

# SGVCOG Weekly Recap

## Week of January 4, 2021

- **Executive Committee:** On Monday, the Executive Committee held its monthly meeting via Zoom. The Committee received an update on the FY 20-21 budget amendment #1 and an update on legislative items. Additionally, the Committee approved the Governing Board agenda for the January 21 meeting.
- **Homelessness Committee:** On Wednesday, January 6, the SGVCOG's Homelessness Committee convened over Zoom. A representative from the LA County Homeless Initiative provided an update on its funding application for the State's Project Homekey program, which allows for the purchase of motels to provide interim and permanent housing to people experiencing homelessness. The County was awarded funding to purchase and convert 10 motels, and it has closed escrow on all 10 motels. These motels will provide 850 rooms, and they will all be operating by early February. Some sites will also offer higher levels of medical care to those who need it and will be converted to permanent housing in 2022. The Committee also heard a presentation on City of Pasadena's shared housing and accessory dwelling unit (ADU) programs. These programs are designed to provide additional housing units in a way that is cheaper and has a lower impact to single-family communities. Through Pasadena's shared housing program, the City purchased a three bedroom home and now rents each bedroom rented to a homeless individual. The individuals living in these units can afford the modest rent without a subsidy. Union Station also provides limited services for these individuals. Pasadena also operates an ADU-financing program, providing low-cost financing and advisory services for homeowners to construct an ADU in exchange for renting the program to Section 8 participants for seven years. The City also operates a program that allows low- to moderate-income homeowners to receive assistance to bring an unpermitted ADU up to code. The next Homelessness Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 3, at 8:30 a.m.
- **Metro Recovery Task Force Report:** Metro launched a Recovery Task Force in April 2020 to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and recommend actions that can be taken in the wake of the biggest public health crisis in over a century. After considering input gathered from virtual public meetings in July and October, the Task Force delivered a draft of the final report, which can be found [here](#). The report includes research on how COVID-19 has impacted Metro and Los Angeles County, updates on progress towards the Task Force's initial recommendations, and a new set of final recommendations with implementation plans. Cities are encouraged to review the draft report and submit comments [here](#) by February 8, 2021. Questions regarding the Metro Recovery Task Force can be directed to [covid19recovery@metro.net](mailto:covid19recovery@metro.net).
- **SCAG:** On Thursday, SCAG held its monthly policy committee meetings and Regional Council meeting. At the SCAG Community, Economic, and Human Development (CEHD) Committee meeting, I presented on the SGV Regional Housing Trust with the Executive Director of the Orange County Housing Finance Trust. I provided an overview of the SGV Regional Housing Trust, as well as our efforts to date, and participated in the broader discussion about how regional housing trusts can support the production of housing in Southern California. Following the CEHD meeting, the Regional Council held its meeting where it adopted a resolution affirming a climate emergency and calling on its local government partners to join together to improve regional climate resiliency and adopted its 2021 Legislative Platform. SCAG's 2021 Legislative Platform identifies many priorities to, among other things, increase funding, improve equity, and improve efficiency, focusing in the areas of transportation and active transportation, affordable housing and housing

production, broadband access, freight and goods movement, and congestion reduction. Finally, staff reported that the California Air Resources Board (CARB) had accepted ConnectSoCal (the 2020-2045 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy) verifying that the Plan met the required greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction targets. CARB had also identified several recommendations to improve the Plan, which it will work with its partners to implement.

In addition, beginning today at 9:00 a.m., the SCAG RHNA Appeals Board will meet to consider cities' appeals of their RHNA determinations. These meetings will continue on Monday, January 11, and Wednesday, January 13.



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## Week of January 11, 2021

- **Public Works TAC:** On Monday, the SGVCOG Public Works Technical Advisory Committee convened its January meeting via Zoom. Personal Insurance Federation of California Legislative Advocate, Deanna LaTour-Jarquín, provided the first presentation of the meeting on telematics. Telematics technology uses data accessed through a driver's smartphone or ports located in vehicles to measure behaviors such as braking, acceleration, speeding, and distraction. This technology can measure the drivers' actual driving behavior as a factor in deciding the amounts they should contribute to their automobile insurance policies. Currently, a majority of the states in the country allow the use of telematics technology in automobile insurance policies; however, California does not allow the use of telematics-enabled pricing in automobile insurance models. Los Angeles County Department of Public Works Civil Engineer, Ron Matsuoka, provided the second presentation of the meeting on the County's Traffic Signal Synchronization Program. The program enhances mobility on congested local highways and streets by upgrading the traffic signals along a route to ensure signal synchronization, placing vehicle detectors in the pavements to detect the presence of vehicles, coordinating the timing of signals between successive intersections, and automatically adjusting signals to facilitate the movement of vehicles through roadway intersections. As of last month, 148 projects on 116 routes impacting over 2,900 intersections were either completed or under construction. Staff from the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) also provided updates regarding recent roadway improvement projects. SGVCOG staff also provided updates on the proposed San Gabriel Valley Regional Vehicle Miles Travelled (VMT) Mitigation Fee Structure Project, which can be used to streamline VMT-related impact analysis and ensure successful implementation of associated mitigations. The committee is expected to reconvene on Monday, February 8, 2021 at 12:00pm.
- **Transportation Committee:** On Monday, the SGVCOG Transportation Committee convened its January meeting via Zoom. Committee members reviewed the Metro Subregional Equity Program (SEP) Guidelines. Metro staff was previously directed by the Metro Board of Directors to develop standard and explicit criteria for how and when subregions' SEP funds may be accelerated to meet their needs. A White Paper summarizing the proposed concepts of the SEP Guidelines was presented to the committee for review and discussion. After a thorough review, committee members voted to direct staff to submit a letter to affirm the SGVCOG's positions on the proposed SEP Guidelines with the following language:
  - Subregions should initiate the programming of SEP funds, including timing, amounts, and project eligibility;
  - SEP funds must remain available when needed, rather than in 2043, and should remain consistent with Board Motion 38.1 to provide funding to each subregion as early as possible consistent with the project funding made available to the San Fernando Valley subregion;
  - Developing criteria for programming SEP funds does not require preparation of guidelines since guidelines currently exist for subregional funds which include SEP; and
  - Request that Metro disclose the source of non-SEP funds, if any, used to cover cost increases in capital projects since the passage of Measure M.

Additionally, the committee reviewed the proposed 2021 Transportation Legislative Priorities. These priorities outline the position of the Governing Board on priority issues

and matters that impact the San Gabriel Valley. After a thorough discussion, the committee voted to recommend the Governing Board approve staff's proposed legislative priorities with the following additions:

- Support continued engagement on the I-710/I-10 interchange improvements and increased mobility for east-west travel corridors in the San Gabriel Valley; and
- Support the extension of the Foothill Gold Line to Montclair.

Finally, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works and Nature for All provided presentations on the San Gabriel Valley Greenway Network Development Project and the San Gabriel Mountains Transit and Infrastructure Program, respectively. The committee is expected to reconvene on Thursday, February 18, 2021.

- **Water Committee:** On Tuesday, the Water Policy Committee and Water Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) convened its monthly meeting via Zoom teleconference. The meeting featured a presentation on the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) Stormwater Pilot Programs. MWD staff presented on the Recharge Pilot Program and the Direct Use Pilot Program which together provide up to \$12.5 million for the development and monitoring of stormwater recharge and direct use projects and focus on collecting and analyzing data to assess costs, benefits, and scalability. The Committees then heard federal legislative updates from Representative Napolitano's staff on COVID-19 relief funding, the 2021 Appropriations Bill, and the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA).
  - **COVID-19 Relief Funding:** Passed in December 2020, the COVID-19 relief bill includes \$638 million in water bill assistance for low-income households. The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) will administer the program and distribute funds to states which will in turn distribute funds to utilities.
  - **2021 Appropriations Bill:** Passed in December 2020, the 2021 Appropriations Bill provides \$192.5 million for the Whittier Narrows Dam Safety Project which will fund construction through the next two years. A total of \$385 million is needed to complete the project and Rep. Napolitano's staff expressed confidence in the project being fully funded in future years.
  - **Water Resources Development Act (WRDA):** Passed unanimously by the House of Representatives in December 2020 and to be referred to the Senate, WRDA would authorize approximately \$9.9 billion in federal funds for 46 Army Corps flood control, coastal protection, and other projects. In Southern California, WRDA would dramatically increase funding to the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach and would address trespassing and fire abatement on Army Corps property.
- **Homeless Deputies' Meeting:** On Thursday, staff attended the LA County Board of Supervisors' Homeless Deputies' Meeting. The Homeless Initiative shared plans to approve the FY 2021-22 Measure H funding recommendations in July, rather than September as previously planned, in order to prevent any disruption in services due to resulting contracting delays. Because of the cancellation of the 2021 Homeless Count, which typically would inform the amount of funding dedicated to each region, the funding will be allocated using the same formula as for FY 2020-21. The Departments of Health Services and Public Health reported on the significant surge of COVID-19 cases among people experiencing homelessness (PEH). They reported that, despite the surge, they continue to have capacity to accept all referrals of COVID positive PEH to their quarantine and isolation sites. Homeless outreach staff have become eligible for vaccinations, with additional services staff and people experiencing homelessness themselves to become eligible in the coming weeks. LAHSA reported on their continued efforts to house at least 4,700 people who are leaving Project Roomkey or otherwise COVID-19 vulnerable. Challenges include service provider capacity to carry out all these programs.

- **Governing Board Preview:** The SGVCOG Governing Board will hold its monthly meeting next Thursday, January 21 at 4PM via Zoom Teleconference. The full agenda packet may be accessed [here](#). Major action items are summarized below:
  - **SGVRHT Board of Directors Appointments – Staggered Terms:** SB751 established the structure of the San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust (SGVRHT) Board of Directors and was amended by the passage of SB1212 (Rubio) in September 2020. Specifically, SB 1212 establishes staggered terms for the SGVRHT board of directors by drawing lots. Staff will hold a randomized drawing virtually during the January 21 Governing Board meeting using the randomizing function in Excel. The staggered terms will be incorporated into update election procedures and nominations schedule, to be presented to the Governing Board for adoption in February 2021.
  - **10th Amended and Restated Bylaws:** The proposed updated Bylaws would amend the current Ninth Amended and Restated Bylaws to provide that all resolutions of necessity (“RONs”) will be adopted by the Governing Board. RONs authorize the SGVCOG to file an action in eminent domain to acquire property necessary for its projects. Currently, the authority to adopt RONs is delegated to the Capital Projects and Construction Committee by way of the Bylaws. Staff is recommending the Governing Board to adopt Resolution 21-01 adopting the SGVCOG Tenth Amended and Restated Bylaws.
  - **FY 20-21 Budget Amendment #1:** Staff is recommending revisions to the FY 20-21 budget. The overall impact is resulting in a year-end balance of \$40,206.
  - **SGVCOG 2021 Legislative Agenda:** The SGVCOG annually adopts an agenda of local, state and federal legislative objectives in the core regional policy areas of water, transportation, homelessness, energy and the environment, aligning closely with the adopted Strategic Plan and in support of its member agencies. The 2021 agenda continues a number of objectives initiated under previous agendas and includes new objectives responsive to emerging challenges and opportunities. Housing policy most notably was assigned last year to the Executive Committee as a new area for consideration, given intense and ongoing state legislative activity in response to California’s housing shortage. The legislative priorities were reviewed and recommended by the SGVCOG’s respective policy committees, including Water, Transportation/Capital Projects, Homelessness and EENR. Staff is recommending the Governing Board adopt Resolution 21-03 affirming the SGVCOG’s 2021 Legislative Agenda.
  - **Financial Accounts for The Safekeeping of Property and Official Signatures:** SGVCOG funds are presently held at the Citizens Business Bank at the San Gabriel, California, branch pursuant to the authority of the Governing Board. Annually, or as changes in officers/staff occur, SGVCOG staff notifies the bank to update the bank account authorization. Staff is recommending the Governing Board adopt Resolution 21-04 updating the signature authority to add Director of Capital Projects (Eric Shen) and remove the SGVCOG Chief Engineer (Mark Christoffels).
  - **SGVCOG White Paper on Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) Reform:** In response to the Countywide homelessness crisis and challenges within the current homelessness services system, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved a motion on September 1, 2020, seeking to explore changes to the structure and function of LAHSA and highlighting the need to examine the system as a whole. In response, the SGVCOG convened a working group to draft a white paper to ensure the San Gabriel Valley had a leading voice in these reform efforts. This working group consisted of representatives from 11 cities. From

September to November 2020, the working group met five times. The resulting white paper (Attachment A) is organized around the following discussion topics:

- Exploring the causes and impacts of systemic problems with the current homelessness response system, especially as they relate to smaller cities;
- Identifying comprehensive solutions; and
- Confirming the San Gabriel Valley's commitment to best practices and programs and to affirming a willingness to lead the region to a more effective, County-wide coordinated strategy to combat homelessness.

The City Manager's Steering Committee, the Homelessness Committee, and the Executive Committee reviewed the White Paper and recommended that the Governing Board adopt the White Paper and distribute it to member agencies to encourage their adoption as well.



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## Week of January 18, 2021

- **EENR Committee:** On Wednesday, the SGVCOG Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources (EENR) Committee convened via Zoom for its monthly meeting. The committee elected Claremont Mayor, Jennifer Stark, as its new Vice Chair and recommended the Governing Board to appoint Mayor Stark as the SGVCOG Delegate to the San Gabriel Mountains Community Collaborative. The committee also voted to recommend the Governing Board to nominate El Monte City Councilmember, Victoria Martinez Muela, to be appointed by the Office of the Governor to the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) Board of Directors. Additionally, the committee reviewed proposed revisions to the SGVCOG Energy, Open Space Preservation, and Solid Waste Policies and voted to recommend the Governing Board to adopt the approved revisions. SGVCOG staff introduced the 2021 Energy Champion Awards last month. Details of the Awards Structure can be found on the San Gabriel Valley Energy Wise Partnership website [here](#), building upon the revised Awards Structure implemented in 2020. Representatives from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (DPH) provided the second presentation of the meeting on the COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Plan. DPH stated that, following trials that demonstrated that the vaccines are safe and effective, the Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines will be made available for free to every resident and will be offered to different groups in various phases. Priorities are based on the risk of becoming ill and the need to maintain the existing healthcare system. Currently, the Department is actively vaccinating frontline healthcare workers and staff and residents at skilled nursing facilities and long-term care facilities. Residents who are 65 and older can begin to schedule vaccination appointments [here](#). All individuals who are vaccinated require two doses for the most effective protection against COVID-19. DPH anticipates that the vaccines will be made available to the general public starting in Spring/Summer 2021. Residents and cities are encouraged to contact the Los Angeles County Department of Consumer and Business Affairs at (800) 593-8222 to report possible vaccination scams. To sign up for DPH's COVID-19 vaccine newsletter updates, please visit [here](#). The committee is expected to reconvene on Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at 1:00pm.
- **Governing Board Recap:** The SGVCOG Governing Board held its monthly meeting on Thursday, January 21 at 4PM via Zoom. Major action items taken at the meeting are summarized below:
  - **SGVRHT Board of Directors Appointments – Staggered Terms:** The Governing Board held a randomized drawing virtually during the Governing Board meeting using the randomizing function in Excel in order to comply with SB 1212 (Rubio), which established staggered terms for the San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust (SGVRHT) Board of Directors and was amended by the passage of SB1212 (Rubio) in September 2020. The results of the staggered terms will be incorporated into updated SGVRHT election procedures, and presented for approval to the Governing Board at the February meeting.
  - **10th Amended and Restated Bylaws:** The Governing Board adopted Resolution 21-01 adopting the SGVCOG Tenth Amended and Restated Bylaws. The updated Bylaws provide that all resolutions of necessity (“RONs”) will be adopted by the Governing Board. RONs authorize the SGVCOG to file an action in eminent domain to acquire property necessary for its projects.

- **FY 20-21 Budget Amendment #1:** The Governing Board adopted Resolution 21-02 amending the FY 20-21 budget. The overall impact is resulting in a year-end balance of \$40,206.
- **SGVCOG 2021 Legislative Agenda:** The Governing Board adopted Resolution 21-03 affirming the SGVCOG's 2021 Legislative Agenda. SGVCOG annually adopts an agenda of local, state and federal legislative objectives in the core regional policy areas of water, transportation, homelessness, energy and the environment, aligning closely with the adopted Strategic Plan and in support of its member agencies.
- **Financial Accounts for The Safekeeping of Property and Official Signatures:** The Governing Board adopted Resolution 21-04 updating the signature authority on financial accounts to add Director of Capital Projects (Eric Shen) and remove the SGVCOG Chief Engineer (Mark Christoffels).
- **SGVCOG White Paper on Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) Reform:** The Governing Board adopted Resolution 21-05 approving the SGVCOG white paper on LAHSA reform and directed staff to distribute to member cities. The SGVCOG convened a working group to draft the white paper to identify comprehensive solutions to LAHSA reform and to ensure the San Gabriel Valley had a leading voice in LAHSA reform efforts. This white paper confirms the San Gabriel Valley's commitment to best practices and programs and to affirms a willingness to lead the region.
- **SCAG Sustainability Awards:** The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) is now accepting nominations for the 2021 SCAG Sustainability Awards. Each year, SCAG honors projects and efforts that best exemplify the core principles of sustainability with awards. The recognized efforts are integral to accomplishing the goals of Connect SoCal, which is the 2020-2045 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy. Nominations will be accepted [here](#) until Friday, February 26, 2021.
- **Upcoming Water Resiliency Twitterchat:** SGVCOG staff will be hosting a Twitterchat event with several cities and agencies next Monday, January 25th at 12:00pm to discuss water resiliency and water management efforts. Cities are welcome to join the discussion by following #WaterResilientSGV during the scheduled Twitterchat. Additionally, cities are recommended to follow us on Twitter at [@SGVCOG](#) to receive updates and event notices around the San Gabriel Valley.
- **SCAG Sustainable Communities Program:** SCAG is currently accepting applications for its Sustainable Communities Program, with a focus on Housing and Sustainable Development projects. Jurisdictions can apply for technical assistance to support the following categories: establishment of housing sustainability districts, workforce housing opportunity zones, and housing-supportive tax-increment financing districts; and objective design standards for streamlined housing, prohousing designation program and parking innovation. Applications are due on January 29, 2021. More information about the program and the application can be found [here](#).



# SGVCOG Weekly Recap

## Week of January 25, 2021

- **Water Resiliency Twitterchat:** On Monday, SGVCOG staff held a Water Resiliency Twitterchat session with several San Gabriel Valley cities and agencies to discuss the importance of water management efforts. Participants shared recommendations for residents and local communities to enhance water resiliency and discussed the benefits of the Safe Clean Water Program. Discussion posts from the one-hour Twitterchat event reached more than 20,000 users and garnered more than 144,000 impressions. The SGVCOG sincerely extends gratitude to the cities of Alhambra, El Monte, Monrovia, and South El Monte, Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster, San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District, Upper Los Angeles River Watershed Management Group, Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District, and the Watershed Conservation Authority for sharing their insights and perspectives during the Twitterchat.
- **Water TAC:** On Monday, the SGVCOG Water Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) held a special meeting to discuss new Safe Clean Water Program guidelines. LA County County Flood Control District (District) staff is working with the Regional Oversight Committee (ROC) on developing updated guidelines for the following program elements:
  - Programming Partial Funding
  - Applying Consistent Disadvantaged Community (DAC) Benefits Program Policies
  - Strengthening Community Engagement and Support
  - Clarifying Prioritization of Nature-Based Solutions
  - Understanding Water Supply Benefits

The TAC specifically discussed the guidelines for water supply benefits and nature-based solutions. The TAC discussed the need for clarity and flexibility in the guidelines and scoring criteria in these areas to address the diversity of the County's watersheds. The TAC discussed specific challenges within some watersheds in the San Gabriel Valley - namely their location upstream of Whittier Narrows and the limited availability of land for significant nature-based projects - that make it difficult to score highly based on the guidelines. Based on the Water TAC discussion, SGVCOG staff provided a public comment at the ROC meeting on Thursday.
- **Capital Projects and Construction Committee:** On Monday, the SGVCOG Capital Projects and Construction Committee convened via Zoom for its January meeting. Committee members approved quarterly project progress and mitigation monitoring/outreach reports and approved a Task Order Revision to AECOM for the Montebello Boulevard Grade Separation Project. Additionally, SGVCOG staff provided updates on the progress of current construction projects. The committee is expected to reconvene on Monday, February 22, 2021 at 12:00pm.
- **Planners TAC:** On Thursday, the SGVCOG Planning Directors' Technical Advisory Committee convened via Zoom for its January meeting. The Committee heard an update from SGVCOG staff on the Regional Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) Mitigation Fee Structure Project, which will be used to streamline analysis of VMT-related impacts and ensure successful implementation of VMT mitigation. SGVCOG staff is currently soliciting interest from cities - with a total of 21 cities that have currently indicated interest - and will soon release an RFP to solicit professional services to develop the Fee Structure. When completed in 2022, the Fee Structure can support participating cities in assessing future proposed developments and provide supplemental funding for transportation improvements with localized and regional benefits. Additionally, Los Angeles County

Department of Regional Planning staff provided a presentation on the Los Angeles County Interim and Supportive Housing Ordinance. The Ordinance which was recently approved by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to encourage the development of housing for individuals experiencing homelessness and support temporary vehicle living. The Ordinance includes language to comply with State laws regarding shelters, transitional and supportive housing, and other housing types for specific populations. Finally, the committee held a brief discussion to explore San Gabriel Valley cities' concerns regarding experiencing timing issues with Southern California Edison (SCE). Several cities have experienced delays in having SCE to respond to work orders. The Committee is expected to reconvene on Thursday, February 25, at 12:00pm.

- **Homelessness Working Group:** On Thursday, the SGVCOG Homelessness Working Group held its monthly meeting via Zoom. The meeting featured a presentation on the San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust (SGVRHT) Homeless Housing Pilot Program, which will provide capital funding and technical assistance to participating cities to develop non-congregate (tiny home) emergency shelter sites. SGVCOG staff provided updates on LAHSA problem solving training and funding opportunities. Staff also provided updates on the SGVCOG prevention/diversion program funding deadline extension from May 2021 to November 2021. Finally, the cities of Arcadia, El Monte, and Montebello provided the following updates on the implementation of their city homelessness programs:
  - **Arcadia:** The City launched a Homeless Resource Hub to provide various services to individuals experiencing homelessness. Services include mobile showers, a laundry facility, restrooms, case managers/housing navigators from Union Station Homeless Services, medical support from the Arcadia Fire Department, and Wi-Fi and charging stations. After overcoming many barriers in setup, the program launched in November and operates on a weekly basis. The City plans on holding a total of 27 events throughout the course of the pilot program.
  - **El Monte:** The City is assisting 180 individuals through its Prevention and Diversion program, including 25 individuals that were provided assistance this week. Most of these individuals were connected with the City by the El Monte Unified School District. The City also announced it was awarded \$17 million from the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) Project Homekey to acquire 2 motels that will provide a collective 133 beds for homeless housing. The City is working with Volunteers of America as its service provider and will work with a construction team to assist with renovations. El Monte's City Manager, Alma Martinez, will be presenting on the project at the February 3rd Homelessness Committee meeting.
  - **Montebello:** The City is initiating participation in the SGVRHT Homeless Housing Pilot Program and is beginning outreach to families and individuals for the prevention and diversion program. The City launched its Fire Department-based Montebello Community Assistance Program (MCAP), staffed by a social worker, a field response case coordinator, and a paramedic who provide assistance to those experiencing homelessness. Soon, the City will hire a full-time housing navigator from PATH. The City also developed a Survey 123 tool allowing field workers to input data on where outreach interactions take place and what services are provided. The tool includes a dashboard that displays outreach hot spots, services and supplies provided, and demographic information on clients, allowing the City to better serve those experiencing homelessness in the City.
- **Homeless Deputies Meeting:** On Thursday, staff attended the LA County Board of Supervisors' Homeless Deputies' Meeting. The County Department of Health Services and Department of Public Health shared their efforts to vaccinate people 65 and older experiencing homelessness (PEH) and to prepare for rapid distribution as more vaccines

become available. They noted that recent State changes to vaccine prioritization and administration may mean that PEH will not become eligible as a group as soon as previously thought. The deputies also heard a presentation on LeaseUp, the County-funded program which seeks to secure landlords who will rent their units to PEH who have rental subsidies. They highlighted work to closely integrate that program into efforts to house those currently in Project Roomkey and noted challenges related to the recent COVID-19 surge which diminished service provider capacity and increased the difficulty of taking PEH to view potential units.

- **News Release on Energy Champion Awards:** On Wednesday, the SGVCOG and SoCalGas issued a joint news release to recognize the winners of the 2020 San Gabriel Valley Energy Champion Awards. Participating cities and agencies have saved enough energy to power 229 residential homes per year through the implementation of energy efficiency projects in 2020. A total of 14 cities and 1 school district received recognitions in the Energy Champion Awards, including the cities of Alhambra, Arcadia, Claremont, Duarte, El Monte, Irwindale, La Verne, Monrovia, Pomona, San Dimas, San Gabriel, South El Monte, South Pasadena, and Walnut and the El Monte Union High School District. A full copy of the news release can be found [here](#).

