



**SPECIAL SGVCOG Public Works TAC Meeting Minutes**

Date: October 15, 2018  
 Time: 12:00 P.M.  
 Location: **City of Monrovia Public Works Offices**  
**600 Mountain Avenue, Monrovia, CA 91016**

**PRELIMINARY BUSINESS**

1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 12:12 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance. R. Guerrero led the Public Works TAC in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll Call

**Public Works TAC Members Present**

D. Bobadilla, R. Delgadillo; Azusa  
 D. Liu, K. Young; Diamond Bar  
 A. Sweet; Glendora  
 L. Pimentel; Irwindale  
 A. Tachiki, C. Velarde; Monrovia  
 R. Guerrero; Pomona  
 K. Patel, S. Barragan; San Dimas  
 R. Salas; South El Monte  
 M. Forbes; Temple City  
 A. Ciotti, J. Yang; LACDPW

**Public Works TAC Members Absent**

Arcadia  
 Claremont  
 El Monte  
 San Gabriel  
 South Pasadena  
 West Covina

**Guests**

B. Schmith, P. Backstrom; LA Metro	D. Kessey, A. Ciotti; City of La Verne
F. Alamolhoda; LAE Associates	J. Nelson; City of Industry/CNC
G. Jaquez; MNS Engineers	J. Martinez; NCE
D. Johnson; Project Partners	S. Morgan, D. Purcell; SCE
S. Ahmad; SA Associates	J. Lucas; SoCalGas
D. Cadena; WKE, Inc.	H. Brunelle; SCAG

**SGVCOG Staff**

P. Duyshart

4. Public Comment.

There was no public comment.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

5. Review Public Works TAC Meeting Minutes: 9/17/2018  
**There was a motion to approve the minutes (M/S: R. Salas/D. Liu).**

**[Motion Passed]**

Ayes	Azusa, Diamond Bar, Glendora, Irwindale, Monrovia, Pomona, San Dimas, South El Monte, Temple City, LACDPW
Noes	
Abstain	
Absent	Arcadia, Claremont, El Monte, San Gabriel, South Pasadena, West Covina

## PRESENTATIONS

### 6. Renewable Natural Gas and SoCalGas' Innovative Tariff Services

Jim Lucas, a Market Development Manager for SoCalGas, provided the presentation on this item. During his presentation, he discussed the following items and points:

- Differences between biogas and renewable natural gas (RNG).
- Spoke on about responsibility of cities and county for reducing methane by 2025.
- Examples of biogas conditioning and upgrading projects, including the Perris, CA CR&R Project – approached local cities to divert organic waste to a location for processing for bio fuels. This includes production of compost. Began in 2014 and began gas flow in Summer 2018.
- Biomethane Interconnection Incentive
- Over the next 6-7 years there will be nearly 100 of these type of facilities in CA.
- Infrastructure will be needed to have the capacity to move the volume of RNG that is needed/produced.
- SoCalGas has an RNG toolkit for developers to get pipeline quality gas.
- Tariff Services
  - BCF Tariff - Bio Gas conditioning – Commission denied application and all tariffs are shareholder driven.
  - Compression Services Tariff – an optional cost-based service that SoCalGas to install, own and operate and maintain compression facilities and the customer is assessed a fee.
  - DERS Tariff – approve by the commission to combine heat and power by a customer's property. However, customer has to buy the Natural Gas.
- For the Tariff Services, SoCalGas would handle all compression infrastructure, inspections, and permits, including plan check.

Questions/Discussion: The following issues were discussed:

- Where are there two CST locations? J. Lucas said these locations are in Monterey Park and Sun Valley.
- What type of odor does RNG have? Does it have the same smell as regular natural gas? J. Lucas confirmed that RNG does have the same artificial odor that regular natural gas has?
- Another member of the TAC asked if there is some point where the offered tariff services are not economical for a customer. J. Lucas agreed that there is an economy of scale factor to consider here.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

### 7. Metro Congestion Management Program (CMP) Opt-Out

Paul Backstrom, a Transportation Planning Manager for LA Metro's Sustainability and Active Transportation Division, provided the presentation, and led the discussion, for this item. The overarching question regarding Metro's proposal for the county to opt-out of the Congestion Management Program (CMP) is: "Is the continued implementation of the CMP worth the investment of our scarce public dollars and staff resources?"

During his presentation, Mr. Backstrom did the following:

- Provided an overview of the State's Congestion Management Program.
- Provided multiple reasons as to why LA County as a whole should opt-out of the CMP.

- Described how the CMP is actually not consistent with Metro Best Practices.
- Gave an overview of previous Metro Board action on this matter.
- Provided a timeline for cities pertaining to the possible action of opting out of the CMP.

Mr. Backstrom then opened it up to members of the TAC to ask him questions and engage in discussion on this matter

Questions/Discussion: The following issues were discussed:

- What happens with tax funds if every City in the County opts out? P. Backstrom pointed out that tax revenue funds will continue to flow without penalty if a majority of County agencies opt-out.
- A City asked: how many jurisdictions have opted out to-date?
- P. Backstrom mentioned that the County of San Diego and the County of San Luis Obispo have both already opted out of the CMP and its requirements.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **8. SB 1 Sustainable Communities Grants**

P. Duyshart of the SGVCOG provided the members of the Planning TAC with an overview of the SB 1 Sustainable Communities Competitive Grant. He went over eligible projects, funding minimums and maximums, local match requirements, grant deadlines and key dates, and the purpose of the State providing this grant opportunity. Applications for this planning grant are due on November 30, 2018.

### **9. SCAG Sustainable Communities Program Grants**

Hannah Brunelle, an Assistant Regional Planner with SCAG, gave a short presentation to the TAC on the SCAG Sustainable Communities Program (SCP) grant. Grant application for this planning grant are due to SCAG on November 15, 2018. Ms. Brunelle explained the goals of the SCP, and went over the three primary categories and the project types for each category.

Ms. Brunelle then explained in great detail what quick-build projects are, and how the projects can benefit cities in their active transportation planning efforts. She then provided multiple quick-build project examples, too.

## **UPDATE ITEMS**

### **10. Measure M MSP Funding Update**

P. Duyshart provided TAC member with a status update on the SGVCOG's programming efforts related to the first Measure M MSP 5-Year Plan programming cycle.

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS**

No comments.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

R. Guerrero announced that the next Public Works TAC meeting will take place on Monday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Additionally, P. Duyshart of the SGVCOG announced that the SGV Energy Wise Partnership, which is overseen by the COG, is teaming up with the Building Operator Certification (BOC) Program to offer a BOC Level I or Level II course in Spring 2019 for city building operators. The COG is asking cities to express their interest in this training program within the next couple of weeks. The courses would be scheduled during Spring 2019.

## **ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 1:21 p.m.