



**San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments**  
**AGENDA AND NOTICE OF THE MEETING**  
**OF THE SGVCOG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**  
**Wednesday, April 1, 2026 – 1:30 PM**  
**SGVCOG Monrovia Office**

**1333 S. Mayflower Ave, Suite 360, Monrovia, CA 91016**  
**Zoom Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88980917925>**

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### **PRELIMINARY BUSINESS**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Public Comment on all agenda and non-agenda items (*If necessary, the President may place reasonable time limits on all comments*)
4. Changes to the Agenda Order

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

5. Executive Committee Meeting Minutes – **Page 1**  
*Recommended Action: Review and approve.*
6. State Legislative Action – **Page 3**  
*Recommended Actions: Recommend the Governing Board adopt the following resolutions:*
  - AB 1821 (Pacheco) – Support
  - AB 2002 (Solache) – Support

### **ACTION ITEMS**

7. Governing Board Agenda – **Page 7**  
*Recommended Action: Review and approve the draft Governing Board agenda.*
8. State Legislative Action – **Page 11**  
*Recommended Actions: Recommend the Governing Board adopt the following resolutions:*
  - AB 2576 (Harabedian) – Support
  - SB 1159 (Cabaldon) – Support

### **DISCUSSION ITEM**

9. SGVCOG Member Survey – **Page 15**  
*Recommended Action: Discuss and provide direction to staff.*

### **UPDATE ITEMS**

10. Draft FY 2026-2027 Budget – **Page 21**
11. Legislative Report
12. President’s Report
13. Executive Director’s Report
14. General Counsel’s Report

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

15. Next Executive Committee Meeting – May 4, 2026 at 10:00 AM

### **ADJOURN**



**Unapproved SGVCOG Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**March 4, 2026**  
1:30 PM  
1333 S. Mayflower Ave., Monrovia, CA 91016

**PRELIMINARY BUSINESS**

1. Call to Order  
The meeting was called to order at 1:32 PM.

2. Roll Call  
**Members Present**  
E. Reece, President/Transportation Chair  
M. Allawos, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
A. Chou, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President  
T. Hepburn, Past President/CPCC Chair  
B. Shevlin, Homelessness Chair  
J. Stark, EENR Chair  
A. Raymond, CMS Committee Chair

**Absent**  
T. Sandoval, Metro SGVCOG Representative  
C. Moss, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

**Staff/Guests:**  
M. Creter, SGVCOG Executive Director  
S. Wong; Ricky Choi; R. Alimoren; J. Talla; K. Ward; J. Burkart; M. Bolger; V. Urenia; J. Horton;  
R. Lansing; J. Pantoja; SGVCOG Staff  
C. Trapesonian, Woodruff & Smart

3. Public Comment  
There was no public comment.

4. Changes to the Agenda Order  
There were no changes to the agenda order.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

5. Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
*Action: Review and approve.*

6. 1st Quarter Financial Report  
*Action: Review and file.*

**There was a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. (M/S: M. Allawos, B. Shevlin)**

**[Motion Passed]**

<b>AYES:</b>	E. Reece, M. Allawos, A. Chou, T. Hepburn, B. Shevlin, J. Stark
<b>NOES:</b>	
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	C. Moss

**ACTION ITEM**

7. Governing Board Agenda

## Unapproved Minutes

There was a motion to review and approve the draft Governing Board agenda.

(M/S: B. Shevlin, M. Allawos) [Motion Passed]

<b>AYES:</b>	E. Reece, M. Allawos, A. Chou, T. Hepburn, B. Shevlin, J. Stark
<b>NOES:</b>	
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	C. Moss

### DISCUSSION ITEM

8. Essential Services Restoration Act for Los Angeles County (General Sales Tax Measure) and AB 1768 (Bryan)

### UPDATE ITEMS

9. Legislative Report  
R. Choi provided an update on this item.
10. President's Report
  - President's Calendar of Events
  - Los Angeles County COGs Leadership MeetingE. Reece provided an update on this item.
11. Executive Director's Report  
M. Creter provided an update on this item.
12. General Counsel's Report  
C. Trapesonian provided an update on this item.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

13. Next Executive Committee Meeting – April 1, 2026 at 1:30 PM

### ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 PM.

DATE: April 1, 2026  
TO: Executive Committee  
FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director  
RE: **STATE LEGISLATIVE POSITIONS (CPRA)**

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Recommend the Governing Board adopt a resolution in support of AB 1821 (Pacheco).

## **SUMMARY**

AB 1821 (Pacheco) makes targeted changes to the California Public Records Act to allow agencies to recover administrative costs for time-intensive records requests and to modify response timelines to reflect business days rather than calendar days. Specifically, AB 1821:

- Authorizes local agencies to charge requestors for staff time associated with searching for responsive records when a single request exceeds two hours or when a requestor's cumulative requests exceed ten hours within a one-month period, with fees required to be reasonable and tied to administrative costs.
- Exempts journalists, newspapers, and educational or noncommercial scientific institutions from the above fee requirements, maintaining access for core public interest and research purposes.
- Defines "search" to include both manual and automated review of agency records to locate responsive documents.
- Revises the timeline for an agency's initial determination of whether records are disclosable from ten calendar days to ten business days and allows for an extension of up to fourteen business days under specified circumstances.
- Expands and clarifies what constitutes "unusual circumstances" that justify an extension, including large or complex requests, inter-agency consultation, data compilation, cyberattacks impacting access to records, and operational disruptions during a declared state of emergency.

### ***Status***

AB 1821 has been amended and is pending referral and scheduling in policy committee. It will likely have a single referral to the Assembly Judiciary Committee.

### ***Support and Opposition***

There are no officially recorded entities registered in support or opposition at this time. Stakeholder positions are expected to emerge as the bill is heard in policy committee.

Support is likely to include organizations like the League of California Cities (Cal Cities) and the California State Association of Counties (CSAC), among other local agency stakeholders.

### ***Recommended Position - Support***

AB 1821 provides a pragmatic update to the Public Records Act that reflects the increasing

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administrative burden placed on local agencies by large and complex records requests. By allowing cost recovery for excessive staff time while preserving access for journalists and research institutions, the bill strikes a balance between transparency and operational capacity. Additionally, aligning response timelines with business days and clarifying allowable extensions provides agencies with more realistic compliance expectations while maintaining timely public access to records.

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Prepared by:



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Michael Rosen  
Management Analyst

Approved by:



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Marisa Creter  
Executive Director

DATE: April 1, 2026  
TO: Executive Committee  
FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director  
RE: **STATE LEGISLATIVE POSITIONS (REAP)**

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Recommend the Governing Board adopt a resolution in support of AB 2002 (Solache).

## **SUMMARY**

AB 2002 (Solache) codifies and builds upon the Regional Early Action Planning (REAP 1.0) program by establishing a new funding framework to support regional and local housing planning activities for the 7th and subsequent Regional Housing Needs Assessment cycles. Specifically, AB 2002:

- Creates the Regional Early Action Planning Fund to provide one-time, population-based funding to councils of governments, regional entities, and jurisdictions to support RHNA-related planning and implementation activities.
- Requires the Department of Housing and Community Development to allocate funds to eligible regional entities and allows those entities to apply beginning 39 months prior to housing element due dates.
- Authorizes the use of funds for RHNA methodology development, technical assistance, staffing and consultant support, infrastructure planning, and other activities that accelerate housing production and improve regional planning coordination.
- Allows regional entities to suballocate funds to local jurisdictions for housing-related planning activities, including permitting improvements, feasibility studies, infrastructure planning, and housing trust fund development.
- Requires reporting on expenditures and outcomes and authorizes HCD to monitor program compliance.
- Directs HCD to develop program guidelines exempt from the Administrative Procedure Act.

### ***Status***

AB 2002 has been referred to the Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee and is pending scheduling.

### ***Support and Opposition***

AB 2002 is co-sponsored by the California Association of Councils of Governments (CALCOG) and the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG). There are no formally registered positions in opposition at this time.

***Recommended Position - Support***

AB 2002 directly responds to long-standing concerns regarding the lack of sustained funding for RHNA implementation by codifying a proven program model that has demonstrated measurable success. By providing early, flexible funding to regional entities and jurisdictions, the bill strengthens regional planning capacity, improves coordination across jurisdictions, and supports more effective housing element implementation. The measure also aligns with local government priorities by recognizing the increasing complexity of RHNA requirements and providing the resources necessary to meet state housing obligations while advancing housing production and readiness.

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Executive Director



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

Thursday, April 16, 2026 - 4:00 P.M.

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

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**Members**

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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

Sierra Madre

South El Monte

South Pasadena

Temple City

Walnut

West Covina

First District, LA County  
Unincorporated Communities

Fifth District, LA County  
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**5 MINUTES**

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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  
*Recommended Action: Adopt Governing Board minutes.*
7. Monthly Cash Disbursements/Balances/Transfers  
*Recommended Action: Approve Monthly Cash Disbursements/Balances/Transfers.*
8. Committee/TAC/Governing Board Attendance  
*Recommended Action: Receive and file.*
9. SGVCOG Governing Board Future & Recurring Agenda Items: 2026  
*Recommended Action: Receive and file.*
10. Legislative Monthly Report (March)  
*Recommended Action: Receive and file.*
11. Draft FY 2026-2027 Budget  
*Recommended Action: Receive and file.*

Committee Items:

12. State Legislative Positions (EENR)  
*Recommended Action(s):*
  - *Adopt Resolution 26-14 in support of AB 2517 (Calderon)**Committee Action: EENR Committee – Support/Oppose/Abstain (x-x-x)*
13. State Legislative Positions (Executive Committee)  
*Recommended Action(s):*
  - *Adopt Resolution 26-15 in support of: AB 2002 (McNerney)*
  - *Adopt Resolution 26-16 in support of: SB 1159 (Cabaldon)**Committee Action: Executive Committee – Support/Oppose/Abstain (x-x-x)*

Program Continuation Items:

14. Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP)  
*Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution 26-17 adopting the Community Wildfire Protection Plan and authorizing staff to pursue funding, partnerships, and new programs that support the findings of the CWPP.*  
*Previous Action(s): On March 16, 2023, the SGVCOG Governing Board authorized the Executive Director to execute an agreement with Jensen Hughes, Inc. to develop the San Gabriel Valley Community Wildfire Protection Plan for a total amount not-to-exceed \$545,502. – Support/Oppose/Abstain (24-0-0)*
15. Declaration of Surplus Property Under Parcel 209D  
*Recommended Action: Authorize the Executive Director to declare SGVCOG Parcel 209D located at Montebello, Los Angeles County, and bearing Assessor Parcel No. 6350-014-004 as surplus.*  
*Previous Action(s): On February 27, 2017, the ACE Board authorized staff to acquire a residential parcel 214D owned by Mrs. Carmen Ybarra for the Montebello Corridor Grade Separation Project. – Support/Oppose/Abstain (6-0-0)*

16. San Gabriel Valley Greenway Network Strategic Implementation Plan

*Recommended Action(s):*

- *Authorize staff to develop and implement corridor projects for the implementation of the San Gabriel Valley Greenway Network Strategic Implementation Plan and assign oversight of this effort to the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments Capital Projects and Construction Committee (CPCC).*
- *Authorize staff to pursue and apply for grant funding, including but not limited to the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) Proposition 4 program, as well as other state, local, and federal funding sources.*
- *Authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with participating cities.*

*Previous Action(s): On May 16, 2017, the Governing Board passed Resolution 16-10, identifying the San Gabriel Valley Regional Greenway Network as a priority regional open space project. — Support/Oppose/Abstain (25-0-0)*

**PRESENTATION ITEMS**

**40 MINUTES**

17. Southern California Edison: Undergrounding Process and Common Issues of Cities

*Recommended Action: For information only.*

**UPDATE ITEMS**

**10 MINUTES**

18. President's Report

19. Executive Director's Report

20. General Counsel's Report

**COMMITTEE/BOARD REPORTS**

**10 MINUTES**

21. Capital Projects and Construction Committee

22. Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee

23. Homelessness Committee

24. San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust Board

25. Transportation Committee

26. 2028 Olympic & Paralympic Games Ad Hoc Committee

**LIAISON REPORTS**

**10 MINUTES**

27. Executive Committee for Regional Homeless Alignment

28. Foothill Transit

29. Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority

30. League of California Cities

31. Los Angeles County Affordable Housing Solutions Agency

32. Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority

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

34. San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership

35. San Gabriel Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District

36. South Coast Air Quality Management District

37. Southern California Association of Governments

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

38. Upcoming Governing Board Meetings

- Regular Meeting – May 21, 2026 at 4:00 PM

**GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

**ADJOURN**

DATE: April 1, 2026  
TO: Executive Committee  
FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director  
RE: **STATE LEGISLATIVE POSITIONS (SB 79)**

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Recommend the Governing Board adopt a resolution in support of AB 2567 (Harabedian).

## **SUMMARY**

AB 2576 (Harabedian) is a targeted cleanup measure to the transit-oriented development (TOD) framework established under SB 79, making a series of technical and substantive refinements to implementation timelines, eligibility thresholds, and site exclusions.

Specifically, AB 2576:

- Delays key implementation timelines associated with SB 79 by one year, including the operative date for local compliance and the imposition of Housing Accountability Act penalties for noncompliant jurisdictions.
- Increases the population threshold for applicability of certain TOD provisions from 35,000 to 40,000 residents, thereby narrowing the number of jurisdictions subject to the most intensive requirements.
- Expands and clarifies the definition of “historic resource” to include properties listed on local, state, or national registers and removes the prior cap limiting historic resource exclusions to 10 percent of a TOD zone.
- Modifies provisions governing transit-oriented development standards, including density, height, and floor area ratios, while maintaining the core by-right development framework established under SB 79.
- Extends deadlines for HCD guidance, local ordinance adoption, and regional mapping requirements to align with the delayed implementation schedule.

### ***Status***

AB 2576 has been amended in the Assembly as of March 19, 2026, and is expected to be referred to policy committee for further consideration. It would likely be double referred to the committees on Local Government and Housing and Community Development.

### ***Support and Opposition***

At this time, there is no formal opposition on file. Support is anticipated from local government stakeholders.

### ***Recommended Position - Support***

AB 2576 advances meaningful implementation improvements to SB 79 by delivering on prior

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commitments to delay timelines and refine key provisions. The bill provides additional certainty and flexibility for local governments while maintaining the overall objectives of the state's transit-oriented development framework.

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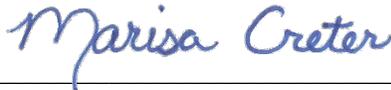
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Marisa Creter  
Executive Director

DATE: April 1, 2026  
TO: Executive Committee  
FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director  
RE: **STATE LEGISLATIVE POSITIONS (AI)**

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Recommend the Governing Board adopt a resolution in support of SB 1159 (Cabaldon).

## **SUMMARY**

SB 1159 (Cabaldon), the “People, Not Bots” bill, clarifies that participation in California’s governmental transparency and public comment processes is limited to natural persons and legally recognized entities, and excludes artificial intelligence systems and other non-human actors. SB 1159 responds to a rapidly emerging challenge facing public agencies: the ability of artificial intelligence systems to engage in governmental processes at a scale and speed that far exceed human capacity. As demonstrated by recent incidents, including the submission of tens of thousands of AI-generated public comments in regulatory proceedings, agencies are increasingly confronted with “swarming” behavior that can overwhelm administrative systems and obscure authentic public input.

For local governments and regional entities such as SGVCOG, this issue has direct operational and policy implications. Public comment periods, CEQA review processes, and public records systems are foundational tools for community engagement and transparency. However, these systems were designed with the assumption of human participation and finite input volumes. The introduction of automated, potentially infinite submissions creates both administrative burdens and substantive challenges in evaluating public sentiment. Specifically, SB 1159:

- Clarifies that terms such as “person,” “any person,” “interested person,” “participant,” and “member of the public” in state transparency and governance laws refer only to humans and legally recognized entities.
- Excludes artificial intelligence systems, autonomous agents, and other non-human technologies from independently submitting public comments, records requests, petitions, or similar interactions with government agencies.
- Applies this clarification across major state laws governing public participation, including the Brown Act, California Public Records Act, CEQA, Administrative Procedure Act, and Political Reform Act.
- Seeks to prevent automated, large-scale AI-generated engagement from overwhelming agency processes and distorting public input.

The bill is intended to preserve meaningful human participation in governmental decision-making while addressing emerging risks associated with AI-enabled mass engagement.

## **Status**

SB 1159 passed the Senate Judiciary Committee on a 12-0 vote without amendments. It is now pending action on the Senate floor.

## **Support and Opposition**

According to the bill's first policy committee analysis, SB 1159 was supported by the following organizations:

- League of California Cities
- Sierra Club California
- California State Association of Counties
- City of San Jose
- California Association of Nonprofits
- Physicians for Social Responsibility - San Francisco Bay
- NRDC
- City of Stanton
- City of Placentia
- United States Green Building Council, California Chapter
- Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC)
- Climate Protection Campaign
- Urban Counties Caucus
- California YIMBY
- Active San Gabriel Valley
- Streets for All
- Building Decarbonization Coalition
- Act Now Bay Area
- California Federation of Teachers, AFL-CIO
- Live Oak United Church of Christ

The analysis also notes opposition from one unspecified individual.

## **Recommended Position - Support**

SB 1159 provides a timely and necessary clarification to ensure that California's public participation and transparency laws continue to function as intended in the face of rapidly evolving technology. The bill protects the integrity of public engagement processes, supports efficient government operations, and aligns with local government interests in maintaining meaningful and manageable avenues for community input.

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# REPORT

DATE: April 1, 2026  
TO: Executive Committee  
FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director  
RE: **SGVCOG MEMBER FEEDBACK SURVEY RESULTS**

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Discuss and provide direction to staff.

## **BACKGROUND**

In February of this year, SGVCOG staff asked member agencies of the Governing Board to complete a survey reflecting their thoughts on the organization's operations and projects. Of the 33 jurisdictions represented by the COG, 23 responded to the survey, representing a response rate of 70%. The purpose of the survey was to gauge member agencies on the effectiveness of COG staff, identify policy areas of preference, and solicit specific suggestions for agency improvement. There were seven total questions. Attachment A contains a full copy of the individual survey results.

## **HIGH LEVEL SUMMARY**

- Transportation is top of mind
  - When asked “What kinds of capital projects should SGVCOG prioritize for project delivery in the future,” 17 of 23 respondents selected “Active Transportation/Complete Streets.” The responses aligned with the results of another question: “What policy focus areas should SGVCOG prioritize?” There, 17 of 23 respondents selected “Transportation/Mobility,” which tied for first place with “Support for Compliance with State or Federal Mandates.” The popularity of the transportation options in both questions suggests that the members are content when staff resources are allocated toward projects like Measure M Subregional Program and/or the East San Gabriel Valley Sustainable Multimodal Improvement Project.
- Relationship building is key
  - The COG asked members: “What does your agency gain from SGVCOG Governing Board, policy committee, or working group meetings that members of your Council or staff attend?” The most popular answer – 20 of 23 members agreed – was “Networking and Relationships with Other Agencies.”
- There is always room for improvement
  - While all respondents appear generally satisfied with the COG, one member agency offered specific suggestions for improvement. Those included a desire for more proactive communication, increased opportunities for virtual participation, and a suggestion for in-person monthly or quarterly meetings between SGVCOG staff and board members to discuss opportunities for assistance.

## DETAILED SURVEY SUMMARY

**Question 1.** “What does your agency gain from SGVCOG Governing Board, policy committee, or working group meetings that members of your Council or staff attend?”

- Awareness of New or Proposed Policies
- Chance to Discuss and Problem-solve Shared Challenges
- Chance to Influence Other Agencies or Policies
- Connections to Funding Opportunities or Programs
- Information or Technical Expertise
- Leadership Opportunities
- Networking and Relationships with Other Agencies

The majority of respondents indicated the following were gained from attending SGVCOG meetings:

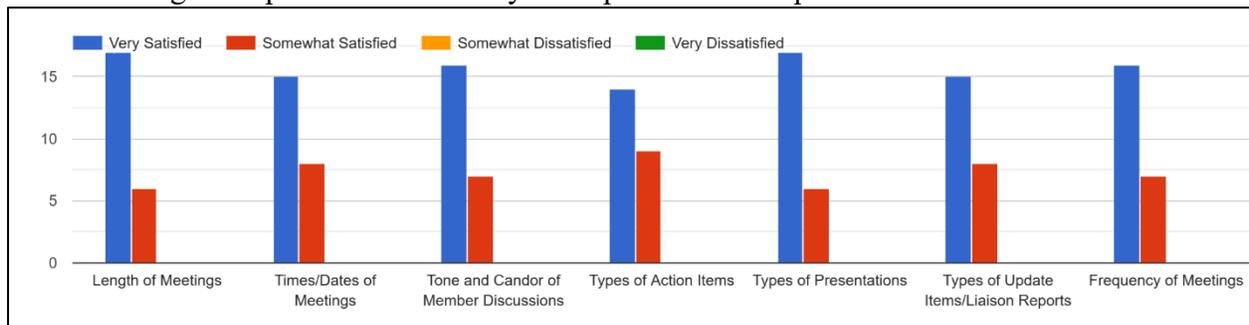
- Networking and Relationships with Other Agencies
- Awareness of New or Proposed Policies
- Chance to Discuss and Problem-solve Shared Challenges
- Chance to Influence Other Agencies or Policies
- Connections to Funding Opportunities or Programs
- Information or Technical Expertise

There were only four responses to Leadership Opportunities and one response to Collaboration amongst cities and other organizations for this question.

**Question 2.** “Please provide feedback on the following aspects of SGVCOG Governing Board, policy committee, or working group meetings that members of your Council or staff attend.”

- Length of Meetings
- Times/Dates of Meetings
- Tone and Candor of Member Discussions
- Type of Action Items
- Types of Presentations
- Types of Update Items/Liaison Reports
- Frequency of Meetings

The following chart provides a summary of responses to this question:



### Comments:

- “Very satisfied.”

- “The COG excels in all the areas listed above”
- “The City of Duarte's is very appreciative of the SGVCOG's staff and leadership”

**Question 3.** “Assuming grant or city funding can be secured, what policy focus areas should SGVCOG prioritize?”

- *Advocacy for Funding Programs*
- *Community-Centered Events (Open Streets, Public Information Campaigns, etc.)*
- *Energy Efficiency*
- *Fire & Emergency Preparedness*
- *Homelessness Prevention/Solutions*
- *Housing/Affordable Housing*
- *Internet Access & Reliability*
- *Support for Compliance with State or Federal Mandates*
- *Support for Vulnerable Populations (food insecure households, at risk youth, low-income seniors, etc.)*
- *Sustainability & Pollution*
- *Transportation/Mobility*
- *Water Management & Water Quality*
- *Wildlife Management*

The majority of respondents indicated the following policy areas should be prioritized:

- Transportation/Mobility
- Support for Compliance with State or Federal Mandates
- Advocacy for Funding Programs
- Homelessness Prevention/Solutions
- Fire & Emergency Preparedness
- Housing/Affordable Housing

There was less consensus among respondents for the following policy areas:

- Water Management & Water Quality – 9
- Sustainability & Pollution – 8
- Energy Efficiency – 5
- Wildlife Management – 5
- Internet Access & Reliability – 5
- Community-Centered Events (Open Streets, Public Info Campaigns) – 3
- Infrastructure funding – 1

**Question 4.** “Assuming grant or city funding can be secured, what kinds of capital projects should SGVCOG prioritize for project delivery in the future?”

- *Active Transportation/Complete Streets (ie. bike lanes, sidewalks, crosswalks, pedestrian bridges, etc.)*
- *Fire Resiliency Retrofits*
- *Greenway Projects/Wash Projects/Urban Greening*
- *Municipal Broadband Infrastructure*

- *Planning Studies*
- *Railroad Improvements/At-Grade or Grade Separations - Congestion, Safety, Noise*
- *Roadway/Highway Reconfigurations - Congestion, Safety, Noise*
- *Solar Installation/Energy Efficiency Upgrades/EV Charging Installation*
- *Transit Improvements (ie. bus technology upgrades, bus stop upgrades, bus lanes, etc.)*
- *Transitional Housing, Shelters, Tiny Homes*
- *Water Pollution Reduction/MS4*

The majority of respondents indicated the following capital projects should be prioritized for project delivery in the future:

- Active Transportation/Complete Streets
- Transit Improvements
- Roadway/Highway Reconfigurations - Congestion, Safety, Noise
- Planning Studies

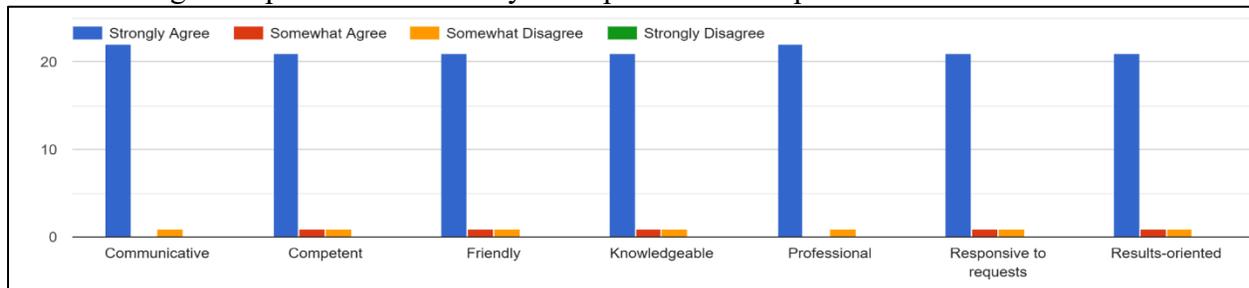
There was less consensus among respondents for the following project delivery areas:

- Solar Installation/Energy Efficiency/EV Charging Installation – 10
- Transitional Housing, Shelters, Tiny Homes – 10
- Greenway Projects/Wash Projects/Urban Greening – 5
- Railroad Improvements/At-Grade or Grade Separations – 9
- Water Pollution Reduction/MS4 – 7
- Fire Resiliency Retrofits – 9
- Municipal Broadband Infrastructure – 5
- Public Safety technology and efficiencies – 1
- Public Safety Facility Renovations – 1

**Question 5. “In your experience, SGVCOG staff are:”**

- *Communicative*
- *Competent*
- *Friendly*
- *Knowledgeable*
- *Professional*
- *Responsive to requests*
- *Results-oriented*

The following chart provides a summary of responses to this question:



**Comments:**

- “The staff are highly professional.”
- “The COG excels in all the areas listed above”
- “The SGVCOG has some exceptional staff”
- “The main communication we receive from SGVCOG staff is through the emails that are sent out to all members. We have found that there is not much effort made to reach out to members to engage us and interact with us.”

**Question 6.** “*Are there any additional ways in which SGVCOG could be helpful to your city?*”

**Comments:**

- “No”
- “N/A”
- “Councilmember Allawos would like to, ‘Provide baseline information for the 31 cities within the COG jurisdiction and provide roundtable discussions of city issues and how they dealt with the problem(s).’”
- “Just keep on keepin' on!”
- “None”
- “Keep up the good work”
- “The COG staff are always professional and super helpful on any topic we've engaged in. We are super grateful for our partnership with the COG, and appreciative of the ability to collaborate with other cities at COG meetings.”
- “Additional legislative advocacy and support.”
- “We would like to have more personalized and proactive communication with the SGVCOG, beyond email correspondence. One way of doing this would be monthly or quarterly meetings with us members to sit down with us individually and have discussions on what we need help with or how we could assist other members.”
- “None at the moment”
- “To better assist member cities, the SGVCOG can prioritize advocating at the County level to streamline and secure direct funding allocations, providing cities with greater expenditure flexibility to address local needs. Historically, County grant opportunities are filtered through multiple administrative layers and are not distributed equitably amongst cities. Championing a model where cities receive direct funding provides the fiscal autonomy necessary to address urgent local priorities, such as capital projects, public safety, and homelessness. Direct allocations would allow cities to bypass cumbersome intermediary processes, ensuring that resources for infrastructure repairs, emergency response enhancements, and housing/homeless solutions are deployed more efficiently and effectively at the community level. Furthermore, the SGVCOG can continue to identify and secure additional grant opportunities to support city projects.”
- “Share more information from hired consultants such as Townsend on legislative matters and grant opportunities. Monitor LA County govt for impacts to cities and communicate that out to cities for action.”
- “Getting the County to be more realistic and consistent on application and finding timelines for homeless programs”
- “Finding better solutions to affordable housing.”

**Question 7.** “Do you have any additional comments or suggestions for improving our operations or projects?”

**Comments:**

- “No”
- “N/A”
- “Councilmember Allowos would like to, ‘Encourage more outside organizations and Sacramento legislators to report at the COG meetings’.”
- “None”
- “SGV COG and staff are an important partner to the City, and we appreciate their hard work.”
- “Keep up the great work, and we look forward to our continued collaboration!!!”
- “The SGVCOG is doing great work!”
- “Claremont values the SGVCOG's coordination on issues that impact cities in the region. Thank you!”
- “Proactive communication would greatly assist in improving operations and projects so that all members are engaged and can proactively participate, rather than reactively or when it might be too late and an opportunity is missed.”
- “None at the moment. We appreciate all the support we receive from SGVCOG”
- “You all rock. More opportunity for virtual participation, more strategizing opportunities for City Managers across COG to look at regional partnerships.”
- “Ensuring that all cities and communities receive equal benefits from the COG and that no city is left out.”

**NEXT STEPS**

Members of the Executive Committee should discuss the best form to present these results to the Governing Board. The Executive Committee should also discuss whether to solicit more responses from board members before proceeding with any further Governing Board actions.

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**ATTACHMENTS**

[Attachment A – 2026 Individual Member Survey Results](#)

# REPORT

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DATE: April 1, 2026

TO: Executive Committee  
City Managers' Steering Committee  
Governing Board

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **DRAFT FY 2026-2027 BUDGET**

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

For information only.

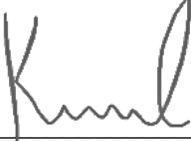
## **BACKGROUND**

In accordance with the SGVCOG's bylaws, the Governing Board shall adopt the annual agency budget prior to July 1 of each calendar year. The draft budget is presented to the Executive Committee, City Managers' Steering Committee and the Governing Board for review and feedback. After this initial review and feedback, the budget is modified as needed and then presented to the Governing Board for adoption in May. The budget is organized by sections to highlight the work of all SGVCOG departments as follows:

- Administrative Services/Executive
- Capital Projects
- Finance
- Government & Community Relations
- Planning & Programs

Each department section outlines key accomplishments from the previous year and upcoming fiscal year objectives.

Attachment A provides a copy of the complete draft SGVCOG FY 2026-2027 budget.

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## **ATTACHMENT**

Attachment A – Draft SGVCOG FY 2026-2027 Budget (Link to Follow Shortly)