

SGVCOG Weekly Recap

Week of January 3, 2023

Joint Governing Board Meeting Next Week

As a friendly reminder, there will be a special joint meeting of the Capital Projects and Construction Committee, Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee, Executive Committee, Governing Board, Homelessness Committee, Transportation Committee, and Water Committee next Thursday, January 12, 2023 at 4pm. This meeting will be short, as its purpose is to pass a resolution enabling us to continue meeting virtually. The agenda packet and additional meeting information can be found [here](#).

Homelessness Committee

On Wednesday, the SGVCOG Homelessness Committee convened for its monthly meeting via Zoom. Victor Hinderliter, Director of Street Based Engagement and Mobile Clinics, and Elyssa Rosen, LCSW, Clinical Project Manager at Housing for Health, presented on the DHS mobile clinic program. In September 2022, DHS launched its mobile medical clinics, expanding the range of medical care that its clinicians can immediately offer to people experiencing homelessness (PEH). The fleet of mobile medical clinics make daily stops at encampments throughout the County to address urgent health and social needs among people experiencing homelessness. A Los Angeles Times article featuring the program can be found [here](#).

City Managers' Steering Committee

On Wednesday, the City Managers' Steering Committee held its regular meeting in person at the SGVCOG Monrovia Office. The Committee discussed some potential cooperative uses of allocations from the National Opioid Settlements, which involve several pharmaceutical distributors and manufacturer Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (Johnson & Johnson). Eligible cities in the San Gabriel Valley may collaborate with other agencies to fund certain opioid remediation programs and initiatives. Committee members also heard an update from Executive Director Marisa Creter regarding the return to in-person and hybrid meetings for all SGVCOG Committees.

Mental Health Ad Hoc Committee

The SGVCOG and member cities are committed to addressing the issue of mental health and the quality of services and policies in place to help members of our community who are vulnerable and struggling. In order to provide greater insight specifically on the topic of mental health, President Shevlin is appointing a Mental Health Ad Hoc Committee. This Ad Hoc Committee will seek to better understand this key issue and identify how the SGVCOG can help to support improvements in the mental health system. The Ad Hoc Committee will meet **monthly on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 10AM** for no more than a term of 1 year, with its first meeting scheduled for **January 25 from 10:00**

a.m. - 12:00 noon. By the end of one year, it will provide a set of formal recommendations and findings to the Executive Committee and Governing Board.

- **For those of you who are SGVCOG Governing Board delegates, we invite you to express your interest in serving on this Ad Hoc Committee.** Please email Sam Pedersen (spedersen@sgvcog.org) if you are interested in serving on the Ad Hoc Committee or have any questions.
- **For those staff, experts, and other local elected leaders who are included on this email, we also invite you to participate as non-voting members.** Please email Sam if you would like to be included on future meeting notices and discussions.

Gann Limit Reporting Requirement

San Gabriel Valley cities are reminded to report their local Gann Limits by March 1, 2023 to comply with a newly expanded definition of “state subvention.” Under the new policy, local agencies must identify and report any new state subventions (unrestricted money received by a local agency from the state) that would cause a city to exceed local appropriations limits. Those amounts will be counted at the state level instead. To avoid exceeding the Gann Limit, the 2022-23 state budget excluded certain local subventions from the state limit. These additional expenditures are counted by local governments towards their local appropriation limits when capacity exists at that level of government. More information on the requirement and deadline is available from the [League of California Cities](#).

Appropriations Bill Secures \$4 Million for SGVRHT

Last week, I noted that in the federal spending bill signed by President Biden at the end of the year, the SGVCOG had received an allocation of \$1.5 million for the San Gabriel Valley Crisis Assistance Response and Engagement (SGV CARE) pilot program and \$2 million for the SGV Works workforce development program. I’m excited to report that the federal spending bill also included \$4 million for the SGVRHT to support the further development of affordable housing in our region. This funding was secured thanks to Senators Dianne Feinstein and Alex Padilla and Representative Judy Chu (CA-27). We thank all of our federal legislators for their support for the San Gabriel Valley!

SGVCOG Weekly Recap

Week Of January 9, 2023

Executive Committee

On Monday, the Executive Committee held a special meeting via Zoom. The Executive Committee heard the FY 22-23 1st Quarter Financial Report and the Audit Status Report for July-December 2022. SGVCOG Director of Government and Community Relations Ricky Choi provided an overview of some proposed components of the 2023 Legislative Agenda. The Executive Committee made some additional changes to the Legislative Agenda and voted to recommend it for Governing Board approval. The Committee also heard an update on the new Teleconferencing Policy that will guide SGVCOG's return to hybrid meeting formats. The Policy will be presented to the Governing Board in January and brought to a vote in February. SGVCOG will begin hybrid meetings in March. Additionally, the Committee approved the draft Governing Board agenda for the January 19th meeting.

CalRecycle Presentation

On Thursday, SGVCOG staff presented the Regional Food Recovery Program to CalRecycle's Local and Technical Assistance Division staff, who are new to supporting the SGV cities with SB 1383 compliance. This presentation shed light on the timing behind state grant funding opportunities and other SB 1383 compliance technical assistance for 2023.

Homeless Policy Deputies' Meeting

On Thursday, the Homeless Policy Deputies convened for its biweekly meeting via Microsoft Teams. United States Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) staff presented on the Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness. The goal is to reduce homelessness 25% by 2025 by developing implementation plans, partnering with stakeholders and people who have experienced homelessness, and publishing an annual performance management plan with progress updates. Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA) staff provided an Emergency Housing Vouchers update. The Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) program is a tenant-based program that provides targeted rental assistance to vulnerable populations who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. As of January 9, 2023, 5,931 referrals and applications have been received and 2,642 vouchers have been issued. LAHSA staff provided an update on the 2023 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count 2023. The SPA 3 San Gabriel Valley count will take place on Tuesday, January 24, 2023. The Homeless Count website can be accessed here: www.TheyCountWillYou.org.

Water Policy Committee and Working Group

On Tuesday, the Water Policy Committee and Water Working Group convened its Regular Meeting at 10:00am. The committee discussed the following items:

- **Water Recycling in LA County:** Maria Rosales from the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts (LACSD) provided an overview of recycled water development and use in Los Angeles County and shared about its importance to the future of Los Angeles County's water supplies. LACSD owns and operates one of the largest wastewater recycling programs in the world, providing recycled water to public and private water suppliers to help meet the water supply needs for more than five million people within the Sanitation Districts' member service areas, including the San Gabriel Valley. The recycled water is used at more than 950 sites for a variety of purposes, including groundwater replenishment, outdoor irrigation, agriculture and industrial water supply.

Governing Board Preview

The SGVCOG Governing Board will hold its monthly meeting next Thursday, January 19, 2023, at 4PM via Zoom Teleconference. The full agenda packet may be accessed on our website at: <https://www.sgvkog.org/>. Major items are summarized below:

- **Recognition of Senator Susan Rubio:** The SGVCOG will formally recognize and thank Senator Susan Rubio for her outstanding leadership in the creation and funding to support the San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust.
- **SGVCOG Legislative Agenda:** SGVCOG staff recommends that the Governing Board adopt its annual agenda of local, state, and federal objectives in the following areas - which align closely with the adopted SGVCOG Strategic Plan: government administration, water, transportation and capital projects, homelessness, housing, infrastructure and utilities, air quality, energy, open space, wildfire prevention, and solid waste. Policy Committees with jurisdiction over these issue areas reviewed, approved, and recommended the components of the legislative agenda at their meetings in December and January.
- **SGVCOG Committee Appointments & External Appointments:** SGVCOG staff recommends the following internal and external appointments:
 - Homelessness Committee:
 - City of Montebello
 - Capital Projects & Construction Committee:
 - Northwest District Delegate: Becky Shevlin (Monrovia)
 - SGVCOG President's Alternate: Tim Hepburn (La Verne)
 - Southeast District Delegate: Ruth Low (Diamond Bar)
 - Southeast District Alternate: Andrew Chou (Diamond Bar)
 - Southwest District Delegate: Cynthia Sternquist (Temple City)
 - Transportation Committee
 - City of Duarte
 - LAX Community Noise Roundtable
 - Keith Eich (La Cañada Flintridge)
- **SGVCOG Teleconferencing Policy Update:** With the expected sunset of AB 361 on February 28, 2023, the SGVCOG Governing Board and Policy Committees will return to in person and hybrid meeting formats in March. According to traditional Brown Act rules, members are permitted to teleconference if they follow specific procedures and meet certain requirements. Among these are the

following: posting teleconference locations on the agenda; posting the agenda at every teleconference location; and making all locations accessible to the public. Staff will explain these requirements in detail and instruct members on how to indicate their intention to teleconference moving forward.

2023 Homeless Count

This year's Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count for the San Gabriel Valley will occur on Tuesday, January 24. Volunteers will spread out across the San Gabriel Valley traveling in groups of four, tallying the number of unsheltered individuals, tents, vehicles, and make-shift shelters in each assigned census tract. LAHSA depends on volunteers to conduct the homeless count, and those interested in volunteering can register at [TheyCountWillYou.org](https://www.TheyCountWillYou.org). This year, you can also volunteer for the Youth Count to help determine the number of young people experiencing homelessness. The Youth Count for the San Gabriel Valley will also occur on Tuesday, January 24. Like the Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count, the Youth Count will inform resource allocation to address homelessness among our youngest residents. Please sign up for the Youth Count [here](#).

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EENR Committee

On Wednesday, the Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee convened its Regular Meeting at 1:00pm. The committee reviewed the following items:

- **LA County Parks Needs Assessment Plus:** On December 6, 2022, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors unanimously adopted the 2022 Parks Needs Assessment Plus (PNA+) Final Report prepared by the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation. The Plan includes Technical Appendices for regional study areas, including West and East San Gabriel Valley and offers various recommendations and next steps including funding priorities; park, trail, and open space provision; collaboration and coordination; access and information; community engagement; and capacity building.
- **Puente Hills Landfill Park:** In 2016, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors adopted the Puente Hills Landfill Park Master Plan which laid out the framework to re-tool and reimagine the former landfill into a premier regional park in the San Gabriel Valley. Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation, along with a team of consultants, are now reigniting that effort to move the design forward in a way that celebrates the site's unique history, technological innovation, urban-wildland location, scale, and topography.
- **SB 1383 – Desert View Power – Biomass to Energy Program:** Effective January 1, 2022, SB 1383 requires reduction of organic materials entering landfills and sets requirements for jurisdictions to procure Recovered Organic Waste Products. SB 1383 sets targets to reduce organic waste disposal by 75% and recover 20% of currently disposed surplus food by 2025. Electricity from a biomass conversion facility counts towards SB 1383 compliance. Desert View Power has been owned by Greenleaf Power since 2010 and has the capacity to receive SB 1383-compliant fuel and convert this material to energy to support jurisdictions with their compliance.
- **Fire Prep San Gabriel Valley:** The San Gabriel Valley Wildfire Adaptation and Prevention Outreach Program, known as Fire Prep San Gabriel Valley provides wildfire prevention and adaptation public outreach and education activities for cities and communities located in Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones (VHFHSZ) in SGVCOG's jurisdiction. The program includes the implementation of wildfire prevention workshops, community events, social media education campaigns, informational webinars to provide information for communities to protect their homes, help with wildfire prevention efforts, and assistance making plans to ensure safe evacuation when necessary.

Governing Board

On Thursday, the SGVCOG Governing Board held its monthly meeting at 4PM via Zoom Teleconference. Major items are summarized below:

- **Recognition of Senator Susan Rubio:** The SGVCOG formally recognized Senator Susan Rubio for her outstanding leadership in the creation and funding

of the San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust. Temple City Mayor, Cynthia Sternquist, Claremont Council Member, Jed Leano, and SGVCOG President, Becky Shevlin, provided special remarks, thanking Senator Rubio for her support. The SGVCOG and the SGVRHT extend our thanks to Senator Rubio for all that she has helped these agencies to achieve!

- **SGVCOG Legislative Agenda:** The SGVCOG Governing Board adopted its annual agenda of local, state, and federal objectives in the following areas: government administration, water, transportation and capital projects, homelessness, housing, infrastructure and utilities, air quality, energy, open space, wildfire prevention, and solid waste. Policy Committees with jurisdiction over these issue areas previously reviewed, approved, and recommended their respective components of the legislative agenda.
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Pasadena School PTA Presentation

On Thursday, SGVCOG staff attended Pasadena Unified Longfellow Elementary School's Parent Teacher Association meeting to discuss resident-focused program offerings. The presentation highlighted Fire Prep SGV, including the wildfire adaptation and prevention guide, Community Wildfire Protection Plan, and upcoming workshops. It

also reviewed the eSGV Program and how residents can sign up for a free home energy review, as well as how residents can reserve e-bikes through the GoSGV Program. Additionally, the presentation provided information on the SoCalREN Kits for Kids Program, which provided no-cost energy efficiency kits and \$1,000 grants to 3rd and 4th grade classrooms.

Affordable Housing and Homeless Programs Innovation Application

In December, the SGVRHT Board allocated \$4 million to Innovative Affordable Housing and Homeless Programs to provide flexible opportunities to address local housing needs. This funding source will support the innovative delivery of affordable housing units (up to \$150k per unit) and the development of interim housing (up to \$25k per bed) or implementation of programs (up to \$10k per bed) at existing interim sites. The application for the program is linked [here](#) along with the Letter of Interest (LOI) for [Affordable Housing Projects](#) and [LOI for Homeless Projects](#). Staff will review applications as they are received and may request additional information or schedule interviews with applicants. If you have any questions please reach out to Brielle Salazar at bsalazar@sgvrht.org.

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Broadband RFP Release

On Tuesday, SGVCOG staff issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to complete a broadband needs assessment and develop a strategic plan for the San Gabriel Valley. The two-year project will identify which communities are most impacted by the "digital divide" and strategize ways to connect unserved and underserved communities to broadband with a minimum upload/download speed of 100 megabits per second. Responses to the RFP must be submitted via PlanetBids and are due on February 14, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.

SGVCOG Weekly Recap Week of January 23, 2023

Pomona Project Awarded ATP Grant Funding

On Friday January 20, the SGVCOG was informed by Metro staff that Metro will recommend funding the full \$5,976,000 ATP request for the Pomona Safe and Active: Bike/Ped Safety Improvements & Gap Closure Project under the MPO component for ATP Cycle 6. On April 6, 2023, the SCAG Regional Council will approve staff's recommendation for funding under the MPO component and on June 28, 2023, the CTC will formally approve funding for all recommended projects under the MPO component.

Solid Waste Working Group

On Tuesday, the Solid Waste Working Group convened for its first meeting of 2023. The working group had a presentation from ICLEI that reviewed best practices in sustainable procurement (SPP), including the benefits of SPP, how to balance social, environmental, and economic considerations, and what can be learned from case studies from other organizations. In addition, the Food Recovery team, along with consultant ReCREATE provided an update on the 2022 inspection program, the food insecurity grantee program, as well as the regional food recovery hub expansion plan for 2023.

Mental Health Ad-Hoc Committee

On Wednesday, the first meeting of the SGVCOG's Mental Health Ad-Hoc Committee was held. Over the next year, the Committee will learn about different aspects of the County's mental health system and make recommendations for how the SGVCOG can help support improvements in the system. The first meeting featured a high-level overview of the public mental health services system in Los Angeles County and a discussion on topics of interest for future meetings. The Committee meetings will be held monthly, and the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 22, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

SR-57/SR-60 Interchange Improvements Project

On Thursday, the Metro Board of Directors voted to approve a funding agreement with the SGVCOG in the amount of \$293.6 million for construction of the SR-57/SR-60 Interchange Improvements Project located in the City of Diamond Bar and City of Industry. A construction contract is expected to be awarded next month. The SGVCOG will oversee the construction activities, which are expected to begin this Spring. The project will add lanes and make improvements to the freeway to fix the congested and hazardous confluence of State Routes 57 and 60, which is ranked no. 1 in California for freight delays and truck accidents and ranked the no. 7 freight bottleneck in the nation.

Planning Director's Working Group

On Thursday, the Planning Directors' Working Group convened its regular meeting. The committee reviewed the following items:

- **Measure M Multi-Year Subregional Program (MSP) Programming and Reprogramming Recommendations:** In June 2018, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) adopted the Measure M Guidelines to establish a process by which subregional funds under Measure M would be programmed by the subregions' respective entities. The SGVCOG was subsequently tasked with programming and administering the Measure M Subregional Program (MSP) funds through the development of multi-year subregional fund programming plans in the San Gabriel Valley. Agencies are able to submit requests to reprogram their MSP funds, and, this year, all MSP funding reprogramming requests must be approved by the SGVCOG Governing Board at its February 2023 meeting. At the meeting, in accordance with the adopted SGVCOG Measure M MSP Public Outreach Plan, the SGVCOG welcomed members of the public and stakeholders to comment on the proposed recommendations.
- **SGV Land Trust Feasibility:** Jessica Sargent from Primrose Research Group and Amy Morris from Land and Water Consulting presented to the Working Group a proposal for an SGV Regional Land Trust. The SGV Regional Land Trust seeks to address one of the largest barriers to affordable housing development in the San Gabriel Valley: the cost of land. The consultant team conducted an SGV Regional Land Trust Feasibility Study for the SGVCOG and San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust (SGVRHT). The presentation provided an overview of community land trusts, assessed the benefits of establishing a Regional Land Trust, and made a recommendation as to whether it could help to reduce housing and development costs in the San Gabriel Valley. The consultants provided an overview of the work completed so far and collected insights from the Planning Directors' Working Group on affordable housing types that should be prioritized through an SGV Regional Land Trust.

Homeless Policy Deputies' Meeting

On Thursday, the Homeless Policy Deputies convened for their biweekly meeting via Microsoft Teams. Cheri Todoroff, the Chief Executive Office - Homelessness Initiative (CEO-HI), provided an update on LA County's support for the Los Angeles City State of Emergency declaration. The County will assist the City by working with outreach teams and interim housing providers to connect unsheltered individuals to County services. The main focus of the County's own emergency declaration is to determine an encampment resolution in partnership with COGs and local jurisdictions, increase interim and permanent housing placements, and provide mental health and substance use disorder services to people experiencing homelessness. Elizabeth Ben-Ishai, CEO-HI, provided an update on Homekey Round 3. The State expects to release the Homekey Round 3 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) in March 2023. For this round of Homekey, the County is prioritizing Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) projects, maximizing applications for presumed youth set-aside funding, and partnerships with cities, COGs, and tribal entities. Staff from CEO-HI, Los Angeles County Department of Health Services

(DHS), LA Care and Health Net presented on the Housing and Homelessness Incentive Program (HHIP). The HHIP is a voluntary Medi-Cal Managed Care Plan (MCP) Incentive Program that aims to improve health outcomes and access to whole person care services by addressing housing insecurity and instability as social determinants of health for the Medi-Cal population. More information on the HHIP can be found [here](#).

2022 Year In Review Video

At last Thursday's Governing Board meeting, I included a 2022 Year In Review Video in my report. This video captures the SGVCOG and SGVRHT's outstanding and wide-ranging accomplishments for the 2022 calendar year, including our office move to Monrovia, staff-attended conferences, capital projects successes and construction progress, natural resources and sustainability, transportation projects, and housing and homelessness projects. The video ended with a 2023 preview for upcoming programs and capital projects. We are so excited to celebrate these accomplishments and to continue the great work in 2023! You can watch the video [here](#).

SCAG Scholarship Announcement

Applications are now open for the [2023 SCAG Scholarship Program](#), which offers seven \$4,000 scholarship awards for outstanding Southern California students interested in urban planning and public policy. Graduating high school seniors and community college students from throughout the six-county region are encouraged to apply. For more information about the SCAG Scholarship Program and to apply, visit: scag.ca.gov/scholarship. For questions about the program, please contact: Jonathan Hughes at 213-236-1997 or hughesj@scag.ca.gov.

For additional SCAG updates, including the 2023 Student Showcase, the Programs to Accelerate Transformative Housing (PATH) information session on February 7th, and other upcoming events, please review this [link](#).

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Week of January 30, 2023

Public Works Working Group

On Monday, the Public Works Working Group Convened its monthly meeting. The group reviewed the following items and presentations:

- **Measure M Multi-Year Subregional Program (MSP) Programming and Reprogramming Recommendations:** In June 2018, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) adopted the Measure M Guidelines to establish a process by which subregional funds under Measure M would be programmed by the subregions' respective entities. The SGVCOG was subsequently tasked with programming and administering the Measure M Subregional Program (MSP) funds through the development of multi-year subregional fund programming plans in the San Gabriel Valley. Agencies are able to submit requests to reprogram their MSP funds, and all MSP funding reprogramming requests for this year will be approved by the SGVCOG Governing Board at its February 2023 meeting. At the meeting, in accordance with the adopted SGVCOG Measure M MSP Public Outreach Plan, the SGVCOG welcomed members of the public and stakeholders to comment on the proposed recommendations.
- **Caltrans Job Order Contracting:** The Caltrans Division of Design offers policies, procedures, guidance, technical assistance, and equipment needed to develop and maintain a safe, sustainable, integrated, and efficient transportation system throughout the State. One way the Division accomplishes this is through Job Order Contracting (JOC), a project delivery method consisting of a single, on-call construction service contract where construction work and performance are facilitated through work orders issued by the contractor during a fixed period of time. JOC is typically used for non-complex, repetitive work, such as routine maintenance and/or repair. To learn more about the Caltrans JOC process, view the presentation [here](#).
- **Puente Hills Landfill Park:** In 2016, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors adopted the Puente Hills Landfill Park Master Plan which laid out the framework to re-tool and reimagine the former landfill into a premier regional park in the San Gabriel Valley. The Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation, along with a team of consultants, are now reigniting that effort to move the design forward in a way that celebrates the site's unique history, technological innovation, urban-wildland location, scale, and topography. To learn more about the project, visit puentehillslandfillpark.org.

Homelessness Committee

On Wednesday, the SGVCOG Homelessness Committee convened for its monthly meeting via Zoom. Beth Sandor, Principal at Community Solutions, presented on Built for Zero, an effort that focuses on more effectively using data and data evaluation to make progress towards making homelessness rare and brief. The foundation of the Built for

Zero movement is ensuring that communities are using real-time, person-specific data that allows communities to better tailor their efforts to support persons experiencing homelessness. With this detailed information, they can better match housing solutions with the needs of the individuals, better prioritize resources, test changes to their system, and understand whether efforts are helping to end homelessness. More than 100 communities have committed to measurably ending homelessness. Built for Zero communities use this by-name data to strive for – and determine whether they’ve achieved – functional zero. Participating communities are evaluated annually to assess whether they have reached – and maintained – functional zero in their communities. Functional Zero is meant to be a sustained reality, rather than a one-time achievement. More information can be found [here](#).

City Managers’ Steering Committee

On Wednesday, the City Managers’ Steering Committee held its regular meeting in person at the SGVCOG Monrovia Office. The Committee heard a presentation from Rich Watson and Julie Millett of the Rio Hondo Watershed Coordinator Team. The presentation covered what types of projects are eligible for funding under the Safe Clean Water Program and reviewed the application process. The Committee also discussed an item brought by South Pasadena regarding regional cooperation on matters of public safety, including regional dispatch, disaster preparedness, theft, and sharing best practices. The Committee will not meet in March and will return on April 5th for its regularly scheduled meeting.

Governing Board Orientation

On Thursday, SGVCOG staff Sophia Sousa and Steph Wong hosted our quarterly orientation session for new SGVCOG Governing Board members. Staff reviewed the COG’s policies and programs and President Becky Shevlin encouraged new members to join SGVCOG committees that interest them. We will circulate the recording to new members who were not able to attend. The next orientation will take place in the spring. Please join me in welcoming our newest members:

- Hector Delgado (Covina Delegate)
- Andrew Chou (Diamond Bar Delegate)
- Stan Liu (Diamond Bar Alternate)
- Tera Martin Del Campo (Duarte Alternate)
- Larry Burrola (Irwindale Delegate)
- Yvonne Yiu (Monterey Park Delegate)
- John Ebiner (San Dimas Delegate)
- Edward Garia (Sierra Madre Delegate)
- Robert Parkhurst (Sierra Madre Alternate)
- Steven Placido (SGV Water Districts Delegate)
- Katarina Garcia (SGV Water Districts Alternate)

ATP Cycle 6 Grand Funding

This week, the California Transportation Commission (CTC) formally approved the Montebello Railroad Safety Crossings Improvements Project for funding from the Statewide Component of ATP Cycle 6 in the amount of \$5,906,000.

Phase 2 Food Recovery Program Survey

The Food Recovery team sent a survey to current and potential regional food recovery program participants to gather insight on phase 2 of the food recovery program, including the hub development process and outreach webinars. Jurisdictions that are interested in joining the food recovery program can complete the survey to receive more information. Current participants can use the survey to weigh in further on the direction of phase 2. The survey can be accessed here: <https://forms.gle/bBp1fKRrUb2CPasi7>