



Valley Voice

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SGVCOG Governing Board Adopts 2022 Strategic Plan Update

The SGVCOG Governing Board voted to adopt the 2022 Strategic Plan Update last month. Based on feedback and input, five strategic goals were incorporated, including transportation, homelessness and housing, water, environment, and collaboration. Each strategic goal has its respective strategies and performance indicators to allow for the implementation and tracking of success for the revised Strategic Plan. Additionally, the Strategic Plan included updates to the agency's Vision Statement, Mission Statement, and Core Values as follows:

- **Vision Statement:** The SGVCOG will serve as a model subregional government agency in Southern California that is committed to enhancing the quality of life in the San Gabriel Valley by supporting member agency goals, promoting regional collaboration, and delivering exceptional government services, programs, and capital projects across the membership.
- **Mission Statement:** The SGVCOG serves as a subregional government agency that maximizes resources and promotes regional and member interests to improve the quality of life in the San Gabriel Valley.
- **Core Values:** Unity of Common Goals & Objectives, Embracing of Diversity, Upholding of Highest Ethical Standards, Collaboration & Mutual Respect, and Fiscal Responsibility

The SGVCOG Strategic Plan identifies priorities and actions that the agency will undertake to support member agency goals. A copy of the 2022 Strategic Plan Update can be found [here](#).



Montebello's Operation Stay Safe: San Gabriel Valley's Second Tiny Homes Shelter

The City of Montebello has partnered with the San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust (SGVRHT) and the SGVCOG to develop a 30-unit Tiny Home site, known as Operation Stay Safe, to provide temporary housing for individuals experiencing homelessness in the City of Montebello. Operation Stay Safe will be the second Tiny Home site in the San Gabriel Valley and is anticipated to open in May 2022.

On-site supportive services will be provided by Volunteers of America Los Angeles. Each resident will gain the safety and stability that comes with having a roof over their head while being connected to permanent housing. The ability to lock a door at night is instantly life-changing as residents can rest without fear of the dangers faced on the streets.

Additional information on Operate Stay Safe can be found [here](#). The webpage includes information for members of the public to donate by purchasing needed site supplies via an [Amazon wishlist](#) or submitting payments through the [SGVRHT's PayPal](#). Individuals can also search for volunteer opportunities on the webpage.

SGVCOG to Host Open House Event on April 28th

The SGVCOG will be hosting an Open House on **Thursday, April 28th from 12:00pm to 4:00pm** to showcase various transportation, capital projects, homelessness, and environmental programs at the San Gabriel Valley Corporate Campus in Irwindale, CA. Elected officials, city managers, and city/county staff are invited to join by registering [here](#). The event is structured in a manner that allows attendees to join at any time during the Open House. Visiting all booths and demonstrations should take no more than 30 minutes. Highlighted projects include, but are not limited to:

Tiny Home Projects

The SGVCOG has partnered with the Cities of Baldwin Park and Montebello to develop Tiny Home sites to provide shelters and services for individuals experiencing homelessness.



SGV Transit Feasibility Study

The SGVCOG has partnered with Metro to identify feasible transit solutions that enhance communities through providing a high-quality mobility project to the San Gabriel Valley.

Wildfire Outreach Program

The SGVCOG is currently developing an outreach program to assist communities and residents to implement wildfire preventative measures and actions.



eSGV Energy Assessments

The SGVCOG provides no-cost residential energy assessments to support San Gabriel Valley residents to implement



household energy efficiency projects and reduce energy costs.

SGVCOG Staff Member Spotlight: Steph Wong, Management Analyst



What are you looking forward to working on at the SGVCOG?

I am looking forward to working with the talented and dedicated staff at the SGVCOG. Since joining the agency last month, I've had the chance to get to know the members of the COG's Regional Planning and Programs team and have been deeply impressed by them. I know that this is a place where I can learn and grow as a public servant.

News-in-Brief



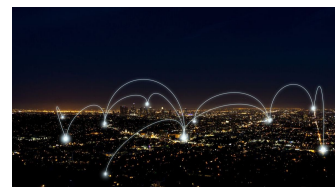
***New Connect SGV
Podcast Episode***

The SGVCOG recently



***"Add Value and Reduce
Costs" Webinar***

The SGVCOG is partnering



***LATA Broadband Grant
Workshop***

The SGVCOG invites San

released a new episode on the Connect SGV Podcast, featuring discussions with Pomona Mayor/Metro Board Director Tim Sandoval and Metro Board Deputy Young-Gi Kim Harabedian on Metro's role and projects in the San Gabriel Valley. The episode also focuses on exploring challenges that Metro is currently facing and how cities and residents can support Metro's goal to enhance the existing transit system and services. The recording is available in both audio and video formats [here](#).

with the SoCalREN Multifamily Program, as well as Chambers of Commerce from Irwindale, Monrovia, Rosemead, Temple City, and West Covina, to host the "Add Value and Reduce Costs" Webinar for multifamily property owners and contractors. The webinar will feature resources for multifamily property owners to implement energy efficiency projects and partnering opportunities for local contractors. Interested individuals can RSVP for the webinar [here](#).

Gabriel Valley cities to attend the upcoming Local Agency Technical Assistance (LATA) Grant Program workshop on May 4th at 9:00am. The event will cover details and updates on the existing broadband funding landscape and the LATA Grant Program. Discussions will also be held to discuss reimbursable work products and technical assistance activities. Templates and materials relevant to the LATA Grant application requirements will also be provided. Interested individuals can RSVP [here](#).

April Committee Meeting Schedule

Please be advised that all Board and committee meetings that are held this month will be conducted virtually over Zoom Conferencing. Livestreams of the meetings can be found on the SGVCOG website [here](#). The livestreams of San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust Board of Directors meetings can be found [here](#).

Executive Committee: Monday, April 4, 2022 at 10:00 AM

City Managers' Steering Committee: Wednesday, April 6, 2022 at 12:00 PM

Water Committee: Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 10:00 AM

Transportation Committee: Thursday, April 14, 2022 at 4:00 PM

Public Works Technical Advisory Committee: Monday, April 18, 2022 at 12:00 PM

EENR Committee: Wednesday, April 20, 2022 at 1:00 PM

Planning Directors' Technical Advisory Committee: Thursday, April 21, 2022 at 12:00 PM

Governing Board: Thursday, April 21, 2022 at 4:00 PM

Capital Projects and Construction Committee: Monday, April 25, 2022 at 12:00 PM

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