

# Valley Voice

*The official newsletter of the*  
**San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments**

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## **Rep. Sanchez Delivers \$2 Million Check for SGVCOG's Workforce Development Program**



On February 15th, Congresswoman Linda Sanchez presented SGVCOG President Becky Shevlin, SGVCOG Third Vice President April Verlatto and SGVCOG Executive Director Marisa Creter with a \$2 million check secured along with Congresswoman Grace Napolitano and U.S. Senator Alex Padilla as part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023. This new funding will be used to support SGV Works, the SGVCOG's Workforce Development Program, aimed at helping adults and at-risk youth from disadvantaged communities who are experiencing homelessness. Priority for funding will be given to residents of the SGVCOG's three tiny home shelter sites, including Operation Stay Safe in Montebello. This program will offer participants paid work experiences and supportive services, providing a pathway to employment and economic security.

After the check presentation, Congresswoman Sanchez toured the tiny home shelter with SGVCOG staff, Montebello Fire officials, and City staff. She offered brief remarks, commending the ongoing work being done at Operation Stay Safe while reaffirming her commitment to helping homeless individuals throughout the San Gabriel Valley.

## **Diamond Bar Golf Course Renovation Update**

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- A new irrigation system throughout the course – miles of pipe being set into the ground and new sprinkler heads put in place.
  - Note: Fairways can take recycled water, but the greens require fresh water to protect them from elevated levels of salt in recycled water.
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As part of the planned freeway improvements to the SR-57/SR-60 Confluence Project, the Diamond Bar Golf Course was temporarily closed on September 1, 2021. Since that date, the realignment of several holes has taken place. Renovations and improvements have been underway on the course and its support facilities, improving overall operations and golfing experience. The course is scheduled to reopen in late spring of this year.

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### **Highlights of Golf Course Improvements**

- Redesign layouts of holes 3, 6 and 9
- All 18 tee boxes and fairways are to be renovated
- All 18 greens and sand traps are to be renovated

**New maintenance facility and cart tunnel taking shape.  
Netting strung on last new poles.**



**New maintenance building      Cart tunnel under construction      Netting strung on boundary**

- Framing of new maintenance building is complete
- New cart tunnel under construction connecting east and westside of course
- Completion of job to string netting between new boundary poles

### **Course Closed to the Public**

Please note that all golf course facilities remain closed during these renovations, with no public access to the course by motorized vehicles, bikes, or foot traffic. Full plans of the renovations and improvements are available at [www.sgvcog.org/5760project](http://www.sgvcog.org/5760project). The future golf tournament and banquet information/reservations may be acquired by calling (909) 861-8282.

### **Alternative Golf Courses:**

- During the closure of Diamond Bar Golf Course, the community has several other nearby public golf courses with comparable green fees, costs, and facilities.
- For a map and list of alternative golf courses, click [here](#).

We appreciate your ongoing patience during the temporary closure of the golf course and look forward to welcoming you back in late spring 2023

Stay informed! Sign up for construction and project updates at [www.sgvcog.org/5760project](http://www.sgvcog.org/5760project) or text 5760project to 22828.

## ***SGVCOG Joined CalRecycle for Symposium on Household Hazardous Waste and Used Oil***



On February 9th, the SGVCOG's Sustainability Manager, Nicholas Ryu, took the stage as a distinguished panelist on the highly-anticipated SB 1383 Implementation Panel. The event was hosted by CalRecycle in Sacramento and drew in a crowd of about 60 attendees. Nicholas presented on the SGVCOG's Regional Food Recovery Program and was joined by other panelists from the City of Davis and Santa Clara County. Our team proudly represented the SGVCOG and demonstrated our commitment to sustainability.

## ***IKEA Global Leaders Tour Serenity Homes***



On February 21st, an exciting event occurred when the Serenity Homes family interim housing site in Baldwin Park was visited by the IKEA Global Leaders team. IKEA had previously taken on the task of designing the interior layout of the units, generously donated all the furniture for the 16 units, and even assembled and decorated them on-site in preparation for residents! This kind of donation transformed Serenity Homes into a warm, welcoming space for residents to call home. During the site tour, the IKEA team witnessed firsthand their contribution's incredible impact on the community. The SGVCOG couldn't be more grateful to IKEA for their partnership on this project and eagerly looks forward to continuing their fruitful collaboration in the San Gabriel Valley.

## ***SGVCOG Tours Pomona Water Reclamation Plant***



On February 3rd, members of the Water Policy Committee, Water Working Group, and neighboring water districts were treated to a tour of the Pomona Water Reclamation Plant, organized by the SGVCOG in partnership with the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts (LACSD) and Three Valleys Municipal Water District (TVMWD). The tour showcased the plant's cutting-edge primary, secondary, and tertiary water treatment processes while highlighting critical topics such as water supply, delivery, and future water needs for the region. The SGVCOG was honored to participate in the tour and is excited about the incredible work being done to ensure a sustainable water future for our community.

### ***Fire Prep SGV's Claremont Wildfire Prevention Workshop***



On February 22nd, the SGVCOG held a workshop on how to prepare your home and family for wildfires. The Fire Prep SGV team presented to the Friends of the Claremont Library as part of their "A Fire Story" series. Presentation topics included tips to harden your home, defensible space requirements and strategies, evacuation preparedness, and how to receive local emergency alerts. Attendees also enjoyed an educational crossword puzzle and trivia game.

To bring a Fire Prep SGV presentation to your City, please email SGVCOG staff Mackenzie Bolger ([mbolger@sgvcog.org](mailto:mbolger@sgvcog.org)).

### ***Neighborhood Coyote Program Upcoming Events***

The Neighborhood Coyote Program



## **COYOTE 101 INFORMATIONAL TOWN HALL**



**Wednesday,  
March 8, 2023  
6:30 to 7:30 P.M.**

**Rosemead Public  
Safety Center  
8301 Garvey Avenue  
Rosemead, CA 91770**



**IN PERSON!**

**Join us for an informational town hall to learn more about coyote behavior, reporting, and what community members can do to safely coexist with coyotes!**

**Please contact [coyotes@sgvcog.org](mailto:coyotes@sgvcog.org) or call (626) 278-8039 with any questions/concerns regarding the event.**



# The Neighborhood Coyote Program

Register at:  
[tinyurl.com/coyote-town-hall](https://tinyurl.com/coyote-town-hall)

## Coexisting with Coyotes in the SGV

### Virtual Educational Webinar & Town Hall

Thursday  
March 30, 2023  
6:00 pm



Join the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) Neighborhood Coyote Program, California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), and LA County Agricultural Commissioner Weights and Measures office for an educational webinar/town hall on coyotes. The session will take place via Zoom and feature a panel with representatives from each agency. Registration is open to residents living in member cities.

Have questions about coyote behavior, pet safety, or other related topics? Email them to [coyotes@sgvcog.org](mailto:coyotes@sgvcog.org) before the start of the webinar or ask them live during the Q&A session! Don't miss this opportunity to learn about how to stay safe and coexist with coyotes throughout the San Gabriel Valley.

Arcadia-Alhambra-Azusa-Irwindale-Glendora-Montebello-Rosemead-San Marino

### **SGVCOG Staff Member Spotlight:** **Mackenzie Bolger, Senior Management Analyst,** **Sustainability and Natural Resources**



#### **What do you like most about working with the SGVCOG?**

It's been a great four months working for the San Gabriel Valley COG! I've loved the variety of impactful projects we work on. I've already learned so much and am grateful to be a part of the difference we're making in the SGV!

**What is a fun fact about you?** I have a busy household with a 9-year-old son, Ean, 2 dogs, Joji and Pepper, and 2 cats, Xena and Zelda!

### News-in-Brief



#### **Homeowner's Resource Fair in Temple City.**

The Office of Los Angeles County Assessor Jeff Prang is pleased to host their next [Homeowners' Resource Fair](#) on Saturday, [March 4, 2023, from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm at Live Oak Park in Temple City.](#) The event aims to educate property owners on how parents can pass down property to their children without being taxed out of their home, benefits for seniors to purchase a new property and keep their tax base, and things to know before doing new construction. Help will also be available for business owners who must file the annual Business Property Statement (Form 571-L). Use this [link](#) to register for the event.



#### **Applications are now open for the 2023 SCAG Scholarship Program.**

The SCAG Scholarship Program offers local government and planning experience that students can use to develop long-term career goals. The scholarship will provide a \$4,000 scholarship award for seven high school or community college students from the SCAG region. Recipients may also have an opportunity to meet with their local government representatives and practicing planners to discuss the importance of urban planning and a future career in public service. For further application, details click [here](#). [Applications are due Sunday, March 26, 2023.](#)



#### **SGVCOG Can Help Increase Your Home's Energy Efficiency**

Interested in increasing your home's energy efficiency? We can assist you! The SGVCOG has partnered with the County of Los Angeles, which administers the Southern California Regional Energy Network (SoCalREN) to bring together a wide variety of services with one common goal: achieving unprecedented levels of energy savings. Get started by signing up for a free eSGV review! Our staff will walk you through the whole-house approach to energy efficiency, giving you the tools necessary to become more efficient. Find out more information [here!](#)

## March Committee Meeting Schedule

Please be advised that all committee meetings will not be held in March. However, the Governing Board will convene in person at the SGVCOG's



office in Monrovia. Livestreams of the meetings can be found on the SGVCOG website [here](#). The live streams of San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust Board of Directors meetings are [here](#).

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**Governing Board** - March 16, 2023, at 4:00 PM **(In Person)**

**Regional Housing Trust Board** - March 30, 2023, at 1:00 PM

**Homelessness Committee** - Cancelled

**City Managers' Steering Committee** - Cancelled

**Executive Committee** - Cancelled

**Transportation Committee** - Cancelled

**Water Committee** - Cancelled

**EENR Committee** - Cancelled

**Planning Directors Working Group** - Cancelled

**Capital Projects and Construction Committee** - Cancelled

**Public Works Working Group** - Cancelled

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