



SGVCOG Governing Board Approved Minutes

Date: February 18, 2021
Time: 4:00 PM
Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order
M. Clark called the meeting to order at 4:01pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance
A. Andrade-Stadler led the Governing Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call
A quorum was in attendance.

Governing Board Members Present

Alhambra	Adele Andrade-Stadler
Arcadia	April Verlato
Azusa	Robert Gonzales
Baldwin Park	Daniel Damian
Bradbury	Richard Barakat
Claremont	Ed Reece
Covina	Patricia Cortez
Diamond Bar	Nancy Lyons
Duarte	Samuel Kang
El Monte	Maria Morales
Glendora	Michael Allawos
Industry	Cory Moss
Irwindale	Albert Ambriz
La Cañada Flintridge	Keith Eich
La Puente	Gabriel Quinones
La Verne	Tim Hepburn
Monrovia	Becky Shevlin
Montebello	Scarlet Peralta
Monterey Park	Peter Chan
Pasadena	Victor Gordo
Pomona	Steve Lustro
Rosemead	Margaret Clark
San Dimas	Denis Bertone
San Gabriel	Jason Pu
San Marino	Susan Jakubowski
South El Monte	Gloria Olmos
South Pasadena	Diana Mahmud
Temple City	Cynthia Sternquist
Walnut	Allen Wu

Absent

Sierra Madre

SGVCOG Staff

M. Creter, Exec. Director
D. DeBerry, General Counsel
E. Shen, Staff
P. Hubler, Staff
C. Sims, Staff
B. Acevedo, Staff
K. Ward, Staff
A. Fung, Staff
S. Matthews, Staff
B. McCullom, Staff
S. Hernandez, Staff
A. Bordallo, Staff
S. Pedersen, Staff

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
SGV Water Districts Jennifer Santana

4. Public Comment
There were no public comments.
5. Changes to Agenda Order
There were no changes to the Agenda Order.

LIAISON REPORTS

No verbal report was given unless otherwise noted.

6. Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority
7. Foothill Transit
8. Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
9. San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC)
10. San Gabriel Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District (SGVMVCD)
11. Southern California Association of Governments
12. League of California Cities
13. San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership (SGVEP)
14. South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

SGVCOG President, Margaret Clark, provided a report.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

SGVCOG Executive Director, Marisa Creter, provided a report.

GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

SGVCOG General Counsel, David DeBerry, provided a report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

No verbal report was given unless otherwise noted.

15. Transportation Committee
16. Homelessness Committee
17. San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust Board
18. Energy, Environment and Natural Resources (EENR) Committee
19. Water Committee
20. Capital Projects and Construction Committee

CONSENT CALENDAR

21. Governing Board Meeting Minutes
Action: Adopt Governing Board minutes.

- 22. Monthly Cash Disbursements/Balances/Transfers**
Action: Approve Monthly Cash Disbursements/Balances/Transfers.
- 23. Committee/TAC/Governing Board Attendance**
Action: Receive and file.
- 24. Committee/TAC/Partnership Agency Appointments**
Action: Appoint members to the following standing SGVCOG Policy Committees, Technical Advisory Committees, and other partnership agency appointments:
- *California Association of Councils of Governments*
 - o *Margaret Clark, Rosemead (Delegate)*
 - o *Becky Shevlin, Monrovia (Alternate)*
 - *San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy:*
 - o *Victoria Martinez Muela, El Monte (Delegate)*
 - *San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust Board of Directors:*
 - o *Central Seat: Maria Morales, El Monte (Delegate), Emmanuel Estrada, Baldwin Park (Alternate)*
 - o *Housing and Homeless Expert: Carol Averell, Baldwin Park (Delegate)*
 - *Planning Directors' Technical Advisory Committee:*
 - o *City of Pasadena*
 - *Public Works Technical Advisory Committee:*
 - o *City of Pasadena*
 - *Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources:*
 - o *City of Pasadena*
 - *Homelessness Committee:*
 - o *City of Pasadena*
 - *Transportation Committee:*
 - o *City of Alhambra*
 - o *City of Pasadena*
 - o *Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors District #4*
 - *Water Technical Advisory Committee:*
 - o *City of Pasadena*
- 25. Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) Application**
Action: Authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute an agreement with SCAG for completion of SGVCOG Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) projects for an amount not-to-exceed \$1,482,000.
- 26. Support for Federal Affordable Housing Grant Program Funding**
Action: Authorize the SGVCOG President to send a letter to Senator Feinstein in support of federal legislation that would provide \$1.5 billion annually to help state and local governments or nonprofit organizations acquire and rehabilitate existing buildings for use as affordable housing. Request that "eligible entities" be clearly defined in the legislation to include entities such as the San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust (SGVRHT).
- 27. Update SGVCOG Energy Policy**

Action: Adopt Resolution 21-06 updating the SGVCOG Energy Policy.

- 28.** Update SGVCOG Open Space Preservation Policy
Action: Adopt Resolution 21-07 updating the SGVCOG Open Space Preservation Policy.
- 29.** Update SGVCOG Solid Waste Policy
Action: Adopt Resolution 21-08 updating the SGVCOG Solid Waste Policy.
- 30.** SGVCOG Delegate to the San Gabriel Mountains Community Collaborative
Action: Adopt Resolution 21-09 to appoint Claremont Mayor Jennifer Stark as the SGVCOG Delegate to the San Gabriel Mountains Community Collaborative.
- 31.** Fighting Homelessness Through Services and Housing Act
Action: Adopt Resolution 21-10 supporting the Fighting Homelessness Through Services and Housing Act.
- 32.** Measure H Innovation Funds Programming Recommendation Updates
Action: Adopt Resolution 21-11 regarding the allocation of funds to homelessness programs by combining the Regional Housing Trust funding categories.
- 33.** Update San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust (SGVRHT) Board of Directors Appointment Process
Action: Adopt Resolution 21-12 approving the San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust Election Process.

There was a motion to approve consent calendar items 21 to 33. (M/S: D. Bertone/T. Hepburn)

[Motion Passed]

AYES:	Alhambra, Arcadia, Azusa, Baldwin Park, Bradbury, Claremont, Covina, Diamond Bar, Duarte, El Monte, Glendora, Industry, Irwindale, La Cañada Flintridge, La Puente, La Verne, Monrovia, Montebello, Monterey Park, Pasadena, Pomona, Rosemead, San Dimas, San Gabriel, San Marino, South El Monte, South Pasadena, Temple City, Walnut, West Covina, L.A. County District #1, L.A. County District #4, L.A. County District #5, SGV Water Districts
NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	
NO VOTE RECORDED:	
ABSENT:	Sierra Madre

PRESENTATION

- 34.** COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Update
Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Dr. Paul Simon, provided a presentation on this item.

Key Questions/Discussions:

- G. Quinones inquired about the Johnson & Johnson vaccine's effectiveness. Dr. Simon responded that the Johnson & Johnson vaccine is effective and that it is being developed using a modified version of protein that mimics the coronavirus protein to stimulate an antibody response.
- M. Allawos inquired about mRNA and whether mRNA changes an individual's DNA. Dr. Simon responded that mRNA does not change an individual's DNA. The mRNA does not have a component of the actual virus and it is used to trigger an antibody response. Once the human antibody response is triggered, the mRNA is then rapidly destroyed by the body.
- T. Wu expressed concerns regarding DPH neglecting individuals in retirement homes. Specifically, Mr. Wu stated that the Bridgecreek Retirement Home in the City of West Covina experienced an outbreak that led to the deaths of several residents. Dr. Simon responded that the Department is currently expanding mobile units to assist senior residents and promised Mr. Wu that the Department will specifically follow up on the incident at the Bridgecreek Retirement Home.
- J. Santana inquired about Dr. Simon's recommendations on whether individuals with underlying health conditions should receive the vaccine. Dr. Simon responded that the vaccine trials included individuals with autoimmune diseases and that the vaccine was at least 90% effective among those individuals. Individuals with underlying health conditions are encouraged to receive vaccines to avoid severe adverse outcomes if they are infected with COVID-19. However, individuals who have a history of severe allergic reactions to components of the vaccines should consult their doctors before receiving the vaccines.
- J. Santana also inquired about individuals with mothers who have severe autoimmune diseases in the family. Dr. Simon responded that having a family history with severe autoimmune diseases is not a contrary indication for an individual to receive a vaccine. The Department has not witnessed adverse effects in pregnant women who received the vaccines; however, pregnant women with complicated pregnancies should consult with their providers prior to receiving the vaccines.
- B. Shevlin mentioned that the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia issued an article that answered various questions about the vaccines. Ms. Shevlin also inquired about the relationships between alcohol consumption, allergy shots, and the COVID-19 vaccines, as well as the vaccines' ability to maintain immunity in the future. Dr. Simon responded that it is possible that additional booster vaccines will be needed to bolster the population's resilience against the viruses in the future. The COVID viruses can possibly evolve, similar to influenza, depending on their strains. Individuals who receive COVID vaccinations should abide to the CDC guidelines on alcohol consumption. Additionally, individuals who are vaccinated should wait at least 14 days before receiving other vaccinations, such as allergy shots.
- J. Pu commented that various barriers, such as language, transportation, and technology, have been preventing senior residents from receiving the vaccines. Mr. Pu mentioned that the FQHC Model may be the most effective at reaching the most underserved residents of the community due to grassroot efforts. Mr. Pu inquired about Blue Shield's influence in vaccination site operations and whether the FQHC Model should be emphasized in new vaccine allocations. Dr. Simon responded that the Department will

be expanding outreach efforts to ensure that senior residents are accommodated. Dr. Simon also commented that the Department is currently examining Blue Shield's influence and monitoring how the statewide system will include local governments.

- G. Olmos inquired about whether pregnant women are at greater risk for receiving the vaccine. Dr. Simon confirmed that pregnant women who received the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines have not experienced adverse outcomes. Results for pregnant women who received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine have not yet been conclusive.
- N. Lyons shared Mr. Wu and Mr. Pu's concerns regarding the lack of engagements and accommodations for senior residents and facilities and suggested that the Department partners with Red Cross to dispatch additional mobile units in the community. Dr. Simon thanked Ms. Lyons for her perspectives.
- E. Gonzalez commented that the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors is currently coordinating with regional transit authorities to provide residents with direct access to vaccination sites. Additional information regarding COVID vaccines will also be distributed to local residents.
- P. Chan inquired about the effectiveness of COVID tests. Dr. Simon responded that it is unlikely for an individual to receive a false positive after administering the PCR test. While the PCR test is not perfect, the test is extremely effective. Individuals who have previously been infected with COVID-19 should receive the vaccine and that vaccinated individuals should continue to wear masks to protect the community.
- N. Lyons sought clarifications on women who are vaccinated not receiving mammograms at least four to six weeks to avoid false cancer reading due to swollen lymph nodes. Dr. Simon responded that while the situation seems possible, the Department will conduct further research on the issue.
- M. Clark inquired about delays in receiving the second dose of vaccinations after 21 days and the vaccine's effectiveness at combating other variants. Dr. Simon responded that individuals should try to meet the 21-day span between doses; however, there are no major concerns for individuals who receive the second dose one to two weeks later than the 21-day span. Dr. Simon also commented that it is possible for the existing vaccines to be less effective at combating variants.


ADJOURN

M. Clark adjourned the Governing Board meeting at 5:30pm.

BOARD APPROVED

March 18, 2021

Date


Marisa Creter, Secretary