



SGVCOG Governing Board Approved Minutes

Date: February 20, 2020
Time: 4:00 PM
Location: Foothill Transit Office
100 S. Vincent Avenue, Suite 200, West Covina, CA 91790

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order
SGVCOG President Cynthia Sternquist called the meeting to order at 4:08pm.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
E. Reece 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
El Monte	Jerry Velasco
Glendora	Michael Allawos
Irwindale	Albert Ambriz
La Puente	Dan Holloway
Monrovia	Becky Shevlin
Monterey Park	Peter Chan
Pomona	Tim Sandoval
Rosemead	Margaret Clark
San Dimas	Denis Bertone
San Gabriel	Jason Pu
San Marino	Susan Jakubowski
Sierra Madre	John Capoccia
South El Monte	Gloria Olmos
South Pasadena	Diana Mahmud
Temple City	Cynthia Sternquist
Walnut	Allen Wu
West Covina	Tony Wu
L.A. County District #1	Florencio Briones
L.A. County District #5	Sandra Maravilla
SGV Water Districts	Steven Placido

Absent

Alhambra
Baldwin Park
Bradbury
Duarte
Industry
La Cañada Flintridge
La Verne
Montebello
L.A. County District #4

SGVCOG Staff

M. Creter, Exec. Director
C. Sims, Staff
K. Ward, Staff
T. Kirkconnell, Staff
A. Fung, Staff
S. Hernandez, Staff

4. Public Comment
Lee Kane, a representative from the San Gabriel Valley Consortium on

Homelessness, provided a public comment to invite Governing Board members to join the Consortium's upcoming roundtable meeting on Saturday, February 29, 2020 at the Mountainside Communion Church. Ms. Kane mentioned that the meeting will be hosted by both Assemblymember Chris Holden and Los Angeles County Supervisor Kathryn Barger.

Paul Dyson, a representative from Rail Propulsion Systems (RPS), provided a public comment on the use of technology to modernize and extend the life of Metrolink locomotives. Mr. Dyson requested Governing Board members to provide public support and build prototypes of a hybrid train with tier 4x and zero emissions boost locomotives.

Ray Tahir, a member of the public, provided a public comment regarding the SGVCOG's proposed letter of support for a regional scientific study to support protection of human health through targeted reduction of bacteriological pollution. Mr. Tahir expressed concerns about the cost of the study and recommended that the Governing Board to forward the proposed letter of support to the SGVCOG Water Committee for further discussions and actions.

5. Changes to Agenda Order
There were no changes to the agenda.

LIAISON REPORTS

6. Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority
E. Reece provided a verbal report on upcoming community open house meetings for the construction of Foothill Gold Line Extension Project. Mr. Reece reported that community open house meetings will run from March 5, 2020 to March 12, 2020 in the Cities of Glendora, La Verne, Pomona, and San Dimas.
7. Foothill Transit
No report was given.
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 a verbal report on RMC Board of Director's approval of distributing a \$1,000,000 grant to the City of Covina for the Banna Community Park Project. Additionally, Mr. Bertone reported that a new park, known as the Phil and Nell Soto Park, recently opened in the City of Pomona.
10. San Gabriel Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District (SGVMVCD)
No report was given.
11. Southern California Association of Governments
A written report was provided.

12. League of California Cities
A written report was provided.
13. San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership (SGVEP)
A written report was provided.
14. South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD)
M. Cacciotti provided a verbal report on the AQMD Electric Lawn Equipment Program and announced a new mobile application that residents can utilize for checking air quality levels in their communities.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

SGVCOG President, Cynthia Sternquist, expressed her best wishes for those who are seeking re-elections in the upcoming March elections.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

SGVCOG Executive Director, Marisa Creter, reported on the Regional Housing Trust and Affordable Housing Forum that was hosted on Thursday, February 13, 2020. Presentations from the forum can be accessed on the SGVCOG website. Additionally, Ms. Creter announced that four cities officially joined the San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust, including the Cities of Arcadia, Baldwin Park, La Verne, and South El Monte.

GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

No report was given.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

15. Transportation Committee
J. Pu reported that the Transportation Committee convened to discuss Metro staff's recent proposal to recommend the Metro Board of Directors to withdraw the SR-60 Alternative and the Combined Alternative and focus on building the Washington Boulevard Alternative in the Eastside Transit Corridor Phase 2 Project. The Metro Board of Directors is scheduled to review these recommendations on Thursday, February 27, 2020 at 10:00am at the Metro Headquarters. Mr. Pu encouraged Governing Board members to attend the Metro Board of Directors meeting to express concerns of Metro redirecting Measure M and Measure R funds that were allocated for the Gold Line Eastside Extension SR-60 Alignment to fund projects that are outside of the San Gabriel Valley.
16. Homelessness Committee
B. Shevlin reported that the Homelessness Committee reviewed the San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust Board of Directors appointment process and discussed the State Homeless Funding and Measure H Innovation Funds programming recommendations. Ms. Shevlin encouraged Governing Board members to attend the Homelessness Committee meetings.

17. Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee
D. Bertone reported that the committee toured the SoCalGas Energy Resource Center in lieu of hosting a regular committee meeting this month. Mr. Bertone mentioned that the center offers various seminars, demonstrations, and consulting services to assist cities to identify cost-effective and energy-efficient solutions.
18. Water Committee
D. Mahmud reported on the status of Measure W county/city fund transfer agreements. The draft county/city and regional/county transfer agreements are expected to be circulated in early March. The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors is anticipated to approve the agreements in April.
19. Capital Projects and Construction Committee
T. Sandoval reported that the Capital Projects and Construction Committee recently approved several Resolutions of Necessity for various property easements necessary for the construction of the Turnbull Canyon Road and Montebello Boulevard grade separation projects. Mr. Sandoval also announced that the committee approved the selection of Answer Advisory for construction management services for the Turnbull Canyon Road 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. Committee/TAC Appointments
Recommended Action: Appoint the following members to standing SGVCOG Policy Committees, Technical Advisory Committees:
 - Public Works TAC: City of Rosemead
 - Capital Projects and Construction Committee Central District Appointment: Jerry Velasco, City of El Monte.
24. FY 2019-2020 1st Quarter Financial Report/Treasurer's Report
Recommended Action: Receive and file.
25. Letter of Support – Regional Scientific Study to Support Protection of Human Health through Targeted Reduction of Bacteriological Pollution
Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution 20-02 supporting the regional bacteria scientific study, with a reconsideration of the cost allocations as necessary pending support from the various Safe Clean Water watershed area steering committees and delay of the timeline of the Upper Los Angeles River (ULAR) analysis pending completion of the ULAR Load Reduction Strategy Adaptation to Address the LA River

Bacteria TMDL, and support the Gateway Water Management Authority to serve as the contract administrator.

- 26. Governing Board & Committee Meeting Times
*Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution 20-03 updating the Governing Board and committee meeting times and locations.**
- 27. San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust Board of Directors Appointment Process
Recommended Action: Recommend Governing Board approve proposed San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust Board of Directors Appointment Process.
- 28. Resolution to Apply for Grant Application to the Transformative Climate Communities Program
Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution 20-04 authorizing the Executive Director to submit an application and accept a Transformative Climate Communities Planning Grant if selected for an award, and the authorization to execute all related documents.

There was a motion to approve consent calendar items 20-24 and 26-28. (M/S: T. Sandoval/N. Lyons)

[Motion Passed]

AYES:	Arcadia, Claremont, Covina, Diamond Bar, El Monte, Glendora, Irwindale, La Puente, 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 #5, San Gabriel Valley Water Districts
NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	
ABSENT:	Alhambra, Azusa, Baldwin Park, Bradbury, Duarte, Industry, La Cañada Flintridge, La Verne, Montebello, L.A. County District #4

**Please note that the language of Resolution 20-03 had two minor clerical errors:*

- *Regular meetings of the Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources (EENR) Policy Committee are scheduled on the third Wednesday of every month at 1:00pm (instead of 12:30pm) at the Monrovia Community Center.*
- *Resolution 20-03 supersedes Resolution 19-44 (instead of 19-27).*

Discussion on Item 25: Letter of Support – Regional Scientific Study to Support Protection of Human Health through Targeted Reduction of Bacteriological Pollution

- SGVCOG Principal Management Analyst, Caitlin Sims, provided a presentation on this item.
- A Governing Board member mentioned that 16 separation watershed management groups supported this effort and that the plan is to identify the bacteria and modify the permits to lessen the burdens on cities.
- Another Governing Board member claimed that this discussion should be postponed and that it is premature to spend Measure W funds on efforts that are not

- required.
- Several other Governing Board members supported the idea of postponing this item for further discussion.

There was a motion to table this item for future discussion for a period of no longer than 30 calendar days. (M/S: M. Clark/T. Wu)

[Motion Passed]

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

ACTION ITEM

- 29.** State Homeless Funding and Measure H Innovation Funds Programming Recommendation Updates
SGVCOG Executive Director, Marisa Creter, provided a presentation on this item.

Questions/Discussions:

- A Governing Board member inquired whether the Homelessness Committee reviewed this information. Ms. Creter mentioned that the Homelessness Committee recently received this presentation at its committee meeting this month.
- Another Governing Board member requested SGVCOG staff to share the presentation for this item via e-mail.

There was a motion to approve the following:

- Reallocation of \$50,000 from the “Other Regional Work” program to the “Cities’ Homeless Plans (Development)” program.**
- Approve the funding allocation formula as proposed/recommended by the Cities Homeless Plans Implementation Working Group.**
- Authorize the Executive Director to executive Memorandums of Agreements (MOA) with participating cities.**

(M/S: D. Mahmud/B. Shevlin)

[Motion Passed]

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ABSTAIN:	
ABSENT:	Alhambra, Baldwin Park, Bradbury, Duarte, Industry, La Cañada Flintridge, La Verne, Montebello, L.A. County District #4

PRESENTATION

- 30.** Voting Solutions for All People: Los Angeles County’s Vote Centers and the New Voter Experience
Terina Keresoma, representative from the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk, provided a presentation on this item.

Questions/Discussions:

- A Governing Board member inquired if a registered voter could change address or affiliated party at vote centers. Ms. Keresoma responded that registered voters can visit a vote center and change the address or affiliated party on the day of the elections. Registered voters will have to present documents of identification and sign a declaration.
- Another Governing Board member raised a concern of the same individual voting multiple times at different vote centers on the day of elections. Ms. Keresoma assured the Governing Board that the County’s secured system can flag the anomalies if an individual is voting more than once in an election.
- A Governing Board member inquired about the necessary documentations needed for an individual to register to vote on the day of elections. Ms. Keresoma responded that an individual with need a driver’s license or identification card from the DMV as well as the last 4 digits of social security number to register.
- A Governing Board member mentioned that he received reports that some registered voters’ party preferences were changed in the system without their consent. Ms. Keresoma responded that this could happen if voters changed their information after the vote-by-mail ballots were mailed out. The concerned voters should reach out to the County Clerk’s Office immediately.
- Another Governing Board member inquired if the new voting system has been certified. Ms. Keresoma mentioned that the Los Angeles County Voting System has been certified by the California Secretary of State.

ADJOURN

SGVCOG President Cynthia Sternquist adjourned the Governing Board meeting at 6:21pm.

BOARD APPROVED

April 16, 2020
Date


Marisa Creter, Secretary