



SGVCOG Governing Board Approved Minutes

Date: November 21, 2019
Time: 5:30 PM
Location: Foothill Transit Office
100 S. Vincent Avenue, Suite 200, West Covina, CA 91790

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order
SGVCOG President Cynthia Sternquist called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
T. Egan led the Governing Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll Call
A quorum was in attendance.

Governing Board Members Present

Arcadia	April Verlato
Azusa	Robert Gonzales
Claremont	Ed Reece
Covina	Patricia Cortez
Diamond Bar	Nancy Lyons
Duarte	John Fasana
Glendora	Michael Allawos
Irwindale	Albert Ambriz
La Verne	Tim Hepburn
Monrovia	Becky Shevlin
Monterey Park	Peter Chan
Pomona	Tim Sandoval
Rosemead	Margaret Clark
San Dimas	Denis Bertone
San Gabriel	Jason Pu
San Marino	Susan Jakubowski
Sierra Madre	John Capoccia
South Pasadena	Diana Mahmud
Temple City	Cynthia Sternquist
Walnut	Allen Wu
West Covina	Tony Wu
L.A. County District #1	Edith Gonzalez
L.A. County District #4	Lauren Yokomizo
L.A. County District #5	Sandra Maravilla

Absent

Alhambra
Baldwin Park
Bradbury
El Monte
Industry
La Cañada Flintridge
La Puente
Montebello
South El Monte
SGV Water Districts

SGVCOG Staff

M. Creter, Exec. Director
M. Christoffels, Staff
P. Hubler, Staff
C. Sims, Staff
K. Ward, Staff
A. Fung, Staff
S. Hernandez, Staff

4. Public Comment
Linda Sun, a candidate for Los Angeles County Supervisor Court Judge, provided a public comment to introduce herself and spoke about her experience working in the

California Department of Justice.

Scott Chamberlain, a representative from the San Gabriel Valley Consortium on Homelessness, provided a public comment on the operations of the Consortium and offered assistance to support the San Gabriel Valley cities' ongoing efforts to address homelessness issues in the region.

Ben Wong, a candidate considered to be appointed by the Governing Board as a SGVCOG representative to the Metro San Gabriel Valley Service Sector Governance Council, thanked Governing Board members for their consideration.

5. Changes to Agenda Order
There were no changes to the agenda.

PRESENTATIONS

6. Update on Stormwater Litigation
Travis Van Ligten, an associate from Rutan & Tucker, provided a presentation on this item.

Questions/Discussions:

- A Governing Board member inquired about the parties that would benefit from the result of the stormwater litigation. Mr. Van Ligten responded that many local jurisdictions that were previously affected by the TMDL standards from the State Water Board and Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Boards can benefit from the result of this case.
- Another Governing Board member inquired about the possibility of the Water Boards not complying with the ruling of the case when issuing the 2020 MS-4 permits. Mr. Van Ligten responded that not complying with the ruling of the case would result in a violation of court order.
- A Governing Board member encouraged cities to join the SGVCOG Water Committee to further discuss the MS-4 permit issues and expressed gratitude towards the City of Duarte for pursuing a case that produced an important point of law.

LIAISON REPORTS

7. Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority
No report was given.
8. Foothill Transit
No report was given.
9. Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
No report was given.
10. San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC)
D. Bertone provided a verbal comment on the awarding of a \$1,064,200 grant to the

Watershed Conservation Authority for the Vasquez Overlook Acquisition Project. RMC will continue to evaluate projects received through the Proposition 68 call-for-projects through next year and will continue to make additional recommendations for awards in the next few months.

11. San Gabriel Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District (SGVMVCD)
No report was given.
12. Southern California Association of Governments
S. Patterson provided a written report on the regional housing needs assessment (RHNA) allocation methodology framework and the draft Connect SoCal Plan.
13. League of California Cities
J. Quan provided a written report on SB 2 planning grant opportunities and updates from the California Department of Housing and Community Development.
14. San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership
No report was given.
15. South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD)
M. Cacciotti provided a verbal report on available funding from the California Volkswagen Mitigation Trust. Public and private entities can apply for funding to replace class 4-8 school, transit, and shuttle buses with zero-emission buses. Mr. Cacciotti encouraged cities to collaborate with local school districts to apply for funding to replace aged school buses through this grant opportunity.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

SGVCOG President, Cynthia Sternquist, reported that San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership will be hosting the 17th Annual Merry Mingle on Thursday, December 12, 2019 at 5:00pm at the San Gabriel Valley Corporate Campus. Ms. Sternquist also congratulated Pomona Mayor Tim Sandoval and Diamond Bar Councilmember Nancy Lyons for being elected as the new chair and vice chair of the SGVCOG Capital Projects and Construction Committee, respectively.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

SGVCOG Executive Director, Marisa Creter, reminded Governing Board members to submit responses to the meeting time poll.

GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

No report was given.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

16. Transportation Committee
J. Fasana reported that the Transportation Committee convened to review the proposed 2020 transportation legislative priorities and discuss the San Gabriel Valley Greenway Network Implementation Plan. The proposed legislative priorities are expected to be reviewed by the Governing Board in January.

- 17. Homelessness Committee**

B. Shevlin reported that the Governing Board would be reviewing the State Homeless Funding and Measure H Innovation Funding Recommendations at this meeting. SGVCOG General Counsel, David DeBerry, is scheduled to provide a presentation on the Orange County homeless lawsuit at the committee's meeting on Wednesday, December 4, 2019 at 8:30am at the West Covina Council Chambers Meeting Room. Additionally, Ms. Shevlin announced that SGVCOG began the recruitment process for hiring a new regional homelessness coordinator.
- 18. Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee**

D. Bertone reported that the committee received a presentation from the Los Angeles County Fire Department on wildfire mitigation strategies at its recent meeting. Mr. Bertone encouraged Governing Board members and residents to conduct brush clearance checks around their homes.
- 19. Water Committee**

D. Mahmud reported that the committee will be meeting next month to discuss SB 205 compliance.
- 20. Capital Projects and Construction**

M. Christoffels reported that the SGVCOG implemented eminent domain resolutions against Southern California Edison to acquire parcels for upcoming projects. Additionally, SGVCOG plans on bringing additional on-call consultants to expand Alameda Corridor-East (ACE) project scope and operations aside from grade separation projects.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 21. Governing Board Meeting Minutes**

Recommended Action: Adopt Governing Board minutes.
- 22. Monthly Cash Disbursements/Balances/Transfers**

Recommended Action: Approve Monthly Cash Disbursements/Balances/Transfers.
- 23. Committee/TAC/Governing Board Attendance**

Recommended Action: Receive and file.
- 24. Revised ACE Project Budget Estimates**

Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution 19-47 approving the revised cost estimate for the ACE Project to \$1.8 billion.
- 25. 4th Quarter Financial Report/Treasurer's Report**

Recommended Action: Receive and file.
- 26. Contract with SoCalGas**

Recommended Action: Authorize the Executive Director to execute a contract with SoCalGas (SCG) to extend the San Valley Energy Wise Partnership (SGVEWP) through December 31, 2020.

27. Committee/TAC/Partnership Agency Appointments

Recommended Action: Appoint the following members to standing SGVCOG Policy Committees, Technical Advisory Committees, and other partnership agency appointments:

- *Public Works TAC: City of Baldwin Park*
- *Metro Service Sector: Ben Wong, non-elected*
- *Metro TAC: Frank A. Lopez (Monterey Park), Alternate*
- *Metro TAC Streets and Freeways Subcommittee: Robert Delgadillo (Azusa), Delegate*

28. State Homeless Funding and Measure H Innovation Funding Programming

Recommendations

Recommended Actions:

1. *Approve the recommended use of State Homeless Funds and Measure H Innovation Funds across the following programming categories, for submittal to the State and the County:*

Category	State Funds	Innovation Funds	TOTAL
Regional Housing Trust (Capital)	\$1,000,000	\$350,000	\$1,350,000
Regional Housing Trust (Operations)	-	\$200,000	\$200,000
Cities' Homeless Plans (Implementation)	\$3,300,000	-	\$3,300,000
Cities' Homeless Plans (Development)	\$50,000	-	\$50,000
Landlord Education/Outreach and Incentive Program	\$400,000	-	\$400,000
Other Regional Work	\$400,000	-	\$400,000
Homelessness prevention and diversion programs	\$50,000	\$400,000	\$450,000
Pilot Programs	\$35,000	\$265,000	\$300,000
Master Leasing	\$100,000	\$250,000	\$350,000
Administration	\$290,000	\$76,876	\$361,876
TOTAL	\$5,625,000	\$1,541,876	\$7,166,876

2. *Pending approval from oversight agencies (State and County), authorize SGVCOG staff to directly administer \$2,333,438 in funding to implement the following programs on a regional level:*

- *Regional Housing Trust (\$1,550,000),*
- *Cities' homeless plans sub-regional activities (\$200,000); and*
- *Other regional work (including collaboration, advocacy, nonprofit capacity building, regional data projects and targeting messaging campaigns, technical assistance) (\$400,000).*

3. *Pending approval from oversight agencies (State and County), authorize staff to coordinate with the cities to develop a strategy (e.g. competitive or formula) to allocate \$4,833,438 in funding to cities for the following programs:*
 - *Cities' homeless plans (implementation) (\$3,100,000);*
 - *Cities' homeless plans (development) (\$50,000);*
 - *Landlord education/outreach and rental support (\$400,000);*
 - *Homeless prevention and diversion (\$450,000);*
 - *Pilot programs (\$300,000) and*
 - *Master leasing (\$350,000).*
4. *Authorize staff to allocate up to \$366,876 (5%) to be used for administrative costs split across admin lead and contracting agencies.*
5. *Authorize staff to undertake any associated procurements necessary to implement the programs described above.*

29. Regional Housing Trust Fund Setup

Recommended Action: Authorize the Executive Director to accept up to \$248,150 in funding and execute any necessary agreements to implement the setup of the SGV Regional Housing Trust Fund.

30. Cancel December Meeting

Recommendation Actions: Adopt Resolution 19-48, taking the following actions: 1) Cancel the SGVCOG December 2019 Governing Board meeting and 2) Authorize the President, in consultation with the other officers, 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.

Discussion on Item 21: Governing Board Meeting Minutes

- *A Governing Board member requested notes from item 6 of the minutes from the previous meeting to be amended from "A Governing Board member inquired about SBCTA's possible shifting of its existing allocated funds from the Gold Line extension project. Dr. Wolfe responded that there are no recommendations from the SBCTA Board of Directors to shift the funding at this point." to "A Governing Board member inquired about SBCTA's possible shifting of its existing allocated funds from the Gold Line extension project. Dr. Wolfe responded that there are no recommendations from the SBCTA Board of Directors to shift the funding at this point, **but it is possible that the SBCTA Board of Directors would consider that option in the future.**"*

Discussion on Item 28: State Homeless Funding & Measure H Innovation Funding Programming Recommendations

- *SGVCOG Executive Director, Marisa Creter, provided a presentation on this item.*
- *A Governing Board member inquired about the regional housing trust's distribution of funding among San Gabriel Valley cities. Ms. Creter responded that the Board of the regional housing trust would be responsible for developing the funding guidelines and that the allowable maximum amount per project has not yet been determined.*

- Another Governing Board member inquired about the proposed funding amount for homelessness prevention and diversion programs. Ms. Creter responded that the proposed funding amounts were developed based on the original bill language of the Budget Act of 2019. The amounts were then revised to fund categories that were not covered by the County’s innovation funds.
- A Governing Board member inquired about other councils of governments’ (COGs) proposed distribution of utilizing the state and county homeless funding. Ms. Creter responded that the SGVCOG is the only COG that is receiving state funding from the Budget Act of 2019 to implement homeless programs. Many other COGs are receiving less than \$1 million from the County Innovation Funds. Initial discussions with two other COGs showed that they are interested in utilizing the County Innovation Funds to boost outreach programs.
- A Governing Board member inquired about audits that were conducted on Measure H funds and requested SGVCOG staff to share copies of the audits with Governing Board members. Ms. Creter responded that the Measure H Oversight Committee is responsible for conducting the audits and that SGVCOG staff can share the audits with the Governing Board.
- Another Governing Board member encouraged cities to participate in the SGVCOG Homelessness Committee to further discuss these issues and enhance local control of the funds collected to implement homeless programs.
- A Governing Board member inquired about the staffing structure of implementing the proposed programs. Ms. Creter responded that SGVCOG Principal Management Analyst Caitlin Sims, the regional homelessness coordinator, external contractors, and herself will be responsible for implementing these programs.
- A Governing Board member inquired about the possibility of SGVCOG staff providing homelessness programs progress reports for the Governing Board on a periodic basis. Ms. Creter responded that the reports can be provided to ensure that Governing Board members are updated on the progress of SGVCOG’s homelessness efforts.

There was a motion to approve consent calendar items 21-30. (M/S: J. Fasana/J. Capoccia)

[Motion Passed]

AYES:	Arcadia, Azusa, Claremont, Covina, Diamond Bar, Duarte, Glendora, Irwindale, La Verne, Monrovia, Monterey Park, Pomona, Rosemead, San Dimas, San Gabriel, San Marino, Sierra Madre, South Pasadena, Temple City, Walnut, West Covina, L.A. County District #1, L.A. County District #4, L.A. County District #5
NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	
ABSENT:	Alhambra, Baldwin Park, Bradbury, El Monte, Industry, La Cañada Flintridge, La Puente, Montebello, South El Monte, San Gabriel Valley Water Districts

PRESENTATION

- 31.** 2019 State & Federal Legislative Accomplishments
SGVCOG Director of Government and Community Relations, Paul Hubler, and

SGVCOG Legislative Consultant, Tim Egan, provided a presentation in this item. Mr. Egan provided an update on a recent report released by the Legislative Analyst's Office estimates the state has a surplus of \$7 billion for 2020-21. A portion of this \$7 billion would be available for one-time commitments and a portion for new, ongoing commitments. Mr. Egan stressed that the Legislature is going to have a major focus on bills related to housing and homelessness.

CLOSED SESSION

- 32.** Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) (one potential case).


No reportable action was taken.

ADJOURN

SGVCOG President Cynthia Sternquist adjourned the Governing Board meeting at 8:09 p.m.

BOARD APPROVED

January 16, 2020
Date


Mariša Creter, Secretary