



SGVCOG Governing Board Approved Minutes

Date: August 19, 2021
Time: 4:00 PM
Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order
B. Shevlin called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance
N. Lyons 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	Emmanuel J. Estrada
Bradbury	Richard Barakat
Claremont	Ed Reece
Covina	Patricia Cortez
Diamond Bar	Nancy Lyons
Duarte	Samuel Kang
Glendora	Michael Allowos
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	Tim Sandoval
Rosemead	Margaret Clark
San Dimas	Denis Bertone
San Gabriel	Jason Pu
San Marino	Susan Jakubowski
Sierra Madre	Rachelle Arizmendi
South El Monte	Gloria Olmos
South Pasadena	Diana Mahmud
Temple City	Cynthia Sternquist
Walnut	Nancy Tragarz

Absent

El Monte

SGVCOG Staff Present

M. Creter, Executive Director
M. Daudt, General Counsel
E. Shen, Staff
P. Hubler, Staff
C. Sims, Staff
B. Acevedo, Staff
K. Ward, Staff
A. Fung, Staff
S. Matthews, Staff
S. Pedersen, Staff
B. Logasa, Staff
T. Lott, Staff
V. Urenia, Staff
S. Sousa, Staff
S. Hernandez, Staff
T. Egan, Lobbyist

West Covina Tony Wu
L.A. County District #1 Edith Gonzalez
L.A. County District #4 Lauren Yokomizo
L.A. County District #5 Sandra Croxton
SGV Water Districts Jennifer Santana

4. Public Comment

J. Lyons provided a verbal comment to introduce himself as the new SPA 3 representative for the LA County Continuum of Care Board and to share updates from LAHSA. J. Lyons also expressed gratitude to the Governing Board for its interest in addressing LAHSA's governance structure.

5. Changes to Agenda Order

There were no changes to the Agenda Order.

CONSENT CALENDAR

6. Governing Board Meeting Minutes

Action: Adopt Governing Board minutes.

7. Monthly Cash Disbursements/Balances/Transfers

Action: Approve Monthly Cash Disbursements/Balances/Transfers.

8. Committee/TAC/Governing Board Attendance

Action: Receive and file.

9. AB 41 (Wood) - Support

Action: Adopt Resolution 21-37 supporting AB 41 (Wood).

10. SB 4 (Gonzalez) - Support

Action: Adopt Resolution 21-38 supporting SB 4 (Gonzalez).

11. SB 743 (Bradford) Updates

Action: Direct staff to continue watching and monitoring SB 743 (Bradford).

12. AB 43 (Friedman) – Support

Action: Adopt Resolution 21-39 supporting AB 43 (Friedman).

13. Los Angeles County Coordination Action Plan Update

Action: Receive and file.

14. Financial Accounts for the Safekeeping of Property and Official Signatures

Action: Adopt Resolution 21-40 updating authorized official signatures on financial accounts at commercial bank institutes for the safekeeping of property.

15. 12th Amended and Restated Bylaws

Action: Authorize staff to place the proposed Twelfth Amended and Restated Bylaws (“Proposed Bylaws”) on the agenda for the Governing Board’s consideration at its next regular meeting.

16. Conflict of Interest Code Update
Action: Adopt Resolution 21-41 adopting the revised SGVCOG Conflict of Interest Code.
17. FY 21-22 Budget Amendment #1
Action: Adopt Resolution 21-42 amending the FY 20-21 Budget.
18. SGVCOG Committee and TAC Appointments
Action: Appoint members to the following standing SGVCOG Policy Committees, and Technical Advisory Committees:
 - *Homelessness Committee:*
 - *City of South Pasadena*
19. Approval of Funding Agreement with the City of La Verne for the Design of the Gold Line Pedestrian Bridge
Action: 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.
20. 2022-2023 Measure H Funding Recommendations
Actions:
 - (1) *Approve the SGVCOG 2022-2023 Measure H Funding Recommendations;*
and
 - (2) *Authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with the Los Angeles County Homeless Initiative (HI) for an amount not-to-exceed \$3,525,000.*
21. Homelessness Programs Funding Sources
Action: Approve changes to program funding source to allow for flexibility in spending according to deadlines and task eligibility.
22. SGVCOG Housing and Homelessness Summer 2021 Report
Action: Receive and file.

There was a motion to approve consent calendar items 6-12 and 14-22. (D. Bertone/C. Moss)

[Motion Passed]

AYES:	Alhambra, Arcadia, Azusa, Baldwin Park, Claremont, Covina, Diamond Bar, Duarte, 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,
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	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:	Bradbury
ABSENT:	El Monte

Discussion on Item 13: Los Angeles County Coordination Action Plan Update

- V. Gordo sought to understand how SGVCOG will continue to work on LAHSA reform and structure. Ms. Creter acknowledged that the current structure of LAHSA is not ideal, and shared that the SGVCOG has been incredibly invested in its restructuring process. The SGVCOG’s LAHSA White Paper was shared widely with ideas for restructuring. The County also took on the project of LAHSA governance and created a Blue Ribbon Commission that SGVCOG President, Becky Shevlin, is serving on.
- V. Gordo inquired about the timeline for the Blue Ribbon Commission. B. Shevlin responded that it is a six-month commission.
- V. Gordo inquired whether there will be a coordinated effort among the SGVCOG for this Blue Ribbon Commission. B. Shevlin responded that she and one other individual from the South Bay Cities COG will represent all COGs on this commission. Ms. Shevlin added that she is not yet aware of the Commission structure. The commission is scheduled to meet on September 7th.
- V. Gordo thanked B. Shevlin and Ms. Creter for their dedication to coordinate the commission’s activities quickly. Mr. Gordo also expressed concerns that the short timeline will make it difficult for the Blue Ribbon Commission to make concrete changes. He suggested that Board Members be ready to discuss with decision-makers to support the collective goals. B. Shevlin responded that that as soon as she has information on the structure, she will coordinate with COG staff reach out to member cities regarding how they may be able to get involved or participate in the Commission.
- V. Gordo expressed desire to have County health departments provide reports and share information and updates with the Governing Board. He shared that the SGVCOG needs to formalize information on homeless/mental health services from County departments. B. Shevlin concurred and shared that this is a top priority for the Homelessness Committee and there will be more information forthcoming. Ms. Creter added that the SGVCOG submitted a formal letter to the Department of Mental Health for units of service in SPA 3, because there is only one MET team that services the entire San Gabriel Valley. Ms. Creter shared that the SGVCOG requested more funding for mental health services in SPA 3.
- M. Allawos inquired about whether Ms. Creter knew if there has been a response from the state on the request for additional mental health resources. Ms. Creter responded that the SGVCOG has not received a response yet.
- T. Wu urged that B. Shevlin be strong in her representation of the COGs at the Blue Ribbon Commission. He added that the San Gabriel Valley needs its fair share of homeless services and transparency on how funding is spent.
- D. Mahmud shared that she could not see a better representative for the Blue Ribbon Commission than B. Shevlin. She also noticed that only nine member cities have endorsed

the COG’s LAHSA White Paper and asked if it would help the COG’s legitimacy to have more members endorse the White Paper. Ms. Creter replied that the White Paper was sent out to all members and that the SGVCOG would welcome additional support.

- P. Chan reported that the City of Monterey Park endorsed the LAHSA White Paper, but would like to see some results.

There was a motion to approve consent calendar item 13 (V. Gordo/M. Allawos)

[Motion Passed]

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NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	La Cañada Flintridge
NO VOTE RECORDED:	
ABSENT:	El Monte

PRESENTATIONS

- 23.** SB 1383 Background and Requirements: Keith Lilley, Deputy Director, Los Angeles County Public Works; Christopher Sheppard, Senior Civil Engineer, Los Angeles County Public Works
 Los Angeles County Public Works’ Deputy Director Keith Lilley and Senior Civil Engineer Christopher Sheppard provided a presentation on this item.

Discussion on Item 23: SB 1383 Background and Requirements

- M. Clark commended LACDPW staff’s efforts on addressing SB 1383 issues. She also inquired about provisions for exempting liability if someone gets sick from food they received from this program. C. Sheppard responded that there are laws in place, but expressed uncertainty as to how they affect SB 1383 programs.
- D. Mahmud suggested that SGVCOG staff create a survey for each member city to see how they are working with their waste haulers on SB 1383 compliance.
- A. Andrade-Stadler inquired about whether businesses are tracking their own food waste. C. Sheppard responded that local jurisdictions are required to enforce compliance for small businesses and waste haulers.
- A. Andrade-Stadler inquired about whether the Solid Waste Working Group is working on planning and enforcement activities given that SB 1383 implementation begins in January 2022. C. Sheppard responded that a bulk of the activities need to be ready by January 2022, but compliance from small businesses do not need to be implemented until 2024.

- G. Olmos expressed appreciation for Athens' efforts to assist cities with complying to SB 1383 mandates.
- T. Hepburn agreed with D. Mahmud that it is a good idea to survey other cities on costs for waste haulers.
- A. Fung shared that he briefed TACs on the SGVCOG's Regional Food Recovery Program and commented that the SGVCOG will hire consultants to help participating cities to comply with SB 1383's food recovery regulations. There are currently 15 cities who are participating in this program.

24. Temple City Electronic Building and Planning Services: Bryan Cook, City Manager, City of Temple City; Scott Reimers, Community Development Director, City of Temple City
Community Development Director Scott Reimers provided a presentation on this item.

Discussion on Item 24: Temple City Electronic Building and Planning Services

- M. Allawos requested a copy of this presentation to be shared with the cities' planning departments. B. Shevlin responded that Governing Board members will receive a copy from staff.

LIAISON REPORTS

No verbal report was given unless otherwise noted.

23. Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority
T. Sandoval shared that the Construction Authority hopes that the State will approve a \$540 million allocation for the completion of the extension through Claremont.
24. Foothill Transit
Y. Igawa reported that Foothill Transit is hosting mobile COVID-19 vaccination sites.
25. Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
26. San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC)
D. Bertone reported that that three grants were given out from San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy.
27. San Gabriel Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District (SGVMVCD)
J. Dever reported that there are no human cases of West Nile Virus this year.
28. Southern California Association of Governments
29. League of California Cities
30. San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership (SGVEP)
31. South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD)
R. Yeung shared that the 7th Annual Environmental Justice Conference will be held in-person and virtually at the Ontario Convention Center in October.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

SGVCOG President, Becky Shevlin, provided a report.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

SGVCOG Executive Director, Marisa Creter, provided a report.

GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

SGVCOG Interim General Counsel, Michael Daudt, provided a report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

32. Transportation Committee
SGVCOG Transportation Committee Chair, Jason Pu, provided a report.
33. Homelessness Committee
SGVCOG Homelessness Committee Chair, Becky Shevlin, provided a report.
34. San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust Board
San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust Vice Chair, Becky Shevlin, provided a report.
35. Energy, Environment and Natural Resources (EENR) Committee
SGVCOG EENR Committee Chair, Denis Bertone, provided a report.
36. Water Committee
SGVCOG Principal Management Analyst, Caitlin Sims, provided a report.
37. Capital Projects and Construction Committee
SGVCOG Capital Projects and Construction Committee Chair, Nancy Lyons, provided a report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

B. Shevlin encouraged Governing Board members to keep the current situation in Afghanistan in their thoughts and prayers.

ADJOURN

B. Shevlin adjourned the Governing Board meeting at 6:11pm.

BOARD APPROVED

September 16, 2021

Date


Marisa Creter, Secretary