

SGVCOG Weekly Recap

Week of June 3, 2019

- **Washington, D.C. Trip: LGSEC Meeting:** On Monday, SGVCOG staff attended the Local Government Sustainable Energy Coalition (LGSEC) quarterly meeting in San Francisco. This all-day meeting focused on strategic planning, including discussions on current and emerging priorities for local governments, how the LGSEC should be shaped and the LGSEC priorities of interest for the next 3-5 years. The meeting also featured presentations by Michael McCormick of Harris and Associates on the "State of the Local" and Lillian Mirviss, Government Affairs at OhmConnect highlighting innovations in energy equity.
- **Capital Projects Committee Meeting:** The Capital Projects and Construction Committee met on Monday and approved task orders and contract amendments for fifteen (15) project support services such as legal counsel, community outreach, risk management, property acquisition services and legislative support services. The committee is in the midst of procurements for some of these services; therefore, some of the amendments will not extend the contracts through the entire fiscal year, but merely allows work to continue while the procurement is underway. The next committee meeting is scheduled to be on Monday, July 22, 2019.
- **City Managers Steering Committee:** On Wednesday, the City Managers' Steering Committee held their monthly meeting. The Committee nominated Bob Russi (La Verne) to serve as the Chair of the Committee for FY 2019-20. Additionally, the Committee was presented with a proposed regional framework that would provide a comprehensive regional coyote management model for all San Gabriel Valley cities to potentially adopt and a potential implementation plan for the SGVCOG to implement some components of the coyote management plan. The Committee gave direction to staff to move forward with the proposed framework and implementation plan. SGVCOG staff will work to secure letter of interests from cities that desire to participate in the coming weeks. The proposed regional coyote regional framework and implementation plan will be presented for approval to the Governing Board in July.
- **Homelessness Committee:** The Los Angeles and Pasadena COCs provided data with analysis of their 2019 point-in-time (PIT) Homeless Counts. While the LA COC reported a 13% increase, Pasadena reported a 17% decrease. Across the State, six COC's reported decreases, and 27 reported increases greater than the LA COC. While both Pasadena and LA COC share the challenges of high housing costs and low vacancy rates, Pasadena reported some distinctions in the way homeless resources are utilized that may help to inform the San Gabriel Valley efforts. Notably, locally responsive outreach teams and the use of Rapid Rehousing assistance to quickly move homeless persons that need modest interventions were successful. The LA County CEO's Homeless Initiative released its 13th Quarterly Report. Over 14,000 people were housed in permanent housing since July 2017, and 726 of them were from the San Gabriel Valley. Nearly 28,500 people across the County were placed in interim housing (shelter, bridge, or transitional housing), with 810 being from the San Gabriel Valley. The Committee

also reviewed AB 302 (Berman) - Parking: Homeless Students, which would mandate safe parking sites at all community colleges. The Committee recommended that the Governing Board oppose AB 302 based on colleges' concerns about timely reimbursement of costs and a variety of program management questions.

- **Upcoming Connect SoCal Workshop - Monrovia:** SCAG's Connect SoCal, the 2020-2045 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy, is a long-range visioning plan that balances future mobility and housing needs with economic, environmental, and public health goals. The plan is developed with input from local governments, county transportation commissions, tribal governments, nonprofits, businesses, and local stakeholders. SCAG is hosting a Connect SoCal workshop in Monrovia on Wednesday, June 12, 2019 from 4:00pm to 6:00pm at the Monrovia Community Center's Kay Dalton Room (119 W. Palm Avenue, Monrovia, CA 91016). The workshop will highlight challenges facing Southern California over the next 25 years and potential solutions to address them, including the anticipated growth in population, transportation, and housing development of the Southern California region. All local government officials and city staff are encouraged to attend this workshop. A list of upcoming Connect SoCal workshops can be found [here](#) and more information regarding Connect SoCal can be found [here](#).



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- **State Budget - Proposed Funding for Homelessness:** The 2019 point-in-time (PIT) homeless count revealed dramatic increases in homelessness across the State, the County of Los Angeles and the San Gabriel Valley. In the San Gabriel Valley, there was a nearly 25% increase this year to 4,479 individuals experiencing homelessness. This week, in response to the PIT count and the ongoing challenges regarding this issue, Senator Rubio introduced language into the FY 19-20 budget to provide \$5,625,000 to target homelessness in the San Gabriel Valley. The funding would go towards the following initiatives:
 - \$3.3 million for 18 months to 2 years for SGV Cities Homeless Plans;
 - \$1.5 million per year for a 2-year project of homeless workforce development;
 - \$400 thousand per year for landlord education and supports to rent to homeless; and
 - \$425 thousand per year for regional collaborative, advocacy, nonprofit capacity building, regional data projects and communications projects that target specific sub-populations;

It is anticipated that these funds would be available for two years, beginning July 1, 2019. The final budget, which will include more specific details, is expected to be approved in July. Senator Rubio identified homelessness in the San Gabriel Valley as a key priority going into the budget talks and she advocated strongly for this funding to be added into this year's budget. The SGVCOG greatly appreciates her leadership on this issue.

- **Safe Clean Waters Ordinance Open House:** The Safe, Clean Water Program will provide local, dedicated funding to increase local water supply, improve water quality, and protect public health in Los Angeles County. The Program will generate up to \$300 million per year from a special parcel tax of 2.5 cents per square foot of impermeable surface area on private property within the LA County Flood Control District. In an effort to educate and disseminate information regarding the program, LA County staff held a Public Review Open House which included an overview of the current Program status and stations where staff shared documents related to the implementation ordinance that is currently available for public review. Specific program element stations included: project scoring, watershed coordinators, low-income senior exemptions, credits, appeals, and governance. Comments on the Implementation Ordinance and related documents are due by 11:59 pm on Friday, June 21, 2019. Documents available for public review can be found [here](#).
- **RMC Prop 68 Grant Program Deadline Extension:** The Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) has an allocation of \$30 million for grant awards and is extending the submission deadline to July 15th, 2019 (original deadline was June 28th). Funding will be available through multiple solicitation rounds; this is the first

round. Applicants submitting the most competitive proposals will be recommended for grant award, anticipated Winter 2019/20. RMC Prop 68 Grant Program priorities include:

- Urban, low-impact recreation, watershed improvement, and habitat protection or restoration projects—and prioritizes multi-benefit projects
- Projects that address critical statewide needs and priorities
- Projects that leverage matching funds for the greatest public benefit (encouraged, not required)
- Projects that provide workforce education and training, and contractor and job opportunities for disadvantaged communities
- Shovel-ready projects that have obtained all permits and entitlements and commitment of matching funds, if required
- Grant funds may be used for project implementation and acquisitions (hard costs), with some allocation for planning, preliminary costs, and community access programming (soft costs)

More information on eligibility and grant program requirements, including application and submittal information, can be found in the RMC Proposition 68 guidelines at: <http://rmc.ca.gov/>. Please feel free to reach out with comments or questions to Prop68@rmc.ca.gov.

- **Water Committee:** On Tuesday, the Water Policy Committee and Water TAC held its monthly meeting. A presentation on the countywide sustainability plan, known as “OurCounty,” was given by the Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office (CSO). Since 2017, the CSO has conducted more than 150 stakeholder workshops to provide input and develop the plan. As a result, 12 goals, 37 strategies, and 148 actions were developed to form the plan. Additionally, the Committee and TAC discussed recent draft documents released for the Safe Clean Water Program. The Committee and TAC provided several comments on the various draft documents, which will be submitted to the County. The comment period for the Safe Clean Water documents closes on June 21.
- **City Managers’ Conference:** On Wednesday, SGVCOG staff attended the San Gabriel Valley City Manager’s Association 2019 annual workshop. At this meeting, the SGVCOG City Managers TAC convened to approve the FY 2019-2020 appointments, including Chair and Vice-Chair, to the SGVCOG City Managers’ Steering Committee. Additionally, the workshop featured several panel presentations, including a panel on housing, women in government, and transforming local government talent. The Los Angeles County Sheriff, Alex Villanueva, also provided updates on the work the Sheriff’s department has conducted the past few months.
- **Consortium Meeting:** At the Consortium meeting, Emanant Health conducted a community needs assessment. The need for financially accessible housing was identified as a key need for people’s health, as well as more immediate access to mental health and substance use services, and respite care beds. The Consortium also reminded attendees about the Homeless Summit it is convening on June 29th. The theme is Working Together to Plan for the Future. The summit will focus on

the promise of Measure H, the barriers faced and the future of the Measure. Assemblymember Chris Holden will present a legislative update. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask in depth questions of the panelists during breakout sessions. Panelists represent the Consortium, the SGVCOG, LAHSA, the United Way, the County Homeless Initiative and Union Station. To register attendance, rsvps may be sent to info@sgvc.org.

- **LA COC Meeting:** The Homeless Count data were reviewed at this meeting. For the most part, Measure H only funds the operating/programmatic cost of units. Construction costs must come from alternate sources which, in LA City, includes Measure HHH funds. Other funds may be accessed through alternate County departments, and working with affordable housing developers to layer various funding sources. The Board noted that such a process makes it difficult to stem the rising tide of inflows to homelessness. A greater emphasis on prevention and diversion are recommended. The Board also reviewed and discussed the NOFA evaluation process. This is crucial to balance the potential of local programs and providers with competitive applications.



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- **Public Works TAC:** On Thursday, the Public Works TAC held its June meeting, which consisted of three primary presentations. First, Gary Gero, the Chief Sustainability Officer of LA County, gave a presentation on the OurCounty Los Angeles Countywide Sustainability Plan. Mr. Gero mentioned how the County hopes that cities will adopt or use certain elements of this wide-ranging, interdisciplinary sustainability plan. Additionally, Jared Dever, the District Manager of the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District, gave a presentation on their proposal that cities adopt a unified ordinance pertaining to addressing unmaintained swimming pools in the SGV region. Mr. Dever discussed the SGVMVCD's efforts to identify non-compliant swimming pools in the region which pose mosquito-related public health dangers to the SGV area, and also described the SGVMVCD's notification methods for contacting residents and urging them to address their unmaintained pools. The SGVMVCD wants to work with cities on an ordinance which would address enforcement mechanisms and procedures so that the SGVMVCD can attempt to fix the pools of residents who aren't complying. Moreover, Michelle O'Connor, the Trails Planning Section Head for LA County Parks and Recreation, gave a presentation to the TAC about the updated County Trails website (<https://trails.lacounty.gov/>), as well as the County Trails app and related marketing efforts. She explained that the County would like to expand the reach and content of its trails website, in that the County wants to increase its total trails coverage. Thus, the County would like to work with cities to include information about trails which are in the jurisdiction of cities on the website.
- **EENR Committee:** On Wednesday, the EENR met for its June meeting. First, Kristen Torres Pawling, a Sustainability Program Director with the LA County Chief Sustainability Office gave a presentation on the OurCounty Los Angeles Countywide Sustainability Plan. This comprehensive and detailed plan covers a plethora of topics and goals, and she provided examples of goals, strategies, and actions related to EV charging, urban heat island strategies, and solar power. Next, the Committee discussed AB 1500 (Carrillo): Protecting Public Health from Hazardous Substances. This bill would strengthen local authority to take immediate action against local threats to the public's health and safety, including the ability for local jurisdictions to direct a facility or a portion of a facility to temporarily discontinue the operations that caused an exposure. Lauren Yokomizo, Assistant Deputy for Supervisor Hahn, led the discussion on this item. After a robust discussion, the Committee voted unanimously, 6-0, to recommend that the Governing Board support this legislation. Additionally, the Committee also agreed that the Governing Board should support AB 1694 (O'Donnell), which would expand the territory of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy to include the Dominguez Channel watershed and Santa Catalina Island. The Committee also heard updates from representatives of the San Gabriel Mountains Community Collaborative, LA County Parks and

Recreation, San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, and SoCalGas.

- **Bill Hearings**

- **AB 1093 (Rubio):** The Senate Environmental Quality Committee passed and re-referred AB 1093 (Rubio) to Senate Appropriations at their June 19th meeting. AB 1093 would require the State Water Resources Control Board, by July 1, 2020, to establish financial capability assessment guidelines for municipal separate storm sewer system permittees that are adequate and consistent when considering the costs to local jurisdictions. SGVCOG member and Mayor Pro Tem of Sierra Madre, John Capoccia, testified on behalf of the COG and spoke of the importance of the bill as it relates to the financial burdens the compliance policies will place on municipalities.
- **SB 751 (Rubio):** SB 751 was approved unanimously on consent by the Assembly Local Government Committee Wednesday and has been ordered to the consent calendar. Joe Lyons and Sen. Rubio attended the hearing and were available to testify if needed. The working group to develop the Regional Housing Trust Fund is setting regular meetings. Please email staff at jcicco@sgvcoq.org if your city is interested in participating in the working group.
- **SB 592 (Wiener):** Last Thursday, Senator Wiener gutted and amended SB 592 transforming it from a bill requiring updating of barbers and cosmetologists records to a “housing accountability act”. 592 now reflects SB 50 and SB 330. SB 50 was held under submission in Appropriations and SB 330 has been re-referred to the Assembly Committee on Local Government. The key operative provision for affordability in SB 592 requires the approval of any housing development project for very low, low, or moderate income households or any emergency shelter unless the project fails on narrowly defined grounds related to public health and safety. The measure further restricts low density requirements that have a “substantially adverse effect on the viability or affordability of a housing development for very low, low or moderate-income households. Significant burdens of proof are placed upon jurisdictions disapproving any housing development project on grounds of density restrictions. SB 592 will be agendaized for consideration and possible action at the upcoming Planners TAC and Executive Committee meetings.
- **Transportation Committee:** On Thursday, the Transportation Committee met for its June meeting, and there were two interesting agenda items on this month’s agenda. First, the Committee was given a presentation by Katie Lemmon of LA Metro on the Foothill Gold Line Phase 2B First/Last Mile Plan. During her presentation, Ms. Lemmon touched upon the first/last mile methodology and process, walk audits, context-specific recommendations, coordination and community engagement, including with ActiveSGV, example FLM project types, possible pathway networks, and next steps for the plan’s adoption and eventual implementation. Next, Robert Cáliz and Wayne Wassell of LA Metro provided a detailed presentation on the current status and progress of the NextGen Bus Study. The NextGen Bus Study is a qualitative and quantitative analysis of Metro’s existing bus system, and the NextGen Bus Study process will eventually yield a bus system re-design and re-allocation of bus service, based on analyses, to better

serve the ever changing needs and demands of LA County and its diverse residents and communities. During the presentation, Mr. Cáliz and Mr. Wassell discussed how NextGen will address and incorporate equity, the vast amount of community engagement that Metro has conducted to get feedback from riders and community members, and what factors Metro studied in its bus network development process. Metro finished its presentation by sharing examples of service design concepts, and the timeline for the duration of the rest of the study. Metro plans to return to the Transportation Committee in October 2019 to share new draft “lines on the map,” or new draft bus routes. Moreover, the Committee heard updates pertaining to LA Metro and the Foothill Gold Line extension.

- **Community Outreach:** On Wednesday evening, SGVCOG staff represented the COG and the SGV Energy Wise Partnership (SGVEWP) at the City of Alhambra’s Water Conservation and Drought Tolerant Workshop, which was held at the Alhambra Civic Center Public Library, and was co-hosted by the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District. At this event, COG staff was able to meet with many SGV residents to share energy and water-saving tips, strategies, and literature. COG staff also gave away some free Water Energy Efficiency Starter Kits, which are offered through the SGVEWP by SoCalGas; these kits include one low-flow showerhead and three faucet aerators. Attendees at the event were also able to hear presentations related to native plants, water saving ideas, the status of the water table and wells in the SGV, and sustainable gardens from other organizations. This event was also attended by other agencies such as Nature for All, Day One, the SGV Mosquito and Vector Control District, and LA County Public Works, among other groups. If you would like to have the COG come out to an upcoming community event in your city this summer, please contact COG staff, and we would be happy to have an SGVEWP table at your event!

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Week of June 24, 2019

- **Planners TAC:** On Thursday, the Planners TAC convened its June meeting. The TAC heard a presentation from Alejandro Huerta of Enterprise Community Partners on the guidelines, the amount of funding available, and eligible projects for the 5th Cycle of the Affordable Housing & Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Program. The Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the 5th Cycle will be released in October 2019, and applications will be due in February 2020. The TAC also heard a presentation from Michelle O'Connor, the Trails Planning Section Head for LA County, on the County Trails website (<https://trails.lacounty.gov/>) and the County Trails app. The County would like to work with cities to expand its total trails coverage and include trails which are in the jurisdiction of cities. The TAC took positions on SB 330, the Housing Crisis Act of 2019 (Skinner) and SB 592, the Housing Accountability Act (Wiener). The TAC reconsidered SB 330 - for which the Governing Board had adopted a resolution to oppose the Bill in May - after recent amendments were made. Ultimately, the TAC decided to continue to oppose SB 330. SB 592 (Wiener) is a gut-and-amend of a previous cosmetology-related bill, and is now the Housing Accountability Act. Based on the provisions of the bill, the TAC voted to recommend that the Governing Board oppose this piece of legislation. Additionally, the SGVCOG would like to recognize Larry Stevens, the Assistant City Manager and Director of Community Development for the City of San Dimas, for his service to the City of San Dimas, the San Gabriel Valley, and to the SGVCOG. Mr. Stevens announced his retirement at this month's TAC meeting. Mr. Stevens has worked with the City of San Dimas for nearly 32 years, and also served a contract staff to the COG when it was founded in the 1990s. The COG thanks him for his support of the COG, and for his leadership on collaborative regional initiatives, projects, and grants related to active transportation, open streets, housing, and homelessness. Mr. Stevens also served as the chair of the COG's Planners TAC for about 7 years. He will be missed but we wish him well in his retirement!
- **SCAG Executive Directors Meeting:** On Monday, I participated in the quarterly SCAG Executive Directors' meeting. Major topics of discussion including the ongoing RHNA process and SCAG's FY 19-20 workplan. One project that may be of interest to cities is a regional curb management study. SCAG is seeking to identify approximately 8 pilot cities across the region for analysis of curb issues, such as first/last mile freight delivery, parking management, and active transportation improvements. If your city is interested in being considered, please email me.
- **10th Annual Statewide Energy Efficiency Forum:** SGVCOG staff attended the 10th Annual Statewide Energy Efficiency Forum this past Wednesday and Thursday. The forum, which was organized by the Local Government Commission, provided information on supporting energy efficiency projects in disadvantaged communities, building public-private partnerships, developing climate action plans, and aligning municipal policies and actions with energy and carbon goals. Several

representatives from SGVCOG's member agencies also attended the two-day event. Additionally, SGVCOG staff presented a poster at the forum's Energy Champions Networking Reception on Wednesday evening on the COG's program that provides free home energy assessments for San Gabriel Valley residents. Highlights of the forum and more information can be found on <http://californiaseec.org/2019-forum/>.

- **RMC Proposition 68 Grant Application Deadline Extension:** The Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) currently has two active Proposition 68 grant programs with open application solicitations. Regionwide, RMC has an allocation of \$30 million for grant awards and is extending the submission deadline to **Monday, July 15, 2019**. Funding will be available through multiple rounds of solicitations. Applicants submitting the most competitive proposals will be recommended for grant award, which is anticipated Winter 2019 into Spring 2020. Additionally, RMC has a separate Proposition 68 allocation and grant program for Lower Los Angeles River revitalization projects and is accepting applications on an ongoing basis. More information on eligibility and grant program requirements, including application and submittal information, can be found in the RMC Proposition 68 guidelines at www.rmc.ca.gov.
- **SGV Consortium Summit Preview:** This Saturday, the San Gabriel Valley Consortium on Homelessness will present a Homeless Summit focused on Measure H. The Summit will answer cities' questions about Measure H and provide a forum to discuss suggestions and concerns about Measure H. Information on services available in the San Gabriel Valley will be provided as well. Featured speakers and attendees include Scott Chamberlain, San Gabriel Valley Consortium on Homelessness; Peter Lynn, Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority; Jerry Ramirez, LA County Homeless Initiative; Chris Ko, United Way of Greater Los Angeles; Anne Miskey, Union Station Homeless Services; Jan Cicco, SGVCOG; Rev. Karen Davis, Councilmember with the City of Glendora; Jed Leano, Councilmember with the City of Claremont; Assemblymember Chris Holden; and State Senator Susan Rubio. The Summit is made possible by the generous support of Supervisors Kathryn Barger and Hilda Solis. No RSVP is required to attend the Summit, which will take place **this Saturday, June 29 from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.** at the Alexander Hughes Community Center, 1700 Danbury Road, Claremont.
- **Homeless Policy Deputies Meeting:** Staff attended the bi-weekly meeting of the County Board of Supervisors' Homeless Policy Deputies Meeting on Thursday. The meeting featured on the motel co-pay pilot program in SPA 2 (the San Fernando Valley) that requires families that have been living in hotels longer than 45 days to pay a portion of their income towards the cost of the motel placement. The County is also working to ensure that there are adequate linkages between the County's employment services and homelessness services. There is a pilot program underway in SPA 3 in the San Gabriel Valley that will identify the existing partnerships and challenges and the employment services needed to quickly connect homeless job seekers to meaningful opportunities. Finally, there was a report on the proposed allocation of the \$650 million in funding for homeless services that was included in the State Budget. It is anticipated that \$275 million

will be allocated to the 13 largest cities in the State, \$190 million will be allocated to the State's Continuums of Care, \$175 million will be allocated to counties, and \$10 million deferred for future action. This funding would likely have to be expended by FY 2022-2023.

- **SGVCOG Processes Workshops:** There were several insightful project management/processes workshops held with staff from across the Agency, including capital projects, planning, finance, and administrative services staff. The workshops were conducted by ThirdWave and covered budgeting/financial reporting, resources management/timekeeping/personnel, procurement/document control, project management & project tracking and grant administration and all were well attended. This gave us the opportunity to put together comprehensive problems and identify impacts, solutions, and benefits of current practices. The next step will be how to best implement the improvements where needed. The staff was very engaged and we look forward to implementing the final product.
- **Capital Projects Committee:** The Capital Projects Committee approved 4 Resolutions of Necessity for the Montebello Corridor Project. These actions were necessary next steps in order to obtain properties in order to initiate work on the project.



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