



**AGENDA/NOTICE OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (SGVCOG)
GOVERNING BOARD**

Thursday, September 17, 2026 - 4:00 P.M.

SGVCOG Monrovia Office

1333 Mayflower Ave, Suite 360, Monrovia, CA 91016

Zoom Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83925600005>

President
Ed Reece

1st Vice President
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La Cañada Flintridge

La Puente

La Verne

Monrovia

Montebello

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Thank you for participating in tonight's meeting. The SGVCOG encourages public participation and invites you to share your views on agenda items.

MEETINGS: *Regular Meetings of the Governing Board are held on the third Thursday of each month at 4:00 PM at the SGVCOG Monrovia Office (1333 South Mayflower Avenue, Suite 360, Monrovia, CA 91016).* The agenda packet is available at the SGVCOG's Office, 1333 S. Mayflower Avenue, Suite 360, Monrovia, CA, and on the website, www.sgvkog.org. Copies are available via email upon request (sgv@sgvcog.org). A copy of the agenda is also posted for public viewing at the entrance of the SGVCOG Monrovia Office Building. Any additional agenda documents that are distributed to a majority of the Board after the posting of the agenda will be available for review in the SGVCOG office during normal business hours and on the SGVCOG website noted above.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Your participation is welcomed and invited at all Governing Board meetings. Time is reserved at each regular meeting for those who wish to address the Board. SGVCOG requests that persons addressing the meeting refrain from making personal, slanderous, profane, or disruptive remarks. A person who continues to disrupt the orderly conduct of the meeting, after being warned by the Board President or designee to cease the disruption, may be precluded from further participation in the meeting.

TO ADDRESS THE GOVERNING BOARD: All public comments will be taken during the public comment portion of the agenda. At a regular meeting, the public may comment on any agenda item as well as on any matter within the subject matter jurisdiction of the SGVCOG that is not on the agenda during the public comment period at the beginning of the agenda. At a special meeting, the public may only comment on items that are on the agenda. Members of the public are requested to state their name prior to speaking. Comments are limited to a maximum of three minutes per person. The Board President may impose additional time limits if a large number of members of the public seek to provide public comment. Except in limited situations, the Board may not take action on items not appearing on the agenda and/or discuss them at length.

If you would like to provide a public comment during a Board meeting, please see "Instructions for Public Comments" below.

AGENDA ITEMS: The Agenda contains the regular order of business of the Governing Board. Items on the Agenda have generally been reviewed and investigated by the staff in advance of the meeting so that the Governing Board can be fully informed about a matter before making its decision.



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CONSENT CALENDAR: Items listed on the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and may be acted upon by one motion. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless a Board Representative so requests. In this event, the item will be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered after the Board takes action on the balance of the Consent Calendar.

TELECONFERENCE LOCATIONS: State law allows Board Representatives to teleconference from remote locations as long as certain conditions are met, including listing the teleconference locations in the agenda. The following locations are hereby noticed as teleconference locations, which are accessible to the public for the purposes of observing this meeting and/or addressing the Governing Board.

Council Chambers 15651 Mayor Dave Way City of Industry, CA 91744	Pasadena City Hall Council Conference Room 100 N. Garfield Ave. Pasadena, CA 91101	Rosemead City Hall Council Chambers 8838 E. Valley Blvd Rosemead, CA 91770
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Instructions for Public Comments: For those wishing to make public comments on agenda and non-agenda items, but within the SGVCOG’s subject matter jurisdiction, you may submit written comments via email or provide a verbal comment.

- Written Comments (Email): If you wish to submit written public comments to be distributed to the Board Representatives at the meeting, please submit these materials via email to Michael Rosen at mrosen@sgvcog.org at least 1 hour prior to the scheduled meeting time. Please indicate in the “Subject” line of the email “FOR PUBLIC COMMENT” and the agenda item number to which the public comment is addressed. Written public comments may include, but are not limited to letters, reports, and presentations.
- Verbal Comments (In Person): If you would like to make a public comment at the Governing Board meeting location, please fill out a public comment card. Comment cards will be made available to you by staff at the entrance to the meeting room. If you are attending the meeting at a noticed teleconference location and would like to make a public comment, please raise your hand at the beginning of the Public Comment portion of the meeting.
- Verbal Comments (Zoom): Through Zoom, you may provide a verbal comment by using the web interface “Raise Hand” feature. Please raise your hand at the beginning of the Public Comment portion of the meeting. You will then be called upon to provide your verbal comments.

For questions related to accessing the available teleconference locations, please contact Michael Rosen (mrosen@sgvcog.org) or (626) 373-9364.

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PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

5 MINUTES

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Public Comment on all agenda and non-agenda items (*If necessary, the President may place reasonable time limits on all comments*)
5. Changes to Agenda Order: Identify emergency items arising after agenda posting and requiring action prior to next regular meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR

5 MINUTES

(It is anticipated that the SGVCOG Governing Board may take action on the following matters)

Administrative Items:

6. Governing Board Meeting Minutes – **Page 1**
Recommended Action: Adopt Governing Board minutes.
7. Monthly Cash Disbursements/Balances/Transfers – **Page 7**
Recommended Action: Approve Monthly Cash Disbursements/Balances/Transfers.
8. Committee/TAC/Governing Board Attendance – **Page 11**
Recommended Action: Receive and file.
9. SGVCOG Governing Board Future & Recurring Agenda Items: 2026 – **Page 17**
Recommended Action: Receive and file.
10. Legislative Monthly Report (August) – **Page 19**
Recommended Action: Receive and file.

Committee Items:

11. Pico Rivera Regional Rail Station Project – **Page 29**
Recommended Actions: 1) Determine that the Pico Rivera Regional Rail Station Project satisfies the threshold criteria established in the SGVCOG Capital Projects Review Manual and assign oversight of this effort to the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments Capital Projects and Construction Committee (CPCC); 2) Authorize the Executive Director to negotiate any agreements necessary, including agreements with Metro and the City of Pico Rivera, to complete the initial project approval and environmental document phase, 30%/60% design, and environmental clearance.
Committee Action: CPCC Committee -- Support/Oppose/Abstain (8-0-0)
12. 3rd Quarter Financial Report – **Page 33**
Recommended Action: Receive and file.
Committee Action: Executive Committee -- Support/Oppose/Abstain (4-0-0)

Program Continuation Items:

13. Declaration of Surplus Property Under Parcel 207R – **Page 35**
Recommended Action: Authorize the Executive Director to declare SGVCOG Parcel 207R located at 18311 E. Railroad Street, City of Industry, CA and bearing Assessor Parcel No. 8264-017-905 as surplus.
Previous Action: On November 16, 2015, the former ACE Construction Authority Board approved the Plans, Specifications, and Estimates for the Fullerton Road Grade Separation Construction Project. – Support/Oppose/Abstain (5-0-0)

UPDATE ITEMS

10 MINUTES

14. President's Report
15. Executive Director's Report

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COMMITTEE/BOARD REPORTS

10 MINUTES

16. [Capital Projects and Construction Committee](#)
17. [Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee](#)
18. [Homelessness Committee](#)
19. [San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust Board](#)
20. [Transportation Committee](#)
21. SB 79 Ad Hoc Committee

LIAISON REPORTS

10 MINUTES

22. Foothill Transit
23. [Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority](#)
24. [League of California Cities](#)
25. [Los Angeles County Affordable Housing Solutions Agency](#)
26. Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
27. [San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy](#)
28. San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership
29. San Gabriel Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District
30. [South Coast Air Quality Management District](#)
31. [Southern California Association of Governments](#)
32. California Association of Councils of Governments

ANNOUNCEMENTS

5 MINUTES

33. Upcoming Governing Board Meetings
 - Thursday, October 15 at 4 p.m.

GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

ADJOURN



SGVCOG Governing Board Unapproved Meeting Minutes

Date: June 25, 2026

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: 1333 S. Mayflower Avenue, Suite 360, Monrovia, CA 91016

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

SGVCOG President, Ed Reece, convened the Governing Board Meeting at 4:03 PM. A quorum was in attendance.

2. Roll Call

A quorum for the Governing Board was in attendance.

Board Members Present

Alhambra	A. Andrade-Stadler
Arcadia	P. Cheng
Azusa	G. Gonzales
Claremont	E. Reece
Diamond Bar	A. Chou
Duarte	V. Truong
El Monte	M. Cortez
Glendora	M. Allawos
Industry	C. Moss
Irwindale	A. Ambriz
L.C. Flintridge	S. Fossan
La Verne	T. Hepburn
Monrovia	B. Shevlin
Monterey Park	E. Yang
Pomona	T. Sandoval
Rosemead	S. Armenta
San Gabriel	J. Herrera Ávila
Sierra Madre	R. Parkhurst
South El Monte	G. Olmos
South Pasadena	S. Rossi
Temple City	C. Sternquist
Walnut	A. Wu
West Covina	T. Wu
L.A.C. Dist. #1	R. Serrano
L.A.C. Dist. #5	V. Paul

Absent

Baldwin Park
Bradbury
Covina
La Puente
Montebello
Pasadena
San Dimas
San Marino

SGVCOG Staff

M. Creter, Executive Director
C. Trapesonian, General Counsel
C. Sims, Staff
K. Lai, Staff
R. Choi, Staff
R. Alimoren, Staff
K. Ward, Staff
D. Dalan, Staff
J. Burkart, Staff
M. Rosen, Staff

3. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

4. Changes to the Agenda Order

There were no changes to the agenda order.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Administrative Items:

5. Governing Board Meeting Minutes
Action: Adopt Governing Board minutes.
6. Monthly Cash Disbursements/Balances/Transfers
Action: Approve Monthly Cash Disbursements/Balances/Transfers.
7. Committee/TAC/Governing Board Attendance
Action: Receive and file.
8. SGVCOG Governing Board Future & Recurring Agenda Items: 2026
Action: Receive and file.
9. Legislative Monthly Report (May)
Action: Receive and file.
10. July & August Governing Board Meeting Authorization
Action: Adopt Resolution 26-19, authorizing the President, in concurrence with the Executive Committee, to act on the Governing Board's behalf by undertaking all actions that are necessary for the proper administration and operation of the SGVCOG and that cannot be delayed until the next Regular Meeting of the Governing Board.
11. Governing Board Schedule FY 2026-2027
Action: Adopt Resolution 26-20 setting the Governing Board meeting dates for FY 2026-2027.
12. Metro Board Governance Structure – Support for Alternative D Letter
Action: Receive and file.

Committee Items:

13. LACAHS Board Member Appointee Recommendation Process
Action: Review and approve.
14. SGVCOG Reserve/Fund Balance Policy
Action: Adopt Resolution 26-21 establishing a Reserve/Fund Balance Policy.
Committee Action: Executive Committee -- Support/Oppose/Abstain (5-0-0)
15. FY 2026-2027 Appointments to City Managers' Steering Committee
Action: Appoint the following regional representatives and at-large members to the City Managers' Steering Committee:
 - Northeast: Ken Domer (La Verne), Adam Pirrie (Claremont)
 - Southeast: Joshua Nelson (Industry), Christopher Marcarello (Covina)
 - Central: Rene Salas (South El Monte), Milan Mrakich (West Covina)
 - Southwest: Raul Alvarez (Montebello), Bryan Cook (Temple City)
 - Northwest: Dylan Feik (Monrovia), Kevin Kearney (Bradbury)
 - At-Large: Dominic Lazzaretto (Arcadia), Brad McKinney (San Dimas)
 - Past President: Jessica Binnquist (Alhambra)
16. FY 2026-2027 Appointments to Regional Housing Trust Board of Directors
Action: Appoint the following representatives to the SGVRHT Board of Directors:
 - Northwest: Becky Shevlin, Mayor, City of Monrovia
 - At-Large: Thomas Wong, Councilmember, City of Monterey Park
 - Housing Expert #1: Alma Martinez, City Manager, City of El Monte
 - Housing Expert #2: Anne Turner, Executive Director and Dean of Novel Programs, Claremont Lincoln University

- *Housing Expert Alternate: Craig Hensley, Community Development Director, City of Duarte*

Program Continuation Items:

17.

FY 2026-2027 LA CADA Outreach Services Contract

Action: Execute an amendment to contract 25-18 with the Los Angeles Centers of Alcohol and Drug Abuse (LA CADA) for regional outreach services for FY 2026-2027.
18.

Regional Food Recovery Program (FRESH SGV) FY 2026-28 Continuation

Action: Authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute all necessary agreements with cities and consultants for the continuation of the FRESH SGV Program, including the authority to negotiate and execute any future amendments related to budget and scope, and to procure program services, for a total not-to-exceed of \$600,000.

Previous Action: On April 11, 2024, the Governing Board authorized the Executive Director to take all actions necessary to implement the SGV FRESH Program utilizing a CalRecycle Local Assistance Grant in an amount not-to-exceed \$2,389,899.

– Support/Oppose/Abstain (25-0-0)
19.

Approval to Negotiate a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the City of Industry for the Design and Construction of the San Gabriel Valley Bus Rapid Transit (SGVBRT) Corridor Improvements Project, Segment 5

Action: Authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) and the City of Industry for the SGVBRT Corridor Improvements Project, Segment 5, on behalf of SGVCOG, and authorize the Executive Director to execute future funding agreements and related amendments, as necessary, to facilitate project implementation.

Previous Action: On October 6, 2025, the Capital Projects and Construction Committee authorized the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with Moffatt & Nichol for preliminary engineering, final design, and outreach services for the SGVBRT Corridor Improvements Project, Segment 5, including authority to negotiate and execute future amendments related to budget and scope, as necessary.

– Support/Oppose/Abstain (6-0-0)
20.

Declaration of Surplus Property Under Parcel 207U

Action: Authorize the Executive Director to declare SGVCOG Parcel 207U located at 1210 Fullerton Road, City of Industry, CA and bearing Assessor Parcel No. 8264-027-900 as surplus.

Previous Action: The former ACE Construction Authority Board approved the Plans, Specifications, and Estimates for the Fullerton Road Grade Separation Construction Project on November 16, 2015. – Support/Oppose/Abstain (5-0-0)

There was a motion to approve the Consent Calendar.

(M/S: M. Allawos /A. Chou)
[MOTION PASSED]

AYES:	Alhambra, Azusa, Claremont, Diamond Bar, Duarte, El Monte, Glendora, Industry, Irwindale, La Canada Flintridge, LaVerne, Monrovia, Monterey Park, Pomona, Rosemead, San Gabriel, Sierra Madre, South El Monte, South Pasadena, Walnut, West Covina, LAC District #1, LAC District #5
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NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	
NO VOTE RECORDED:	Arcadia, Temple City
ABSENT:	Baldwin Park, Bradbury, Covina, La Puente, Montebello, Pasadena, San Dimas, San Marino

PRESENTATION ITEM

21. Capital Projects Update: John Beshay, SGVCOG Assistant Director of Capital Projects and SGVCOG Capital Projects Staff
Action: For information only.
 J. Beshay, R. Choi, T. Sotelo, and Y. Viramontes, reported on this item.

UPDATE ITEMS

22. President's Report
 SGVCOG President, E. Reece, provided an update on the newly declared I ♥ SGV Day, officially designated by the CA legislature as June 26, 2026, or 6/26/26.
23. Executive Director's Report
 SGVCOG Executive Director, Marisa Creter, provided updates.
 - C. Sims provided a report on the SGV HOME program.
24. General Counsel's Report
 SGVCOG General Counsel, Cassie Trapesonian, provided updates.

COMMITTEE/BOARD REPORTS

25. Capital Projects and Construction Committee
26. Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee
27. Homelessness Committee
 Chair B. Shevlin provided a report.
28. San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust Board
 Chair B. Shevlin provided a report.
29. Transportation Committee
30. 2028 Olympic & Paralympic Games Ad Hoc Committee
 SGVCOG President and Committee Chair E. Reece provided a report.
31. SB 79 Ad Hoc Committee
 Chair B. Shevlin provided a report

LIAISON REPORTS

32. Foothill Transit
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 M. Gallarza provided a report.
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 T. Sandoval provided a report.
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38. San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership
39. San Gabriel Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District
 B. Shevlin provided a report.

40. South Coast Air Quality Management District
M. Cacciotti provided a report.
41. Southern California Association of Governments

ANNOUNCEMENTS

42. Upcoming Governing Board Meetings
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GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

ADJOURN

SGVCOG President, Ed Reece, adjourned the Governing Board meeting at 5:25 PM.

BOARD APPROVED

Date

Marisa Creter, Secretary

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
Selected Asset Account Balances
As of August 2026

Account Number	Description	Balance 5/1/2026	Increase	Decrease	Net Change	Balance 5/31/2026
000-000-000-1010	CBB - 242-118-669 Checking	6,406,974	2,025,717	\$870,826	1,154,891	7,561,865
000-000-000-1052	CBB-242-300-597 MM (Homelessness Trust)	5,144	0.41		-	5,145
000-000-000-1090	Petty Cash	400			-	400
000-000-000-1100	LAIF 40-19-038	283,779	2,770		2,770	286,549
000-000-000-1101	LAIF Maket Value	(958)			-	(958)
000-000-000-1210	Member Receivable	-			-	-
000-000-000-1220	Grants/Contracts Receivable	1,454,985	2,259,281	704,297	1,554,984	3,009,970
000-000-000-1225	Sponsorships Receivable	-			-	-
000-000-000-1232	Rental Deposits Receivable	30,490			-	30,490
000-000-000-1291	Receivables - Other	(871)			-	(871)
		\$ 8,179,944	\$ 4,287,769	\$ 1,575,123	\$ 2,712,645	\$ 10,892,590

SGVCOG - ACE Capital Projects
Selected Asset Account Balances
As of August 2026

Account Number	Description	Balance 5/1/2026	Increase	Decrease	Net Change	Balance 5/31/2026
000-000-000-1110	CBB General Checking Account	3,000,000	26,838,342	26,838,342	-	3,000,000
000-000-000-1121	LAIF Operating (40 19 044)	401,910			-	401,910
000-000-000-1122	LAIF - Debt (11 19 031)	1,565,605			-	1,565,605
000-000-000-1123	Sweep (CBB - Mutual Fund)	9,993,509	14,035,215	12,443,083	1,592,132	11,585,642
000-000-000-1124	UPPR Contribution Funds (CBB-MM - 0603)	45,416	2		2	45,417
000-000-000-1125	MTA Loan Interest Reimb (CBB - MM - 0604)	5,004,326	359	3,000,000	(2,999,641)	2,004,686
000-000-000-1131	Grants Receivable	(1,308,162)	9,611,635	2,400,447	7,211,187	5,903,026
000-000-000-1135	Retention Receivable - MTA	14,752,470	322,034		322,034	15,074,504
		\$ 33,455,075	\$ 50,807,587	\$ 44,681,873	\$ 6,125,715	\$ 39,580,789

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
Disbursements Report
August 01 , 2026 through August 31, 2026

Transaction Date	Number/ Reference	Vendor Name	Amount
8/13/2026	10654	Sure-Close	\$67,210.00
8/20/2026	10655	City of La Canada Flintridge	\$14,941.84
8/27/2026	10657	San Gabriel Valley Consortium	\$1,000.00
8/27/2026	10658	Mike's Remodeling & Repair	\$2,725.00
8/10/2026	DEBIT-ICMA PR080726	ICMA-RC	\$5,372.66
8/6/2026	EFT0000000000018	Active SGV	\$16,316.66
8/6/2026	EFT0000000000019	Busch Systems International	\$19,963.59
8/6/2026	EFT0000000000020	City of Arcadia	\$17,344.80
8/6/2026	EFT0000000000021	City of San Dimas	\$4,916.51
8/6/2026	EFT0000000000022	HR Green, Inc.	\$6,306.50
8/6/2026	EFT0000000000023	Los Angeles Centers for Alcoho	\$40,034.15
8/6/2026	EFT0000000000024	NimbeLink, Corp	\$900.00
8/6/2026	EFT0000000000025	SHARE!	\$63,952.92
8/6/2026	EFT0000000000026	Support Solutions Inc.	\$26,674.95
8/6/2026	EFT0000000000027	WSP	\$1,776.70
8/6/2026	EFT0000000000028	SCS Engineers	\$3,201.90
8/20/2026	EFT0000000000029	Active SGV	\$47,635.75
8/20/2026	EFT0000000000030	Around the Cycle LLC	\$4,000.00
8/20/2026	EFT0000000000031	E Bike Cyclery LLC	\$60,989.87
8/20/2026	EFT0000000000032	Montebello Bicycles LLC	\$4,000.00
8/20/2026	EFT0000000000033	The Local Bike Stand LLC	\$11,420.49
8/20/2026	EFT0000000000034	Redondo E Bikes Pasadena	\$18,632.98
8/20/2026	EFT0000000000035	City of San Dimas	\$69,955.41
8/27/2026	EFT0000000000036	Alta Planning + Design Inc.	\$38,703.26
8/27/2026	EFT0000000000037	California Stormwater Quality	\$85,554.00
			<u>\$633,529.94</u>

ACE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY
Disbursements Report
August 1, 2026 through August 31, 2026

Transaction Date	Number/ Reference	Vendor Name	Amount
8/6/2026		22954 FRONTIER	\$590.00
8/6/2026		22955 Justifacts Credential Verifica	\$248.26
8/6/2026		22956 Mike's Remodeling & Repair	\$3,850.00
8/6/2026		22957 Turnbull Canyon Properties	\$14,884.00
8/6/2026		22958 Woodruff & Smart, A Profession	\$8,242.60
8/13/2026		22959 CHP	\$61,178.37
8/13/2026		22960 County Sanitation District of	\$26,640.08
8/13/2026		22961 Montebello Land & Water Compan	\$12.35
8/13/2026		22962 Walnut Valley Water District	\$15,700.00
8/13/2026		22963 Woodruff & Smart, A Profession	\$16,240.04
8/20/2026		22964 Paragon Partners Ltd.	\$468.94
8/20/2026		22965 Association of Certified Fraud	\$115.00
8/20/2026		22966 Mike's Remodeling & Repair	\$3,940.00
8/20/2026		22967 Rowland Water District	\$570.38
8/20/2026		22968 Southern California Edison	\$43,384.41
8/20/2026		22969 Woodruff & Smart, A Profession	\$2,470.20
8/27/2026		22975 Canon Financial Services, Inc.	\$757.37
8/27/2026		22976 Southern California Regional R	\$4,403.48
8/27/2026		22977 SGV Public Affairs Network	\$1,000.00
8/27/2026		22978 San Gabriel Valley Water Compa	\$1,551.64
8/27/2026		22979 SHRED-IT USA LLC	\$127.71
8/5/2026	ACH-CHASE_AUG26	Chase Mayflower, LP	\$25,238.24
8/21/2026	ACH-GRIFFITH#11(RETN	Griffith Company	\$9,980.05
8/5/2026	ACH-OHLA#27(RETN)MAY	OHLA USA, Inc.	\$18,345.15
8/7/2026	ACH-OHLA#28(RETN)JUN	OHLA USA, Inc.	\$61,886.27
8/12/2026	ACH-OHLA#33(RETN)JUN	OHLA USA, Inc.	\$143,392.62
8/14/2026	ACH-RAILPROS#18(RETN	RAILPROS, INC.	\$57.50
8/5/2026	ACH-SKANSKA#36(RETN)	Skanska	\$210,828.73
8/27/2026	ACH-SKANSKA#37(RETN)	Skanska	\$271,701.32

ACE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY
Disbursements Report
August 1, 2026 through August 31, 2026

Transaction Date	Number/ Reference	Vendor Name	Amount
8/24/2026	DEBIT-ICMA PR082126	ICMA-RC	\$3,734.93
8/7/2026	EFT-CALPERS PR071026	CALPERS	\$30,698.05
8/19/2026	EFT-CALPERS PR072426	CALPERS	\$32,358.97
8/19/2026	EFT-CALPERS PR080726	CALPERS	\$32,864.94
8/6/2026	EFT0000000000006	Accenture Infrastructure and C	\$21,210.90
8/6/2026	EFT0000000000007	Union Pacific Railroad Company	\$78,391.96
8/6/2026	EFT0000000000008	OHLA USA, Inc.	\$1,175,839.09
8/11/2026	EFT0000000000009	OHLA USA, Inc.	\$2,724,459.75
8/13/2026	EFT0000000000010	Accenture Infrastructure and C	\$253,408.04
8/13/2026	EFT0000000000011	AECOM - Technical Services, In	\$340,151.65
8/13/2026	EFT0000000000012	FCG Consultants, Inc.	\$2,428.20
8/13/2026	EFT0000000000013	HDR Engineering, Inc.	\$14,694.45
8/13/2026	EFT0000000000014	Hunt Ortmann Palffy Nieves Nie	\$1,456.00
8/13/2026	EFT0000000000015	KPFF, Inc.	\$16,016.03
8/13/2026	EFT0000000000016	Lan Wan Enterprise Inc	\$5,486.99
8/13/2026	EFT0000000000017	National Railroad Safety Servi	\$10,250.00
8/13/2026	EFT0000000000018	RAILPROS, INC.	\$1,092.50
8/13/2026	EFT0000000000019	Ken Spiker and Associates, Inc	\$1,550.00
8/20/2026	EFT0000000000020	Argus Consulting Group, Inc.	\$53,520.00
8/20/2026	EFT0000000000021	Griffith Company	\$189,621.00
8/20/2026	EFT0000000000022	IT Partner LLC	\$650.00
8/20/2026	EFT0000000000023	LSA Associates, Inc.	\$2,980.51
8/20/2026	EFT0000000000024	Moffatt & Nichol	\$417,652.49
8/20/2026	EFT0000000000025	TSG Enterprises, Inc	\$13,505.87
8/20/2026	EFT0000000000026	Union Pacific Railroad Company	\$921,151.40
8/20/2026	EFT0000000000027	Lan Wan Enterprise Inc	\$3,000.00
8/25/2026	EFT0000000000028	Skanska	\$5,162,325.02

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Governing Board Attendance

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Alhambra												
Arcadia												
Azusa												
Baldwin Park												
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Diamond Bar												
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Sierra Madre												
South El Monte												
South Pasadena												
Temple City												
Walnut												
West Covina												
LA County District 1												
LA County District 5												

Major Action Items and Presentations*July (dark)**August (dark)*

Capital Projects & Construction

	2026						2027					
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Rosemead												
La Verne		✓										
Industry		✓										
LA County												
Montebello		✓										
Claremont		✓										
Monrovia		✓										
Pomona		✓										
Duarte		✓										
Diamond Bar		✓										

Agenda Topics***July (dark)******August***

Approval of Diamond Bar Golf Course Construction Contract Closeout and Project Acceptance

Approval to Award Construction Management Service Contract to Design, Consulting, and Construction Management (DCCM) for Construction Management Services for the Pomona Safe and Active: Bike/Ped Safety Improvements & Gap Closure Project

Approval of Task Order 4 with RailPros, Inc. for the San Antonio At-Grade Crossing Safety Improvements Project

Approval of Amendment 1 to HNTB for Bid, Construction and Project Closeout Support Services for the Turnbull Canyon Road Grade Separation Project

Approval of Adoption of Plans, Specifications and Estimate (PS&E) for the City of Pomona Sustainable Multimodal Improvement (SMIP) Project

Approval of Pico Rivera Regional Rail Station Project

Transportation Attendance

	2026						2027					
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Alhambra			✓									
Azusa												
Claremont			✓									
Diamond Bar			✓									
Duarte			✓									
Glendora			✓									
Industry			✓									
La Cañada Flintridge			✓									
L.A. County District 1			✓									
L.A. County District 5												
Monrovia			✓									
Monterey Park												
Pasadena			✓									
Pomona			✓									
San Gabriel			✓									
South El Monte			✓									
South Pasadena												
Temple City			✓									
West Covina												

Agenda Topics

July (dark)

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September

State Transportation Funding and Legislative Session Year in Review: Carly Shelby, Deputy Director, Townsend Public Affairs

EENR Attendance

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Claremont			✓									
Covina			✓									
Duarte			✓									
Glendora			✓									
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Pasadena												
Pomona												
Rosemead			✓									
San Gabriel			✓									
South Pasadena			✓									
Mosquito & Vector Control District			✓									

Agenda Topics**July (dark)****August (dark)****September**

Sustainability Programs Summer Activities Update – Mackenzie Bolger, Acting Sustainability Manager, SGVCOG

Advanced Clean Fleets (ACF) Guidance – Adil Mahmood, Staff Air Pollution Specialist, Compliance Assistance and Outreach Branch, California Air Resources Board

City Managers' Steering Com.

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Alhambra			✓									
Arcadia			✓									
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Claremont			✓									
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San Dimas			✓									
San Gabriel			✓									
South El Monte			✓									
Temple City			✓									
West Covina												

Agenda Topics

July (dark)

August (dark)

September

Unmanned Drone Deliveries: Kim Benson, UAS Center at San Bernardino International Airport

Homelessness Attendance

	2026						2027					
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Azusa												
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Glendora			✓									
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Pasadena			✓									
Pomona												
Rosemead			✓									
South El Monte												
South Pasadena			✓									
LA County Dist 1			✓									
LA County Dist 5			✓									

Agenda Topics

July (dark)

August (dark)

September

Los Angeles County Homeless Services and Housing (HSH) Department and FY 2026-27 Homeless Services Update
 – Presentation by Marco Santana, Director of Municipal Relations and Local Solutions of Los Angeles County
 Homeless Services and Housing



2026

SGVCOG GOVERNING BOARD FUTURE & RECURRING AGENDA ITEMS

JANUARY

- SGVCOG in Action Report (Informational)
- Committee Dates/Times Update (Approve)
- Conflict of Interest Update (Approve)

FEBRUARY

- MSP Annual Re-programming (Approve)
- Mid-Year Budget Adjustment (Approve)
- Teleconferencing Policy Update (Approve)

MARCH

- Q1 Financial Report (Receive & File)

APRIL

- Draft FY 27 Budget (Receive & File)

MAY

- Q2 Financial and Contracts Report (Receive & File)
- Annual Elections & Committee Appointments (Approve)
- FY 27 Budget (Approve)
- FY25 Financial Audit (Receive & File)

JUNE

Governing Board meeting date to be moved to June 25

JULY

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AUGUST

(Dark)

SEPTEMBER

- Q3 Financial Report (Receive & File)
- Quarterly SGVCOG in Action Report

OCTOBER

- Annual Audit Workplan (Receive & File)
- Q4 Contracts Report (Receive & File)

NOVEMBER

- Q4 Financial Report (Receive & File)
- End of Session Legislative Rvw (Receive & File)

DECEMBER

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MONTHLY LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

To: San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments

From: Townsend Public Affairs
Carly Shelby, Deputy Director
Joseph Melo, Federal Advocacy Manager

Date: September 4, 2026

Subject: August 2026 Legislative Monthly Report

STATE UPDATES

August marked the conclusion of the 2025–26 Legislative Session, as lawmakers returned from Summer Recess on August 3 and immediately entered a compressed final-month schedule. Senate and Assembly fiscal committees dispensed with their Suspense Files on August 13, covering hundreds of bills, before both houses shifted almost exclusively to floor sessions. With more than 1,000 measures still pending midmonth, the final weeks featured late-night floor sessions, last-minute amendments, negotiated policy agreements, and the revival or reworking of several proposals ahead of the August 31 adjournment deadline. Major issues included housing approvals, public meeting requirements, voting rights, transportation funding, wildfire preparedness, public safety, labor costs, artificial intelligence, CEQA, insurance reform, and public entity liability.

Outside the Legislature, the Governor’s Administration continued advancing programs related to climate resilience, zero-emission vehicles, and emergency response. Budget discussions also focused on allocating Proposition 4 climate bond funding and addressing declining Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund revenues, with implications for transit, housing, wildfire resilience, water infrastructure, and coastal projects. Late amendments extended final adjournment until September 1, and with the legislative session now concluded, attention moves to Governor Newsom, who has until September 30 to sign or veto measures sent to his desk, and to the potential implementation and fiscal effects of newly enacted legislation.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH ACTIVITY:

Senate Budget Subcommittee Considers Proposition 4 and Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund Spending Plans

On August 12, the Senate Budget Subcommittee No. 2 held an [informational hearing](#) on two issues left unresolved after the June budget agreement: the 2026–27 Proposition 4 expenditure plan and allocations from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF). The administration proposes spending \$2.25 billion of the \$10 billion Proposition 4 climate bond this year. The Legislative Analyst’s Office provided written and oral [analysis](#) that found the plan generally

reasonable, but emphasized the tradeoff between quickly funding current projects and preserving resources for future needs. Members of the Committee highlighted Central Valley canal subsidence, Delta levees, coastal erosion, the Los Angeles-San Diego-San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) rail corridor, Lake Hodges Dam, and wildfire prevention as priorities requiring additional investment, potentially from the two funding sources discussed at the hearing.

The subcommittee also reviewed the Department of Finance's revised GGRF revenue estimate, which declined from \$3.4 billion to approximately \$2.73 billion following the California Air Resources Board's (CARB) updated cap-and-invest regulations. The LAO warned that revenues could decline further in future years, leaving only about \$372 million for Tier 3 programs such as the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) program, Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP), Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP), and others which provide funding for affordable housing, public transit, community air protection, wildfire resilience, sustainable agriculture, and safe drinking water. A key dispute concerned approximately \$500 million in projected interest earnings, which the administration planned to use to support CAL FIRE operations outside the previously approved allocation formula, while legislators argued that the funds could help preserve Tier 3 programs. Members also raised concerns about the \$1 billion Tier 2 allocation for the High-Speed Rail, citing projected cash-flow shortages, borrowing costs, and uncertainty surrounding completion of the Merced-to-Bakersfield segment.

Public testimony overwhelmingly called for the state to honor its [SB 125 transit commitments](#), preserve the Tier 3 programs established under [SB 840 \(Limón\)](#), and develop a permanent replacement for declining GGRF revenue. Stakeholders also advocated for wildfire resilience, safe drinking water, agricultural equipment replacement, affordable housing, groundwater sustainability, Delta improvements, coastal resilience, and the Golden Gate Fields acquisition.

Senate & Assembly Appropriations Committees Filter Through Hundreds of Fiscal Bills

On August 13, both Houses' Appropriations Committees convened to dispense with their respective Suspense Files containing a total of 854 bills between the two Committees. At the end of the day, 625 measures were advanced while 149 were held under submission and will remain inactive for the remainder of session.

Notable bills acted on by the committees include:

- [AB 306 \(Schultz\)](#) would authorize any person adversely affected by a decision of a local enforcement agency with the authority to enforce a state building standard to appeal the issue for resolution by the CBSC and would require local agencies to post on their websites any written rules and regulations that clarify the application of the Code. This measure passed the Senate Appropriations Committee.
- [AB 1383 \(McKinnor\)](#) which would modify the Public Employees' Pension Reform Act of 2013 to increase pensionable compensation caps, defined benefit retirement formulas, and contribution cost sharing. The measure passed the Senate Appropriations Committee.
- [AB 1621 \(Wilson\)](#) generally prohibits a local or state agency from requiring or requesting more than two plan-check and specification reviews for a building permit application and authorizes denial after two reviews when an application remains noncompliant. The bill passed the Senate Appropriations Committee.

- [AB 1704 \(González\)](#) requires the California Air Resources Board to determine whether lower-embodied-carbon building materials would be cost effective during their first two years of use compared with conventional building materials before implementing specified requirements. This measure was held in the Senate Appropriations Committee.
- [AB 2059 \(Wilson\)](#) creates a rebuttable presumption that a transportation project has a less-than-significant transportation impact under the vehicle-miles-traveled metric when at least 80 percent of the project is located within one or more nonmetropolitan counties, subject to specified exceptions. The measure was amended to make Caltrans the lead agency in developing VMT guidance and sunset upon publication of guidance, and is now pending consideration on the Senate Floor.
- [AB 2310 \(Carrillo\)](#) makes it a crime to transport waste, construction debris, or similar materials for illegal dumping and increases the maximum fine to \$5,000 for a fourth or subsequent violation. This bill passed the Senate Appropriations Committee.
- [AB 2619 \(Papan\)](#) requires data centers to provide estimates of their expected water use and to report their annual water use. This measure passed the Senate Appropriations Committee.
- [SB 886 \(Padilla\)](#) requires the California Public Utilities Commission to establish an electrical corporation tariff that addresses costs associated with transmission, distribution, and generation services for data centers. The bill passed the Assembly Appropriations Committee.
- [SB 1164 \(Cervantes\)](#) which amends the California Voting Rights Act of 2001 (CVRA) with a new state voting rights act. The bill passed the Assembly Appropriations Committee with amendments to revise, instead of replace, the Voting Rights Act, and extends the time period a political subdivision has to pass a resolution of intent.

Wildfire Season & End of Session Escalate Liability Reform Negotiations

The Newsom Administration briefed members of the Assembly early in the month on a proposal that would limit how much insurers, hedge funds, and attorneys can collect from utility-caused wildfire claims, spurred by threats to the Wildfire Fund's solvency. The current Wildfire Fund was created in 2019 to reimburse participating investor-owned utilities for eligible wildfire claims, and last year the Legislature approved an additional \$18 billion in contributions from utility shareholders and ratepayers following payouts from the Eaton Fire. Earlier this year, the California Earthquake Authority released a [study](#), required by [SB 254 \(Becker, 2025\)](#), that outlined recommended options for restructuring wildfire liability, mitigation, insurance, and recovery. Negotiations have taken on additional urgency after Los Angeles County investigators concluded that electrical arcing from a Southern California Edison transmission tower caused the Eaton Fire, potentially exposing the utility and the fund to billions of dollars in claims.

After lengthy negotiation, the final compromise moved forward as [SB 492 \(Becker and Petrie-Norris\)](#). This is a genuinely positive outcome for local agencies as the final bill does not include any of the local agency cost-shifting provisions that had drawn opposition earlier in the process.

Ultimately, negotiations fell through and the Assembly did not hear the compromised proposal, effectively eliminating the measure for the year. Legislators, utility companies, insurers, and other stakeholders will relaunch negotiations with the incoming Governor and their Administration in the new year.

EXECUTIVE BRANCH ACTIVITY:

Recommended Tracts for Opportunity Zones 2.0 Published

On August 4, the Department of Finance [released](#) its preliminary [list](#) of census tracts recommended by the state for the new round of the Opportunity Zone (OZ) Program, which was established under the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017, and made permanent by [HR 1](#), the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, offering preferential federal tax treatment for capital gains invested in qualified projects located within designated census tracts. The second round of the program, OZ 2.0, will use a more restrictive eligibility criteria than the original program. Qualifying census tracts generally must have a median family income below 70% of the applicable metropolitan or statewide average, compared with 80% under the original program, or a poverty rate of at least 20% while remaining below a new income cap. Governors may nominate up to 25% of their states' eligible tracts, with designations remaining in place for 10 years.

In OZs, eligible investments may include real estate development, rehabilitation of vacant or underutilized properties, operating businesses, infrastructure, and energy projects. Existing OZs will remain in effect through December 31, 2028, creating a brief overlap with the new designations.

The state's recommendation period closed July 20, and the state accepted public comments on the proposed designations through August 28. The U.S. Department of the Treasury is expected to certify California's nominations before the new map takes effect on January 1, 2027.

Governor & First Partner Unveil Free Parks Pass for Fourth Graders

On August 12, Governor Gavin Newsom and First Partner Jennifer Siebel Newsom [announced](#) that California's Free Fourth Grade Pass is available for the 2026–27 school year. The program provides fourth-grade public school students and their families with unlimited free vehicle day-use admission to 54 participating state parks. The announcement comes as schools across the state started back up for the new academic year to encourage visiting the state's parks. Formerly known as the California State Park Adventure Pass, the program has been renamed and its enrollment period moved from September to August, allowing families to obtain a pass earlier in the year; the pass is valid for up to 13 months, through August 31, 2027.

Speaking at the California State Railroad Museum, the First Partner described the program as one of the accomplishments she is most proud of, emphasizing its role in helping children experience California's natural, cultural, and historic resources. Since launching in 2021, the program has distributed more than 100,000 passes and has become a central component of the Administration's comprehensive "Outdoors for All" initiative to expand access to parks. Parents and guardians can obtain the pass through ReserveCalifornia.com after creating an account and providing basic contact information.

State Approves New Zone 0 Defensible Space Regulations

On August 19, the California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection formally adopted the nation's first [Zone 0](#) defensible space regulation, capping off a 15-month process. The rule targets the five feet immediately surrounding a home or structure, which research shows is most vulnerable to ember ignition during a wildfire, and applies that standard to properties in the State Responsibility Area (SRA) and in Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones within Local Responsibility Areas (LRA). The regulation creates two nested sub-zones: a non-combustible "safety zone" immediately adjacent to the structure and under the eaves, and a broader low-combustibility zone extending out to the full five feet. Vegetation is not banned outright. Well-maintained herbaceous plants, groundcovers, potted plants, and properly limbed trees remain allowed, but combustible materials like mulch, dead vegetation, and unmaintained fencing or gates within the zone are not.

While the state has left much of the rollout in local hands, cities within the SRA or a Very High FHSZ overlap should expect real [implementation](#) work ahead. Jurisdictions will need to set specific compliance timelines for the Phase 2 requirements and will serve as the front line for education, outreach, and any enforcement. The Board has been explicit that the early implementation years should prioritize education over penalties, which gives locals room to stand up compliance programs before enforcement becomes a real factor. Municipalities also have a meaningful flexibility option available: they can adopt local alternative standards in place of the state defaults, provided those standards are coordinated with the local fire agency, achieve equivalent or more stringent fire safety outcomes, and receive formal council or board approval. This is worth serious consideration for jurisdictions whose terrain, vegetation, or housing stock doesn't map cleanly onto the state's default zone widths. Applicability is also tied explicitly to Very High FHSZ designation, so cities should anticipate a direct connection to any parcels newly brought into that designation under the state's FHSZ mapping.

Local agencies should start preparing now, rather than waiting for the rule to formally take effect. Since the underlying FHSZ maps are already final, local agencies can identify which parcels fall in the SRA or a Very High FHSZ within an LRA right away. Those interested in a local alternative standard should coordinate with their fire agency early, as it requires fire agency involvement and formal council or board approval. Local governments should also begin scoping outreach for the three-year Phase 1 window: mulch, dead vegetation, and gutter debris removal are simple asks that can build compliance culture before the harder Phase 2 items, like eave zone construction and fencing replacement.

JUDICIAL BRANCH ACTIVITY:

Ninth Circuit Protects Central Valley Project Water Contract Conversions

On August 17, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals [upheld](#) the Bureau of Reclamation's conversion of Central Valley Project water service contracts into repayment contracts without conducting separate environmental reviews. Passed in 2016, the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WINN) Act allows contractors to prepay their allocated share of project construction costs and convert water service contracts into repayment contracts. This allows Reclamation to use lump sum payments to fund water storage infrastructure projects, and this has been used successfully as Reclamation converted 67 contracts in 2020 and 2021, with another 16 proposed for conversion. The Center for Biological Diversity and other environmental groups challenged the conversions, arguing that they required review under the National Environmental Policy Act and consultation under the Endangered Species Act because of potential impacts on the Bay-Delta ecosystem and protected fish species.

Affirming the district court, the Ninth Circuit concluded that the WIIN Act imposes a mandatory duty on Reclamation to approve a conversion when requested by an eligible contractor. Because the agency lacks discretion to alter contractual rights or impose measures addressing environmental effects during the conversion process, the court held that contract-specific NEPA review and ESA consultation are in fact not required.

The court emphasized that its decision is limited to the administrative act of converting contracts and does not exempt the underlying water deliveries or Central Valley Project operations from environmental law. Moving forward, Reclamation must still continue to prepare and comply with systemwide environmental impact statements and biological opinions governing project operations.

Meta Faces Coalition of States in Landmark Youth Social Media Trial

Meta Platforms faced a landmark federal [lawsuit](#) in Oakland over allegations that it designed Facebook and Instagram to keep children engaged while misleading the public about the platforms' safety. The trial tested consumer-protection claims brought by California, Colorado, Kentucky, and New Jersey, as well as claims from 29 states that Meta illegally collected and used children's data in violation of federal law. Jury selection began August 12, with opening statements were given on August 18.

Plaintiff states are seeking monetary penalties and nationwide changes to Meta's platforms, including age restrictions, youth screen-time limits, removal of infinite scrolling and certain notifications, deletion of algorithms and artificial intelligence models trained on children's data, and changes that prioritize user well-being over engagement. Meta denies the allegations and says it has consistently worked with parents, experts, and law enforcement to protect young users. U.S. District Judge Yvonne Gonzalez Rogers will decide the case after receiving findings from an advisory jury, and the outcome could influence thousands of similar lawsuits pending against Meta and other social media companies.

On August 26, Meta ultimately reached a landmark \$17 billion settlement in late August, including fundamental changes to Facebook and Instagram to make social media less dangerous and addictive for children.

CAPITOL TO CAPITOL: FROM SACRAMENTO TO WASHINGTON, DC

California Secures Federal Aid to Support Response to Gann Fire

On August 6, Governor Gavin Newsom [proclaimed](#) a state of emergency in Calaveras County as state, local, and federal agencies responded to the [Gann Fire](#). The fire ignited near Hogan Dam Road and Gann Road just outside Valley Springs on August 3 and has spread rapidly amid high temperatures and low humidity. CAL FIRE reported minimal fire activity as crews continued strengthening containment lines, extinguishing hot spots, and assessing damaged areas. More than 3,100 personnel remained assigned to the incident, which has destroyed 18 structures, caused one civilian fatality, and injured one firefighter.

In response, California also secured a Fire Management Assistance Grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to support suppression efforts. The grant allows responding agencies to seek federal reimbursement for 75% of eligible fire suppression costs, helping cover the extraordinary expenses incurred in response to the fire. Cal OES, CAL FIRE,

local law enforcement, and mutual aid partners have coordinated evacuations, emergency management operations, shelter support, and the deployment of firefighting resources throughout the incident. The fire was effectively contained on August 12.

FEDERAL UPDATES

With the House and Senate both on Recess, the White House focused on the Midterm Elections and Foreign Policy through the month.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH ACTIVITY:

Congress Passes Continuing Resolution, Averting the Potential for a Government Shutdown Until December, Extending Surface Transportation Funding, Delaying OMB Proposed Rule

On September 1, the House passed [HR 6500](#), a Continuing Resolution (CR) maintaining FY26 funding levels past the end of the fiscal year on September 30, through December 11. The President is expected to sign the measure, and has already indicated support via a [Statement of Administration Policy](#). As is normal in CRs, they do not contain funding for congressional earmarks, also known as Community Project Funding (CPF) or Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) requests.

The bill pushes the deadline to fund the federal government via the appropriations process past the midterm elections. The appropriations process has been stalled due to the continued absence of Senator Mitch McConnell, without whom Republicans lack a majority on the Senate Appropriations Committee. The House has passed their drafts of all 12 appropriations bills. Despite optimism the Senate will produce their bipartisan drafts before the October recess,

The bill also extends funding and the authorization for programs under the 2021 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, which were set to expire on September 30 alongside government funding. Additionally, the bill would delay implementation of any Final Rule by the White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB) increasing the Administration's control over the federal grantmaking process. It is currently unclear whether agencies can separately pursue their own rulemaking to implement OMB's [proposal](#).

Senate Agriculture Committee Marks Up Farm Bill, Democrats Oppose Despite SNAP Changes

On August 6, the Senate Committee on Agriculture held a [business meeting](#) to consider a proposed compromise on the [Farm Bill](#), covering agriculture subsidies and food assistance programs for five years. Congress last passed a complete Farm Bill in 2018 and has used extensions since 2023.

The compromise bill makes revisions to [HR 1](#), the One Big Beautiful Bill Act's (OBBBA), new cost-sharing arrangements for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), pushing implementation of the administrative cost sharing arrangement one year in exchange for a higher local share, up to 20%, in states with payment error rates in excess of 10%. While initially thought to be a sufficient compromise, Democrats still [expressed](#) opposition to the plan, arguing against the higher penalties and asked for a two-year delay.

The House passed their version, [HR 7567](#) on April 30, though it lacked any Democratic support. Ultimately, the bill is subject to the filibuster in the Senate and will require 60 votes to pass out of the chamber, and it will need to again pass the House.

EXECUTIVE BRANCH ACTIVITY:

DOEd Publishes NRPM for Grants Guidance, First to Begin Implementation of OMB Proposed Rule Giving the Administration More Control Over Federal Grantmaking

On August 24, the Department of Education (DOEd) published a [Notice of Proposed Rulemaking](#) (NPRM) in the Federal Register, containing language that would significantly increase their control over the grants they administer.

The NRPM follows the White House Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) [Proposed Rule](#), making changes to the Uniform Guidance or [2 CFR Part 200](#), which would give political appointees significantly more control over federal grants, require grantees to advance the President's priorities, and give the Administration significant authority to suspend, terminate, delay, or withhold federal funding. With DOEd's NPRM, they became the first agency to move to implement OMB's Proposed Rule.

In the Continuing Resolution (CR) currently being negotiated to avoid a federal government shutdown, there is a provision prohibiting OMB from publishing or implementing a Final Rule before the CR expires in December. The CR is likely to pass the House in early September and become law, but it is unclear whether the law delaying implementation of OMB's rule would inhibit DOEd or other agencies from implementing their own regulations following OMB's rule.

EPA Revitalizes Local Government Advisory Committee

On August 12, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) [announced](#) the revitalization of the Local Government Advisory Committee (LGAC), a group of local elected officials who provide independent policy recommendations on regulatory reforms to EPA leadership.

The revitalized board will consist of nine reappointments and 13 new appointees. While none are from California, they represent cities, counties, and state governments from 19 states, and, according to EPA, their first meetings will focus on Artificial Intelligence (AI) data center siting and permitting regulations. That meeting will be announced in the Federal Register per notice requirements.

HHS Announces Head Start Reform Rulemaking

On August 6, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) [announced](#), and on August 7 posted, a [Notice of Proposed Rulemaking \(NPRM\)](#) to reform the [Head Start](#) program. Head Start is a free early childhood education, health, nutrition, and parent-support services program for low-income children and families. It can be administered by cities, school districts, and counties depending on the subset of funding and services provided.

The 200-page NRPM proposes eliminating a number of administrative requirements and [reducing](#) efforts to enroll multilingual families alongside changes to physical activity and nutrition standards. Recipients would also be required to reduce administrative costs from a maximum of 15% to 5%. HHS believes the reduction in administrative costs will save the program \$2.2 billion, a portion of which could be reinvested to enroll more students, but advocates

are [concerned](#) that changes to base requirements could lower the national standard for early childhood education.

Public [comment](#) on the NPRM is open through October 6, 2026. HHS would still need to issue a proposed rule and a final rule before implementation of any of the changes. Each of these steps would likely require a public comment period of at least 60 days.

Appeals Court Rules on Federal Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund

On August 4, an Appeals Court [ruled](#) against the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) March 2025 [attempt](#) to cancel \$20 billion in funding for the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund ([GGRF](#)), created by the 2022 Inflation Reduction Act. The GGRF provided loans to banks to make investments in low or zero emission industrial and energy infrastructure projects.

While the GGRF had its remaining funding rescinded by [HR 1](#), the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA), effective July of 2025, plaintiffs are challenging the rescission of funding ahead of that date, arguing that the EPA improperly withheld funding until it was rescinded. A previous court [order](#) from a federal district judge had enjoined both the banks transferring the funding and the EPA from taking further action.

The new order was delayed for a few days to allow the EPA to appeal to the Supreme Court, leaving the final impact of the order unclear.

REPORT

DATE: September 18, 2026

TO: Governing Board Delegates and Alternates

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **PICO RIVERA REGIONAL RAIL STATION PROJECT**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

1) Determine that the Pico Rivera Regional Rail Station Project satisfies the threshold criteria established in the SGVCOG Capital Projects Review Manual and assign oversight of this effort to the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments Capital Projects and Construction Committee (CPCC); 2) Authorize the Executive Director to negotiate any agreements necessary, including agreements with Metro and the City of Pico Rivera, to complete the initial project approval and environmental document phase, 30%/60% design, and environmental clearance.

BACKGROUND

Recently, the SGVCOG was approached by the City of Pico Rivera to explore a partnership for the management and delivery of the Pico Rivera Regional Rail Station Project. The proposed approximately \$306.8 million project would construct a new passenger rail station along the Los Angeles–San Diego–San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) Rail Corridor, serving Metrolink and potentially Amtrak, and would include passenger platforms, a station and bus plaza, new railroad bridges, track and signal improvements, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and connections to the Rio Hondo recreational trails. The City has worked with LA Metro, Metrolink, Amtrak/LOSSAN, BNSF Railway, and the California High-Speed Rail Authority to advance the project and has completed a Project Definition Report that includes an alternatives analysis, feasibility study, conceptual design, and preliminary cost estimate. Given SGVCOG/ACE's experience delivering complex railroad infrastructure and coordinating multi-agency capital projects, the City has requested that the SGVCOG consider leading the project's next phase, including preliminary engineering, environmental clearance, railroad and agency coordination, and related project management services.

The Project Definition Report identifies a preferred station location near Paramount Boulevard and the BNSF corridor, northwest of the existing railroad bridge over Paramount Boulevard. The preliminary planning concept includes two approximately 850-foot side platforms, track realignment and an additional main track, new railroad bridges over the Rio Hondo Channel and Paramount Boulevard, a pedestrian underpass connecting the platforms, and a station plaza with bus bays, shelters, ticketing and bicycle facilities. The concept also includes approximately 120 parking spaces, utility relocations, and potential connections to the Rio Hondo trail system. Further engineering and environmental review will be required to evaluate potential right-of-way impacts, including possible acquisition of industrial properties, and modifications to Paramount Boulevard necessary to maintain railroad clearances.

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On March 19, 2026, the Metro Board directed its Chief Executive Officer to continue coordinating with the California High-Speed Rail Authority and other project partners, identify and program funding as available to advance up to 30% engineering design and preliminary environmental assessments, conduct community outreach, and incorporate the proposed station into relevant regional rail planning documents. Metro is expected to report back during the September 2026 Board cycle. The City's Letter of Interest identifies approximately \$6 million in anticipated Metro Measure R and/or Measure M regional rail funding for the next phase, subject to Metro approval and execution of the necessary agreement with SGVCOG. The Letter of Interest also identifies approximately \$3.5 million in Congressional Community Project Funding selected for award, subject to the federal appropriations process. Accordingly, these potential funding sources should not be considered committed until all necessary appropriations, approvals, award conditions, and funding agreements have been completed.

DISCUSSION

The scope of this project is within the SGVCOG's authority to provide the services contemplated. Under the common powers rule applicable to Joint Powers Authorities, the SGVCOG may exercise only those powers that all its members can exercise. The Joint Exercise of Powers Act, Govt. Code sections 6500 et seq., provides that the SGVCOG exercises its powers, in this case the power to implement highway capital improvement projects, within the geographical area of one of SGVCOG's member agencies. Given that the County of Los Angeles is a member agency of the SGVCOG, and not a particular district, the projects would be within the boundaries of a SGVCOG member agency.

Additional authority is found in, Govt. Code section 54981 which authorizes a local agency (defined as a city, county or district) to contract with any other local agency for the performance by the latter of municipal services or functions within the territory of the former. Services or functions are defined in relevant part in Section 54980(c) as including the improvement, maintenance, repair, and operation of streets and highways. For instance, West Covina could contract with South Pasadena to provide services for a street or highway improvement within West Covina.

The project is a strong technical fit with the SGVCOG Capital Projects Department's experience in railroad coordination, grade-separated structures, right-of-way, utilities, environmental clearance, and management of projects involving multiple local, regional, state, federal, and private-sector partners. It also advances regional goals by improving passenger rail access, supporting connections to bus and active transportation networks, and coordinating passenger improvements with freight rail operations.

Staff recommend that the initial agreement focus on the project approval and environmental document phase, 30%/60% design, and environmental clearance, with any later design or construction services subject to separate authorization or amendment. Negotiations would define the respective roles of the City, SGVCOG, Metro, BNSF, Metrolink, Amtrak/LOSSAN, the California High-Speed Rail Authority, and other agencies; identify the environmental lead agency and required federal and state approvals; establish railroad, right-of-way, utility, permitting,

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community outreach, and third-party coordination responsibilities; and set a realistic schedule, decision process, and change-control procedure.

Any negotiated agreement would be brought back to the Governing Board before work begins. The agreement would be conditioned on confirmation of sufficient funding and would require reimbursement of all SGVCOG costs, including staff, consultants, legal support, insurance, administration, and applicable overhead. It would also address indemnification, liability, ownership of work products, funding-agreement requirements, termination rights, and the allocation of cost, schedule, railroad, environmental, and property-acquisition risks. The authorization requested by this report does not commit SGVCOG funds, approve a final project scope or budget, accept a grant, or authorize design or construction.

A reimbursable partnership could provide a direct benefit to SGVCOG by maintaining a strong pipeline of capital projects and preserving an experienced engineering and project management team as the remaining ACE projects approach completion. It would also place SGVCOG in a position to help a member city advance a regionally-significant project while maintaining appropriate Governing Board oversight. Following authorization, staff would coordinate with the City and funding partners, complete due diligence, negotiate business and risk terms, and return a proposed agreement and updated project information to the Governing Board for consideration and assignment to the CPCC.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

SGVCOG staff recommend that the Governing Board authorize the Executive Director to negotiate any necessary agreements with Metro and the City of Pico Rivera for the SGVCOG to provide project management and delivery services for the Pico Rivera Regional Rail Station Project, initially including the project approval and environmental document phase, 30%/60% design, and environmental clearance; and to bring the negotiated agreement to the Governing Board for approval.

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Executive Director

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DATE: September 17, 2026
TO: Governing Board
FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director
RE: **3rd QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Receive and file.

BACKGROUND

The full FY 25-26 3rd Quarter Financial Reports for Capital and Non-Capital Projects are included as attachments to this report. These reports include the following:

Capital Projects

- Condensed Balance Sheet as of March 31, 2026
- Asset Allocation
- Reimbursement Status Report
- Project Cost Report

Non-Capital Projects

- Comparative Summary Balance Sheet as of March 31, 2026
- Consolidated Budget to Actual
- Grants Receivable Aging Detail

Questions on these reports may be directed at SGVCOG Director of Finance, Rey Alimoren (ralimoren@sgvcog.org).

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A – Capital Projects 3rd Quarter Financial Report
Attachment B – Non-Capital Projects 3rd Quarter Financial Report

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DATE: September 17, 2026

TO: Governing Board Delegates & Alternates

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY UNDER PARCEL 207R**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Authorize the Executive Director to declare SGVCOG Parcel 207R located at 18311 E. Railroad Street, City of Industry, CA and bearing Assessor Parcel No. 8264-017-905 as surplus.

BACKGROUND

The Fullerton Road Grade Separation Project was part of the ACE Construction Authority. Construction includes Rail Road Street bridge and Union Pacific Rail Road Street bridge and an underpass on Fullerton Road to separate the roadway from the Union Pacific Railroad tracks.

The parcel was originally owned by Henry Mayberry Bailey, III et al., which at the time of acquisition functioned as an industrial material storage yard with a building that supported tile and granite material sales. The ACE Construction Authority acquired the above-referenced property on September 30, 2015 in its entirety to support construction of the Fullerton Road Grade Separation Project.

The subject property is on the Northeast Corner of Fullerton Road and Railroad Street, consists of 82,711 square feet (1.9 acres) of vacant land. With construction nearing completion, staff is now recommending that this remnant parcel be declared surplus and sold.

The property is subject to a large permanent driveway easement, is irregularly shaped, and is encumbered by several other significant Project imposed easements that reduce the usable site area. The easements affecting the subject parcel are summarized as follows:

Gross Land Area	82,711 Sq. Ft.
Less Road Easement (207R-FRE)	(25,702 Sq. Ft.)
Less Utility Easement (207R-UE-1)	(16,282 Sq. Ft.)
Less Utility Easement (207R-UE-2)	Within Pump Station
Less Utility Easement (207R-UE-3)	Within 207R-UE-1
Less Utility Easement (207R-UE-4)	Within 207R-UE-1 (112 SF)
Less Utility Easement (207R-UE-4)	(2,869 Sq. St. Net)
Net Land Area	37,858 Sq. Ft.

In accordance with the SGVCOG Right-of-Way Guidelines and the Caltrans Right of Way Manual, and upon declaration by the Committee that this parcel is now surplus and no longer needed for the project, the property will first be made available to governmental agencies for specified uses at Fair Market Value in compliance with the Surplus Land Act. The subject property has been appraised to determine the Fair Market Value. If there is no governmental interest in

acquiring the remnant parcel, Staff will prepare and process the necessary documentation consistent with the State's Surplus Land Act guidelines for sale of public land to the general public.

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Proceeds from the sale of this surplus property will be used to fund other SGVCOG Projects or obligations in accordance with the grant funding requirements. The sale amount and the allocation of the proceeds will be reported to the Capital Projects and Construction Committee in a future Director of Capital Projects report.

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