

SGVCOG Weekly Recap

Week of August 2, 2021

- **Executive Committee:** On Monday, the Executive Committee held its monthly meeting via Zoom. The Committee received an update on the FY 21-22 Budget Amendment #1 that is resulting in a year-end balance of \$30,521. The Committee also received an update on an action plan to address concerns related to Los Angeles County services in the areas of animal control, homelessness, and public health. Additionally, the Committee voted to approve an updated Audit Charter and approved the Annual Audit Work Plan.
- **Senator Rubio and Assemblymember Rubio Press Conference:** On Wednesday, Senator Susan Rubio and Assemblymember Blanca Rubio held a press conference in the City of Monterey Park highlighting the budget earmarks for affordable housing and workforce development that Senator Rubio and Assemblymember Rubio helped to secure for the SGVCOG and the San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust (SGVRHT). In the FY 21-22 budget, the SGVRHT received a budget earmark of \$20 million for the production of affordable housing, and the SGVCOG received a budget earmark of \$1 million for workforce development programs. SGVCOG President and Monrovia Councilmember Becky Shevlin, SGVRHT Chair and Claremont Councilmember Jed Leano, and Monterey Park Councilmember and SGVCOG Board Delegate Peter Chan also participated in the event, which received press coverage from numerous television and radio outlets.
- **CCEC Presentation:** On Wednesday, SGVCOG staff Sam Pedersen and SGVRHT Administrator Brielle Acevedo presented at a California Climate and Energy Collaborative (CCEC) webinar on building “Effective Equity & Climate Resilience Partnerships”, specifically highlighting the Southern California Regional Energy Network (SoCalREN) and the SGVRHT. Congratulations to Sam and Brielle!
- **SGV Landlord Incentives Program:** The SGV Landlord Incentives Program (SGVLIP) has launched! This program, which was highlighted in the San Gabriel Valley Tribune this week, provides incentives to landlords that rent their units to homeless individuals with housing vouchers. This program is designed to fill gaps that make it more difficult for homeless individuals to access existing apartments - like a lack of security and/or holding deposit and application. The program also incentivizes landlord participation by providing participation bonuses, damage mitigation, vacancy loss coverage, and continuity bonuses. Every tenant placed in a unit is provided with wraparound services and at least monthly follow-up, and landlords will have support from their tenants’ case managers. Interested landlords can visit <https://landlordincentives.org/>, landlordincentives@unionstationhs.org or call (909) 660-3502.

SGVCOG Weekly Recap

Week of August 9, 2021

- **Water Committee:** On Tuesday, the Water Policy Committee and Water Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) convened its monthly joint meeting via Zoom teleconference. The meeting featured the following presentation and update items:
 - **Water Supply Update:** Staff from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) presented on California's water supply conditions, the State's drought actions, and MWD's drought operations. In 2021, below average precipitation, below average snowmelt runoff, and above average spring temperatures region wide have led to drought conditions in California. In May, Governor Newsom declared a State of Emergency Proclamation for 50 counties within the Klamath River, Russian River, Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, and Tulare Lake watersheds, representing approximately 40 million people. Currently, none of the six counties within MWD's service area are under a drought emergency. However, there will be a gap between supply and demand, so MWD will be implementing a Water Surplus and Drought Management (WSDM) Plan to satisfy the 2021 supply-demand gap and preserve SWP carryover storage for 2022.
 - **Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit:** COG staff are currently developing an "MS4 101" document to provide an overview of the Permit, compliance updates, and an overarching resource guide on stormwater. This will help inform and engage elected officials around the Permit and with the LA Regional Water Quality Control Board.
- **Homelessness Committee:** On Wednesday, the Homelessness Committee met via Zoom teleconference. The meeting featured the following presentations and action item:
 - **City of Alhambra Homeless Crisis Housing, Street Outreach, Case Management, and Related Programs:** Jessica Binnquist, City Manager of Alhambra, presented on the program, which enhances the City's existing homeless services and public safety street outreach with behavioral healthcare resources provided by Los Angeles Centers for Alcohol and Drug Abuse (LA CADA). LA CADA provides street outreach in collaboration with City staff and the City's Homeless Outreach Mobile Engagement (HOME) team, housing navigation, prevention services, domestic violence services, and access to crisis housing and residential and outpatient behavioral healthcare. LA CADA also operates Recovery Bridge Housing sites, including one in Pasadena and two in Altadena.
 - **City of Huntington Beach HOPE Mobile Crisis Response Program:** Oliver Chi, City Manager of Huntington Beach, presented on Project HOPE (Helping Out People Everywhere). Approximately 10% of the calls to the City's Police Department are related to mental health or homelessness, so the Mobile Crisis Response Program deploys non-sworn, third-party response team to assist individuals experiencing a crisis. This relieves police personnel to conduct proactive policing and crime prevention and handle other calls for service and allows professionally trained staff to address homelessness, mental health, and substance use disorder. In January 2021, City staff selected Be Well OC, a mental health care provider, as the program operator. The one-year pilot launched on August 2, and in one week, the program has already seen success at responding to mental health crises and alleviating the need for police response.
 - **2022-2023 SGVCOG Measure H Funding Recommendations:** The Committee voted to recommend the Governing Board approve the SGVCOG Measure H

Funding Recommendations for the \$3.52 million the COG will receive over 18 months beginning in January 2022. The recommendations include four programs that aim to address various needs and gaps in service in the San Gabriel Valley:

- **Program 1: Services to Supplement Existing Programs:** This program aims to serve people experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness and serve cities by identifying the largest gaps within the existing homeless services system and providing resources to address those gaps in a more responsive and coordinated manner. Resources would include but would not be limited to case management services, housing navigation, medical care, and legal services. The SGVCOG would procure one or more service provider contracts, which would be managed by the SGVCOG, and services would be provided at a cohort level with little to no administrative burden for cities.
- **Program 2: Outreach and Services for Hard-to-Reach Populations:** Based on the City of Alhambra's program, this program would fill gaps in outreach and service needs of hard-to-reach populations, such as those who are suffering with substance abuse disorders or mental illness. This program would pair service provider(s) with city public safety or outreach teams and target more frequent users of homeless services to connect them to the right services and treatment and to help place them in long-term care and treatment facilities. The program will work in close coordination with the LA County Department of Mental Health (DMH) and TriCity Mental Health.
- **Program 3: Mobile Crisis Response Program:** This program would provide for an alternative mobile crisis response to 911 calls related to homelessness and/or mental health crises. This program would be integrated within a city's emergency response network, diverting appropriate 911 calls to a crisis response team that could respond to the individual in crisis. This program would build upon the alternative crisis response study that is currently being completed. Interested cities will be required to submit a formal letter of interest, as well as data related to its 911 calls. To participate, cities will need to provide matching funds, either City funding or DMH or State grant funding that the COG is exploring for cities to obtain.
- **Program 4: Pilot Programs/City-Specific Programs:** This program would address city- and cohort-specific needs. The intent of this program is for cities or cohorts of cities to implement new or existing programs that are not otherwise provided under the other funding categories. This program would require an application, and there would also be a formal intent to apply prior to the application process.
- **City Managers' Steering Committee:** On Wednesday, the City Managers' Steering Committee held its monthly meeting virtually via Zoom. The Committee received a presentation on the City of Alhambra's homelessness outreach efforts and partnership programs with the Los Angeles Centers for Alcohol and Drug Abuse (L.A. CADA). The Committee also received a comprehensive update on various SGVCOG projects, including in the areas of homelessness, water, transportation, energy, and the Neighborhood Coyote Program. Additionally, the Committee voted to recommend the Governing Board approve the SGVCOG 22-23 Measure H funding recommendations, as well as voted to approve the FY 22-25 Measure M Multi-Year Subregional Program Funding Guidelines.

- **Transportation Committee:** On Thursday, the SGVCOG Transportation Committee convened via Zoom for its monthly meeting. The Committee reviewed the following major items:
 - **Review of FY 2022-2025 Measure M MSP Funding Guidelines:** The Committee approved the draft Funding Guidelines to allocate and distribute the Measure M Subregional Program (MSP) funds for FY 2022-2025. These funds were allocated to each subregion, including the SGVCOG, for the subregions' respective needs. After a thorough discussion, the Committee voted to recommend the Governing Board to approve the FY 2022-2025 Measure M MSP Active Transportation, Bus System Improvements, and First/Last Mile Funding Guidelines.
 - **AB 43 (Friedman):** Introduced by Assemblymember Laura Friedman (D-Burbank) on December 7, 2020, AB 43 provides the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and local authorities greater flexibility in setting speed limits based on recommendations made by the Zero Traffic Fatality Task Force in January 2020. With the goal of lowering speeds to decrease the number of accidents and injuries, AB 43 can provide agencies and local jurisdictions flexibility to lower speed limits to improve road safety for all users. After reviewing the legislation, the Committee voted to recommend the Governing Board to support AB 43.
 - **Metro First/Last Mile Guidelines:** The Metro First/Last Mile Guidelines provide guidance on how Metro and local jurisdictions can partner to plan, design, and construct first/last mile improvements. These Guidelines, which only apply to Metro's new rail and Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) projects, aim to enhance the facilitation and implementation of first/last mile networks around transit stations and stops across Los Angeles County. The finalized Guidelines can be found [here](#).
 - **57/60 Confluence Chokepoint Relief Project INFRA Grant Funding:** In June 2021, Congresswoman Young Kim (CA-39) announced that the U.S. Department of Transportation would award \$30 million in Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) grant funding to Metro for the State Route 57/60 Confluence Chokepoint Relief Project. Earlier this year, Congresswoman Kim and Congresswoman Grace Napolitano (CA-32) led a bipartisan effort and urged Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg to support improving the 57/60 Freeway Confluence. The 57/60 Project aims to address the interchange, which is the second highest truck accident location in Southern California, has an accident rate that is 50% higher than the statewide average, and is ranked as the eleventh worst truck bottleneck in the nation, with congestion lasting over four hours a day, especially during the afternoon peak period. Once completed, the Project will increase the average peak travel speed from 31.5 mph to 68.5 mph and significantly reduce fatalities and accidents along the 2.5-mile chokepoint.

The Committee is anticipated to reconvene on Thursday, September 9, 2021 at 4:00pm.

- **Governing Board Preview:** The SGVCOG Governing Board will hold its monthly meeting next Thursday, August 19, 2021, at 4PM via Zoom Teleconference. The full agenda packet may be accessed at: <https://www.sgvco.org/governing-board-agenda>. Major action items are summarized below:
 - **AB 41 (Wood) – Support:** Introduced by Assemblymember Jim Wood (D-Eureka), AB 41 requires the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to maintain and update an interactive map showing the accessibility of broadband service in the state, including but not limited to, the percentage of each census block that has broadband service meeting federal and state standards. The bill would also require Caltrans to install broadband conduit capable of supporting technology-neutral telecommunication cables when undertaking a highway construction project in a

- priority area. On August 2, 2021, the Executive Committee reviewed the bill and voted to recommend the Governing Board to support the legislation.
- **SB 4 (Gonzalez) – Support:** Introduced by Senator Lena Gonzalez (D-Long Beach), SB 4 extends and provides various modifications to the California Advanced Services Fund, including increasing the minimum speed of broadband infrastructure funded by the program, expanding the communities eligible for grants, and expanding the allowable expenditures from the Fund. The bill also provides the Governor’s Office of Business and Economic Development with new responsibilities to facilitate streamlining of local land use approvals and construction and permit processes for projects related to broadband infrastructure deployment and connectivity. On August 2, 2021, the Executive Committee reviewed the bill and voted to recommend the Governing Board to support the legislation.
 - **SB 743 (Bradford):** Introduced by Senator Steven Bradford (D-Torrance), SB 743 requires the CPUC, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to establish a grant program to fund broadband adoption, digital literacy, and computer equipment for eligible publicly supported communities, low-income mobilehome parks, and farmworker housing. SB 743’s fiscal impacts are currently unknown given that the bill is keyed fiscal by the Legislative Counsel. Due to the unknown fiscal impacts, the Executive Committee voted to recommend the Governing Board to direct staff to watch and monitor SB 743 (Bradford). In the event that information on the bill’s fiscal impacts becomes available, staff will provide relevant reports and updates to the Executive Committee.
 - **Los Angeles County Coordination Action Plan Update:** SGVCOG staff has been working to coordinate input on the engagement efforts between the County of Los Angeles and San Gabriel Valley cities and agencies. A survey was released to San Gabriel Valley city managers and Governing Board delegates to request member agencies to provide their levels of engagement and contracting relationships with each County department. Examining the respondents’ comments and feedback received, several cities reported that they are pleased with the County’s quality of service. The top services of concern were animal care and control, homelessness, and public health operations. Additionally, many respondents suggested that having a more streamlined method of communication with the County of Los Angeles can better assist County staff to address local needs. As a result, members of the Governing Board directed SGVCOG staff to develop an action plan to address concerns that were raised in the survey.
 - **12th Amended and Restated Bylaws:** Currently, the Bylaws only allow the Past President to serve on the Executive Committee if the member is also a current Governing Board Delegate. As a result, staff recommends allowing the Past President Representative on the Executive Committee to be a Delegate or Alternate on the Governing Board. Staff is recommending the Governing Board authorize staff to place the proposed Twelfth Amended and Restated on the agenda for the Governing Board’s consideration at its next regular meeting. No other changes to the Bylaws are being proposed.
 - **FY 21-22 Budget Amendment #1:** Staff is recommending revisions to the FY 21-22 budget. The overall impact is resulting in a year-end balance of \$30,521.
 - **2022-2023 Measure H Funding Recommendations:** As discussed above at the Homelessness Committee, staff is recommending the Governing Board approve the proposed SGVCOG 2022-2023 Measure H Funding Recommendation; and authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute contract with the Los Angeles County Homeless Initiative for an amount not-to-exceed \$3,525,000.

- **Funding Agreement with the City of La Verne for the Design of the Gold Line Pedestrian Bridge:** As part of the Foothill Gold (L) Line Extension Project, a station will be constructed in La Verne adjacent to the Pomona Fairplex within the next few years; however, the station and the Pomona Fairplex are separated by Metrolink heavy-rail tracks and the six-lane arterial Arrow Highway. As a result, the City of La Verne proposed to construct a pedestrian bridge, known as the Gold Line Pedestrian Bridge, to provide bike and pedestrian connectivity between the two locations. The project was previously awarded \$900,000 in FY 2017-2021 Measure M Multi-Year Subregional Program (MSP) funds for the planning and design of the bridge. In November 2020, the SGVCOG awarded the project's design contract to KPFF Consulting Engineers in the amount of \$1.2 million, with authorization to proceed only with 35% design (equivalent to approximately \$500,000) until the proposed agreement between La Verne and the SGVCOG is approved by the Governing Board. Members of the Governing Board are recommended to authorize the Executive Director to execute the funding agreement with the City of La Verne to complete the design of the Gold Line Pedestrian Bridge.



SGVCOG Weekly Recap

Week of August 16, 2021

- **Public Works TAC:** On Monday, the SGVCOG Public Works Technical Advisory Committee convened for its monthly meeting via Zoom. The Committee received welcoming remarks from SGVCOG President Becky Shevlin and reviewed the following major items:
 - **SoCalGas Energy Efficiency Presentation:** SoCalGas Senior Account Executive, Rob Bailes, presented on the company's Energy Efficiency Business Rebate Program, which provides financial assistance for qualifying energy efficiency equipment like water boilers, tankless water heaters, economizers, laminar flow restrictors, pipe/tank/fittings insulation, pool heaters, recirculating pumps, and insulation products. Jurisdictions that participate in the Program must have active SoCalGas accounts and must have their eligible equipment installed by December 31, 2021 to receive the rebates.
 - **San Gabriel Valley Regional Food Recovery Program:** SGVCOG staff presented on the SGVCOG's development of the Regional Food Recovery Program. This regional endeavor will help participating cities comply with SB 1383's edible food recovery regulations. The SGVCOG is hiring a consultant to conduct activities such as assessing potential food recovery agencies and their capacities for cities to utilize for SB 1383 requirements, assessing Tier 1 and Tier 2 generators for current compliance with edible food recovery, preparing guidance, assisting with outreach efforts, and implementing inspection and enforcement programs. The Program currently has 15 participating cities. Questions and inquiries regarding the Regional Food Recovery Program can be directed to SGVCOG staff at afung@sgvcog.org.
 - **Review of FY 2022-2025 Measure M Multi-Year Subregional Program Guidelines:** The Committee approved the draft Funding Guidelines to allocate and distribute the Measure M Subregional Program (MSP) funds for FY 2022-2025. These funds were allocated to each subregion, including the SGVCOG, for the subregions' respective needs. After a thorough discussion, the Committee voted to recommend the Governing Board to approve the FY 2022-2025 Measure M MSP Active Transportation, Bus System Improvements, and First/Last Mile Funding Guidelines.
 - **Legislative Updates: AB 43 (Friedman):** SGVCOG staff provided a presentation on AB 43, which provides Caltrans and local authorities greater flexibility in setting and reducing speed limits based on specific circumstances. This allows local authorities more flexibility to lower speeds to decrease accidents and injuries.
 - **2021 San Gabriel Valley Energy Champion Awards Progress Updates:** Earlier this year, the SGVCOG launched the 2021 San Gabriel Valley Energy Champion Awards to encourage San Gabriel Valley cities and agencies to implement energy efficiency actions and engage in long-term energy planning activities. Requirements for cities and agencies to receive an award include implementing a combination of activities such as attending energy efficiency trainings and meetings, benchmarking municipal facilities, and conducting energy efficiency outreach activities. The Energy Champion Awards' most recent progress report can be found on the San Gabriel Valley Energy Wise Partnership website [here](#).
- The Committee is scheduled to reconvene on Monday, September 20, 2021 at 12:00pm.

- **EENR Committee:** On Wednesday, the SGVCOG Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources (EENR) Committee convened its monthly meeting via Zoom. The Committee received welcoming remarks from SGVCOG President Becky Shevlin and reviewed the following major agenda items:
 - **Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail:** National Parks Service Landscape Designer/Planner, Scott Elder, provided the presentation on this item. The 1,200-mile trail commemorates the Spanish colonial Anza Expedition of 1775-1776 and the first non-Native families to journey overland into Alta California. The Trail connects historic, cultural, and recreation sites across Arizona and California that reveal a legacy of the United States' Hispanic heritage.
 - **Governor Newsom's 30x30 Initiative:** The Trust for Public Land Southern California Project Manager, Paolo Perrone, provided the presentation on Governor Newsom's executive order directing state agencies to deploy a number of strategies to store carbon in the state's natural and working lands and remove it from the atmosphere. The Order also set a first-in-the-nation goal to conserve 30% of the state's land and coastal water by 2030 to combat species loss and ecosystem destruction.
 - **Solid Waste Advocacy Updates:** SGVCOG staff shared updates on recent solid waste advocacy efforts, which included the following:
 - Submitting letters requesting the State to allocate \$225 million from the General Fund to assist local jurisdictions with developing and implementing organic waste recycling programs as required by SB 1383 regulations and to provide time extensions for San Gabriel Valley cities to comply with SB 1383;
 - Supporting SB 619 (Laird), which provides cities and counties with additional flexibility to comply with SB 1383;
 - Coordinating with the County of Los Angeles and the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) to streamline SB 1383 compliance efforts.

The Committee is anticipated to reconvene on Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at 1:00pm.

- **Governing Board Best Practice Sharing:** The SGVCOG is currently soliciting interest from member cities/agencies to share best practices at future Governing Board meetings. If your city/agency is interested, please complete the following form: <https://forms.gle/TZhPyUMMCuwPcyC78>.
- **Governing Board Recap:** On Thursday, the SGVCOG Governing Board convened via Zoom for its monthly meeting. Members of the Governing Board reviewed and voted on the following major items
 - **AB 41 (Wood) – Support:** As recommended by the Executive Committee, the Governing Board approved Resolution 21-37 to support AB 41 (Wood). AB 41 requires the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to maintain and update an interactive map showing the accessibility of broadband service in the state, including but not limited to, the percentage of each census block that has broadband service meeting federal and state standards. The bill would also require Caltrans to install broadband conduit capable of supporting technology-neutral telecommunication cables when undertaking a highway construction project in a priority area.
 - **SB 4 (Gonzalez) – Support:** As recommended by the Executive Committee, Members of the Governing Board approved Resolution 21-38 to support SB 4 (Gonzalez). SB 4 extends and provides various modifications to the California Advanced Services Fund, including increasing the minimum speed of broadband

- infrastructure funded by the program, expanding the communities eligible for grants, and expanding the allowable expenditures from the Fund.
- **12th Amended and Restated Bylaws:** Members of the Governing Board voted to authorize staff to place the proposed Twelfth Amended and Restated Bylaws on the agenda for the Governing Board's consideration at its next regular meeting. The proposed updated Bylaws would allow the Past President Representative on the Executive Committee to be a Delegate or Alternate on the Governing Board.
 - **FY 21-22 Budget Amendment #1:** The Governing Board approved Resolution 21-42 amending the FY 21-22 Budget. The overall impact results in a year-end balance of \$30,521 for the FY 21-22 Budget.
 - **2022-2023 Measure H Funding Recommendations:** As recommended by the Executive Committee and City Managers' Steering Committee, Members of the Governing Board approved the SGVCOG 2022-2023 Measure H Funding Recommendations; and authorized the Executive Director to negotiate and execute contract with the Los Angeles County Homeless Initiative for an amount not-to-exceed \$3,525,000.
 - **Funding Agreement with the City of La Verne for the Design of the Gold Line Pedestrian Bridge:** The Governing Board voted to authorize the Executive Director to execute a funding agreement with the City of La Verne to complete the design of the Gold Line Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Pedestrian Bridge. The Gold Line Pedestrian Bridge provides bike and pedestrian connectivity between the future Foothill Gold station in La Verne and the Fairplex in Pomona.
 - **SB 1383 Presentation:** The Governing Board received a presentation from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works on SB 1383 regulations related to solid waste and food recovery.
 - **City of Temple City Best Practice Presentation:** Members of the Governing Board received a presentation from the City of Temple City on efforts related to electronic plan submittal and reviews through the City's Building and Planning Services Department.
 - **SB 9 Updates:** On Thursday, the Assembly Appropriations Committee passed SB 9 (Atkins), which results in quadrupling the allowable density in long-established residential neighborhoods and driving real-estate speculators to purchase homes in order to split parcels. The passage of SB 9 can lead to an end of single-family residential zoning in California. On July 8th, the SGVCOG issued a joint letter of opposition with 20 San Gabriel Valley cities to oppose SB 9. Given that the bill is expected to arrive at the Assembly Floor within the next few weeks for voting, cities are encouraged to contact their respective Assemblymembers to urge them to oppose SB 9.

SGVCOG Weekly Recap

Week of August 23, 2021

- **Capital Projects and Construction Committee:** On Monday, the SGVCOG Capital Projects and Construction Committee convened via Zoom for its monthly meeting. The Committee received a project update on the Rio Hondo Watershed Load Reduction Strategy and an informational update on the Proposed Funding Guidelines for the Measure M Multi-Year Subregional Program (MSP) for the San Gabriel Valley Subregion in FY 2022-2025. The Committee also approved the selection and award of contract in the not-to-exceed amount of \$8,905,053.00 and the issuance of Task Order No. 1 to AECOM for the Construction Management Services for the Fullerton Road Grade Separation Construction Completion Project. The Committee is scheduled to reconvene on Monday, September 27, 2021 at 12:00pm.
- **Homeless Working Group:** On Thursday, the Homelessness Working Group met via Zoom. Victoria Urenia was introduced as the newest member of SGVCOG staff working on homelessness programming. Staff also provided the following updates:
 - **2022-2023 Measure H Programs:** The SGVCOG is launching four homelessness programs to begin January 2022 that will operate until June 2023. At this time, funding is split evenly between each program at approximately \$800,000 per program. A letter of intent (LOI) will determine interest in each program so that we may adjust funding per category as needed. The four programming areas are as follows:
 - Services to Supplement Existing Programs
 - Hard-to-Reach (HTR) Outreach and Services Program
 - Mobile Crisis Response Program
 - City Programs
 - **San Gabriel Valley Landlord Incentives Program:** To help increase supply of housing to those who need it most, the SGVCOG has launched the San Gabriel Valley Landlord Incentives Program. Financial incentives, guarantees, and wraparound supportive services are provided to landlords who participate in the program. We need everyone's help in spreading the word and making sure landlords in our communities are aware of this program. With that in mind we have created a [communications toolkit](#) to support the effort.

The next Homelessness Working Group is scheduled to meet Thursday, September 23, 2021 at 10am.

- **Energy Work Group:** On Tuesday, the SGVCOG Energy Work Group convened its quarterly meeting via Zoom. Members of the Work Group received informational presentations on AB 841 guidelines and SoCalGas' hydrogen efforts. Additionally, the Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office shared an announcement regarding its upcoming City Sustainability Summit in September. SGVCOG staff also recognized the City of San Gabriel for being the first city that achieved the "Silver" recognition tier in the 2021 San Gabriel Valley Energy Champion Awards. The Energy Work Group is scheduled to reconvene in October.
- **Planners' TAC:** On Thursday, the SGVCOG Planning Directors' Technical Advisory Committee convened via Zoom for its monthly meeting. The Committee reviewed the following major items:
 - **San Gabriel Valley Regional Food Recovery Program:** SGVCOG staff presented on the SGVCOG's development of the Regional Food Recovery Program. This regional endeavor will help participating cities comply with SB

1383's edible food recovery regulations. The SGVCOG plans on hiring a consultant to conduct activities such as assessing potential food recovery agencies and their capacities for cities to utilize for SB 1383 requirements, assessing Tier 1 and Tier 2 generators for current compliance with edible food recovery, preparing guidance, assisting with outreach efforts, and implementing inspection and enforcement programs. The Program currently has 15 participating cities. Questions and inquiries regarding the Regional Food Recovery Program can be directed to SGVCOG staff at afung@sgvcog.org.

- **Review of FY 2022-2025 Measure M Multi-Year Subregional Program Guidelines:** The Committee recommended that the Governing Board approve the draft Funding Guidelines to allocate and distribute the Measure M Subregional Program (MSP) funds for FY 2022-2025. The Committee voted to recommend the Governing Board to approve the FY 2022-2025 Measure M MSP Active Transportation, Bus System Improvements, and First/Last Mile Funding Guidelines.
- **2021 San Gabriel Valley Energy Champion Awards Progress Updates:** SGVCOG staff provided updates on this item. Earlier this year, the SGVCOG launched the 2021 San Gabriel Valley Energy Champion Awards to encourage San Gabriel Valley cities and agencies to implement energy efficiency actions and engage in long-term energy planning activities. The Energy Champion Awards' most recent progress report can be found on the San Gabriel Valley Energy Wise Partnership website [here](#).

The Committee is expected to reconvene on Thursday, September 23, 2021 at 12:00pm.



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SGVCOG Weekly Recap

Week of August 30, 2021

- **Executive Committee:** On Monday, the Executive Committee held its monthly meeting via Zoom. The Committee received an update on the SGVCOG's legislative efforts, including updates related to SB 9. Additionally, the Committee reviewed and approved the draft September 16 Governing Board agenda.
- **Homelessness Committee:** On Wednesday, the SGVCOG Homelessness Committee convened for its monthly meeting via Zoom. The Committee reviewed the following major items.
 - **2021 Housing Inventory Count (HIC) and Shelter Count:** SPA 3 Community Relations Coordinator at LAHSA, Pablo De Lara, provided information on this year's Housing Inventory Count (HIC) and Shelter Count updates, which can be found [here](#). Mr. De Lara focused on the need to increase housing supply so that there were more potential permanent housing options to which those in shelters could exit.
 - **Project Roomkey and Homekey Updates Presentation:** LA County Homeless Initiative (HI) Principal Analyst, Elizabeth Ben-Ishai, provided an update on the demobilization of Project Roomkey (PRK) sites and on the opening of Project Homekey (PHK) sites. Most PRK sites have been demobilized, and participants have exited to other locations. PHK sites will be converted into permanent supportive housing sites in mid-2022. After the transition is complete, the 10 LA County sites will house an estimated 850 individuals experiencing homelessness. An additional round of PHK funding from the state is expected to further increase supply of interim and permanent housing in Los Angeles County. LAHSA Associate Director, Will Lehman, provided additional updates on the efforts of LAHSA, the City of Los Angeles and the County of Los Angeles to exit PRK participants into permanent housing.
 - **LA County Homelessness Governance Reform and Blue-Ribbon Commission on Homelessness:** SGVCOG Management Analyst, Samantha Matthews, provided updates regarding the Blue-Ribbon Commission on Homelessness. On August 10, the Board of Supervisors approved the appointees to the Blue-Ribbon Commission. The two Council of Governments representatives are our President and Committee Chair, Becky Shevlin, and Redondo Beach Councilmember, Christian Horvath. They will begin meeting on September 8th and will continue meeting twice monthly, for six months. President Becky Shevlin added that she will provide updates at future Homelessness Committee meetings.
- **City Managers' Steering Committee:** On Wednesday, the City Managers' Steering Committee held its monthly meeting virtually via Zoom. The Committee received welcoming remarks from the new SGVCOG President, Becky Shevlin. The Committee also received a comprehensive update on the SGVCOG's advocacy for Measure H funding and homelessness services for the San Gabriel Valley.