



# San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments\*

## NOTICE AND AGENDA OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (EENR) COMMITTEE

Wednesday, November 17, 2021 – 1:00 PM

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*West Covina*

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**Jeffrey Lee**  
City of Temple City's  
Planning Commission

Thank you for participating in today's meeting. The EENR Committee encourages public participation and invites you to share your views on agenda items.

**MEETINGS:** *Regular Meetings of the EENR Committee are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 1:00 PM at the Monrovia Community Center, 119 W. Palm Avenue, Monrovia, CA 91016.* The EENR Committee agenda packet is available at the San Gabriel Valley Council of Government's (SGVCOG) Office, 1000 South Fremont Avenue, Suite 10210, Alhambra, CA, and on the website, [www.sgvkog.org](http://www.sgvkog.org). Copies are available via email upon request ([sgv@sgvcog.org](mailto:sgv@sgvcog.org)). Documents distributed to a majority of the Committee after the posting will be available for review in the SGVCOG office and on the SGVCOG website. Your attendance at this public meeting may result in the recording of your voice.

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**TO ADDRESS THE EENR COMMITTEE:** At a regular meeting, the public may comment on any matter within the jurisdiction of the Committee during the public comment period and may also comment on any agenda item at the time it is discussed. At a special meeting, the public may only comment on items that are on the agenda. Members of the public wishing to speak are asked to complete a comment card or simply rise to be recognized when the Chair asks for public comments to speak. We ask that members of the public state their name for the record and keep their remarks brief. If several persons wish to address the Committee on a single item, the Chair may impose a time limit on individual remarks at the beginning of discussion. **The EENR Committee may not discuss or vote on items not listed on the agenda.**

**AGENDA ITEMS:** The Agenda contains the regular order of business of the EENR Committee. Items on the Agenda have generally been reviewed and investigated by the staff in advance of the meeting so that the EENR Committee can be fully informed about a matter before making its decision.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:** Items listed on the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and will be acted upon by one motion. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless a Committee member or citizen so requests. In this event, the item will be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered after the Consent Calendar. If you would like an item on the Consent Calendar discussed, simply tell Staff or a member of the Committee.



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**\*MEETING MODIFICATIONS DUE TO THE STATE AND LOCAL EMERGENCY RESULTING FROM THE THREAT OF COVID-19:** AB 361 (Rivas), signed by California Governor Gavin Newsom on September 16, 2021, authorizes local agencies to hold public meetings via teleconferencing and allows for members of the public to observe and address the meeting telephonically or electronically to promote social distancing due to the state and local emergency resulting from the threat of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).

To follow the new provisions in AB 361 and ensure the safety of Committee Members and staff for the purpose of limiting the risk of COVID-19, in-person public participation at the Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee meeting scheduled for November 17, 2021 at 1:00pm will not be allowed. To allow for public participation, the Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee will conduct its meeting through Zoom Video Communications. To participate in the meeting, download Zoom on any phone or computer device and copy and paste the following link into your browser to access the live meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/93151682000>. You may also access the meeting via the livestream link on the front of the agenda page.

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- **Email:** Please submit via email your public comment to SGVCOG Senior Management Analyst, Alexander Fung, at [afung@sgvcog.org](mailto:afung@sgvcog.org) at least 1 hour prior to the scheduled meeting time. Please indicate in the Subject Line of the email “FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.” Emailed public comments will be read into the record and will be part of the recorded meeting minutes. Public comment may be summarized in the interest of time, however the full text will be provided to all members of the Committee prior to the meeting.
- **Zoom:** Through Zoom, you may speak by using the web interface “Raise Hand” feature. Wait to be called upon by staff, and then you may provide verbal comments for up to 3 minutes. Public comment is taken at the beginning of the meeting for items not on the agenda. Public comment is also accepted at the beginning of each agenda item.

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## **PRELIMINARY BUSINESS**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Public Comment (*If necessary, the Chair may place reasonable time limits on all comments*)
4. Changes to Agenda Order: Identify emergency items arising after agenda posting and requiring action prior to next regular meeting.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR** (*It is anticipated that the EENR Committee may take action on the following matters*)

5. Adoption of Resolution 21-02-EENR Enabling the EENR Committee to Continue Holding Meetings via Teleconferencing (**Page 1**)  
*Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution 21-02-EENR making certain findings that the existence of a local and state of emergency in California caused by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic continues to directly impact the ability of the SGVCOG to hold public meetings safely in-person, thereby necessitating an ability to continue holding meetings via teleconference.*
6. EENR Meeting Minutes – October 20, 2021 (**Page 3**)  
*Recommended Action: Review and approve.*

## **ACTION ITEMS** (*It is anticipated that the EENR Committee may take action on the following matters*)

7. 2022 SGVCOG EENR Legislative Priorities – Alexander Fung, Senior Management Analyst, SGVCOG (**Page 6**)  
*Recommended Action: Recommend the Governing Board to adopt the 2022 SGVCOG EENR Legislative Priorities intended to inform and guide the legislative, policy, and programmatic actions and positions taken by the SGVCOG over the course of the 2022 calendar year.*
8. Strategic Plan Update – Alexander Fung, Senior Management Analyst, SGVCOG (**Page 9**)  
*Recommended Action: Discuss and provide direction on EENR-related items in the proposed update to the SGVCOG Strategic Plan.*

## **PRESENTATION** (*It is anticipated that the EENR Committee may take action on the following matters*)

9. SB 619's Implications on SB 1383 Compliance – Cara Morgan, Local Assistance and Market Development Branch Chief, CalRecycle (**Page 15**)  
*Recommended Action: For information only.*

## **UPDATE ITEM** (*It is anticipated that the EENR Committee may take action on the following matters*)

10. SGVCOG Wildfire Adaptation and Prevention Efforts (**Page 17**)

## **LIAISON REPORTS**

11. Clean Power Alliance
12. San Gabriel Mountains Community Collaborative
13. San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District
14. Trust for Public Land
15. [San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy](#)
16. Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County
17. Southern California Edison
18. Southern California Gas Company
19. [South Coast Air Quality Management District \(AQMD\)](#)

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **ADJOURN**

DATE: November 17, 2021

TO: Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources (EENR) Committee

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

**RE: ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 21-02-EENR ENABLING THE EENR COMMITTEE TO CONTINUE HOLDING MEETINGS VIA TELECONFERENCING**

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Adopt Resolution 21-02-EENR making certain findings that the existence of a local and state of emergency in California caused by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic continues to directly impact the ability of the SGVCOG to hold public meetings safely in-person, thereby necessitating an ability to continue holding meetings via teleconferencing.

## **BACKGROUND**

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 private residence. The legislation expires in December 2024. On September 16, 2021, California Governor Gavin Newsom signed AB 361 into law, effective immediately.

A local agency wishing to rely on the provisions of AB 361 must meet one of the following criteria:

1. The local agency holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency, and state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing; or
2. The local holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency for the purpose of determining, by majority vote, whether as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees; or
3. The local agency holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency and has determined, by majority vote, that, as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.

On March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency in California due to the threat of COVID-19 and shortly thereafter issued Executive Order N-29-20 suspending certain Brown Act provisions relating to teleconferencing as public meetings began to be held online.<sup>1</sup>

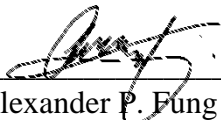
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<sup>1</sup> Similarly, on March 4, 2020, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and Los Angeles County Health Officer declared a local and health emergency due to the threat of COVID-19.

However, this Executive Order expired on September 30, 2021, despite the State of Emergency remaining in place.

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. Updated guidelines issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health in July and August 2021 advise governmental entities to refrain from conducting indoor meetings and consider moving operations outdoors, where feasible, to prevent transmission. SGVCOG staff finds it has been unable to find a suitable outdoor space with the requisite audio/visual capabilities at which the monthly committee meetings can be held safely. Similarly, an indoor space with sufficient capacity to accommodate safe social distance practices among members, staff, and the public could not be identified.

In order to continue to conduct meetings in a safe manner and to prevent unnecessary COVID-19 exposure to members, staff and the public, staff is recommending that the EENR Committee adopts Resolution 21-02-EENR making certain findings in order to be able to continue teleconferencing for its meetings.

Prepared by:   
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Alexander P. Fung  
Senior Management Analyst

Approved by:   
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Marisa Creter  
Executive Director

## **ATTACHMENTS**

[Attachment A – Resolution 21-02-EENR](#)



**SGVCOG EENR Committee Regular Meeting Minutes**

Date: October 20, 2021  
Time: 1:00 PM  
Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting

**PRELIMINARY BUSINESS**

1. Call to Order  
D. Bertone called the meeting to order at 1:00pm.
  
2. Roll Call  
**A quorum was in attendance.**

**Committee Members Present**

Claremont	J. Stark
Covina	S. Gallant
Duarte	V. Truong
Pasadena	J. Guess
Pomona	J. Carver
Rosemead	M. Clark
San Dimas	D. Bertone
San Gabriel	C. Liao
Sierra Madre	R. Arizmendi
West Covina	T. Wu

**Absent**

El Monte  
Temple City (Ex-Officio)

**Guests**

City of South Pasadena	A. Kasparian
City of South Pasadena	M. Cacciotti
City of South Pasadena	T. Gerber
AQMD	A. Polidori
AQMD	R. Yeung
CPUC	H. Christman
DPH	J. Estiandan
DPH	N. Barakat
MWD	L. Cetina
Office of Cong. Napolitano	B. Pence
SoCalGas	H. Shaw

**SGVCOG Staff**

A. Fung, Staff  
S. Sousa, Staff

3. Public Comment  
There were no public comments.
  
4. Changes to Agenda Order  
There were no changes to the agenda.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

5. Adoption of Resolution 21-01-EENR Enabling the EENR Committee to Continue Holding Meetings via Teleconferencing  
*Action: Adopt Resolution 21-01-EENR making certain findings that the existence of a local and state of emergency in California caused by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic continues to directly impact the ability of the SGVCOG to hold public meetings safely in-person, thereby necessitating an ability to continue holding meetings via teleconference.*
  
6. EENR Meeting Minutes – September 15, 2021  
*Action: Review and approve.*

**There was a motion to approve consent calendar items 5-6. (M/S: R. Arizmendi/M. Clark)**

**[Motion Passed]**

<b>AYES:</b>	Duarte, Pasadena, Pomona, Rosemead, San Dimas, San Gabriel, Sierra Madre, West Covina
<b>NOES:</b>	
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	
<b>NO VOTE RECORDED:</b>	Claremont, Covina
<b>ABSENT:</b>	El Monte

**LIAISON REPORTS**

*No verbal report was given unless otherwise noted.*

7. Clean Power Alliance
8. San Gabriel Mountains Community Collaborative
9. San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District (MVCD)
10. Trust for Public Land
11. San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC)
12. Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County
13. Southern California Edison
14. Southern California Gas Company
15. South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD)  
 R. Yeung provided a verbal report on behalf of AQMD.

**UPDATE ITEMS**

16. COVID-19 Updates  
 Los Angeles County Department of Public Health San Gabriel Valley Regional Health Officer, Noel Barakat, provided updates on this item.
  
17. 2021 San Gabriel Valley Energy Champion Awards Progress Updates  
 SGVCOG Management Aide, Sophia Sousa, provided updates on this item.

**PRESENTATIONS**

18. Southern California Regional Energy Network (SoCalREN) Kits for Kids Program  
 SGVCOG Management Aide, Sophia Sousa, provided a presentation on this item.

- 19. Educational Toolkit on Air Quality Sensors**  
AQMD Science & Technology Advancement Advanced Monitoring Technologies Manager, Dr. Andrea Polidori, provided a presentation on this item.

**STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 20. Committee Meeting Schedule**  
The committee is scheduled to reconvene on Wednesday, November 17, 2021 at 1:00pm.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no additional announcements.

**ADJOURN**

D. Bertone adjourned the Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee meeting at 2:24pm.

DATE: November 17, 2021  
TO: Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources (EENR) Committee  
FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director  
RE: **2022 SGVCOG EENR LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Recommend the Governing Board to adopt the 2022 SGVCOG EENR Legislative Priorities intended to inform and guide the legislative, policy, and programmatic actions and positions taken by the SGVCOG over the course of the 2022 calendar year.

## **BACKGROUND**

The SGVCOG Governing Board adopts various legislative priorities in concurrence with the Strategic Plan on an annual basis. The purpose of the legislative priorities is to outline the position of the Governing Board on priority issues and matters that impact the San Gabriel Valley. These legislative priorities are developed based on feedback and input from the SGVCOG policy committees and aim to address several regulatory, funding, and structural challenges faced by San Gabriel Valley cities. SGVCOG staff is currently working to develop a list of environmental legislative priorities to be presented to the SGVCOG Governing Board for adoption.

The proposed legislative priorities build upon those adopted in previous years. Items that have been updated from the 2021 EENR Legislative Priorities are italicized below as a reference.

## **PROPOSED 2022 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

### **Air Quality:**

- Support the inclusion of city officials on the governing bodies of air districts and opposes efforts to remove such city representation;
- Support the reduction of vehicle emissions through increased fuel efficiency, use of appropriate alternative fueled vehicles, and low-emission vehicles in public agency fleets;
- Support cities' authority to establish local air quality standards and programs that are stricter than state and federal standards; and,
- Oppose legislation that redirects funds that are dedicated to supporting locally-based air quality programs.

### **Energy:**

- *Support efforts to keep energy costs affordable and stabilized;*
- Encourage local governments to complete an inventory of greenhouse gas emissions, set appropriate reduction targets, and create greenhouse gas emission reduction plans;

- Support local governments in their efforts to benchmark their municipal facilities to monitor energy usage, identify facilities with high energy usage, and conduct audits to pinpoint potential energy efficiency projects to reduce energy consumption at those facilities;
- Support tax credits, grants, loans, and other incentives to assist the public and local agencies that invest in energy-efficient equipment and technology, as well as fuel-efficient and low-emission vehicles;
- Ensure energy supply while limiting dependence on foreign sources of energy;
- Employ diverse strategies for conserving energy including: energy efficiency, land use strategies, urban forest management, and infrastructure improvements (i.e. green building);
- Develop innovative and affordable financing options for energy efficiency;
- Move towards a “net-zero energy” model where the amount of energy provided by on-site renewable energy sources is equal to the amount of energy used by a building;
- Support advancement of technology that expands renewable energy generation;
- Support community choice aggregation (CCA); and,
- Promote public education of energy efficiency and conservation opportunities.

## **Open Space:**

- Identify and protect open space for the multi-benefit enhancement of natural resources and enjoyment for the public;
- Plan for growth by incentivizing compact development in some areas that in turn prevent open space development in other areas;
- Develop greenbelts and greenways along and within urban development to limit unsuitable development and provide buffers to wildlife habitat;
- Acquire and preserve open space at high risk of ecological degradation, primarily along the foothills, waterways, flood plains, and within the upper watershed;
- Promote connectivity of wildlife corridors;
- Promote development of diverse and localized recreational opportunities;
- Promote public outreach and interpretation to foster awareness, knowledge, and stewardship of open space as a valuable resource; and
- Advocate for state and federal appropriations, funding from the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, California Natural Resources Agency, and/or loan programs for open space acquisition, development, restoration, and management.

## **Solid Waste:**

- *Support the implementation of the San Gabriel Valley Regional Food Recovery Program;*
- Encourage the diversification of solid waste management strategies, including conversion technology, that will create new markets that are feasible given the landscape and conditions of the San Gabriel Valley;
- Support efforts to improve curbside recycling programs;
- Encourage alternative renewable energy generation from organic waste, including biogas production;

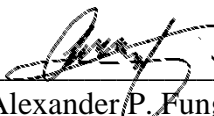
- Promote shared responsibility waste management principles, such as product stewardship, throughout the entire life cycle of a product, from design to disposal;
- Advocate for county, state, and federal appropriations and/or loan programs for solid waste management programs and initiatives;
- Support regional, state, and federal efforts to implement policies that promote zero waste objectives;
- Provide a strong commitment to utilizing financial incentives rather than mandatory requirements; and,
- Ensure local jurisdictions are not subject to duplicative or contradictory legislative requirements.

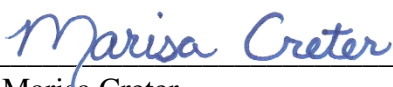
### ***Wildfire Prevention:***

- *Support legislation that reduces wildfire risk in San Gabriel Valley communities;*
- *Advocate for county, state, and federal appropriations and grant programs for wildfire prevention planning, brush clearance, and hazardous fuel mitigation programs;*
- *Promote public education of wildfire adaptation and prevention opportunities.*

The purpose of these legislative priorities is to advocate for San Gabriel Valley interests at the County, State, and Federal level, as they pertain to the topics of energy, environment, and natural resources. The review of these legislative items will help improve quality of life for all residents regionally. As a result, SGVCOG staff recommends the Committee to recommend the Governing Board to adopt the 2022 EENR Legislative Priorities.

SGVCOG Senior Management Analyst, Alexander Fung, will provide a detailed presentation on this item.

Prepared by:   
Alexander P. Fung  
Senior Management Analyst

Approved by:   
Marisa Creter  
Executive Director

DATE: November 17, 2021

TO: Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources (EENR) Committee

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE**

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Discuss and provide direction to staff on EENR-related items in the proposed update to the SGVCOG Strategic Plan.

## **BACKGROUND**

The previous comprehensive update to the SGVCOG Strategic Plan was adopted in March 2019. The Strategic Plan serves as a roadmap for the agency and identifies the priorities and actions that the agency undertakes. Since 2019, the SGVCOG has achieved numerous major milestones, including the establishment of the San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust, the securing of additional funds to implement regional homelessness, water, energy, and transportation projects, and the creation of a regional coyote management framework.

As this year concludes, staff proposes to update the Strategic Plan to identify priorities and actions that are more relevant for the agency to undertake to support member agencies. This report provides an overview of the proposed process and various topics for the Governing Board to consider. This report is intended to serve as a briefing document, as there will be a robust input process for all member agencies to guide the SGVCOG Strategic Plan Update.

**It is anticipated that a draft of the Strategic Plan Update will be presented at the January 2022 Governing Board meeting for member agencies' feedback.**

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

The SGVCOG's current mission statement, which was revised in the previous Strategic Plan Update, is as follows:

“The SGVCOG is a sub-regional government that serves as a unified voice to maximize resources and advocate for regional and member interests to improve the quality of life in the San Gabriel Valley.”

According to best practices, a mission statement should clearly identify the following:

- Does it clearly state what business you are in?
- Does it answer the following questions: “Who we are, what we do, for whom (or to whom) we do it, and why it’s important?”
- Is the ultimate rationale for existence clear?
- Is the mission broad enough to accommodate current times?

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- Can the mission statement survive changes in administration?
- Is it easily understandable to any individual who reads it?
- Can we justify the dollars we spend on executing the mission?

Staff is not recommending any modifications to the SGVCOG Mission Statement.

## CORE VALUES

Previously, the SGVCOG Governing Board adopted the following core values:

- Reflecting the Diversity of our Member Agencies
- Accountability
- Mutual Respect
- Upholding the Highest Ethical Standards
- Integrity
- Unity of Common Goals & Objectives
- Collaboration
- Fiscal Responsibility
- Transparency
- Being Proactive and Results-Oriented
- Creativity

Staff is not recommending any modifications to the SGVCOG Core Values.

## VISION STATEMENT

A vision statement is an aspirational declaration of an organization's objectives and is intended to guide its internal decision-making. It differs from a mission statement in that it identifies an objective, near-time goal. The SGVCOG's current vision statement, which was revised in the previous Strategic Plan Update, is as follows:

“By 2021, the SGVCOG will serve as a model subregional agency in Southern California by continuing its existing support of member agency goals and priorities while leveraging the new opportunities provided by the extension and expansion of ACE.”

Acknowledging that the former Alameda Corridor-East (ACE) Construction Authority has fully integrated with the agency, the SGVCOG began managing and implementing capital improvement projects in addition to supporting the existing grade separation projects. As a result, staff recommends that the Vision Statement be revised as follows:

“The SGVCOG will serve as a model subregional agency in Southern California by continuing its existing support of member agency goals and priorities while committing to enhancing a San Gabriel Valley where every individual who visits, works, and lives can thrive.”

## CURRENT STRATEGIC GOALS

The current strategic plan identifies goals across five different areas as follows:

- **Transportation**  
*Goal:* Secure funding for and ensure the timely implementation of regional priority transportation projects and support regional transportation planning efforts.

- **Homelessness**  
*Goal:* Support member agencies' efforts to implement programs and projects related to homelessness and advocate for resources to address homelessness in the San Gabriel Valley.
- **Water**  
*Goal:* Support regional water resiliency and assist cities in addressing stormwater MS-4 permit requirements, with an emphasis on Measure W implementation and identification of regional solutions.
- **Environment**  
*Goal:* Support environmental efforts in the region, specifically related to energy, open space, and air quality.
- **Member Support & Communications**  
*Goal:* Strengthen Board and partner agency commitment to the SGVCOG and provide leadership on emerging issues.

Over the past two and half years, enormous progress has occurred on all of these goals. Key highlights by issue area are as follows:

- **Transportation/Capital Projects**
  - Developed unanimous consensus on the Governing Board to allocate \$126 million in Measure M subregional equity program funds to the Gold Line Foothill Extension to allow the project to be built to Pomona.
  - Supported efforts by San Gabriel Valley representatives on the Metro Board of Directors to secure unanimous support for a motion that protects \$635.3M of Measure R funds for transportation projects along the SR-60 corridor.
  - Established the San Gabriel Valley Regional Vehicles Miles Travelled (VMT) Model to assist member agencies to comply with SB 743 mandates.
  - Approved and supported the I-605 Corridor Aesthetics Master Plan to provide a uniform approach to future highway improvements along the I-605 freeway.
  - Initiated the San Gabriel Valley Transit Study to plan for mobility improvement alternatives in lieu of the Eastside Gold Line extension along the SR-60 corridor.
  - Developed planning guidelines to distribute and allocate Measure M Multi-Year Subregional Program (MSP) funds.
  - Completed the San Gabriel Trench Grade Separation Project.
  - Advocated for the award of \$118 million in SB 1 funds for the SR 57/60 Project.
  - Secured \$20 million (2021) and \$15 million (2019) in Section 190 state funds for the ACE projects.
  - Secured the programming of \$18.851 million in state Prop 1B funds for the Montebello project.
  - Secured Metro Board approval of the programming of \$15 million in Prop C funds for the Montebello project
  - Testified about the importance of the ACE Project and grade separation funding before the House Rail Subcommittee.
  - Secured amendments to a state bill that would otherwise have diverted ACE project funding to short-line railroads.
  - Organized the Durfee Avenue project groundbreaking ceremony in May 2019.
- **Homelessness**

- Developed a White Paper on LAHSA Governance to establish cities’ common concerns and stances regarding homelessness and homeless solutions.
- Presented the White Paper at the County’s Blue Ribbon Commission on Homelessness (BRCH), which is evaluating the current homeless services structure and making recommendations to improve the region’s governance structure.
- Successfully advocated for the SGVCOG representation on the County’s BRCH.
- Coordinated local jurisdictions County-wide to provide meaningful input to representatives from the council of governments that serve on the BRCH.
- Sponsored SB 751 (Rubio), which authorizes the creation of the San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust (SGVRHT), allowing cities in the San Gabriel Valley to form a joint powers authority (JPA) for the purposes of funding the planning and construction of homeless, extremely low-, very low-, and low-income housing, receive public and private financing and funds, and authorize and issue bonds.
- Established the SGVRHT JPA, which now includes 22 member agencies.
- Assisted the SGVRHT JPA in securing a \$20 million budget earmark in the FY 2021-22 State Budget for the production of homeless housing and affordable housing.
- Successfully secured \$5,625,000 in State funding and \$1,541,876 in Los Angeles County Measure H Innovation funding for homeless programs in the San Gabriel Valley.
- Successfully secured a \$1,000,000 budget earmark in the FY 2021-22 State budget to support workforce development programs for people experiencing homelessness (PEH)
- Designed and launched a multifaceted homeless services program, which includes 9 different sub-programs.
- **Water**
  - Provided technical comments, support, and mobilization of member agencies and jurisdictions County-wide as part of the adoption of the 2021 Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit.
  - Developed a comprehensive “MS4 Permit 101” Guide to increase understanding of the 2021 MS4 Permit and stormwater regulations.
  - Submitted comments on behalf of member agencies for major regulatory actions of the State and Regional Water Boards.
  - Advocated to improve the implementation of the Safe Clean Water Program (SCWP) to encourage additional funding for member agencies to comply with the MS4 Permit.
  - Secured \$3.5M in funding through the Safe Clean Water Program to implement two scientific studies on behalf of the Upper Los Angeles River Watershed Management Group (ULAR/WMG).
  - Successfully launched the ULAR/WMG website and Twitter account.
  - Conducted and completed Rio Hondo Load Reduction Strategy Analysis (Phase 1).
- **Environment**
  - Updated Energy Action Plans for the Cities of Arcadia, Covina, Pomona, and San Marino.
  - Launched Energy Working Group quarterly meetings to facilitate the development and implementation of municipal energy efficiency projects in the San Gabriel Valley.
  - Launched regional partnerships with The Energy Coalition (TEC) and ICF to implement the Southern California Regional Energy Network (SoCalREN) Public Agency and Multifamily Programs in the San Gabriel Valley.

- Launched the San Gabriel Valley Energy Champion Awards to recognize San Gabriel Valley cities and agencies for their energy efficiency achievements.
- Developed a Zero Waste Policy for the SGVCOG to support member agencies' waste reduction efforts.
- Launched the San Gabriel Valley Regional Food Recovery Program to support member agencies with complying to SB 1383's food recovery regulations.
- **Member Support & Communication**
  - Developed a Regional Coyote Management Framework to provide a comprehensive regional coyote management model for all San Gabriel Valley cities, as well as developed the Neighborhood Coyote Program to conduct coyote safety outreach and coordinate centralized coyote activity reporting for 10 participating cities.
  - Served as a public outreach partner to assist the Los Angeles County Office of Emergency Management and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health to streamline public outreach communication efforts in the San Gabriel Valley during emergencies.
  - Completed a modern redesign of SGVCOG website.
  - Introduced Connect SGV Podcast featuring San Gabriel Valley and Southern California leaders sharing stories and insights on emerging issues, including emergency planning, energy, and homelessness.

## **PROPOSED UPDATED STRATEGIC GOALS**

Staff is recommending some minor modifications to the existing goals. Specifically, changes to the EENR-related goals are as follows:

- **Environment**
  - *Goal:* Support environmental efforts in the region, specifically related to energy, open space, air quality, solid waste, and wildfire prevention.
  - *Explanation:* Staff proposes to include solid waste and wildfire prevention-related issues given the SGVCOG's involvement in supporting member agencies to comply with SB 1383 regulations and protect communities from future wildfires.
- **Collaboration**
  - *Goal:* Strengthen Board and partner agency commitment to the SGVCOG and foster leadership on emerging issues.
  - *Explanation:* Originally named as "Member Support and Communication," staff proposes to rename this Strategic Goal to "Collaboration" to reflect the SGVCOG's desire to foster innovative regional collaboration efforts and launch projects, programs, and initiatives to address emerging issues.

## **PROCESS AND SCHEDULE**

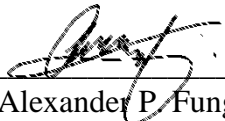
Staff is in the process of gathering initial input on the proposed revised goals and proposed areas of focus via policy committee presentations and an online survey. The online survey will be shared with all Governing Board members and San Gabriel Valley city managers after the November Governing Board meeting.


# REPORT

Based on the results of the survey and feedback received from policy committees, staff will prepare and present a draft revised Strategic Plan at the January Governing Board meeting for a final review. The 2022 Strategic Plan Update is anticipated to be adopted in February 2022. The following timeline provides a summary of the timeline for the proposed Strategic Plan update:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>
November 2021	Distribute survey to Governing Board members and San Gabriel Valley city managers to gather input on revised strategic goals.
November 2021 – December 2021	Obtain feedback and recommendations from SGVCOG policy committees.
January 2022	Draft Strategic Plan Update presented at January Governing Board meeting. Incorporate feedback and develop the final Strategic Plan Update.
February 2022	Present the final Strategic Plan Update for adoption at the February Governing Board meeting.
May 2022	Adopt FY 2022-2023 budget that includes elements and strategic goals outlined in 2022 Strategic Plan Update.

SGVCOG Senior Management Analyst, Alexander Fung, will provide a presentation on this item.

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Marisa Creter  
Executive Director

## **ATTACHMENTS**

[Attachment A – 2019 SGVCOG Strategic Plan](#)

DATE: November 17, 2021

TO: Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources (EENR) Committee

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **SB 619'S IMPLICATIONS ON SB 1383 COMPLIANCE**

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

For information only.

## **BACKGROUND**

Introduced by Senator John Laird (D-San Luis Obispo) on February 28, 2021, SB 619 aims to provide additional flexibility for local jurisdictions to comply with upcoming mandates that were set forth by SB 1383 (Lara, 2016). SB 1383 serves as a statewide effort to reduce emissions of short-lived climate pollutants (SLCP) and sets the following targets:

1. Reduce statewide disposal of organic waste by 50% by January 1, 2020 and by 75% by January 1, 2025 (based on 2014 levels).
2. Recover at least 20% of currently disposed edible food for human consumption by 2025.

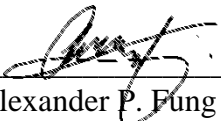
Based on guidelines adopted by the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle), regulations to meet SB 1383 organics reduction and food recovery requirements will begin to take effect on January 1, 2022. Additionally, regulations may require local jurisdictions to impose penalties for noncompliance on regulated entities starting January 1, 2024.


To provide flexibility for local jurisdictions to comply with SB 1383 mandates, SB 619 authorizes a local jurisdiction facing continuous violations of SB 1383 regulations to submit a notice of intent to comply (NOI) to CalRecycle. The NOI must be filed with CalRecycle no later than March 1, 2022. If approved, the jurisdiction would be eligible for administrative civil penalty relief for the 2022 calendar year and a corrective action.

Specifically, SB 619 requires, for violations of the SB 1383 regulations that are disposed in an approved NOI, CalRecycle to waive administrative civil penalties for noncompliance during the 2022 calendar year. Additionally, SB 619 prohibits administrative civil penalties from accruing during the 2022 calendar year, if the local jurisdiction implements certain actions to remedy the violations. SB 619 also permits, for violations that commence during 2022 and continue into 2023, administrative civil penalties to begin accruing beginning January 1, 2023; however, those penalties must be waived by CalRecycle upon compliance with a corrective action plan.

SB 619 was officially signed by Governor Newsom on October 5, 2021. Copies of the bill text and bill analysis can be found in Attachments A and B, respectively.

CalRecycle Local Assistance and Market Development Branch Chief, Cara Morgan, will provide a presentation on this item.

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### **ATTACHMENTS**

[Attachment A – SB 619 Bill Text](#)

[Attachment B – SB 619 Bill Analysis](#)

# REPORT

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DATE: November 8, 2021

TO: Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources (EENR) Committee

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **SGVCOG WILDFIRE PREVENTION EFFORTS**

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

For information only.

## **DEMONSTRATED NEED**

In 2020, the Bobcat Fire burned over 115,000 acres in the San Gabriel Mountains over a span of 3 months. It triggered mandatory evacuation orders in several San Gabriel Valley cities and is known as the second largest fire recorded in Los Angeles County to date. An estimated 6,000 structures were threatened and 27 residential homes and 83 other structures were destroyed. The Bobcat Fire had convinced several insurance companies to cease coverage in certain zip codes and counties, while other insurers have increased prices. Acknowledging that the San Gabriel Valley lacks a comprehensive regional wildfire prevention framework or program, San Gabriel Valley cities and agencies have approached the SGVCOG to explore the possibility of developing a regional model for wildfire adaptation.

In a recent survey conducted by the SGVCOG, 9 cities responded that they have not started wildfire prevention planning activities, 17 cities expressed interest in establishing a Regional Fire Safe Council, 19 cities expressed interest to participate in a wildfire prevention planning program that is led by the SGVCOG, and 20 cities expressed support for the development of a Regional Wildfire Adaptation Plan. Additionally, cities shared that they are interested in joining a regional effort to provide evacuation planning, structure hardening, hazardous fuel reduction, brush mitigation, and community education support.

## **ONGOING EFFORTS**

Acknowledging that there is interest for the SGVCOG to implement regional wildfire adaptation and prevention efforts, SGVCOG staff are currently seeking grant funds to implement comprehensive outreach and planning efforts for San Gabriel Valley cities and communities that are located in High Fire Hazard Severity Zones.

Specifically, the SGVCOG is seeking approximately \$228,000 from the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) to implement an 18-month Wildfire Adaptation and Prevention Outreach Program. The Program would include the implementation of wildfire prevention workshops, community pop-up events, and social media marketing campaigns, with the goal of providing information for communities to create and maintain defensible space and structural hardening, prepare for possible evacuations, develop and implement wildfire action plans, understand evacuation terminologies, and protect themselves in the event of being trapped

by wildfires. The RMC Board of Directors is anticipated to adopt a resolution on November 15, 2021 approving the disbursement of a grant to the SGVCOG for the implementation of the Wildfire Adaptation and Prevention Outreach Program.

Additionally, the SGVCOG is seeking \$150,000 from the SoCalGas Climate Grant to support the development of a San Gabriel Valley Community Wildfire Protection Plan. The Plan would include efforts to establish a community base map, develop a community risk assessment, establish hazard reduction priorities, and develop an assessment strategy. SoCalGas is anticipated to announce awardees of the SoCalGas Climate Grant by December 31, 2021.

Furthermore, the SGVCOG partnered with the Southern California American Society of Landscape Architects to host the 2021 San Gabriel Valley Wildfire Adaptation Virtual Summit on Thursday, November 4, 2021 at 11:00am. The Summit featured presentations on fire resilience strategies and shared recommendations for local jurisdictions to protect residents and communities from wildfires. A recording of the Summit can be found on the SGVCOG website at <https://www.sgvkog.org/2021-wildfire-adaptation-summit>.

SGVCOG Senior Management Analyst, Alexander Fung, will provide updates on this item.

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