



SGVCOG Governing Board Approved Minutes

Date: September 19, 2019

Time: 5:30 PM

Location: Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water Districts (602 E. Huntington Drive, Monrovia, CA 91016)

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order
SGVCOG President Cynthia Sternquist called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
D. Bertone led the Governing Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll Call
A quorum was in attendance.

Governing Board Members Present

Alhambra	David Mejia
Arcadia	April Verlato
Azusa	Robert Gonzales
Claremont	Ed Reece
Covina	Patricia Cortez
Diamond Bar	Nancy Lyons
Duarte	John Fasana
El Monte	Victoria Martinez-Muela
Glendora	Michael Allawos
Industry	Cory Moss
La Puente	Dan Holloway
La Verne	Tim Hepburn
Monrovia	Becky Shevlin
Monterey Park	Peter Chan
Pomona	Tim Sandoval
Rosemead	Margaret Clark
San Dimas	Denis Bertone
San Gabriel	Jason Pu
San Marino	Susan Jakubowski
Sierra Madre	John Capoccia
South El Monte	Gloria Olmos
South Pasadena	Diana Mahmud
Temple City	Cynthia Sternquist
Walnut	Allen Wu
West Covina	Tony Wu
L.A. County District #1	Florencio Briones
L.A. County District #4	Lauren Yokomizo

Absent

Baldwin Park
Bradbury
Irwindale
La Cañada Flintridge
Montebello
L.A. County District #5
San Gabriel Valley Water Districts

SGVCOG Staff

Marisa Creter, Executive Director
David DeBerry, General Counsel
Paul Hubler, Staff
Kathy McClure, Staff
Caitlin Sims, Staff
Jan Cicco, Staff
Katie Ward, Staff
Alexander Fung, Staff
Navneet Kaur, Staff
Stefanie Hernandez, Staff

4. Public Comment

Johnathan Corcoran, a representative from the Justice and Equality for the Eastside Coalition, provided a public comment regarding the Metro Eastside Extension SR-60 Alternative. The Coalition opposes the SR-60 Northside Design Variation alternative and expressed support for the 60 Freeway Gold Line Extension only if an underground construction design is utilized on Pomona Boulevard for the first 4,500 feet from west of Atlantic Boulevard to east of Findlay Avenue at the beginning of the Montebello Gold Course. Additionally, the Coalition supports the Atlantic Blvd./Washington Blvd. alternative only if the Atlantic Blvd. portion is built fully underground.

Lee Cane, a representative from the San Gabriel Valley Consortium on Homelessness, provided a public comment to express an offer of support to San Gabriel Valley cities' efforts to address homelessness issues. Ms. Kane emphasized that the Consortium would like to support the cities' capacity building efforts and invited the Governing Board to attend the Consortium's meetings on the second Wednesday of every month in West Covina.

5. Changes to Agenda Order

SGVCOG President Cynthia Sternquist announced that Items 30 and 32 will be pulled from the Consent Calendar based on the requests of Governing Board members.

PRESENTATIONS

6. Legislative Update: Senator Susan Rubio, California State Senate District 22

Senator Susan Rubio provided a legislative update presentation to the Governing Board members. Additionally, she announced that SGVCOG will be handling the distribution of the \$5.625 million to fund homelessness programs and SGVCOG should be receiving the funding by the end of next month. The Senator also recommended cities to consider allocating a portion of the \$5.625 million into funding the joint powers authority (JPA) to provide services.

Questions/Discussions:

- A Governing Board member mentioned that there is a number of vacant Caltrans properties and other state-owned properties that are vacant in the San Gabriel Valley. The member hopes that these vacant properties can be made available for affordable and low-income housing along the 710 freeway corridor.
- Another Governing Board member mentioned that a portion of the \$5.625 million should be allocated to retrofit vacant buildings into shelters with beds. The Senator responded that she supports this endeavor and mentioned that the allocation distribution of the \$5.625 million was not prescriptive in language to allow for collective decision. This way, cities can collectively decide on funding projects and initiatives with the highest need.

LIAISON REPORTS

7. Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority

L. Levy-Buch announced that the Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority was able to award a contract for the Gold Line extension due to SGVCOG's decision to approve an allocation of \$126 million in Measure M subregional equity program funds. The first phase is scheduled to extend the Gold Line to Pomona and the Authority is given until October 2021 to secure the funding needed to extend the rail to Montclair. Additionally, the Authority will be hosting a press conference on Saturday, October 4, 2019 to sign the contract. Members of the Governing Board are invited to attend the signing.

8. Foothill Transit
No report was given.
9. Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
L. De Loza-Gutierrez provided updates on the improvements that will be made on the I-10 express lanes and Metro's partnership with Via near the El Monte Station.
10. San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC)
J. Gonzalez announced that RMC received 18 applications in its recent round of call-for-projects. 11 of these projects are located in the San Gabriel Valley. Additional call-for-project announcements will be released soon.
11. San Gabriel Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District (SGVMVCD)
J. Dever announced that 6 samples of West Nile virus tested positive in the Cities of Baldwin Park, Claremont, Glendora, La Verne, Pomona, and West Covina. It was reported that a human case of West Nile virus occurred in the City of Claremont. MVCD officials surveyed and inspected the impacted area to prevent further transmissions. Additionally, yellow fever mosquitoes are now found in the San Gabriel Valley and that the number of MVCD service requests in the Greater Los Angeles region have increased exponentially this year. MVCD will be hosting a mosquito forum on Saturday, October 19, 2019 from 2:00pm to 4:00pm at the Pacific Coast College in Pasadena.
12. Southern California Association of Governments
S. Patterson reported that the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Subcommittee will be meeting on Monday, October 7, 2019 to recommend the final allocation methodology. On Monday, September 23, 2019, SCAG will be hosting a preview of the potential allocation methodology. An example of the finalized RHNA numbers will be provided and staff will be available to answer questions. Additionally, SCAG will be hosting a series of business resiliency workshops to provide tools and information to business owners in the event of natural resources to help businesses maintain their normal business operations.
13. League of California Cities
J. Quan reported that 561 bills were chaptered and 6 were vetoed by Governor Newsom as of today. There are around 200 bills left that the Governor is still considering the League encourages cities to submit support or opposition letters regarding the outstanding bills to the Governor's Office as soon as possible. Sample letters and a list of outstanding bills can be found on the League's website.
14. San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership
No report was given.
15. South Coast Air Quality Management District
R. Yeung reported that AQMD will be hosting its 31st Annual Clean Air Awards on Saturday, October 4, 2019 at the Grand Hotel Downtown.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

SGVCOG President Cynthia Sternquist provided a report on her recent meeting with Senator Susan Rubio. SGVCOG 2nd Vice President and Homelessness Committee Chair Becky Shevlin, as well as the SGVCOG Regional Homelessness Coordinator Jan Cicco, were also in attendance.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

16. San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust Fund
SGVCOG Executive Director Marisa Creter introduced staff to provide a presentation on the San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust Fund.

GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

SGVCOG General Counsel David DeBerry introduced himself to the Governing Board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

17. Transportation Committee
J. Fasana reported that the Transportation Committee convened today and discussed a report from the Ontario International Airport. Additionally, it was reported that the San Bernardino County expressed reservations regarding the extension of the Foothill Gold Line to Montclair. The Transportation Committee will agendize this discussion at an upcoming committee meeting.
18. Homelessness Committee
B. Shevlin reported that Supervisor Barger made a motion to provide \$6 million in Measure H innovation funds for COGs in Los Angeles County to use locally. Additional details regarding the \$6 million will be provided in the near future.
19. Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee
D. Bertone reported that the committee received two presentations at its recent meeting. The committee received presentations from Southern California Edison (SCE) and Former Claremont Mayor Joe Lyons on electric vehicles and Claremont's Locally Grown Power, respectively.
20. Water Committee
D. Mahmud reported that 40% of bacteria study funds will be allocated directly to stormwater projects for cities.
21. Capital Projects and Construction
V. Martinez Muela reported that the committee participated in a tour of existing and completed ACE construction projects. Another tour can be arranged if Governing Board members are interested in visiting ACE project sites. The committee will be having its upcoming meeting on Monday, September 23, 2019.

CONSENT CALENDAR

22. Governing Board Meeting Minutes
Recommended Action: Adopt Governing Board minutes.
23. Monthly Cash Disbursements/Balances/Transfers
Recommended Action: Approve Monthly Cash Disbursements/Balances/Transfers.
24. Committee/TAC/Governing Board Attendance
Recommended Action: Receive and file.
25. Committee Appointments
Recommended Action: Appoint the following members to standing SGVCOG Policy Committees,

Technical Advisory Committees:

- Transportation: City of Industry

26. Contract 19-04 City Services Representative (Metro)
Recommended Action: Authorize the Executive Director to execute a contract with Mary Lou Echternach to serve as Cities Services Representative (Metro) to provide support services in the performance of the duties and responsibilities of the Board member. The period of performance shall be for a one (1) year period beginning on October 1, 2019 and ending September 30, 2020, in the amount of \$137,004 and up to \$5,000 for pre-approved out-of-pocket travel expenses.
27. October Governing Board Meeting Date and Location
Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution 19-38 to change the date of the October Governing Board meeting to October 24 and change location to the Foothill Transit Office in West Covina.
28. SoCalREN Public Agency Programs Contract
Recommended Action: Authorize the Executive Director to execute a contract with the Energy Coalition to provide up to \$40,000 in funding to the SGVCOG to support regional public agency engagement for the Southern California Regional Energy Network (SoCalREN).
29. Gold Line Funding Allocation
Recommended Actions: 1) Adopt Resolution 19-39 affirming support of allocation of \$126 million in Measure M subregional equity program funds to the Gold Line Foothill Extension Project Phase 1 Alignment to Pomona and 2) Receive and file Metro response to Gold Line Funding Allocation Action
30. Amendment to Executive Director Employment Agreement
Recommended Action: Authorize the President to execute a Second Amendment to the Agreement for Executive Director services with Marisa Creter.
31. Update External SGVCOG Agency Appointments
Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution 19-40 updating the SGVCOG external agency appointments.
32. Metro Eastside Extension SR-60 Alternative
Recommended Actions: Adopt Resolution 19-41 to support the Metro Eastside Extension SR-60 Alternative and make the following recommendations to Metro:
 - 1) Explore possible future extension to connect the eastside extension with the Foothill Gold Line; and*
 - 2) Fund SR-60 North-South connections (including transit and traffic signal synchronization projects) to increase access to the Eastside extension and the Gold Line.*
33. Update on the San Gabriel Mountains Foothills and Rivers Protection Act
Recommended Action: Receive and file.

There was a motion to approve consent calendar items 22-29, 31, and 33. (M/S: J. Fasana/A. Wu)

[Motion Passed]

AYES:	Alhambra, Arcadia, Azusa, Claremont, Covina, Diamond Bar, Duarte, El Monte, Glendora, Industry, La Puente, La Verne, Monrovia, Monterey Park, Pomona, Rosemead, San Dimas, San Gabriel, San Marino, Sierra Madre, South El Monte, South Pasadena, Temple City, Walnut, West Covina, L.A. County District #1, L.A. County District #4
NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	
ABSENT:	Baldwin Park, Bradbury, Irwindale, La Cañada Flintridge, Montebello, L.A. County District #5, San Gabriel Valley Water Districts

Discussion on Item 30: Amendment to Executive Director Employment Agreement

- SGVCOG General Counsel David DeBerry provided a report on this item.
- A Governing Board member inquired the salary of the Executive Director. SGVCOG General Counsel David DeBerry responded that the salary is currently set at \$195,000 a year.

There was a motion to approve item 30, Amendment to Executive Director Employment Agreement. (M/S: J. Fasana/N. Lyons)

[Motion Passed]

AYES:	Alhambra, Arcadia, Azusa, Claremont, Covina, Diamond Bar, Duarte, El Monte, Glendora, Industry, La Puente, La Verne, Monrovia, Monterey Park, Pomona, Rosemead, San Dimas, San Gabriel, San Marino, Sierra Madre, South El Monte, South Pasadena, Temple City, Walnut, West Covina, L.A. County District #1, L.A. County District #4
NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	
ABSENT:	Baldwin Park, Bradbury, Irwindale, La Cañada Flintridge, Montebello, L.A. County District #5, San Gabriel Valley Water Districts

Discussion on Item 32: Metro Eastside Extension SR-60 Alternative

- Metro’s Project Manager of Eastside Corridor Phase 2 provided a presentation on the Eastside Extension SR-60 Alternative. Scoping meetings were held from May 2019 to July 2019. Metro staff is currently visiting scoping comments to address the EIR and EIS.
- A Governing Board member emphasized that it is important for the SGVCOG to reaffirm its position and adopt a resolution to support the Metro Eastside Extension SR-60 Alternative. The member mentioned that a total of \$1.271 billion were reserved for this project and it is crucial to protect the funding by affirming the SGVCOG’s support for the project.
- Another Governing Board member inquired about the possibility of taking further actions after passing the resolution. Metro Board of Directors member John Fasana responded that further action would still be required in two to three months if the Governing Board votes in favor of the resolution.
- Several Governing Board members expressed that it is important for the Governing Board to reiterate the SGVCOG’s position on the SR-60 route.
- Several other Governing Board members expressed that it would be beneficial for the Governing Board to wait on adopting the resolution because the SGVCOG has taken a position of support on the SR-60 in 2009. Given that the scoping comments have not been completely considered, it may be beneficial to

table this item until January to re-visit this item.

There was a motion to table this item until the technical studies and scoping comment results are available from Metro. (M/S: F. Briones/L. Yokomizo)

There was a substitute motion to:

- 1. Direct the Transportation Committee to report to the Governing Board as more information regarding this item becomes available; and,**
- 2. Revise and pass Resolution 19-41 without recommending Metro to explore possible future extension to connect the eastside extension with the Foothill Gold Line and without encouraging Metro to fund SR-60 North-South connections (including transit and traffic signal synchronization projects) to increase access to the Eastside extension and the Gold Line.**

(M/S: J. Fasana/J. Pu)

[Motion Passed]


AYES:	Alhambra, Arcadia, Azusa, Claremont, Covina, Duarte, El Monte, Glendora, Industry, La Puente, La Verne, Monrovia, Monterey Park, Pomona, Rosemead, San Dimas, San Gabriel, San Marino, Sierra Madre, South El Monte, South Pasadena, Temple City, Walnut, West Covina, L.A. County District #4
NOES:	Diamond Bar
ABSTAIN:	L.A. County District #1
ABSENT:	Baldwin Park, Bradbury, Irwindale, La Cañada Flintridge, Montebello, L.A. County District #5, San Gabriel Valley Water Districts

ADJOURN

SGVCOG President Cynthia Sternquist adjourned the Governing Board meeting at 7:21 p.m.

BOARD APPROVED

October 24, 2019
Date


Marisa Creter, Secretary