



SGVCOG Governing Board Approved Minutes

Date: June 6, 2019

Time: 5:30 PM

Location: USGVMWD (602 E Huntington Dr, Monrovia, CA 91016)

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

First Vice President Margaret Clark called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

J. Fasana led the Governing Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call

A quorum was in attendance.

Governing Board Members Present

Alhambra	David Mejia
Arcadia	April Verlatto
Azusa	Robert Gonzales
Claremont	Ed Reece
Covina	Patricia Cortez
Diamond Bar	Carol Herrera
Duarte	John Fasana
Glendora	Michael Allawos
Industry	Cory Moss
La Puente	Dan Holloway
La Verne	Tim Hepburn
Monrovia	Becky Shevlin
Montebello	Jack Hadjinian
Monterey Park	Peter Chan
Pomona	Steve Lustro
Rosemead	Margaret Clark
San Dimas	Denis Bertone
San Gabriel	Jason Pu
South El Monte	Gloria Olmos
South Pasadena	Diana Mahmud
Temple City	Cynthia Sternquist
West Covina	Tony Wu
LA County District 4	Lauren Yokomizo
LA County District 5	Sandra Maravilla
SGV Water Districts	Carlos Goytia

Absent

Baldwin Park
Bradbury
El Monte
Irwindale
La Cañada Flintridge
San Marino
Sierra Madre
Walnut
LA County District 1

SGVCOG Staff

Marisa Creter, Executive Director
T. Duarte, General Counsel
Stefanie Hernandez, Staff
Katie Ward, Staff
Maritza Ramos, Staff
Kathy McClure, Staff
Alexander Fung, Staff
Peter Duyshart, Staff

4. Public Comment

Scott Chamberlain, with the San Gabriel Valley Consortium on Homelessness, provided Public Comment to the Governing Board. During his Public Comment, Mr. Chamberlain introduced himself and new staff

to the Consortium, expressed that the Consortium is here to support the COG, and will look to collaborate and educate on homelessness issues here in the San Gabriel Valley. The Consortium looks forward to working with the COG on future homelessness initiatives. Additionally, on Saturday, June 29, 2019, the Consortium will be hosting a Homeless Summit in Claremont, and Assembly Member Holden will help convene the gathering.

After receiving a couple of questions from Governing Board members, Mr. Chamberlain promised to follow up with Governing Board members and share data regarding current existing homelessness in the San Gabriel Valley region.

5. Changes to Agenda Order

President Cynthia Sternquist announced that Item 31: SB 498 (Hurtado) will be pulled from the consent calendar and agenda. She explained that the opposition to this bill is no longer needed, due to recent amendments that the COG negotiated this week with the author's office. The COG will instead monitor the bill going forward. The amendments, which were supported by LA Metro and the other nine agencies in the Southern California TCIF Consensus group, remove the potential for the diversion of the \$20 million in ACE TCIF funding to the new short line railroad program.

LIAISON REPORTS

6. Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority

J. Fasana quickly notified the Governing Board that the Construction Authority recently received the new bids which take the recent re-scoping and phasing changes into account, and the Construction Authority staff is currently reviewing these project bids.

7. Foothill Transit

No report was given.

8. Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority

L. De Loza-Gutierrez of LA Metro provided a report to the Governing Board. She announced that scoping meetings have been scheduled for the Gold Line Eastside Extension project and for the NoHo to Pasadena BRT project. Metro is also moving forward on the NextGen Bus Study, and is getting closer to releasing draft service and route plans. She also invited cities to attend Metro's upcoming State of the Agency on June 19, 2019.

9. San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy

D. Bertone provided this report. He announced that the RMC has started awarding funding through the Prop. 68 grant funds. The RMC awarded \$1.1 million in grant funding to the Amigos de los Rios for a project which spans Irwindale, South El Monte, El Monte, Baldwin Park, and parts of unincorporated LA County. that there has been no meeting this month yet, but that there will be a meeting from this upcoming Monday. A \$2.5 million grant was also awarded to a project in Pomona, too. He also provided examples of other awarded projects.

10. San Gabriel Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District

No report was given.

11. Southern California Association of Governments

No report was given

12. League of California Cities
No report was given.
13. San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership
No report was given.
14. South Coast Air Quality Management District
M. Cacciotti of the SCAQMD gave this report. He provided an update on an upcoming funding opportunity through the SCAQMD's clean air fund.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Cynthia Sternquist recognized and thanked P. Duyshart, a Project Assistant with the SGVCOG, for his 2.5 years of service to the SGVCOG, and announced that he is leaving the COG to pursue his Master's degree.

Executive Director M. Creter then thanked Peter for his service to the SGVCOG and presented him with a gift.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

M. Creter announced that today's meeting will be the meeting for both May and June, and that the next Governing Board meeting will be on Thursday, July 18th, 2019.

GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

General Counsel Kimberly Hall Barlow gave an update on a telecoms case, which was a victory for local cities. She will send a summary of the case to all Governing Board members soon. Additionally, she also announced that the Superior Court ruled in favor today of the cities of Duarte, Huntington Park, Gardena, and West Covina to overturn the 2012 MPDES Permit, which pertains to MS-4 Permit compliance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

15. Transportation Committee
J. Fasana and P. Duyshart provided this report. They reported that, at the last Transportation Committee meeting, in May, the Committee heard two presentations, one on the OurCounty Sustainability Plan, and the other on the 626 Golden Streets: Mission to Mission Open Streets event.
16. Homelessness Committee
B. Shevlin provided this report. She stated that at the last Committee meeting on May 1st, the Committee received a presentation from "Sisters in Time," which is an organization which addresses seniors being displaced from their homes. Additionally, at yesterday's meeting, the Committee heard from LAHSA about LA County Coordinated Entry Systems. She also announced that SB 751 is moving along through the State Legislature right now.
17. Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee
D. Bertone provided this report. He reported that the Committee held a joint meeting with the COG's Public Works TAC, and heard a presentation from the CPUC President, Michael J. Picker, on the CPUC's building decarbonization proceedings.
18. Water Committee
There was no report given.

19. Capital Projects and Construction
There was no report given.

CLOSED SESSION

20. Closed Session Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957(b)(1) – Appointment. Position: General Counsel
Recommended Action: Discuss and provide direction.

M. Creter reported that no reportable action was taken during closed session for this item.

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. FY 2019-2020 Budget
Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution 19-16 approving the FY 2019-2020 budget.
25. SGVCOG Committee Appointments
Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution 19-17 to appoint members to standing SGVCOG Policy Committees, Technical Advisory Committees, and other partner agency assignments.
26. Employee Handbook
Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution 19-18 to approve the update to the SGVCOG employee handbook.
27. SGVCOG Officer Elections
Recommended Action: Elect SGVCOG delegates to serve in the SGVCOG Officer Positions as follows:
- *President: Cynthia Sternquist*
 - *1st Vice President: Margaret Clark*
 - *2nd Vice President: Becky Shevlin*
 - *3rd Vice President: Tim Hepburn*
28. HR 1497: Water Quality Protection and Job Creation Act – Support
Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution 19-19 supporting HR 1497.
29. AB 377 (Garcia) – Oppose Unless Amended
Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution 19-20 opposing AB 377 (Garcia) unless amended to include an opt-out provision for local jurisdictions, including cities.
30. SB 330 (Skinner) – Oppose
Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution 19-21 opposing SB 330 (Skinner).
32. SB 414 (Caballero) - Support
Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution 19-23 supporting SB 414 (Caballero).
33. SB 669 (Caballero) - Support
Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution 19-24 supporting SB 669 (Caballero).
34. AB 516 (Chiu & Santiago) – Oppose
Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution 19-25 opposing AB 516 (Chiu & Santiago).
35. SB 205 (Hertzberg) – Oppose Unless Amended
Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution 19-26 opposing SB 205 (Hertzberg) unless amended to include

training for city staff related to ensuring a business is in compliance with NPDES and delaying implementation of the bill until industrial classification codes have been updated.

36. Committee Meeting Times

Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution 19-27 updating committee meeting times and locations.

37. City Managers’ Steering Committee Election Process

Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution 19-28 updating the election process for members of the City Managers’ Steering Committee.

Before a motion was made, a Governing Board delegate asked a question pertaining to the water bills on the Consent Calendar. After his question was addressed, a motion on the Consent Calendar was then made.

President Sternquist then announced that Item 25, and Resolution 19-17, has been amended to appoint E. Reece of the City of Claremont to a SCAG Policy Committee.

There was a motion made to approve consent calendar items 21-30 and 32-37. (M/S: D. Bertone/D. Mejia)

[Motion Passed]

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

ACTION ITEMS

38. San Gabriel Mountains Foothills and Rivers Protection Act

Recommended Action: Discuss and provide direction to staff.

President Cynthia Sternquist introduced the following individuals who were to present on this agenda item:

- Enrique Robles, Deputy District Director, Congresswoman Judy Chu’s Office
- Belinda Faustinos, Executive Director, Nature for All
- Alexander Fung, Management Analyst, SGVCOG

These three individuals then gave a detailed to the presentation to the Governing Board on the San Gabriel Mountains Foothills and Rivers Protection Act, which is S. 1109 (Sen. Kamala Harris) in the United States Senate and is HR 2215 (Rep. Judy Chu) in the United States House of Representatives. The presenters discussed the implications and impacts of these bills, and described the new boundaries for the San Gabriel Mountains National Recreation Area and the San Gabriel Mountain National Monument.

Governing Board delegates then had the opportunity to ask questions about these bills to the three

presenters.

Questions/Discussion:

- One Governing Board delegate asked why the proposed National Recreation Area (NRA) goes into residential areas. He also stated that, if the federal government comes and acquires property, and makes a trailhead, then more traffic and crowding will result, which could pose safety problems for residents who live near such a trailhead.
- Another delegate asked a question about the boundaries of the NRA at the local street level.
- A delegate asked, if the NRA encompasses a city wilderness park, how would this impact the municipal park? This delegate also asked how the NRA would impact private property owners who have property that falls within the NRA boundaries and jurisdiction.
- There was a question asked about water rights and water use, and how the NRA would impact local water providers.
- Another Governing Board member reiterated some of the concerns about private property rights, and how they might be impacted by the NRA. She stated that her city does not want to be included within the NRA's boundaries, and also said how, if the NRA truly has no impact on cities, then cities should be able to opt-out.
- First Vice President Margaret Clark of the City of Rosemead shared her concerns that moving the San Gabriel Mountains Foothills and Rivers Protection Act at this time could jeopardize the existing San Gabriel Mountains National Monument. She described how she made a substitute motion at the March 2019 EENR Committee meeting to table this item until there is more clarity, but that this motion lost by a 3 to 5 vote. She also expressed concern that President Trump could threaten the current San Gabriel Mountains National Monument, since he, in the past put several monuments "on the chopping block," including this monument. Ms. Clark also explained that she has served voluntarily on the collaborative committee that was formed to develop plans for the National Monument, and that this collaborative has worked for four years, every month, on this issue. Ms. Clark then stated that Rep. Judy Chu gave the collaborative a building bridges awards for these efforts. She pointed out that she is passionate about getting kids to nature and increasing access to the mountains, and she does not want the National Monument to be touched or taken away. Ms. Clark also highlighted a newspaper article about the recent completion of the Monument Plan. She then urged Governing Board delegates to wait until after the 2020 Election to take any action on this bill, in order to see if the politics on this matter change. She expressed worry that, since Senator Harris sponsors this bill, and is running against President Trump, Trump could retaliate, and take the National Monument away.
- A Governing Board delegate expressed concern about federal resources for his foothill city's infrastructure and roads. This member of the Board also asked if this bill will impact the dams which are in the San Gabriel Mountains.
- Another Governing Board delegate brought up the point that the bill does not require any local government to participate in any NRA-related federal program. In addition, he explained that the federal government does not have the authority to change a city's land use designations, and it does not have Eminent Domain. He also pointed out that increased government funding can mean more grant funding and project funding, such as for the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy.

M. Clark made a motion to table this item and to "watch" the San Gabriel Mountains Foothills and

Rivers Protection Act. The motion died for lack of a second.

A motion was then made to bring this item back to the next Governing Board meeting with the recommendation of the EENR Committee (M/S: J. Fasana/J. Hadjinian).

[Motion Passed]

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

CLOSED SESSION

39. Closed Session Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957(B)(1) – Performance Evaluation. Position: Executive Director
Recommended Action: Discuss and provide direction.

T. Duarte reported that no reportable action was taken during closed session for this item.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Cynthia Sternquist thanked COG staff for their work on the updated Employee Manual.

President Sternquist then announced that there is still one open SCAG committee opening. She then solicited interest among the Governing Board delegates and alternates in attendance. C. Moss of the City of Industry expressed interest in serving.

A motion was then made to amend Item 25 and amend Resolution 19-17 to add Cory Moss to the SCAG Transportation Committee (M/S: C. Sternquist/J. Hadjinian).

[Motion Passed]

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

J. Fasana thanked cities which signed joinders with the City of Duarte on the City’s water litigation case. There will be a hearing on June 17 to discuss judgements. The City is seeking to remover a provision from the MS4 Permit.

President Sternquist expressed her thanks to the Governing Board for voting in the Executive Board for another year of service.

ADJOURN

J. Hadjinian asked for there to be a moment of silence in remembrance of those who passed away on D-Day.

J. Hadjinian then made a motion to adjourn the Governing Board meeting in honor of those who passed away on D-Day (M/S: J. Hadjinian/M. Clark).


[Motion Passed]

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

President Cynthia Sternquist adjourned the Governing Board meeting at 7:27 p.m. in honor of those who passed away on D-Day.

BOARD APPROVED

July 18, 2019 _____
Date


Marisa Creter, Secretary