

SGVCOG Weekly Recap

Week of September 6, 2021

- **Governing Board Preview:** The SGVCOG Governing Board will hold its monthly meeting next Thursday, September 16, 2021, at 4PM via Zoom Teleconference. The full agenda packet may be accessed at: <https://www.sgvcoq.org/governing-board-agenda>. Major action items are summarized below:
 - **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. Staff is recommending the Governing Adopt Resolution 21-43 adopting the Twelfth Amended and Restated Bylaws to allow the Past President Representative on the Executive Committee to be a Delegate or Alternate on the Governing Board.
 - **Approval of Funding Agreement (FA#2) with Metro for the State Route 57/60 Chokepoint Relief Program:** Metro serves as the implementing agency for the design phase of the State Route 57/60 Confluence Chokepoint Relief Program. Through existing funding agreements with Metro, the SGVCOG's labor costs and allowable expenses, including the Golf Course Project (Phase 1) and the Interchange Improvements Project (Phase 2), the Interchange Improvements Project Right of Way (ROW), construction of the Golf Course Project, and utility relocations. A new Funding Agreement (FA#2) is needed for Metro to reimburse SGVCOG on direct costs associated with acquiring ROW, including the replacement land for the Diamond Bar Golf Course, utility relocations, and construction for completing the Golf Course Project.
 - **Support AB 361 (Rivas) and Acknowledge Local/State of Emergency:** Introduced by Assemblymember Robert Rivas (D-Hollister) on February 1, 2021, AB 361 codifies portions of Governor Gavin Newsom's existing Ralph M. Brown Act exemptions pertaining to teleconferencing if a local agency issues an emergency finding, and reissues it every 30 days, that it is unsafe to meet in person. Specifically, the Brown Act exemptions include requirements to provide a public teleconference location, to maintain a member quorum within the agency's jurisdiction and to provide for public comment at each teleconference location, such as a governing board member's private residence. In order to continue to conduct meetings in a safe manner and to prevent unnecessary virus exposure to members and staff, the SGVCOG supports AB 361 and acknowledges the existence of a local and state of emergency in California caused by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic which continues to make it unsafe for Governing Board members to meet in person.
 - **FY 2022-2025 Measure M MSP Funding Guidelines:** The proposed FY 2022-2025 MSP Active Transportation, Bus System Improvements, and First/Last Mile Project Funding Guidelines were recently reviewed and approved by the Transportation Committee, City Managers' Steering Committee, Public Works Technical Advisory Committee, and Planning Directors' Technical Advisory Committee. All four committees have voted to recommend the Governing Board to approve the proposed Funding Guidelines.
 - **San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust Amendment to Agreement for Contract for Staffing:** In June 2020, the SGVCOG Governing Board approved an agreement between the SGVCOG and the San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust (SGVRHT) for core staffing for the SGVRHT. The Agreement provides

staffing for day-to-day oversight of the SGVRHT, legal and audit services. The current Agreement establishes a fixed quarterly rate for these defined services and provides that any administrative funds that the SGVRHT receives through grants will be directed to the SGVCOG. With the proposed amendment to the Agreement, there would be an increased fixed quarterly staff cost and grant administrative funds would be retained by the SGVRHT. The SGVRHT would be responsible for its legal and audit expenditures.

- **San Gabriel Valley Regional Food Recovery Program:** Following a request by the SGVCOG Solid Waste Working Group to undertake a regional endeavor to comply with SB 1383’s edible food recovery regulations and support from the City Managers’ Steering Committee, the SGVCOG issued a Request-for-Proposal to identify a vendor to complete this regional endeavor. The five-member Technical Evaluation Committee (TEC), consisting of one SGVCOG staff and four representatives from the Solid Waste Working Group, recommended award of the contract to SCS Engineers, the single bidder. SGVCOG staff is currently executing memorandums of agreement (MOAs) with each participating city to secure their participation in the Regional Food Recovery Program with SCS Engineers. The following 15 cities have formalized their interest in joining the San Gabriel Valley Regional Food Recovery Program:

Alhambra	Glendora	Pomona
Azusa	Irwindale	San Marino
Covina	La Cañada Flintridge	South Pasadena
Duarte	Monrovia	Temple City
El Monte	Monterey Park	Walnut

- **Presentations:** The Governing Board will receive an update presentation from the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District and the Metropolitan Water District on the current status of the drought and water supply in California, as well as a presentation from the City of South Pasadena on the City’s Water Conservation Program.
- **RHT Board Summary:** On Wednesday, the San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust (SGVRHT) held its Board of Directors meeting via Zoom. The Board adopted funding priorities for the \$20 million State Budget Earmark allocated the SGVRHT to address the affordable housing shortage and homeless crisis in the San Gabriel Valley. In anticipation of receiving these funds in October 2021, the SGVRHT Board adopted funding priorities as follows:
 1. Project Pipeline Capital (\$8 million): Provides gap financing for affordable and homeless housing projects on the project pipeline;
 2. Revolving Loan Fund (\$8 million): Provide acquisition and predevelopment financing to address an unmet need for early project financing in the San Gabriel Valley;
 3. Homeless Pilot Programs (\$4 million): Finance the expansion and operation of pilot projects that immediately address the housing needs of people experiencing

homelessness, like the tiny home bridge housing programs currently being implemented by the SGVRHT. .

These funding priorities align with the strategic priorities adopted by the SGVRHT Board of Directors in June 2021 as part of the SGVRHT's strategic planning process.

- **Upcoming Measure H Workshops:** In October, the County of Los Angeles Homeless Initiative (HI) will hold workshops to allow members of the public to provide input on the 51 strategies that had been identified in 2016 to address and prevent homelessness. The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors directed HI to revisit these strategies. Workshops will be held in September and October, with targeted discussions for each subregion. The workshop schedule can be found below. You can click on the respective links to register for the workshop.
 - [South Bay/Harbor Cities \(SPA 8\) - Wed, Sep 22, 2021, 10:00 AM](#)
 - [San Fernando Valley \(SPA 2\) - Wed, Sep 22, 2021, 3:00 PM](#)
 - [East LA \(SPA 7\) - Thu, Sep 23, 2021, 1:00 PM](#)
 - [Metro LA \(SPA 4\) - Tue, October 5, 2021, 3:00 PM](#)
 - [South LA \(SPA 6\) - Fri, October 8, 2021, 11:30 AM](#)
 - [San Gabriel Valley \(SPA 3\) - Wed, October 13, 2021, 9:00 AM](#)
 - [Antelope Valley \(SPA 1\) - Wed, October 20, 2021, 3:00 PM](#)
 - [West LA \(SPA 5\) - Thu, October 21, 2021, 9:00 AM](#)
 - [Evening Community Input Meeting - Mon, October 25, 2021, 6:00 PM](#)

The meeting in the San Gabriel Valley will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 13.

- **Blue Ribbon Commission on Homelessness (BRCH):** On Wednesday, September 8, 2021, the Blue Ribbon Commission on Homelessness (BRCH) held its first meeting. The BRCH was convened by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to study homelessness governance models nationwide and make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors for a new governance model for homeless services in the County of Los Angeles that includes representation from cities, Councils of Governments, and other regional entities. The motion approved by the Board of Supervisors provided that the BRCH would have 12 members, 4 representatives from the City of Los Angeles, 5 representatives from the County of Los Angeles, 2 representatives from Councils of Government, and the Contract Cities Association. The representatives for the COGs include SGVCOG President and Monrovia Councilmember Becky Shevlin. The other COG representative is Redondo Beach Councilmember Christian Horvath. The City of Los Angeles has indicated that it will not nominate any members, citing the need for action over additional discussion. Meetings will be held every other Wednesday at 10:00 a.m., with the next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 22. Meetings will be held over the next 6 months.
- **Solid Waste Working Group:** On Thursday, the SGVCOG Solid Waste Working Group convened via Zoom for its September meeting. The Working Group received presentations on the South Coast Air Quality Management District's (AQMD) permitting requirements and the County of Los Angeles' efforts on establishing recycling facilities. Cities that are interested in partnering with the County to identify possible sites to establish additional recycling facilities can contact Christopher Sheppard at CSHEPPARD@dpw.lacounty.gov. Additionally, members of the Working Group shared updates on their SB 1383 compliance efforts and received updates on the San Gabriel Valley Regional Food Recovery Program. The Working Group is expected to reconvene in late October.
- **Transportation Committee:** On Thursday, the SGVCOG Transportation Committee convened via Zoom for its monthly meeting. The Committee voted to recommend the Governing Board to appoint La Canada Flintridge Mayor Pro Tem Keith Eich to serve as

the SGVCOG Delegate on the Los Angeles International Airport Community Noise Roundtable and reviewed the following major items:

- **Metro Fareless Systems Initiative Updates:** In May, the Metro Board of Directors approved proceeding with the development of a fareless pilot program to benefit students and low-income riders and determine whether fareless transit could be expanded to additional groups of riders. Phase 1 of Metro's fareless pilot program focuses on serving students at participating K-12 schools and community colleges, with the goals of increasing ridership, enhancing student success, and improving student health by building on existing Metro and regional student pass programs. Metro is collaborating with regional and local transit agencies to solicit their interest in joining the fareless pilot program.
- **U.S. Bipartisan Infrastructure Framework Overview:** Earlier last month, the U.S. Senate voted to pass the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (H.R. 3684) to provide funding to support the nation's infrastructure, including roads, bridges, rail, transit, ports, airports, electric grids, water systems, broadband, and other priorities. The legislation would provide \$944 billion in total spending over five years, totally \$550 billion in new spending. The Senate's passage of the bill follows months of negotiations between the White House and a bipartisan cohort of senators on the infrastructure component of President Biden's original American Jobs Plan. The bill now moves for consideration in the U.S. House of Representatives.
- **Gold Line/I-210 Safety Improvements Project:** Metro Gold Line operates on a right-of-way in the middle of the I-210 Freeway for approximately six miles. Since 2007, a total of 13 major accidents that involved vehicles breaching the median have occurred within the six-mile segment, with a majority of them involving tractor trailers. Metro plans on distributing brochures and leaflets to ports, freight hubs, and other appropriate entities to recommend truckers to implement precautionary measures to prevent incidents on the I-210. Additionally, Metro plans on collaborating with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to hire additional California Highway Patrol (CHP) officers and partnering with Caltrans to install traffic signs and limiting truck speed and lane usage and develop active traffic management system signages. Metro is also securing funding to place barriers along an S-curve of the six-mile segment to prevent accidents and injuries.

The Transportation Committee is expected to reconvene on Thursday, October 14, 2021 at 4:00pm.

- **Subregional Executive Directors' Meeting:** On Thursday, I attend the SCAG Subregional Executive Directors' Meeting. SCAG provided updates on its Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) program, the next phase of REAP, the subregional delegation guidelines for the 2024 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategies (RTP/SCS), SCAG's Greenprint public hearing, a legislative update, and SCAG's Regional Data Platform.

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Week of September 13, 2021

- **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:
 - **12th Amended and Restated Bylaws:** The Governing Board voted to approve Resolution 21-43 adopting the Twelfth Amended and Restated Bylaws, which allow the Past President Representative on the Executive Committee to be a Delegate or Alternate on the Governing Board.
 - **Approval of Funding Agreement (FA#2) with Metro for the State Route 57/60 Chokepoint Relief Program:** Members of the Governing Board voted to authorize the Executive Director to execute Funding Agreement (FA#2) between SGVCOG and Metro for the reimbursement of direct costs associated with property acquisitions, utility relocations and construction of the Diamond Bar Golf Course Improvements (Golf Course Project) as part of the State Route 57/60 Chokepoint Relief Program.
 - **San Gabriel Valley Regional Food Recovery Program:** Members of the Governing Board voted to authorize the Executive Director to execute an agreement with SCS Engineers to support the San Gabriel Valley Regional Food Recovery Program for an amount not-to-exceed \$258,943.00.
 - **Support AB 361 (Rivas) and Acknowledge Local/State of Emergency:** The Governing Board voted to approve Resolution 21-44 to support AB 361 (Rivas) and to acknowledge the existence of a local and state of emergency in California caused by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic which continues to directly impact the ability of the Governing Board members to meet safely in person. AB 361 codifies portions of Governor Gavin Newsom's existing Ralph M. Brown Act exemptions pertaining to teleconferencing if a local agency issues an emergency finding, and reissues it every 30 days, that it is unsafe to meet in person. The threat that COVID-19 has presented continues to directly impact the ability of the SGVCOG to conduct Governing Board/committee meetings safely in person.
 - **FY 2022-2025 Measure M MSP Funding Guidelines:** Members of the Governing Board voted to approve the FY 2022-2025 Measure M MSP Active Transportation, Bus System Improvements, and First/Last Mile Funding Guidelines. The proposed FY 2022-2025 Funding Guidelines were reviewed and approved by the Transportation Committee, City Managers' Steering Committee, Public Works Technical Advisory Committee, and Planning Directors' Technical Advisory Committee.
 - **San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust (SGVRHT) Amendment to Agreement for Contract for Staffing:** The Governing Board voted to authorize the Executive Director to execute Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement between the SGVRHT and the SGVCOG. With the amendment to the Agreement, the SGVRHT would retain grant/funding administrative fees to pay its operational invoices directly, reducing the administrative burden on the SGVCOG.
 - **Presentations:** The Governing Board received an update presentation from the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District and the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California on the current status of the drought and water supply in California, as well as a presentation from the City of South Pasadena on the City's Water Conservation Program.

- **SB 9 Updates:** Yesterday, Governor Newsom signed SB 9 (Atkins), which permits infill development of duplex and four-plex homes in neighborhoods currently zoned for single-family homes. The bill allows owners of single-family lots to split them into two parcels and build up to four units. Previously, the mayors of 27 San Gabriel Valley cities had jointly signed a letter to urge Governor Newsom to veto SB 9. City officials are gravely concerned that being forced to grant unconditional approvals to proposed multi-family homes in neighborhoods not planned for higher density could overburden local public safety services, schools, parks, roads, drinking water supplies, sewers, and the energy grid. In response to the shortage of affordable housing, the SGVCOG supports legislation to provide incentives to rezone vacant and nonviable commercial properties across California so that affordable housing developments can be built. Last year, the SGVCOG also established the San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust to finance rent-subsidized housing developments for low-income families. Governor Newsom’s press release on signing SB 9 can be found [here](#).
- **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:
 - **Biotic Ligand Model for Zinc:** Karen Cowan, Executive Director of the California Stormwater Quality Association, presented to the Water Policy Committee and TAC on the water quality principles established through biotic ligand modeling for zinc. Traditionally, ambient water quality criteria (AWQC) for metals such as zinc and copper is determined based on the hardness of the water. However, quantifying water quality and toxicity based on hardness alone can be limiting. In July, 2019, the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board began researching the feasibility of biotic ligand modeling to determine AWQC. Since then, the State Water Board and other agencies have begun to consider the approach as a more flexible alternative to hardness testing because it takes into account not only hardness but also water chemistry.
 - **Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit:** COG staff shared its draft “MS4 Permit 101” document to provide an overview of the Permit, compliance updates, and an overarching resource guide on stormwater. SGVCOG is currently seeking comments on the document from the Water Policy Committee and TAC.
- **EENR Committee:** On Wednesday, the SGVCOG Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources (EENR) Committee convened via Zoom for its monthly meeting. The Committee reviewed the following presentations:
 - **SoCalGas Public Direct Install Program:** In partnership with Synergy Companies, SoCalGas offers the Public Direct Install Program to provide no-cost furnace and water heating optimization measures and incentives for upgrading to high-efficiency furnaces and tankless water heaters. The Program offers various incentives and rebates and provides no-cost offerings such as low-flow showerheads, hot water heater tank insulation, pipe wraps, and low-flow pre-rinse spray nozzles. Cities and agencies that are interested in participating in the SoCalGas Direct Install Program can contact Brian Fronk at brian.fronk@synergycompanies.org or (951) 440-1694.
 - **Quemetco Battery Recycling Facility Overview:** Founded in 1959, Quemetco is a battery recycling facility that employs 210 full-time local union workers in the City of Industry. The facility recycles 10 million batteries and generates approximately 120,000 tons of recycled lead every year. Approximately 85% of the lead refined at the facility derives from spent lead-acid automotive batteries. Quemetco recently launched a robust community engagement program and is currently offering virtual tours to interested elected officials, city staff, residents, and community

stakeholders. Individuals who are interested in participating in a virtual tour of the facility can contact Kathia Velasco at kathia@veladaconsulting.com or (323) 314-4943.

- **Los Angeles County Climate Vulnerability Assessment:** Developed by the Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office, the Los Angeles County Climate Vulnerability Assessment (CVA) examined the physical and social vulnerability of communities to climate impacts such as extreme heat, extreme precipitation, wildfire, sea level rise, drought, and flooding. Key findings from the CVA highlighted that extreme heat is projected to increase in frequency and severity and that wildfire events are projected to be considerably larger, more frequent, and more destructive by mid-century. Droughts will also happen more often and lasting longer, which lead to drier springs and summers. Inland flooding will likely increase in the future with the drier climates and wetter winters. Local jurisdictions can use the CVA to inform grants and apply for funding, create a city adaptation plan/program, support vulnerability assessments for SB 379, and prioritize hazard mitigation efforts, public health policies, emergency preparedness, land use planning, and infrastructure investments. Additional information on the CVA can be found on <https://ceo.lacounty.gov/ourcounty-cso-actions/>.
- **Wildfire Prevention Planning:** Wildlands near the San Gabriel Valley are increasingly stressed given the climate's swift growing heat and drier conditions. Many jurisdictions within the San Gabriel Valley also have neighborhoods or communities that are designated as fire hazard severity zones. To improve stewardship in the wildland urban interface, the Fire Safe Alliance was formed as a collaboration of public agencies, departments, and communities to identify solutions and resources for property owners and land managers. The Alliance encourages local jurisdictions to participate or lead efforts to develop a Community Wildfire Protection Plan, which guides future actions of private landowners, local Fire Safe Councils, land management agencies, and emergency service providers wanting to take proactive steps to minimize risks and protect local communities. In partnership with local community members, the SGVCOG will host several regional forums over the next few months to support member agencies and local communities to boost their wildfire prevention planning efforts.
- **Wildfire Prevention Planning Survey:** On Wednesday, the EENR Committee reviewed a presentation on the importance of wildfire prevention planning efforts. The RMC subsequently encouraged the SGVCOG to consider applying for an RMC grant that would fund fire prevention planning and management activities. Currently, there are no comprehensive regional wildfire prevention efforts in the San Gabriel Valley. As a result, staff would like to solicit cities' interest in having the SGVCOG lead regional wildfire prevention efforts through a [survey](#). Respondents are also given the opportunity to share their jurisdictional wildfire prevention needs. Your feedback is greatly appreciated and please kindly submit a response by **Friday, October 1st**.
- **Project Homekey:** Last week, the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) announced the availability of \$1.45 billion for the expansion of Project Homekey. Through the program, cities, counties, and public housing authorities can apply for funding to purchase and/or rehabilitate hotels, motels, vacant apartment buildings, manufactured homes, and other properties, and convert them into permanent homes for people experiencing or at risk of homelessness. The application will be available starting September 30, 2021, and applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until May 2, 2022, or until all funding is exhausted. More information can be found [here](#).
- **Upcoming Energy Efficiency Webinars:** There are two upcoming webinars on energy efficiency that will be hosted by the SGVCOG.

- **“Easy Ways to Savings” SoCalGas Local Government Partnership webinar - Tuesday, September 28 from 11:00am-12:30pm.:** This webinar is hosted in collaboration between the Gateway Energy Partnership, VIEW Partnership, and the SGVCOG Energy Wise Partnership will include project examples, therm savings tips, and energy efficiency trivia (with prizes available to the highest scorers). [Click here](#) to register for the SoCalGas LGP Webinar.
- **“Gaze Into the Crystal Ball: What’s In Store for Energy Efficiency Incentive Programs?” - Thursday October 7th at 1:00pm.:** This webinar is hosted in collaboration between SoCalREN and the SGVCOG and will inform attendees on California’s newest energy efficiency incentive programs for public agency customers. [Click here](#) to register for the SoCalREN webinar.

Cities and agencies are highly encouraged to attend both webinars, as their attendance contributes toward their progress in the 2021 San Gabriel Valley Energy Champion Awards.



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Week of September 20, 2021

- **Public Works TAC:** On Monday, the SGVCOG Public Works Technical Advisory Committee convened for its monthly meeting via Zoom. The Committee reviewed the following major items:
 - **Caltrans District 7 Quarterly Updates:** Roger Yoh, P.E., District Asset Manager at the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) highlighted that 9 of the 79 Caltrans projects are currently taking place within the San Gabriel Valley. Hammer Sui, Senior Transportation Engineer at Caltrans, provided an overview of the Clean California Program, which aims to beautify and improve local streets and roads, tribal lands, parks, pathways, and transit centers to clean and enhance public spaces. Caltrans will solicit input from local communities through two stakeholder workshops that are scheduled for September 1, 2021 and October 7, 2021 in order to develop the program's guidelines. [Here](#) is a flyer outlining the initiative.
 - **Measure M Multi-Year Subregional Program FY 2022-2025 Active Transportation, Bus System Improvements, and First/Last Mile Funding Application:** The FY 2022-2025 MSP funding guidelines proposed by SGVCOG staff were approved by the Governing Board on September 16, 2021. As a result, funding applications for cities to apply for FY 2022-2025 MSP funds are now available. Information on the MSP funds can be found on the SGVCOG website [here](#).
 - **H.R. 3684 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act:** On August 10, 2021, the U.S. Senate voted to pass the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (H.R. 3684) to provide funding to support the nation's infrastructure, including roads, bridges, rail, transit, ports, airports, electric grids, water systems, broadband, and other priorities. The bill includes several multimodal programs and authorizing bills, with supplemental appropriations for many of these programs.

The Committee is scheduled to reconvene on Monday, October 18, 2021 at 12:00pm.
- **Blue Ribbon Commission on Homelessness (BRCH):** On Wednesday, the second meeting of the Blue Ribbon Commission on Homelessness (BRCH) was held. SGVCOG President Becky Shevlin was one of two representatives from the Council of Governments. The BRCH elected Commissioner Sarah Dusseault - member of the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) Commission and appointee of Supervisor Hilda Solis - and Commission Christian Horvath - Redondo Beach councilmember and representative of the councils of governments - as co-chairs of the BRCH. The BRCH also heard presentations on LA County's efforts to achieve racial equity and the functions of the Anti-Racism, Diversity, and Inclusion (ARDI) Unit in the CEO's Office, LAHSA's Lived Experience Advisory Board (LEAB) and Homeless Youth Forum LA (HYFLA), the LA County Homeless Initiative, and LAHSA's history and current responsibilities.
- **Homeless Policy Deputies Meeting:** On Thursday, the Homeless Policy Deputies convened virtually, where the following items were discussed:
 - Cheri Todoroff and Liz Ben-Ishai, CEO-HI gave an update on the Homeless Initiative Strategy Reassessment Process. HI has contracted with Ever Excel Consulting to facilitate 13 Community Input Meetings, including meetings for all 8 SPAs. The meetings begin with a pre-recorded presentation followed by Q&A and facilitated breakout sessions that give attendees the opportunity to provide input. After each of the meetings, the Ever Excel team produces a report capturing key

themes from all sessions. Final recommendations will be presented in a final memo to the board in December. Additional information, presentation video, and links to sign up can be found [here](#).

- Bill Taylor, CEO-HI, provided an update on funding for homeless services from the State:
 - Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Program: Approved \$1 billion for each of the next two years.
 - Project Homekey 2.0: Approved \$2.75 billion over the next two years. Local agencies are eligible to apply for and receive these funds, and the CEO-HI is partnering with the City of Los Angeles and the City of Long Beach, which are also administering PRK sites.
 - CalWORKS Housing Support Program: Approved \$285M for each of the next two fiscal years FY 21-22 and FY 22-23.
 - Housing and Disability Advocacy Program: Approved \$175M for each of the next two fiscal years FY 21-22 and FY 22-23.
 - Community Care Expansion: Approved \$805M in one-time funding in FY 21-22 for competitive grants to (but not limited to) county and tribal entities.
 - Bringing Families Home: Approved \$92.5M for each of the two fiscal years, FY 21-22 and FY 22-23, for counties and tribal entities to serve families experiencing or at-risk and involved in the County Child Welfare System.
 - Home Safe: Approved \$92.5M for each of the next two fiscal years, FY 21-22 and FY 22-23, for counties and tribal entities to serve individuals involved in County Adult Protective Services.
 - Family Homelessness Challenge Grants: Approved \$40M statewide to accelerate family rehousing efforts that demonstrate cross-system collaboration, multi-funder initiatives, and efforts that coordinate across funding streams and systems.
 - Encampment Resolution Grants: Approved \$50M statewide to provide solutions for people staying in encampments.
 - Supportive Services for Formerly Homeless Veterans Competitive Grants: Approved \$25M was statewide.
 - John Connolly, DPH and Sarah Mahin, DHS provided updates on the COVID-19 Response for People Experiencing Homelessness. Positive rates and daily death rates are still declining. Currently, 43.5% of PEH are fully vaccinated, but DHS strives to eventually provide vaccinations to all PEH.
- SGVCOG
- **Planners TAC:** On Thursday, the SGVCOG Planning Directors' Technical Advisory Committee convened for its monthly meeting via Zoom. The Committee reviewed the following major items:
 - **SGVCOG Regional Early Action Planning Projects:** Caitlin Sims, Principal Management Analyst at SGVCOG reviewed the REAP Affordable Housing Incubator project with the Planners TAC and sought out their recommendations for project components to include.
 - **Legislative Updates: SB 9 (Atkins):** Paul Hubler, Director of Government and Community Relations at SGVCOG provided an overview of SB 9, which was signed last week by Governor Newsom. SB 9 requires ministerial approval in single-family (R-1) zones of lot splits of existing parcels (creating two independent lots that can be sold separately) and construction of two full-sized residential units (townhomes or a duplex) on each lot. SB 9 also sets local standards for ADUs, lot

splits, occupancy, rentals, ROW dedications, parking, set-backs, and nonconformities.

- **Los Angeles County Climate Vulnerability Assessment:** Liz Crosson, City Liaison for Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office provided information on the County's Climate Vulnerability Assessment (CVA). Key findings from the CVA highlighted that extreme heat is projected to increase in frequency and severity and that wildfire events are projected to be considerably larger, more frequent, and more destructive by mid-century. Droughts will also happen more often and lasting longer, which lead to drier springs and summers. Inland flooding will likely increase in the future with the drier climates and wetter winters. Additionally, coastal flooding events may become more frequent and severe, with small increases in sea level rise.
- **Wildfire Prevention Planning in the San Gabriel Valley:** Ronnie Siegel, Principal at Siegel Landscape Architect provided information on wildfire prevention planning in the San Gabriel Valley. Wildlands near the San Gabriel Valley are increasingly stressed given the climate's swift growing heat and drier conditions. Many jurisdictions within the San Gabriel Valley, including the Cities of Arcadia, Azusa, Bradbury, Claremont, Covina, Diamond Bar, Duarte, Glendora, Irwindale, La Canada Flintridge, La Verne, Monrovia, Pasadena, Pomona, San Dimas, Sierra Madre, Walnut, and West Covina, also have neighborhoods or communities that are designated as fire hazard severity zones. The Fire Safe Alliance was formed as a collaboration of public agencies, departments, and communities to identify solutions and resources for property owners and land managers. The Alliance encourages local jurisdictions to participate or lead efforts to develop a Community Wildfire Protection Plan, which guides future actions of private landowners, local Fire Safe Councils, land management agencies, and emergency service providers wanting to take proactive steps to minimize risks and protect local communities.
- **FY 2022-2025 MSP Application Available:** Last Thursday, the Governing Board approved the FY 2022-2025 Measure M Multi-Year Subregional Program (MSP) Active Transportation, Bus System Improvements, and First/Last Mile Guidelines. As a result, cities and agencies can now submit applications for FY 2022-2025 MSP funds. Cities that are interested in applying for the funds are highly recommended to review the funding guidelines and scoring rubric thoroughly prior to starting the application. Additionally, a **funding application workshop will also be hosted on Monday, 10/4 at 4:00pm** to provide an in-depth overview of the funding application. While applicants are not required to attend the workshop to submit a funding application, cities are strongly recommended to attend the workshop. Interested individuals can register for the webinar [here](#). Funding applications are due by Monday, 10/18 at 5:00pm to SGVCOG staff at afung@sgvcog.org. Information regarding the FY 2022-2025 MSP funding can also be found on the SGVCOG website [here](#).
- **Wildfire Prevention Planning Survey:** Last week, the Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources (EENR) Committee reviewed a presentation on the importance of wildfire prevention planning efforts. The RMC subsequently encouraged the SGVCOG to consider applying for an RMC grant that would fund fire prevention planning and management activities. Currently, there are no comprehensive regional wildfire prevention efforts in the San Gabriel Valley. As a result, staff would like to solicit cities' interest in having the SGVCOG lead regional wildfire prevention efforts through a [survey](#). Respondents are also given the opportunity to share their jurisdictional wildfire prevention needs. Your feedback is greatly appreciated and please kindly submit a response by **Friday, October 1st**.
- **City Sustainability Summit:** Next Thursday, the Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office will be hosting its annual City Sustainability Summit online. Speakers will share

reports on state and federal infrastructure updates and present on climate planning projects. SGVCOG staff will also provide a presentation on the San Gabriel Valley Regional Food Recovery Program and lead a breakout session on food recovery efforts. Interested individuals can register for the Summit [here](#).



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Week of September 27, 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 on SB 9 implementation. Additionally, the Committee reviewed and approved the draft October 21 Governing Board agenda.
- **Governing Board Best Practice Sharing:** The SGVCOG is currently soliciting interest from member cities/agencies to share best practices at future Governing Board meetings. For example, the SGVCOG is excited to host the City of Glendora at the October 21 Governing Board meeting to share the City's First/Last Mile Demonstration project! If your city/agency is interested, please complete the following form: <https://forms.gle/TZhPyUMMCuwPcyC78>.
- **Metro Transit Oriented Communities Funding:** On Wednesday, Metro staff held its first workshop on its Transit Oriented Communities (TOC) Technical Assistance Program. This competitive funding program will support building municipal staff capacity in TOC areas by building local capacity to realize equitable TOCs and/or explore the feasibility of implementing TOC programs. Applicants are eligible to apply for up to \$200,000 for TOC projects that support the following activities:
 - Affordable Housing (Production, Preservation, and Tenant Protections) within ½ mile of a major transit stop;
 - Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA), with a TOC Focus within ½ mile of a major transit stop;
 - Community Stabilization, within ½ mile of a major transit stop;
 - Active Transportation, within ½ mile walking or 3 miles biking of a major transit stop;
 - First/Last Mile, within ½ mile walking or 3 miles biking of a major transit stop;
 - Measure M Metro Active Transportation (MAT).

Round 1 applications are due November 1, 2021. Metro will be holding another training session on Tuesday, October 5, 2021, from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Interested participants can register [here](#). More information about the program can be found [here](#).

- **Homelessness Committee:** On Wednesday, the SGVCOG Homelessness Committee convened for its monthly meeting via Zoom. The Committee received welcoming remarks from SGVCOG President and committee chair, Becky Shevlin and reviewed the following major items.
 - **Measure H 2022-2023 City Program Applications:** The Committee recommended the Governing Board approve the following city/cohort applications for the SGVCOG's Measure H "City Programs" category:
 - Claremont/La Verne/Pomona: Community Navigation with Tri-City Mental Health & Interim Housing (\$200,000);
 - Montebello: Montebello Community Assistance Program (MCAP) (\$50,000);
 - Monrovia: Family and Advocate Support Services (FASS) for the Housing Displacement Response Plan (HDRP) (\$50,000)
 - Azusa: Prevention/Diversion/Voucher Program for the Azusa Neighborhood Connections Program (\$50,000).

The Committee also directed staff to work with the City of Baldwin Park to determine the viability of a reduced funding award and provide an update to the

Homelessness Committee at a future meeting. These recommendations will be considered by the Governing Board at its October meeting.

- **LA County Department of Mental Health (DMH) Psychiatric Mobile Response Team (PMRT), Therapeutic Teams, and Mobile Engagement Teams (MET):** Miriam A. Brown, LCSW, provided background and overview of services for LA County DMH Emergency Outreach and Triage Division (EOTD). Psychiatric Mobile Response Teams provide non-law enforcement-based mobile crisis response for clients experiencing a psychiatric emergency in the community through LACDMH's ACCESS Center.
- **LA County Department of Mental Health (DMH) Assisted Outpatient Treatment – Laura's Law:** Linda P. Boyd, MN, provided an overview on Laura's Law and Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT-LA). In 2002, AB 1421 established the Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) Demonstration Project Act, known as Laura's Law. AOT allows LACDMH to serve seriously mental ill persons who are at substantial risk of deterioration and/or detention under WIC5150 as a direct result of poor psychiatric treatment compliance.
- **LA County Homelessness Governance Reform and Blue-Ribbon Commission on Homelessness:** SGVCOG President and Homelessness Committee Chair Becky Shevlin provided updates. The Commission elected their co-chairs, Sarah Dusseault and Christian Horvath. The first two meetings started with background information. They are now reaching out to individuals and organizations that may want to provide testimony regarding LAHSA.
- **LA Alliance for Human Rights et al. v. City of Los Angeles et al.:** Samuel Pedersen, Management Analyst at SGVCOG provided an update. On Thursday, September 23, 2021, the City and County appealed Judge Carter's preliminary injunction to the Ninth Circuit Federal Court of Appeals, and the Court of Appeals reversed the injunction. The Ninth Circuit found that the District Court's premise for the preliminary injunction, namely structural racism, was impermissible based on claims and theories created by the court and not plead by the plaintiffs themselves. Additionally, it found that plaintiffs had not pleaded sufficient facts to establish their standing. The case may continue, but this creates a significant hurdle for plaintiffs.
- **Water TAC:** On Wednesday, the Water TAC held a Special Meeting via Zoom. The committee reviewed the following items:
 - **Website Design Best Practices for MS4 Permit Compliance:** Dawn Petschauer, Senior Water Biologist at LA Sanitation, provided information regarding website design for watershed management groups' MS4 Permit compliance. Watershed management groups must follow specific communications objectives, including regulatory correspondence, permit and policy feedback, watershed management group (WMG) letters of support, and special studies. The Upper Los Angeles River Watershed Management Group (ULAR WMG) is currently the only watershed management group in the region with a dedicated website for its MS4 Permit communications requirements, which can be viewed by [clicking here](#). The website currently includes updates on regional stormwater projects, information on pollutants, and interactive videos that provide background information on ULAR WMG, Measure W, and the watershed management group's mission and purpose. With the new Permit, ULAR WMG plans to incorporate a semi-annual watershed management program progress report form and cultural inclusivity, including translation, to the website.
- **Los Angeles County City Sustainability Summit:** On Thursday, SGVCOG staff presented on the San Gabriel Valley Regional Food Recovery Program at the 2021 Los

Angeles County City Sustainability Summit. This year's City Sustainability Summit featured presentations on climate and infrastructure funding, the Los Angeles County Climate Vulnerability Assessment, organics and food recovery programs, and water conservation initiatives. Launched earlier this week, the San Gabriel Valley Regional Food Recovery Program is known as one of the largest subregional food recovery programs in California, with the aim of boosting local food recovery programs in the San Gabriel Valley and supporting member agencies to comply with SB 1383's (Lara, 2016) food recovery regulations.

- **SCAG Technical Working Group:** On Thursday, SCAG held its Technical Working Group (TWG) meeting. The working group discussed the following items:
 - **Forecasted Regional Development Pattern & Local Data Exchange:** There was a presentation and discussion on the key steps to a forecasted regional development pattern: are 1) preliminary regional growth forecast; 2) local data exchange and small area growth development; 3) forecasted regional development pattern. For the 2024 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS), the regional and county growth forecast will be released January 2022. The local data exchange soft launch will be in January 2022 with a complete launch in 2022. The full draft of the forecasted regional development pattern will be available in 2023.
 - **SCAG Regional Data Platform Update:** SCAG presented an update on its Regional Data Platform, which facilitates stronger local planning by providing modern tools and best practices to assist with General Plan Updates and streamline the process of collecting and integrating data from member agencies to SCAG to enhance regional planning. The regional data plan will include accessible data and information, such as the regional hub and SoCal Atlas; planning and engagement tools such as HELPR, Parcel Explorer, and General Plan Update Initiative Templates; and the local data exchange. Most of these tools will be launched November 2021.
 - **Priority Development Areas:** SCAG is identifying neighborhoods that are priority for development. Based on the 2020 Connect SoCal, this includes High Quality Transit Areas, High Quality Transit Corridors, Neighborhood Mobility Areas, and Job Centers. New concepts SCAG is considering for the 2024 Connect SoCal priority development areas are the 15-minute city and mobility hubs.
 - **SoCal Greenprint Update:** Over the last several years, SCAG has been developing the SoCal Greenprint. A greenprint provides the best available scientific data on land use, transportation, natural resources, and other elements to help users make better land use and transportation infrastructure decisions and support conservation investments. It does not put constraints on development or establish new requirements or data sets - it is merely a data tool for interested users. The Greenprint is expected to be discussed by the Regional Council at its meeting next Thursday, October 7, 2021.
- **LGP Webinar:** On Tuesday, the SGVCOG helped host the "Easy Ways to Savings" SoCalGas Local Government Partnership Webinar in conjunction with the Gateway Energy, VIEW, and Energy Wise Partnerships. The webinar discussed therm savings opportunities, including the use of low-flow sink aerators, low-flow showerheads, hot water tank and pipe insulation, commercial fitting insulation, and more. General and seasonal energy saving best practices were shared as well. The SGVCOG hosted the energy efficiency trivia portion of the webinar, where one participant won a \$25 Amazon gift card.
- **SoCalREN and SGVCOG joint webinar:** "Gaze Into the Crystal Ball: What's In Store for Energy Efficiency Incentive Programs?" will take place virtually on Thursday October 7th at 1:00pm. Hosted in collaboration between SoCalREN and the SGVCOG, the webinar will

inform attendees on California's newest energy efficiency incentive programs for public agency customers. [Click here](#) to register for the SoCalREN webinar. Cities and agencies are highly encouraged to attend this webinar, as their attendance contributes toward their progress in the 2021 San Gabriel Valley Energy Champion Awards.

