

SGVCOG Weekly Recap

Week of April 1, 2019

- **Executive Committee:** On Monday, the Executive Committee held their monthly meeting. Vasquez & Company presented the SGVCOG FY 2017-18 financial audit. There were no findings and the audit results will be presented at the April 18 Governing Board meeting. Additionally, the draft FY 2019-20 budget was presented to the Committee. This will be the first combined budget for the SGVCOG and the ACE Project. The budget is divided into three major sections: Operating Budget, Non-Capital Projects and Capital Projects. The draft budget will be reviewed by the full Governing Board at the April meeting.
- **NextGen Bus Study Working Group:** On Tuesday, SGVCOG staff attended the 5th NextGen Bus Study External Working Group meeting. Metro is currently conducting a comprehensive analysis of its bus system and plans to implement a new bus service plan and structure starting next year. The purpose of this external working group is to provide Metro with a cross-section of countywide stakeholders who will provide different perspectives of diverse groups, coalitions, and communities. At this meeting, Metro staff and study consultants shared detailed information pertaining to: service goals and objectives, market analyses, existing bus system evaluation, bus system design considerations, and future measures of success. Metro staff explained that they are looking to make improvements to the bus system by looking to ensure that customers are able to find, try, and rely on the Metro bus system. Metro presenters shared multiple examples of how Metro is considering redesigning the bus network and rates based on quantitative ridership data. This includes enhancing service on routes which are heavily used and reducing service on routes which receive less service, or shortening a Metro bus route where there is already local bus coverage. This would be done to maximize system efficiency and attract more riders in high-use corridors. Moreover, representatives from different subregions, including the San Gabriel Valley, stressed to Metro that it is imperative that Metro coordinate with local and municipal bus operators as they look to redesign the bus system and change some routes. The focus of the next External Working Group meeting, which will take place in mid-May, will be: defining equity within the NextGen Bus Study Framework.
- **Board of Supervisors Motion to Improved Communication and Homelessness Data Sharing with Cities:** In response to cities concerns, Supervisors' Barger and Solis brought a motion addressing some of the issues to the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday. The motion called out challenges around the distribution and contracting for the Measure H resources. The motion noted that, "communication and data sharing with cities and Councils of Governments (COGs) has fallen short of the expectations of the Board. To most effectively implement the CEO's Homeless Initiative's approved strategies to combat homelessness, it is integral that LA County and the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) enhance their efforts to engage cities and COGs and support their unique solutions to achieve the collective goal to address

homelessness.” The motion directs the CEO HI to work with LAHSA to, 1) Streamline the contracting process and, 2) Hold regularly scheduled listening sessions and communication mechanisms including providing city-level data on Measure-H funded services. Supervisors Barger and Solis requested cities presence to support the motion. Duarte City Manager, Darrell George; El Monte Housing Manager, Carol Averell; Pomona’s Homeless Services Supervisor, Donyielle Holley, were joined by Baldwin Park residents Cruz Baca and Beatrice Sandoval, and SGVCOG Homelessness Committee ex officio Joe Lyons and COG staff responded to the request and provided support for the motion which passed with a 5-0 vote.

- **Metro Active Transportation Working Group:** On Tuesday, I participated in the Metro Active Transportation Working Group. This group is providing feedback on the process by which Metro will award \$857M in Measure M funding over the next 40 years, and \$75M in funding over the next 5 years. Metro staff is proposing to focus on two areas: first-last mile improvements within 1-2 blocks of existing priority transit stops and multi-jurisdictional corridors of regional significance. Metro staff is also proposing a streamlined application process, by screening potential projects across the following metrics: equity, safety and mobility/connectivity. Comments on the draft administrative procedures are due next Thursday. It is anticipated that the Metro Board will approve the administrative procedures and release the Cycle 1 call in Summer 2019.
- **Homelessness Committee:** The Homelessness Committee met on Wednesday and received presentations from GenesisLA and the San Gabriel Valley Consortium on Homelessness. GenesisLA offers a unique model for housing development and financing that focuses on small scale affordable housing that fits well into suburban communities. The Consortium is undertaking a restructuring that includes returning to its original mission to strengthen the network of local services providers and build capacity to bring resources to the region. Giselle Sorial, District Director for Senator Susan Rubio, provided an update on the Senators’ numerous bills in progress. A highlight of her update was progress being made on SB 751 which will enable a San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust formed by the SGV cities to seek and administer both private and public funds. SB 751 has been referred by the Senate Rules Committee to both the Governance and Finance Committee and the Housing Committee. The Senator is seeking letters of support for this bill. If your city would like to provide a letter of support, or if you know of key organizations and groups that may provide an LOS, letter templates will be available on the SGVCOG website and are due to the Senator’s staff by April 17. Letters may be e-mailed to staff at icicco@sgvcog.org who will forward to the Senators staff. The SGVCOG is the sponsor of this bill. We are most grateful to Senator Rubio for her responsive advocacy for the San Gabriel Valley.
- **City Managers’ Steering Committee:** On Thursday, the Committee reviewed two major items. For the first item, the members were presented with the FY 2017-18 audit results conducted by Vasquez & Company. There were no findings in the audit. In terms of the second item, the Committee reviewed the draft FY 2019-20 budget, which combines the SGVCOG and ACE Project budget for the first time.

The Committee also received an update on the joint municipal service delivery study,

- **Pomona Continuum of Care Coalition Meeting:** At the PCOCC meeting on Thursday, LAHSA announced a new way that cities will be able to partner in the Coordinated Entry System and make direct referrals into the system. Those referring will need to participate in training. Information will be posted on the SGVCOG website when it becomes available. This new system will provide a direct way that cities can align with the homeless system and obtain help for homeless persons in their community. The referral system is expected to be rolled out in July. The timing of the new referral tool should correspond nicely with the start up of the cities implementation programs and newly hired navigators, outreach workers and case managers.



SGVCOG Weekly Recap

Week of April 8, 2019

- **General Assembly Recap:** SGVCOG proudly presented its 2019 General Assembly on Wednesday. This event brought together more than 150 elected officials, city staff, community leaders, and stakeholders to address the future of the San Gabriel Valley. The General Assembly highlighted regional partnerships and efforts to develop sustainable solutions in addressing key challenges facing the region, including transportation, homelessness, and the environment. Additionally, professionals and industry experts discussed case studies and projects in topics such as stormwater projects, homelessness solutions, micromobility projects, curbside management, workforce development, economic development, and electric vehicle charging. SGVCOG would like to thank the event's sponsors for their generous support and speakers for sharing their knowledge with the attendees. **Speaker presentations can be found and downloaded [here](#).**
- **Twitter Chat:** On Monday, the SGVCOG resumed our Twitter Chat series. This chat was unique for two reasons: it served as a preview to our 2019 General Assembly, and our participants were all fellow Councils of Government! Since the chat was a preview of the General Assembly, the theme of this chat was "building sustainable solutions." Much like at the general assembly, our Twitter chat with some of the other COGs touched upon:
 - What major trends COGs in Southern California see happening in the next 5-10 years, what investments local governments should make related to infrastructure in order to prepare for these trends.
 - Specific projects and initiatives that have helped each COG's respective region prepare for future challenges and needs.
 - How COGs navigate through challenges when implementing projects.
 - The importance of partnerships with regional stakeholders when implementing projects and working to achieve strategic goals.
 - Keys to forming and maintaining successful, collaborative partnerships.
 - How changes over the past 5-10 years have impacted how we operate today.

Our Twitter chat participants provided a plethora of substantive and thoughtful answers to our chat questions, and the chat also enabled members of the public and our followers on Twitter to gain insight into the important roles of COGs, and how we work to assist our cities and improve the quality of life in our respective regions. Special thanks to the South Bay Cities COG, the Westside Cities COG, and the Western Riverside COG for their participation and for helping to make our Twitter chat a success. The Twitter chat led to 5,607 organic impressions/views of COG tweets on Twitter on Monday!

- **Metrolink / Gold Line Task Force:** On Tuesday, I participated in Metro's Metrolink/Gold Line Task Force. This group includes the participation of Metro, SBCTA, Metrolink, Foothill Gold Line Authority, the cities of Pomona, Claremont and Montclair. The purpose of the Task Force is to identify strategies to make the

two rail services complimentary once Gold Line service commences in Pomona, Claremont and Montclair. Key tasks are as follows:

- Study similar systems and services for strategies to optimize mode transfers;
- Evaluate Metrolink service scenarios;
- Undertake sensitivity analysis on ridership and fares;
- Identify other innovations based on industry-wide best practices; and
- Recommend approach and develop cost estimates.

At this initial meeting, Foothill Gold Line staff provided an update on the current status of the project and Metro staff reviewed and gathered feedback on the proposed consultant scope of work that will support the work of the task force.

- **Metro PAC:** On Tuesday, Mark Christoffels participated in bi-monthly Metro PAC meeting. The PAC was given presentations on the current status of the NexGen and BTR studies. They were also provided updates on the Metro's Public Participation Plan and the LRTP. There was also a lengthy discussion on the equity definition in the LRTP and how that may be used for programming. They have created a definition for Equity Focus Communities. EFC's will be defined by income less than \$35k, race (non-white) and households with no cars. Metro staff could not yet comment on how this will affect project programming in the LRTP. Finally there was an update from Metro staff on the Congestion Pricing Feasibility Study. They are going forward with this study and will be awarding a contract later this year, but it is no longer tied to the 28 by 28 initiative. They also indicated that they are working on a public outreach effort on the Re-Imagining LA County campaign. A link to this outreach effort is at <https://ournext.la/> They are asking us to have our member agencies participate in this very short polling effort
- **Bike Share Meeting:** On Thursday, the SGVCOG hosted an introduction meeting with staff from Gotcha, the vendor responsible for implementing the e-bike share expansion in the San Gabriel Valley in participating cities. Cities were given background information on the bike share program including the procurement process and review of the participating cities. The bike share program is expected to launch in phases, based on geographic proximity. Individual cities that are eager and express readiness to launch are encouraged to be the first to rollout the program. For next steps, participating cities will be developing city level agreements for Gotcha to operate within the jurisdictional boundaries. If your city is interested in participating, please contact Katie Ward (kward@sgvcog.org).

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Week of April 14, 2019

- **Public Works TAC:** On Monday, the Public Works TAC convened its April meeting. First, the TAC heard a presentation from LA County Public Works Deputy Director Phil Doudar, who provided a look ahead on LACDWP's most pressing regional priorities and areas of focus. He discussed the County's plans for operations and projects in the service areas of: transportation, water resources, solid waste, plastic waste, homelessness, and climate. The second presentation on the TAC's agenda was on the San Gabriel Trench Grade Separation Project, and this presentation was given by SGVCOG Senior Project Manager Phil Balmeo. Additionally, representatives from LA Metro attended the TAC meeting to present on the "Measure Up! Arterial Performance Measurement" Pilot Program Extension. Using a combination of recent third-party speed data and volume data collected as part of a related Countywide Baseline Conditions project, this Pilot Project will evaluate the performance of arterials using metrics such as: average speeds and travel times, vehicle and person miles traveled, and vehicle and person hours of delay. Through the pilot program, cities are able to access the program's analytical tool and its data for free until August 2019. Moreover, COG staff also provided the TAC with an update on the Metro Active Transportation (MAT) 2% Program, which is a Measure M program. For Cycle One, this program will fund up to five active transportation projects and up to 10 first-last mile projects in LA County. Metro is currently soliciting feedback on the project selection process and its prioritization criteria from the Metro PAC, and a Cycle One package is expected to be developed by June.
- **Water Committee:** On Tuesday, the Water Policy Committee and Water TAC held their monthly joint meeting. Members were presented with HR 1497: The Water Quality Protection and Job Creation Act, which was introduced by Congresswoman Grace Napolitano (D-CA). The Act addresses local water quality challenges by providing Federal assistance for the construction, repair, and replacement of wastewater and stormwater conveyance and treatment facilities. The Water Committee and TAC approved to recommend this Act for Governing Board approval. Additionally, the Committee and TAC received updates on the Safe Clean Water Program.
- **SCAG Aviation TAC:** On Tuesday, SCAG convened its Aviation TAC (ATAC) to discuss the aviation forecast reports and receive updates from the Ontario International Airport. It is expected that North America air traffic would increase by around 3.1% in the next 15 years; however, it is important to note that airfare is negatively correlated with the demand. Depending on the demand of air travel and the outlook of the economy, air traffic may increase or decrease. Additionally, representatives from the Ontario International Airport provided updates regarding the airport's new direct flight to Taipei and the opening of a new VIP lounge in its Terminal 4. The ATAC also introduced its new co-vice chairs, Samnathan Bricker of the Los Angeles World Airports and Atif Elkadi of the Ontario International Airport.

- **EENR Committee:** EENR Committee members toured CR&R's Anaerobic Digestion Facility in Perris, CA on Wednesday. The members visited the facility's main digesters, post digesters, and laboratories to understand the company's anaerobic digestion process, which converts food and organics waste into renewable natural gas and clean compost. EENR Committee will be hosting a joint meeting with Public Works TAC on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at 12:30pm at the Glendora Public Library's Bidwell Forum to provide feedback to the California Public Utilities Commission regarding its recent proceedings on reducing greenhouse gas emissions in buildings and structures.
- **AB 1093 (Rubio):** On Tuesday, the SCAG Legislative/Communications Membership Committee met. The Committee considered support for AB 1093 (Rubio), which would establish Federal Capability Assessment (FCA) guidelines for MS4 permittees that are adequate and consistent when considering the costs to local jurisdictions. As the sponsor of AB 1093 (Rubio), SGVCOG staff attended in support of the bill. The Committee unanimously recommended support for AB 1093 (Rubio) to the SCAG Regional Council. The SCAG Regional Council meeting will take place on May 2nd and include AB 1093 (Rubio) as part of the consent calendar. We would like to thank Board Member Margaret Clark, who is the Vice Chair of the SCAG Legislative Committee, for her leadership in ensuring this bill was considered by SCAG.
- **SCAG Technical Working Group:** On Thursday, SGVCOG staff attended the SCAG Technical Work Group to review the technical methodology of various ongoing studies, such as studies that identify job centers and neighborhood mobility areas in the Southern California region. Representatives from UC Irvine presented on their research in measuring job centers across the SCAG region from 1997 to 2014. A video of their research methodologies can be viewed [here](#). In 2014, the three largest job centers identified in the San Gabriel Valley are as follows:
 - Pasadena (63,765 total jobs with an average of 23.42 jobs per acre)
 - El Monte (27,901 total jobs with an average of 8.05 jobs per acre)
 - Industry-Rowland Heights (27,164 total jobs with an average of 12.19 jobs per acre)

The Technical Working Group will meet next month to review the development of existing SCAG regional plans, including the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS). Cities can learn more about the Working Group and view the Group's meeting agenda packets [here](#).

- **Community Outreach Recap:** Last weekend, the SGVCOG conducted extensive and thorough community outreach for the San Gabriel Valley Energy Wise Partnership (SGVEWP), which works to promote energy efficiency and sustainability throughout the SGV region. On Saturday, the SGVCOG had SGVEWP tables at the Glendora Earth Day Festival, the LA County Sanitation Districts Earth Day Celebration, and the Diamond Bar Birthday Celebration. Additionally, on Sunday, COG staff attended the Claremont Earth Day Celebration. At each of the four events, COG staff spoke with a plethora of residents and attendees about the SGVEWP's EASY Home Energy Assessment program, energy efficiency and energy savings ideas, tips, and strategies, rebate and financing information, and income assistance programs such as the Energy

Savings Assistance (ESA) program. Moreover, at these events, COG staff distributed about 60-70 SoCalGas Water and Energy Efficiency Starter Kits, which include one low-flow showerhead and three faucet aerators. COG staff enjoyed engaging with residents from across the SGV this weekend to share ideas about energy efficiency, and we would like to thank the Earth Day event hosts for having us at their respective events! If your city is hosting a community event and you would like for the COG to have an SGVEWP table at the event, please let us know!



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Week of April 22, 2019

- **SB 751 Hearing:** SB 751 (Rubio), which would allow for the creation of a San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust Fund JPA, passed the Senate Governance And Finance Committee on Wednesday on a bipartisan 7-0 vote. Senator Rubio presented and Joe Lyons gave a witness statement. Committee analysis noted the many letters of support secured for the bill. The Committee Chair, congratulated Senator Rubio on presenting a “very good bill”. The bill will next be heard in Senate Housing on Tuesday, April 30. Mayor John Fasana, Duarte, will be the SGVCOG witness.
- **AB 1093 (Rubio) & AB 755 (Holden) Appropriations Committee Hearing:** On Wednesday, AB 1093 (Rubio) and AB 755 (Holden) were heard at the Assembly Appropriations Committee. AB 1093 (Rubio) would establish Federal Capability Assessment (FCA) guidelines for MS4 permittees that are adequate and consistent when considering the costs to local jurisdictions. AB 755 (Holden) would increase the tire recycling fee and the money would be used for stormwater cleanup. AB 1093 (Rubio) and AB 755 (Holden) were referred to the Suspense File, which is typical of any bill with an annual cost of more than \$150,000. Suspense File bills are considered at one hearing after the state budget has been prepared and the Appropriations Committee has a better sense of available revenue. No testimony is presented, from the author or a witness, at the Suspense File hearing. The Appropriations Committee will take the Suspense File up for votes on May 16.
- **SCAG Executive Directors’ Meeting:** On Wednesday, I participated in the quarterly SCAG subregional Executive Directors’ meeting. Topics of discussion included the 2020 RTP/SCS, the upcoming RHNA process, and the SCAG Sustainability Planning Grants.
- **Planners TAC:** On Thursday, the Planning TAC convened its April meeting. First, the TAC deliberated over, and discussed, three pieces of legislation. The first of these bills was AB 377 (Garcia), which is an urgency bill that is meant to address technical issues with AB 626 (Garcia), which established microenterprise home kitchen operations (MEHKOs) in California. It was thought that AB 377 would include an opt-out provision for cities if a county authorized the permitting of MEHKOs; however, no such provision is in the current version of AB 377. Thus, the Planning TAC approved a motion to recommend that the COG oppose AB 377 unless it is amended to allow for cities to make zoning decisions on where MEHKOs are permissible. The TAC also discussed SB 48 (Wiener), which will create a new streamlining program for the building of interim housing intervention developments, or emergency shelters. The bill also requires that these shelters be a use by right. The Planning TAC passed a motion to recommend that the SGVCOG oppose the bill unless amendments are made which address the ability of cities to be able to impose parking requirements on these shelters, and to designate an entity which would oversee the regulation and licensing of operators of emergency shelters. Moreover, the TAC also provided direction on SB 50

(Wiener), a consequential bill which would, among many other provisions, require a city to grant exceptions local zoning rules such as density to housing projects which are within a “job-rich” area or a “transit-rich” area. The Committee will consider recommending a position, including possible amendments to the bill, at its May meeting. Moreover, the TAC then received a presentation from the City of Covina’s Community Development Director, Brian Lee, regarding the Covina Town Center Specific Plan, and the current update process for this specific plan. The TAC also heard updates on the Metro Active Transportation (MAT) 2% Program, and on SB 751 (Rubio), a bill which would establish a Regional Housing Trust Fund JPA for the San Gabriel Valley.

- **SB 2 Workshop:** The State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) provided a local seminar on applying for the SB 2 Planning Grant Program NOFA. HCD has retained PlaceWorks to head a team of technical assistance consultants across the State including two consultants specifically in LA County. SB 2 established a permanent source of funding to increase affordable housing, and set aside 50% of the revenues for *one-time* planning grants. The application window is eight months, closing on November 30th. Cities must meet certain criteria by the time an application is submitted to be eligible to apply. Funding available is based upon population with a minimum grant of \$25,000. Cities with up to 60,000 people may apply for up to \$160,000, cities with 60,001 - 200,000 may apply for up to \$310,000 and cities with a population greater than 200,000 may apply for up to \$625,000. An additional webinar will be held on May 1st. Local governments are encouraged to form partnerships with regional governments, housing authorities, school districts, special districts, CBOs or any duly constituted governing body. If one or more cities form a partnership, each city must be eligible and must submit a separate application. Threshold requirements include 1) Housing Element Compliance at the time of the submission 2) APR Submitted for 2017 or 2018 by time of submission, 3) Demonstration of a nexus to acceleration housing production and 4) Certification of consistency with State or other planning priorities. Please watch for a presentation by the State Technical Assistance team at an upcoming SGVCOG Planners TAC meeting.

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Week of April 29, 2019

- **Los Angeles County Sustainability Plan (OurCounty):** Over the past two years, the Los Angeles County's Chief Sustainability Office has been working to develop a vision for making communities healthier, more equitable, economically stronger, more resilient, and more sustainable. This vision eventually became a countywide sustainability plan known as "OurCounty." Since 2017, the County's Chief Sustainability Office has conducted more than 150 stakeholder workshops, 12 goals, 37 strategies, and 148 actions were developed to form a discussion draft of the plan. On Tuesday, SGVCOG staff attended the draft review session of the plan in Carson, CA and provided comments, such as encouraging cities to conduct energy audits at existing municipal facilities prior to installing solar panels, informing city staff to utilize Proposition 68 and Measure W funding for open space and stormwater projects, and partnering with councils of governments in the efforts to seek funding to support initiatives outlined in the plan. Cities are encouraged to review the plan [here](#) and submit suggestions and comments [here](#) by Friday, May 24, 2019. Questions and inquiries regarding the plan can be directed to sustainability@lacounty.gov.
- **SB 751 Hearing:** This bill would authorize the creation of the San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust, a joint powers authority, by any or all of the cities within the jurisdiction of the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments, with the stated purpose of funding housing to assist the homeless population and persons and families of extremely low, very low, and low income within the San Gabriel Valley. This bill was heard at the Senate Housing Committee on Tuesday, and passed 11-0 with a bi-partisan vote. The bill has been ordered to the Consent Calendar.
- **Homelessness Committee:** The Committee received information on Sisters in Time, a house sharing and tenant/landlord referral and matching program for senior women. Such a program may be of interest to cities planning to address homeless prevention for senior citizens. Staff provided an in-depth review of SB 48 with key amendments to the bill recommended by the Planners TAC. Such amendments included the elimination of language denying local jurisdictions the right to impose parking requirements. The Homelessness Committee concurred with the Planners TAC assessment and recommendations with the added recommendation of providing funding to local jurisdictions for the additional cost of implementation.
- **RMC Proposition 68 Grant Program:** The Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) will be accepting project applications for the RMC Proposition 68 Grant Program from *April 29, 2019 through June 28, 2019*. This will be RMC's first solicitation through RMC's Proposition 68 Program. \$28 million will be available through multiple solicitations. Applicants submitting the most competitive proposals will be recommended for grant award, anticipated for Fall 2019. 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 greatest public benefit;
- Projects that incentivize workforce education and training;
- Projects that incentivize contractor and job opportunities for disadvantaged communities; and,
- 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.

Please find an RMC Proposition 68 handout [here](#), which includes a map of the RMC jurisdiction and example projects. More information on eligibility and grant program requirements, including submittal information, can be found in the RMC Proposition 68 guidelines [here](#) and at <http://rmc.ca.gov/>. RMC staff is available to provide support and technical assistance if you have any comments or questions, please e-mail Prop68@rmc.ca.gov or call and ask for a Project Analyst. RMC staff can be available through the month of May and early June to discuss potential applications.

- **SGVCOG Regional Coyote Management Plan and Service Delivery Proposal Updates:** Over the past few months, the SGVCOG has been working diligently on developing a Regional Coyote Management Plan (RCMP) template for the member agencies, as well as a Coyote Management Service Delivery Proposal that would provide cities the option to receive coyote management services from the COG in exchange of a small annual fee. The draft of the RCMP template and service delivery proposal will be made available for members of the SGVCOG Coyote Management Task Force, representatives of the local Humane Society/Animal Services agencies, and the State of California for review beginning next Monday, May 6, 2019. The Coyote Management Task Force will review submitted comments and revise the documents at the final coyote management task force meeting that is scheduled for Wednesday, May 22, 2019 from 1:00pm to 3:00pm at the Monrovia Community Center's Monroe Conference Room. This meeting will serve as a platform for cities and member agencies to provide final feedback before the documents are submitted to the SGVCOG City Managers' Steering Committee and Governing Board for final review and approval. It is expected that the City Managers' Steering Committee and the Governing Board will review and/or approve the documents on June 5, 2019 and June 6, 2019, respectively. Questions and inquiries can be directed to SGVCOG staff Alexander Fung at afung@sgvcog.org or (626) 457-1800.
- **San Gabriel Valley Energy Wise Partnership Outreach:** This past weekend, SGVCOG staff attended two community events on behalf of the San Gabriel Valley Energy Wise Partnership. Staff distributed and disseminated energy efficiency materials to local residents and businesses as the Diamond Bar Earth Day Celebration and the Monterey Park Earth Day and Cherry Blossom Festival. Residents received valuable energy efficiency information as SGVCOG staff

provided energy saving tips, strategies, and flyers. Additionally, staff provided more than 50 water conservation kits to event attendees at these two events. SGVCOG congratulates and thanks the Cities of Diamond Bar and Monterey Park for hosting these remarkable events for the San Gabriel Valley communities.

- **SGVCOG Valley Voice Newsletter - May Edition:** SGVCOG proudly presents its Valley Voice Newsletter for the month of May. The newsletter highlights the 2019 SGVCOG General Assembly, San Gabriel Valley's bikeshare expansion project, Senate Bill 751, Los Angeles County Supervisors' Barger and Solis' initiative to advocate on behalf of San Gabriel Valley cities, and more! A digital copy of the newsletter can be accessed and downloaded [here](#). For inquiries or electronic subscription of the newsletter, please contact SGVCOG staff Alexander Fung at afung@sgvcog.org.