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance  
T. Wu led the Governing Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll Call  
**A quorum was in attendance.**

**Governing Board Members Present**

Arcadia	April Verlato
Azusa	Robert Gonzales
Claremont	Ed Reece
Covina	Patricia Cortez
Diamond Bar	Nancy Lyons
Duarte	John Fasana
El Monte	Victoria Martinez Muela
Glendora	Michael Allawos
La Puente	Dan Holloway
La Verne	Tim Hepburn
Monrovia	Becky Shevlin
Monterey Park	Peter Chan
Pomona	Tim Sandoval
Rosemead	Sean Dang
San Dimas	Denis Bertone
San Gabriel	Jason Pu
San Marino	Susan Jakubowski
Sierra Madre	John Capoccia
South El Monte	Gloria Olmos
South Pasadena	Michael Cacciotti
Temple City	Cynthia Sternquist
Walnut	Allen Wu
West Covina	Tony Wu
L.A. County District #1	Florencio Briones
L.A. County District #4	Lauren Yokomizo
L.A. County District #5	Sandra Maravilla

**Absent**

Alhambra  
Baldwin Park  
Bradbury  
Industry  
Irwindale  
La Cañada Flintridge  
Montebello  
San Gabriel Valley Water Districts

**SGVCOG Staff**

Marisa Creter, Executive Director  
Kimberly Hall Barlow, General Counsel  
Paul Hubler, Staff  
Kathy McClure, Staff  
Caitlin Sims, Staff  
Katie Ward, Staff  
Alexander Fung, Staff  
Navneet Kaur, Staff  
Stefanie Hernandez, Staff

#### **4. Public Comment**

Rebecca Dmytryk, a representative of Humane Control, Inc., submitted a letter for public comment for this meeting. Ms. Dmytryk expressed appreciation and support for the proposed Coyote Management Framework and Coyote Management Implementation Plan. She also extended the offer to collaborate in regard to coyote presentations and neighborhood assessments.

Camilla H. Fox, Founder and Executive Director of Project Coyote, submitted a letter for public comment for this meeting. On behalf of Project Coyote, Ms. Fox expressed support for the Regional Coyote Management Framework and the Coyote Management Implementation Plan. Ms. Fox also expressed that she appreciates the COG's high value on the wildlife within the region.

Adriana Olivarez, a resident of Walnut, provided a public comment regarding her community being terrorized by coyotes. The resident mentioned that she was concerned about the lack of science methods in the development of the Regional Coyote Management Framework. She also stressed that there needs to be both lethal and non-lethal actions in the matter of coyote management to protect the public. Additionally, she voiced that coyote attacks often times result in lawsuits against local governments. She believes that hazing works, but she also believes that the need to address the coyote issues in the community is beyond hazing. At the conclusion of her remarks, the resident expressed her concerns that the coyote issues would escalate to an incident in which a child would be bitten by a coyote and cited an incident that occurred in Glendale.

Steven Childs, a resident of Duarte, provided a public comment regarding his concern regarding the lack of science methods used to develop coyote management plans across the state of California. The resident expressed that he spoke with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and mentioned that he believes that the Department is not following their own policies. The resident then urged the COG to reach out to canine biologists to learn more about coyote behaviors. At the conclusion of his comments, the resident delivered a 31-page packet of documents to COG staff as supporting documents for his comment. This packet of documents was then scanned and shared with Governing Board members.

#### **5. Changes to Agenda Order**

SGVCOG President Cynthia Sternquist requested Governing Board members to review the meeting agenda. President Sternquist also announced that item 30, AB 1275 (Santiago), and item 35, San Gabriel Mountains Foothills and Rivers Protection Act, are pulled to be reviewed at the next regular Governing Board meeting in September.

Governing Board members also requested to pull items 25, Contract for Metro Board of Director Support Services, and 32, Regional Coyote Management Framework and Coyote Management Implementation Plan, for further review and discussion.

There is a request from the Transportation Committee to add an emergency item that came to the attention of the Governing Board after the posting of this agenda and cannot wait until the next regular Governing Board meeting. The item is to consider the following actions:

1. Direct staff to send a letter to the Metro Board of Directors supporting the upcoming Metro staff recommendation to, "Finalize negotiations with the Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction

- Authority for Metro to commit \$126 million in order to ensure the extension of the Foothill Alignment to Pomona station;" and
2. Direct to staff to schedule a special meeting of the Governing Board between August 1 and August 13th to discuss the Metro staff's recommendation, "Apply the San Gabriel Valley Subregional Equity funds to offset the Gold Line to Pomona shortfall." At this special Governing Board meeting, there would be a presentation on the status of all SGVCOG MSP funds, including the subregional equity funds, and the status of funding, including anticipated shortfalls, for Measure M funded capital projects in the San Gabriel Valley.

**There was a motion to add this emergency item to the agenda and begin discussion on the item immediately. (M/S: J. Fasana/A. Wu)**

**[Motion Passed]**

<b>AYES:</b>	Arcadia, Azusa, Claremont, Covina, Diamond Bar, Duarte, El Monte, Glendora, La Puente, La Verne, Monrovia, Monterey Park, Pomona, Rosemead, San Dimas, San Gabriel, San Marino, Sierra Madre, South El Monte, South Pasadena, Temple City, Walnut, West Covina, L.A. County District #1, L.A. County District #4, L.A. County District #5
<b>NOES:</b>	
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Alhambra, Baldwin Park, Bradbury, Industry, Irwindale, La Cañada Flintridge, Montebello, San Gabriel Valley Water Districts

After passing the motion, SGVCOG President Cynthia Sternquist called on Transportation Committee Chair John Fasana to report on this item.

Mr. Fasana reported that Metro recently released a staff recommendation to finalize funding for a project for Metro to extend the Gold Line to Pomona. Last year, the Metro Gold Line opened bids to extend the Gold Line to Claremont and Montclair. Unfortunately, there was a shortfall of \$300 million to extend the rail lines to Montclair; however, Metro believed extending the Gold Line, which currently ends in Azusa, to Montclair can be completed in phases. Metro then decided that the first phase of extension should end in the city of Pomona given that there is a Metrolink station within that city. To extend the rail line to Pomona, it would require an additional \$115 million to \$125 million. To fund the construction costs, Metro recommended using COG funds to complete this extension. In order for the project to move forward, the Metro Board of Directors would require the COG's approval to utilize the use of regional subequity funds. Additionally, Mr. Fasana mentioned that the Governing Board should host a special meeting between August 1<sup>st</sup> to August 13<sup>th</sup> to review and discuss this topic further.

Questions/Discussions:

- A Governing Board delegate inquired about the reason of why the discussion on this topic cannot take place at this meeting. SGVCOG President Cynthia Sternquist responded that there are no formal reports regarding this item at this meeting and she would like the Governing Board to have an informed and thorough discussion on this topic.
- Another delegate inquired about the original purpose and the amount needed from the regional subequity funds. Transportation Committee Chair and Duarte Councilman John Fasana responded that around \$126 million is needed and that the regional subequity funds are undersigned and flexible

funds.

- Habib Balian, Metro’s representative, mentioned that Metro would like to award the contract in August. The process to extend the Gold Line began two years ago; however, prices have increased around 6% to 9% for materials. Mr. Balian urged that the contract should be awarded as soon as possible because re-opening bids would result in higher costs from bidders for the Gold Line extension project.
- SGVCOG President Cynthia Sternquist mentioned that all discussions and questions regarding this topic can be discussed at the special meeting. She also directed COG staff to solicit Governing Board members’ availabilities to schedule the special meeting as soon as possible.

**There was a motion to approve the following actions: (M/S: J. Fasana/T. Sandoval)**

- **Direct staff to send a letter to the Metro Board of Directors supporting the upcoming Metro staff recommendation to, "Finalize negotiations with the Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority for Metro to commit \$126 million in order to ensure the extension of the Foothill Alignment to Pomona station; and,**
- **Direct staff to schedule a special meeting of the Governing Board between August 1 and August 13th to discuss the Metro staff's recommendation, "Apply the San Gabriel Valley Subregional Equity funds to offset the Gold Line to Pomona shortfall." At this special Governing Board meeting, there would be a presentation on the status of all SGVCOG MSP funds, including the subregional equity funds, and the status of funding, including anticipated shortfalls, for Measure M funded capital projects in the San Gabriel Valley.**

**[Motion Passed]**

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**LIAISON REPORTS**

6. Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority  
 No report was given.
7. Foothill Transit  
 Y. Igawa provided updates regarding Foothill Transit’s July newsletter and transit services from the San Gabriel Valley to the Hollywood Bowl.
8. Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority  
 No report was given.
9. San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC)

D. Bertone provided updates on this item. RMC's upcoming Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 22, 2019. Mr. Bertone also reported that there is a \$2.6 million contract for the East Fork of the San Gabriel River. As a result, parking adjustments, tree plantings, and trail enhancements will occur within that area.

10. San Gabriel Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District (SGVMVCD)

J. Dever provided updates on this item. Mr. Dever mentioned that there are no cases of the West Nile virus in Los Angeles County. That is the lowest West Nile case count in Southern California in the last 14 years. Additionally, Mr. Dever also thanked cities for their efforts to cooperate with the SGVMVCD as total mosquito count in the region was reduced. SGVMVCD is also conducting propellant booths at cities' events. Cities that are interested in having propellant booths can contact Mr. Dever at (626) 814-9466 or [jdever@sgvmosquito.org](mailto:jdever@sgvmosquito.org). SGVCOG President Cynthia Sternquist invited Mr. Dever to present at an upcoming Governing Board meeting.

11. Southern California Association of Governments

S. Patterson briefly introduced herself to the Governing Board and shared her business cards and contact information with Governing Board members.

12. League of California Cities

No report was given.

13. San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership

No report was given.

14. South Coast Air Quality Management District

R. Yeung provided an update regarding the agency's 2019 voucher incentive program. Although this program is not offered to local governments, Ms. Yeung requested member cities to share the program with the local business community.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

SGVCOG President Cynthia Sternquist invited Governing Board members to attend concerts held at the Hollywood Bowl.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

SGVCOG Executive Director Marisa Creter reported that herself and SGVCOG Chief Engineer Mark Christoffels have been meeting with cities regarding the possibility of establishing a joint powers authority for the Gold Line. Ms. Creter also welcomed SGVCOG Principal Management Analyst Caitlin Sims and SGVCOG Management Analyst Navneet Kaur as they are new additions to the SGVCOG staff.

### **GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT**

No report was given.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

15. Transportation Committee

J. Fasana provided the report for this item. The committee received a presentation on the Gotcha bikeshare program and discussed the Gold Line extension issues at its most recent meeting. Mr. Fasana also provided an announcement on the upcoming open streets events in the San Gabriel Valley.

16. Homelessness Committee  
B. Shevlin provided the report for this item. The committee recommended the Governing Board to approve AB 1275 at its most recent meeting; however, this item was postponed until the next regular Governing Board meeting. The next committee meeting is scheduled for August 7<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Shevlin also mentioned that the Subcommittee on the Regional Housing Trust met twice and invited interested Governing Board members to join the Subcommittee.
17. Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee  
D. Bertone provided the report for this item. The committee held a tour at Athens Services' American Organics Recycling Facility in Victorville this past Wednesday. SGVCOG President Cynthia Sternquist mentioned that it would be helpful to have a waste hauler, such as Athens Services, to join the Governing Board meeting and provide updates during the Liaison Reports.
18. Water Committee  
There was no report given.
19. Capital Projects and Construction  
V. Martinez Muela provided the report for this item. She mentioned that the bill that sought to redirect Proposition 1B project savings to a separate fund was stopped. Additionally, the Alameda Corridor-East (ACE) Projects recently applied for a \$20 million grant to fill the funding gap for the Montebello Grade Separation Project.

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

20. Governing Board Meeting Minutes  
*Recommended Action: Adopt Governing Board minutes.*
21. Monthly Cash Disbursements/Balances/Transfers  
*Recommended Action: Approve Monthly Cash Disbursements/Balances/Transfers.*
22. Committee/TAC/Governing Board Attendance  
*Recommended Action: Receive and file.*
23. 3rd Quarter Financial and Treasurer Reports  
*Recommended Action: Receive and file.*
24. Committee Appointments  
*Recommended Action: Appoint the following members to standing SGVCOG Policy Committees, and Technical Advisory Committees:*
  - Planning TAC: City of Azusa
  - City Managers' Steering Committee: 2019-2020 Appointments
25. Contract for Metro Board of Director Support Services  
*Recommended Action: Authorize Executive Director to execute contract amendment with Mary Lou Echternach for Metro Board support services to extend contract duration until September 30, 2019.*
26. Executive Director Assigned Duties  
*Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution 19-28 to authorize the Executive Director be assigned all*

*duties/authorities previously assigned to the former Chief Executive Officer of the Alameda Corridor East (ACE) Construction Authority.*

27. AB 302 (Berman) - Oppose  
*Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution 19-29 opposing AB 302 (Berman).*
28. AB 1500 (Carrillo) - Support  
*Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution 19-30 supporting AB 1500 (Carrillo).*
29. SB 592 (Wiener) – Oppose  
*Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution 19-31 opposing SB 592 (Wiener).*
- ~~30. AB 1275 (Santiago) – Support  
*Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution 19-37 supporting AB 1275 (Santiago).*~~  
**This item was pulled to be reviewed at the next regular Governing Board meeting in September.**
31. Contract 19-01 General Counsel and Property Acquisition Legal Services  
*Recommended Action: Authorize the Executive Director to execute a contract with Woodruff, Spradlin & Smart to serve as General Counsel and provide Property Acquisition Services. The period of performance shall be for a three (3) year base period beginning on September 1, 2019 and ending August 31, 2022, and the authority to exercise two (2) single option years, extending the contract to no later than August 31, 2024, in the amount of \$6,900,017.*
32. Regional Coyote Management Framework and Coyote Management Implementation Plan  
*Recommended Actions: 1) Adopt Resolution 19-32 adopting the San Gabriel Valley Regional Coyote Management Framework and 2) Authorize the Executive Director to execute memorandums of agreement (MOA) with participating cities related to the Coyote Management Implementation Plan.*
33. Updated Salary Resolution  
*Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution 19-33 adding the Contracts Administrator and Management Aide classifications for future use.*
34. Cancel August 2019 Governing Board Meeting  
*Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution 19-34, taking the following actions: 1) Cancel the SGVCOG August 2019 Governing Board meeting and 2) Authorize the President, in consultation with the other officers, to act on the Governing Board’s behalf by undertaking all actions that are necessary for the proper administration and operation of the SGVCOG and that cannot be delayed until the next Regular Meeting of the Governing Board.*

SGVCOG President Cynthia Sternquist requested Governing Board members to review the consent calendar items that have not been previously pulled for further review and discussion.

SGVCOG Executive Director Marisa Creter then read the following statement to the Governing Board:

“The San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments Governing Board tonight will consider adopting the Regional Coyote Management Framework with the goal of humanely reducing human-coyote conflicts and with human

safety as the utmost priority. The Framework is designed to help foster awareness and teach techniques to discourage the habituation of coyotes in residential neighborhoods and limit incidents of negative coyote/human interactions. Through this Framework, we hope to help residents understand what they can do in and around their homes and with their neighbors to reduce coyote encounters. If coyotes are encountered, the use of hazing techniques consisting of loud noises or air horns to frighten them away is recommended. Residents are directed to call local law enforcement in the event of a threat to human safety. The Framework does not recommend trapping coyotes but does note that lethal removal of coyotes is available as a last resort after a thorough investigation and identification of a coyote responsible for attacking a human by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. However, the Framework does allow individual cities to develop and modify their own coyote management plans and remove coyotes should the need arise. The Framework also notes that California law prohibits the feeding of wildlife which is punishable as a misdemeanor. Under the Framework, San Gabriel Valley cities are encouraged to consider adopting ordinances authorizing municipal enforcement of state law through administrative citations intended to discourage the intentional feeding of wildlife.”

**There was a motion to approve consent calendar items 20-24, 26-29, 31, 33-34. (M/S: D. Bertone/C. Herrera)**

**[Motion Passed]**

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<b>NOES:</b>	
<b>ABSTAIN*:</b>	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Alhambra, Baldwin Park, Bradbury, Industry, Irwindale, La Cañada Flintridge, Montebello, San Gabriel Valley Water Districts

*\*Los Angeles County Supervisorial District #1 abstained from items 20 and 29.*

*\*Los Angeles County Supervisorial District #4 voted “no” on item 27 and abstained from item 29.*

*\*Los Angeles County Supervisorial District #5 abstained from item 27.*

**Discussion on Item 25: Contract for Metro Board of Director Support Services**

- SGVCOG staff Kathy McClure provided a brief presentation on this item.
- Several Governing Board members expressed inquiries regarding the proposed position’s job duties and oversight. SGVCOG staff and Transportation Committee Chair J. Fasana responded that this contract would assist the funding one full-time position that supports the work of Metro Board member John Fasana and the Metro work related to the San Gabriel Valley.
- A Governing Board member expressed a comment regarding hopes for time to review the scope of work before seeing the contract at the Governing Board meeting.
- Another Governing Board expressed that the individual hired for this position should be compatible with Mr. Fasana given that this individual will be working to support Mr. Fasana’s work. SGVCOG staff responded that there will be evaluations conducted to determine the character and compatibility of the candidates.

**There was a motion to approve item 25, Contract for Metro Board of Director Support Services. (M/S: T. Sandoval/C. Herrera)**



[Motion Passed]

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**Discussion on Item 32: Regional Coyote Management Framework and Coyote Management Implementation Plan**

- SGVCOG staff Alexander Fung provided a brief presentation on this item and clarified misconceptions of the proposed Regional Coyote Management Framework and Coyote Management Implementation Plan. Mr. Fung also provided additional details on the State’s policies and regulations on trapping coyotes.
- A Governing Board member requested SGVCOG staff to present the Coyote Management Implementation Plan at his City Council meeting on August 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Another Governing Board member raised concerns regarding only having one price level for cities with varying population sizes. SGVCOG Executive Director M. Creter responded that the task force and SGVCOG staff determined that cities will be receiving similar levels of benefits from the Coyote Management Implementation Plan despite varying population sizes amongst cities.
- A Governing Board member inquired about a built-in review period. Ms. Creter responded that a two-year assessment will be conducted to determine the effectiveness of the Coyote Management Implementation Plan.

**There was a motion to approve item 32, Regional Coyote Management Framework and Coyote Management Implementation Plan. (M/S: D. Bertone/M. Allawos)**

[Motion Passed]

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<b>NOES:</b>	Sierra Madre
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Alhambra, Baldwin Park, Bradbury, Industry, Irwindale, La Cañada Flintridge, Montebello, San Gabriel Valley Water Districts

**ACTION ITEM**

35. — ~~San Gabriel Mountains Foothills and Rivers Protection Act~~

*Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution 19-35 supporting the San Gabriel Mountains Foothills and Rivers Protection Act in accordance with the following items:*

- ~~The expansion of the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument;~~
- ~~The establishment of the San Gabriel Mountains National Recreation Area;~~
- ~~The classifications of Yerba Buena and Condor Peak as Wilderness Areas;~~
- ~~The expansions of the San Gabriel and Sheep Mountain Wilderness Areas; and,~~

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~~The classifications of WF San Gabriel River PWSR, Little Rock Creek PWSR, Cooper Canyon PWSR, SF Cooper Canyon PWSR, NF San Gabriel River PWSR, and EF San Gabriel River PWSR as Wild and Scenic Rivers.~~  
**This item was pulled to be reviewed at the next regular Governing Board meeting in September.**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

SGVCOG 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Becky Shevlin provided an announcement on a group that focuses on keeping natural gas in California. Governing Board members that are interested in learning about this group can contact Ms. Shevlin.

#### **ADJOURN**

SGVCOG President Cynthia Sternquist adjourned the Governing Board meeting at 6:59 p.m.

#### **BOARD APPROVED**

September 19, 2019

Date



Marisa Creter, Secretary