

SGVCOG Weekly Recap

Week of January 6, 2020

- **Water TAC:** On Monday, the SGVCOG's Water TAC met to discuss the working proposal of the new MS4 Permit that was recently released by the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (LARWQCB). The MS4 Permit outlines the water quality requirements for stormwater and non-stormwater discharges into surface waters throughout the region. The existing MS4 Permit was passed in 2012, and a new Permit will be adopted this year. Over the next several weeks, the Water TAC and Water Policy Committee will be developing comments to submit to the LARWQCB on the new Permit working proposal.
- **City Managers' Steering Committee:** On Wednesday, the SGVCOG City Managers' Steering Committee convened at the Foothill Transit Building for its January meeting. The committee heard a presentation from SGVCOG staff on the proposed San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust Fund joint powers agreement. The presentation covered proposed staffing structures, membership types, membership fees, and board appointment process for the joint powers authority (JPA). After the presentation, committee members provided several recommendations that will be incorporated as the JPA moves forward. The committee will reconvene on Wednesday, February 5, 2020.
- **MS4 Working Group:** On Tuesday, the LARWQCB held a workshop to bring together stakeholders in order to develop a mutual understanding of municipalities' and stakeholders' interests and needs, explore areas of common ground for a new permit, and hear input on key aspects of the working proposal. The workshop featured lively discussions between municipalities – including the City of Los Angeles, County of Los Angeles, Ventura County, and the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments – and stakeholders from environmental groups, including – among others – Heal the Bay, Waterkeeper, and The Nature Conservancy. LARWQCB staff will be accepting comments on the working proposal of the MS4 Permit over the next several weeks and will also hold additional workshops.
- **Homeless Policy Deputies Meeting:** On Thursday, SGVCOG staff attended the Homeless Policy Deputies meeting. The meeting featured a presentation on the evaluation of the Homeless Initiative's outcomes in FY 2018-19. Between FY 2017-18 and FY 2018-19, there was a 0.5% increase in systemwide permanent housing placements and a 31.6% increase in systemwide interim housing placements. There was a decrease in the median number of days between assessments and placements in permanent supportive housing and rapid rehousing, and an increase in the number of households prevented from entering homelessness due to services. In addition, Homeless Initiative staff reported that it intends to bring forward its FY 2020-21 Measure H Funding Recommendations to the County Board of Supervisors in September 2020. This will allow the Homeless Initiative to develop its recommendations based on the January 2020 point-in-time homeless count results, information about the amount of FY 2019-2020 carryover funding, and details about the City of Los Angeles's and LAHSA's HHAP funding allocations.

The meeting also included an update on LA County's proposed allocation of funding of its approximately \$65 million received through the State's Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) program. The two-year funding allocations listed below are anticipated to be presented to the LA County Board of Supervisors at its meeting on January 21, 2020:

- \$19 million in both FY 2020-21 and FY 2021-22 for services and rental subsidies for permanent supportive housing units;
 - \$8.5 million in both FY 2020-21 and FY 2021-22 for the operations of its new interim housing projects;
 - \$4.0 million in both FY 2020-21 and FY 2021-22 to support enhanced services for transitional age youth; and
 - \$2.0 million to support 2 programs as a part of the Governor's 100-Day Challenge -- the Governor's program calling upon all eligible cities and counties to undertake 100 day challenges to end homelessness. The County's 2 proposed programs are to support its employment programs in 2 target clusters - including the East San Gabriel Valley - that aim to increase the number of homeless job seekers gaining employment - and to support efforts to move homeless veterans into housing more quickly.
- **Upcoming Connect SoCal Workshop:** Following the Governing Board meeting on January 16, SCAG staff will be holding a workshop on Connect SoCal -- the 2020 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy. Connect SoCal presents a long-range vision that balances future mobility and housing needs with economic, environmental and public health goals. It will help guide the region's growth, and includes transportation improvements and land use ideas to shape the future of Southern California. At the workshop, SCAG staff will provide an overview of the Plan and provide an opportunity for attendees to provide feedback.

The logo for the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) features a stylized sunburst or starburst graphic above the text "SGVCOG". The sunburst is composed of several overlapping triangles in shades of light blue and teal. The text "SGVCOG" is rendered in a light blue, sans-serif font.

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Week of January 13, 2020

- **Public Works TAC:** On Monday, the Public Works Technical Advisory Committee held its January meeting. The committee heard a presentation on the ACE Project's comprehensive public outreach strategies: publishing project fact sheets and construction notices on various media and public engagement channels, conducting a local business support program to assist affected businesses during project construction, issuing mailers to nearby residents, and implementing a school safety outreach program for schools near construction projects. A representative from the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) provided an overview of the South Bay Fiber Network, which would create a regional broadband network that would connect to at least one municipal facility in each of the South Bay cities. The project is anticipated to begin this year. The TAC will be touring completed and ongoing ACE construction sites in lieu of its February meeting. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 16, 2020, at 12:00pm at the Monrovia Community Center.
- **EENR Committee:** On Wednesday, the Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources (EENR) Committee convened at the Monrovia Community Center. SGVCOG staff presented on the proposed 2020 EENR Legislative Priorities, which were recommended for Governing Board approval, with some modifications. AQMD Assistant Deputy Executive Officer Dr. Sarah Rees provided a detailed presentation on the AQMD Contingency Measure Plan. Under existing mandates by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the South Coast Air Basin is classified as an extreme nonattainment area under the 1997 8-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard. AQMD partnered with the California Air Resources Board and prepared the Contingency Measure Plan to comply with the Measure's requirements. The Committee will be touring the SoCalGas Energy Resource Center in lieu of its regular committee meeting in February.
- **Water Committee:** On Tuesday, the Water Committee and Water TAC held its joint monthly meeting. The Committee heard presentations on 2 scientific studies that were submitted to the FY 2020-21 Safe Clean Water Call for Projects by the SGVCOG on behalf of the Upper Los Angeles River (ULAR) Watershed Management Group. The first study would develop a pre-Stormwater Investment Plan (SIP) for the ULAR and Rio Hondo Watershed Areas, which would help these regions develop the SIPs that the Safe Clean Water Program requires for each Watershed Area in order for funding to be awarded. The second study would develop an adaptation plan for the ULAR's load reduction strategy (LRS), to address its current implementation challenges. The Committee discussed a recommendation to the Governing Board to support a scientific study submitted to the Safe Clean Water FY 2020-21 Call for Projects that would more thoroughly study how different types of bacteria impact human health. This recommendation will be considered by the Governing Board at its February meeting. Finally, the Committee began discussions on the submittal of comments on the working

proposal of the the 2019 MS4 Permit and a draft Order issued by the State Water Resources Control Board, which could impact cities' requirements for their existing watershed management programs and enhanced watershed management programs. The Water TAC will be meeting in late January to discuss comments on these documents, and the Water Policy Committee will be considering the comments at its February meeting.

- **Transportation Committee:** On Thursday, the Transportation Committee held its January meeting. The Committee heard a presentation from Metro Office of Extraordinary Innovation Executive Officer Mark Vallianatos on Metro's Automated Bus Lane Enforcement (ABLE) Pilot Program. This Program would utilize front-facing camera technology to enforce bus-only lanes across Los Angeles County and, in partnership with local jurisdictions, capture and investigate violations and issue citations. Metro Project Manager Jenny Cristales-Cevallos also provided an update on the Gold Line East Side Extension. Metro presented on the options to extend the second phase of the Eastside Transit Corridor, which includes the alternatives of SR-60, Washington Boulevard, and a combination of SR-60 and Washington Boulevard. Based on its analysis, Ms. Cristales-Cevallos reported that the SR-60 alternative appears to be the less viable option due to Caltrans encroachment permits, low population densities, and the lack of connections to residential communities. Questions and inquiries regarding the East-Side Route 60 Gold Line Extension can be directed to Ms. Cristales-Cevallos at eastsidephase2@metro.net.
- **Homeless Count - Upcoming:** On Thursday, the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) held a weekly conference call on the upcoming Homeless Count. The Count will occur in the San Gabriel Valley on the evening of January 23, 2020. On the call, there was a discussion on the current status of the Street Count and the need for additional support in recruiting volunteers for the Count. There was also a discussion on the covered methodology of the demographic survey and how that differs from the street count/visual count. Members of the Lived Experience Advisory Board (LEAB) requested that cities delay homeless encampment clean-ups until after the Homeless Count. Finally, there was limited discussion on media availability at specific deployment sites and how LAHSA Community Engagement staff will distribute information when requested.
- **SCAG Technical Working Group:** On Thursday, SGVCOG staff attended the SCAG Technical Working Group meeting and received updates on the Proposed Safety Affordable Fuel-Efficient (SAFE) Vehicles Rule, Connect SoCal Growth Vision, and final data development for RHNA calculations. The proposed SAFE Vehicles Rule would preempt California's Clean Car Regulations, which could impact the development of ConnectSoCal, the 2021 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP), and funding for transportation projects in the SCAG region. SCAG staff also presented on the final ConnectSoCal growth vision. Connect SoCal prioritizes growth around regional job centers, along livable corridors, and in transit priority areas, high quality transit areas, neighborhood mobility areas, and spheres of influence. It constrains growth on military lands and tribal nations, on open space and conserved lands, farmlands in unincorporated areas, and areas impacted by sea-level rise. SCAG staff will be presenting the final

growth vision to its Community, Economic, and Human Development (CEHD) Committee and Regional Council in February. Finally, SCAG staff presented on the final RHNA calculations. SCAG staff indicated that it will use Connect SoCal data inputs - including 2020, 2030, and 2045 jurisdiction-level households, jurisdiction-level job accessibility, and estimated population in 2045 high quality transit areas - for the final RHNA calculations. The RHNA Subcommittee Meeting will be held on Monday, February 17, 2020, to discuss these final RHNA calculations.

- **SGV Regional Housing Trust Update:** On Tuesday, staff distributed the final joint powers agreement to those city managers that expressed interest in joining the SGV Regional Housing Trust. Twenty-one cities have expressed interest at this time. In order to join the SGV Regional Housing Trust, a city council must adopt the joint powers agreement. To facilitate this process, staff are collecting final comments to finalize the document. Some cities have indicated that they intend to present the agreement to their city councils in early February, so comments should be submitted as soon as possible. Once two entities have adopted the joint powers agreement, the SGV Regional Housing Trust will be formed.



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Week of January 20, 2020

- **Governing Board Recap:** On January 16, the Governing Board held its monthly meeting. The Board received a presentation on the newly opened Hope for Home Services Center in the City of Pomona. The 2.61-acre site in Pomona is a year-round interim housing site that provides access and navigation services for individuals facing homelessness that are seeking permanent housing solutions. Hope for Home offers in-take services and a clinic for mental and behavioral health services. A copy of the presentation can be found [here](#). Additionally, the Board acted to adopt the 2020 legislative platform. The SGVCOG annually adopts a legislative agenda to help shape and guide advocacy efforts on regional issues including transportation, homelessness, water and the environment.
- **Planners TAC:** On Thursday, the SGVCOG Planning Directors' Technical Advisory Committee met at the Monrovia Community Center for its January meeting. The committee heard a presentation from Metro on its Countywide Traffic Reduction Study. The study is intended to identify and evaluate one or more potential pilot program concepts, which could include enhanced transportation options and road congestion pricing to reduce traffic and congestion and improve mobility. The study also aims to identify willing partners to pilot the program. While still in planning stages, Metro is preparing to begin a countywide outreach effort to engage stakeholders as a way to solicit input in order to inform the identification of the concepts outlined in the study. Additionally, the committee heard updates on the San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust, the SCAG Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) Program, and the San Gabriel Valley Regional Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) Analysis Model. The committee will be touring the Pomona Hope for Home Shelter in lieu of hosting a regular committee meeting in February.
- **Homeless Count - Recap:** As of Thursday, January 23rd, the 2020 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count was completed with volunteers. Any census tracts not covered by volunteers (or surveyed incorrectly) will be completed by January 31st in accordance with Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) guidelines. Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority's (LAHSA) data and research team and the University of Southern California will next complete statistical modeling and on-going demographic surveys. This process is expected to take several months, and LAHSA is expected to publicly announce their findings for the 2020 Homeless Count in late May or early June. Information on the distribution of data and what formats will be available for City use have not been disclosed.
- **Board Deputies Meeting:** On Thursday, staff attended the Los Angeles County Deputies Meeting on Homelessness. Phil Ansell of the Homeless Initiative (HI) reported on the draft fiscal year 2020-21 Measure H Funding Recommendations Letter that will be presented to the Board of Supervisors. Ansell reported that fiscal planning would only account for a single year to better account for the Point in Time (PIT) Count results. It would also allow more flexibility to accommodate the

concerns raised by Supervisors and the community more efficiently. Next, there was a presentation on the County's strategies on homelessness prevention for families and individuals, specifically the Family Unification Program (FUP) Vouchers. Staff from the California Policy Lab reported that there appears to be a correlation between Prevention & Diversion programs and a reduction in the rate of returning to homelessness. While the report indicated that all strategies were useful, there was a clear correlation between those participants that received financial assistance and those who only received a housing stabilization plan. They reported that of the 83 FUP vouchers awarded to bidding recipients through LAHSA, 19 voucher recipients have been housed since the program began distributing funding in December. Currently, recipients are waiting between 30 days and five months before being housed. The Los Angeles County Development Authority indicated that they are looking to improve that performance.

- **Regional Housing Trust and Affordable Housing Forum:** SGVCOG is proud to be hosting its Regional Housing Trust and Affordable Housing Forum on Thursday, February 13, 2020 from 9:00am to 1:00pm at the Glendora Public Library's Bidwell Forum. This event will bring together elected officials, city staff, and community leaders to explore innovative housing projects and affordable housing funding mechanisms in California. Speakers and panelists will share innovative building practices and present various funding programs that encourage development of affordable housing units and accessory dwelling units (ADUs). The forum will also highlight details and updates of the San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust. Tickets are \$20.00/individual and free for SGVCOG Governing Board members (Delegates/Alternates). Individuals/groups can purchase tickets online via Eventbrite [here](#) from now until Thursday, February 6, 2020. A list of speakers and panelists can also be found [here](#).
- **Upcoming Affordable Housing Twitterchat:** SGVCOG staff will be hosting a Twitterchat event with several other agencies next Monday (January 27) at 12:00pm to discuss cities' affordable housing efforts and innovative building practices. Participants include San Gabriel Valley cities, Office of Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis, Office of Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn, Office of Los Angeles County Supervisor Kathryn Barger, United Way's Everyone In Campaign, and the San Gabriel Valley Consortium on Homelessness. Cities and agencies are welcome to join the discussion by following #AffordableSGV during the scheduled Twitterchat. Additionally, cities are also recommended to follow the COG on Twitter at [@SGVCOG](#) to receive updates and event notices around the San Gabriel Valley.
- **Upcoming Coyote Management Implementation Plan Program Launch:** SGVCOG is proud to announce the launch of the Neighborhood Coyote Program. The program is set to launch Monday, January 27 at 8:00 a.m. The Neighborhood Coyote Program will be launched in the cities of Alhambra, Arcadia, Azusa, Covina, Irwindale, Montebello, Rosemead, San Gabriel, San Marino and Temple City. Services include hotline access, reporting tools, referrals to resources, pet safety planning, crisis intervention, workshops, and coyote safety training to participating cities. Reporting methods and additional information may be found at: www.sgvcoq.org/coyotes.

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Week of January 27, 2020

- **Capital Projects and Construction Committee:** On Monday, the SGVCOG Capital Projects and Construction Committee convened for its January meeting. The committee approved several Resolutions of Necessity for various property easements necessary for the construction of the Turnbull Canyon Road and Montebello Boulevard grade separation projects. The committee also approved the selection of Anser Advisory for construction management services for the Turnbull Canyon Road grade separation project. These services are required to assist in constructability review of the project and oversight of the general contractor and subcontractor once construction is underway. The committee is expected to reconvene on Monday, February 24, 2020 at 12:00pm at the West Covina City Hall.
- **Homeless Initiative Webinar:** The Homeless Initiative has launched a new geographic information system (GIS) tool that allows for the general public to access information on homelessness within the County of Los Angeles. The data is drawn from multiple sources, including the Point in Time (PIT) Count that was conducted last week and County-based sources for in-pipeline projects. According to the Homeless Initiative (HI) team, most of the information in the mapping database is open-source and presentations of the information contained in the website can be arranged through the HI team. The website is expected to be available prior to the March 4 Board of Supervisors meeting, but the tool will receive additional information layers on that date.
- **Affordable Housing Twitterchat:** On Monday, SGVCOG held an Affordable Housing Twitterchat event with several San Gabriel Valley cities and agencies to discuss cities' affordable housing efforts and innovative building practices. Participants discussed strategies such as increasing opportunities for community land trusts (CLTs) to build additional affordable housing units near transportation hubs and converting decommissioned municipal buildings to provide additional housing units. The discussion posts from the one-hour Twitterchat event reached more than 76,000 individuals and garnered more than 313,000 impressions on Twitter. The upcoming Twitterchat event is scheduled for Monday, February 24, 2020 at 12:00pm.
- **Neighborhood Coyote Program Launch:** On Monday, the Neighborhood Coyote Program officially launched with the catchphrase, *SEE. HEAR. REPORT!* Program information was provided on Twitter and through the public outreach tools of participating cities. In preparation for the launch, a press release in English, Spanish, and Chinese was provided to multiple media outlets who highlighted the program services and reporting methods. Program information, materials, and resource documents were provided to California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Los Angeles County Public Health, County of Los Angeles Agricultural Commissioner Weights & Measures Department, Project Coyote, Pasadena Humane Society, Inland Valley Humane Society, and San Gabriel Valley Humane

Society. These partnering agencies distributed the information throughout their respective organizations. In the first week, Coyote reporting did not significantly increase, however, referrals from participating cities and partnering agencies came in. The Neighborhood Coyote Program expects to host multiple community meetings and town halls within the months of March and April, to prepare residents for #CoyoteSeason. The upcoming Coyote Twitterchat event is scheduled for March 30, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. To learn more about the Neighborhood Coyote Program and find upcoming events, click [here](#).

- **LABC Sustainability Summit Announcement:** The Los Angeles Business Council (LSBC) will be hosting its 14th Annual Sustainability Summit in partnership with the University of Southern California's Sol Price School of Public Policy and the Schwarzenegger Institute for State and Global Policy on March 27. This year's summit will focus on the urgent need to recommit to international climate goals ahead of the United Nations Climate Change Conference COP26 in Glasgow later this year, and how the State of California and municipalities pursue aggressive climate targets to benefit the well-being and resiliency of communities in lieu of federal support. Registration can be completed [here](#).

