



SGVCOG Planning Directors' TAC Regular Meeting Minutes

Date: September 23, 2021
Time: 12:00 PM
Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order
C. Hensley called the meeting to order at 12:00pm.

2. Roll Call
A quorum was in attendance.

Committee Members Present

Alhambra	P. Lam
Arcadia	L. Flores, L. Torrico
Azusa	M. Munoz
Baldwin Park	M. Chipres
Claremont	B. Johnson
Covina	B. Lee
Diamond Bar	G. Lee
Duarte	C. Hensley, J. Golding
Glendora	J. Kugel
Irwindale	M. Simpson
Monrovia	C. Jimenez
Montebello	J. Serrano, M. Mercado-Rodriguez
Monterey Park	J. Moquin
Pasadena	D. Sanchez
Pomona	A. Gutierrez
Rosemead	L. Valenzuela
San Dimas	A. Garcia
San Gabriel	M. Chang
Sierra Madre	V. Gonzalez, C. Lin
South El Monte	I. McAleese
Temple City	A. Avery, S. Reimers
L.A. County DRP	J. Drevno, M. Kim

Absent

El Monte
La Verne
South Pasadena

Guests

Liz Crosson, LA County Chief Sustainability Office
Ronnie Siegel, SL Architect
Greg Kochanowski, GGA Architects

SGVCOG Staff

M. Creter, Executive Director
A. Fung, Staff
B. Logasa, Staff
S. Sousa, Staff
E. Shen, Staff
C. Sims, Staff
P. Hubler, Staff

3. Public Comment
There were no public comments at this meeting.
4. Changes to Agenda Order
There were no changes to the agenda.

CONSENT CALENDAR

5. Review Planning Directors' TAC Meeting Minutes: 05/27/2021
Action: Review and approve.

There was a motion to approve consent calendar item 5. (M/S: M. Chang/S. Reimers)

[Motion Passed]

AYES:	Alhambra, Arcadia, Azusa, Baldwin Park, Claremont, Covina, Diamond Bar, Duarte, Glendora, Irwindale, Monrovia, Montebello, Monterey Park, Rosemead, San Dimas, San Gabriel, Sierra Madre, South El Monte, Temple City, L.A. County DRP
NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	Pasadena
NO VOTE RECORDED:	Pomona
ABSENT:	El Monte, La Verne, South Pasadena

UPDATE ITEMS

6. SGVCOG Regional Early Action Planning Projects
Caitlin Sims, Principal Management Analyst at SGVCOG reviewed the REAP Affordable Housing Incubator project with the Planners TAC and sought out their recommendations for project components to include.

Discussion/Questions:

- J. Kugel recommended adding consulting services related to land acquisition, relocation, site assembly, and other real estate services.

7. Measure M Multi-Year Subregional Program FY 2022-2025 Active Transportation, Bus System Improvements, and First/Last Mile Funding Application
Alex Fung, Senior Management Analyst at SGVCOG, shared that the FY 2022-2025 MSP funding guidelines proposed by SGVCOG staff were approved by the Governing Board on September 16, 2021. As a result, funding applications for cities to apply for FY 2022-2025 MSP funds are now available.

Discussion/Questions:

- A. Garcia asked if cities could apply for Measure M funding if they had already received funding. A. Fung responded that cities could apply again even if they have received Measure M funding before.

8. Legislative Updates: SB 9 (Atkins)

Paul Hubler, Director of Government and Community Relations at SGVCOG provided an overview of SB 9 since it was signed last week by Governor Newsom. SB 9 requires ministerial approval in single-family (R-1) zones of lot splits of existing parcels (creating two independent lots that can be sold separately) and construction of two full-sized residential units (townhomes or a duplex) on each lot. SB 9 also sets local standards for ADUs, lot splits, occupancy, rentals, ROW dedications, parking, set-backs, and nonconformities.

Discussion/Questions:

- S. Reimers expressed concerns about what the relationship will be among these new housing developments and fire safety. M. Kim clarified that fire departments would need to approve of plans and permits for new housing, but does not yet know what that process will look like.
- C. Jimenez asked for clarification on street frontage for the lot splits. Street access is required, but not street frontage.

PRESENTATIONS

9. Los Angeles County Climate Vulnerability Assessment

Liz Crosson, City Liaison for Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office provided information on the County's Climate Vulnerability Assessment (CVA). Key findings from the CVA highlighted that extreme heat is projected to increase in frequency and severity and that wildfire events are projected to be considerably larger, more frequent, and more destructive by mid-century. Droughts will also happen more often and lasting longer, which lead to drier springs and summers. Inland flooding will likely increase in the future with the drier climates and wetter winters. Additionally, coastal flooding events may become more frequent and severe, with small increases in sea level rise.

10. Wildfire Prevention Planning in the San Gabriel Valley

Ronnie Siegel, Principal at Siegel Landscape Architect provided information on wildfire prevention planning in the San Gabriel Valley. Wildlands near the San Gabriel Valley are increasingly stressed given the climate's swift growing heat and drier conditions. Many jurisdictions within the San Gabriel Valley, including the Cities of Arcadia, Azusa, Bradbury, Claremont, Covina, Diamond Bar, Duarte, Glendora, Irwindale, La Canada Flintridge, La Verne, Monrovia, Pasadena, Pomona, San Dimas, Sierra Madre, Walnut, and West Covina, also have neighborhoods or communities that are designated as fire hazard severity zones. The Fire Safe Alliance was formed as a collaboration of public agencies, departments, and communities to identify solutions and resources for property owners and land managers. The Alliance encourages local jurisdictions to participate or lead efforts to develop a Community Wildfire Protection Plan, which guides future actions of private landowners, local Fire Safe Councils, land management agencies, and emergency service providers wanting to take proactive steps to minimize risks and protect local communities.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENT

11. Next Committee Meeting

The committee is scheduled to reconvene on Thursday, October 28, 2021 at 12:00pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no additional announcements.

ADJOURN

C. Hensley adjourned the Planning Directors' Technical Advisory Committee meeting at 1:17pm.