



City of San Marino 4th of July Celebration

July 2018

SGVCOG FY 2018-19 Workplan

In May, the SGVCOG Board adopted the FY 2018-19 Budget and Workplan. The workplan includes several key activities that will be undertaken over the next year. Highlights are listed below:

- **Administration and Integration:** Staff will continue work related to the integration, including completion and implementation of the compensation and classification study and a retirement benefits study. Staff will also develop an Integrated budget.
- **Stormwater:** It is anticipated that the Governing Board will consider a position on the proposed Safe, Clean Waters measure in August. The SGVCOG will also continue to work with State and Federal legislators on stormwater-related legislation and monitor stormwater litigation and regulations.
- **Homelessness:** The SGVCOG will host a regional homelessness planning summit in August. The SGVCOG will work with member agencies to develop a list of priority homelessness projects and programs in support of cities' plans.
- **Transportation:** Staff is working with member agencies to develop programming for Measure M subregional funds that are available over the next five years.
- **Capital Projects:** Staff will present a new 5-year capital projects workplan to the Governing Board. Work will

also continue on the ACE Project. Key capital project milestones are as follows:

- At-Grade Safety Improvements
 - *Goal:* Design 100% complete
- Durfee Avenue
 - *Goal:* Construction to begin October 2018
- Fairway Drive
 - *Goal:* 60% complete/Lemon Ave complete
- Fullerton Road
 - *Goal:* 35% complete
- Montebello Corridor
 - *Goal:* 65% design complete, right of way activity and final design underway
- Puente Avenue
 - *Goal:* 100% complete
- San Gabriel Trench
 - *Goal:* 100% complete
- Temple Avenue
 - *Goal:* 100% complete
- Turnbull Canyon
 - *Goal:* Design 35% complete
- Rio Hondo Load Reduction Strategy Project
 - *Goal:* Design 50% complete





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San Gabriel Valley News In Brief

COG Feature Staff:

This month, our COG featured staff member is Stefanie Hernandez the COG Project Assistant. We had a chance to catch up with her recently:

Tell us a little bit about yourself and how long you have been in your position.

I have been married to my husband, Chris for 16 years. We have two boys; Jack, 13 and Nicholas, 8. I have been with the COG, for 5 years as a part time Project Assistant and have a variety of duties (i.e. Administrative, Finance, Event Planning)

For someone, who may not understand your job, how would you explain it to them?

I have to often explain where I work. I tell them in a nutshell I work with most of the San Gabriel Valley cities, three water agencies and 3 supervisorial districts and we work to be a larger voice on regional issues such as Transportation, Water, Environmental and Homelessness.

What inspires you? My family!

What's your favorite TV Show? Scandal

Who is your favorite Superhero? I do not have a favorite Superhero. Is that unamerican?

What do you like most about working at the COG?

I enjoy working with all of the cities and agencies in the San Gabriel Valley, the comradery with my coworkers and all of the great work the SGVCOG is doing regionally.

City Managers' TAC Elections:

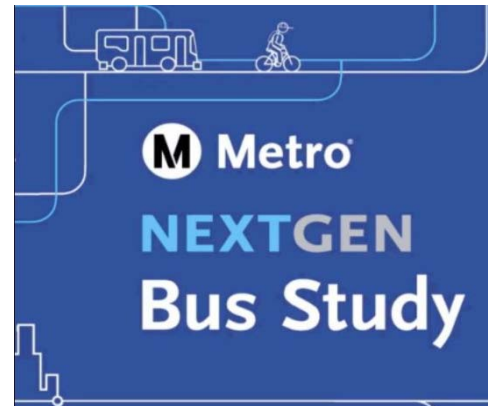
The City Managers' TAC held their elections at the annual City Managers' conference in June 20th. Dominic Lazzaretto (City of Arcadia) was elected Chair and Bob Russi (City of La Verne) was elected Vice Chair. Additionally, Subregional Representatives to the City Managers' Steering Committee were also elected. They are, as follows:

- **Northwest:** Oliver Chi (Monrovia), Darrell George (Duarte)
- **Southwest:** Jessica Binnquist (Alhambra), Bryan Cook (Temple City)
- **Central:** Chris Freeland (West Covina), Shannon Yauchzee (Baldwin Park)
- **Southeast:** Linda Lowry (Pomona), Brian Saeki (Covina)
- **Northeast:** Blaine Michaelis (San Dimas)
- **At-Large:** Mark Alexander (La Canada Flintridge)

The SGVCOG would like to thank them for their continued service!



Arcadia City Manager Dominic Lazzaretto



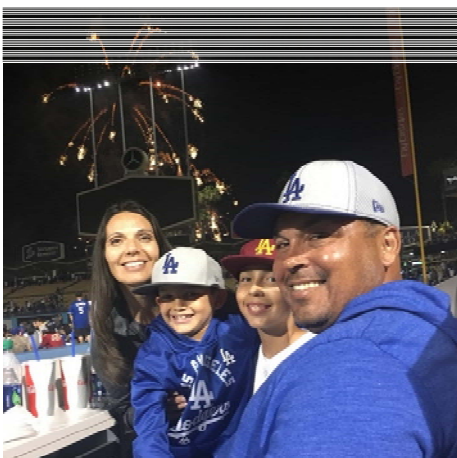
SGVCOG Staff Attends State Wide Energy Efficiency Forum :

In June, SGVCOG staff attended the annual Statewide Energy Efficiency (SEEC) Forum in Sacramento. The Forum is organized by the Local Government Commission and provides valuable opportunities for participants to learn, share, and network with peers from across the state.

Additionally, Katie Ward, SGVCOG Senior Management Analyst, was featured in a roundtable panel at the Forum titled "Advancing the Skills of Your Building Operations Workforce to Achieve Carbon Goals." This panel included a diverse set of professionals from local government, workforce development, and training organizations, who shared their perspectives on the challenge of preparing the municipal building operations workforce for California's zero net energy future. We are very proud of Katie for her participation on this panel!

NextGen Bus Study:

Since Metro has not redesigned its bus system in over 25 years, Metro is currently conducting a thorough and complete analysis of its bus system known as the "NextGen Bus Study." The goal of the NextGen Bus Study is to design a new bus network that is more relevant, reflective of, and attractive to the residents of LA County. It is anticipated that the network will improve service to current customers, attract new customers and win back past customers. For more information, please visit <https://www.metro.net/projects/nextgen/>



Governing Board Officers Reflections For FY 18-19

At it's May meeting the Governing Board re-elected and appointed leadership members. Please see below their thoughts on their goals for the COG over the next year.



President Cynthia Sternquist

As you reflect over the past year, what do you think was the COG's most impactful accomplishment?

One was the approval of the revised JPA. This effectively integrated the ACE Construction Authority and the SGVCOG. It will expand the jurisdiction of the SGVCOG construction scope to include projects anywhere in the SGV and to develop a workplan application that would set specifications of potential projects.

Over the next year, what do you see as a priority for the COG to address?

The SGVCOG will continue its efforts in building consensus in the region with regional homelessness coordination. Safe, clean water for the region will also stay in the forefront and the COG will play an important role in planning and prioritizing multi benefit projects.

How do you manage your role as a COG officer along with your other responsibilities?

I manage my time best when I set clear goals, breaking those goals down into discrete steps and then reviewing my progress towards those goals. I spend time prioritizing, which helps me focus on urgent and important tasks.



1st Vice President Margret Clark

As you reflect over the past year, what do you think was the COG's most impactful accomplishment?

I think the most impactful accomplishment is the transition and merger of ACE/COG, and the facilitation of future regional projects.

Over the next year, what do you see as a priority for the COG to address?

I believe that stormwater will continue to be a priority because of the various regulations, as well as homelessness.

How do you manage your role as a COG officer along with your other responsibilities?

Since I have been on the executive board, I already have made provisions for the time required. Additionally, the issues fit with the many other committees I serve on at the regional (SCAG) state (League of Cities), and national (National League of Cities) level.



2nd Vice President Becky Shevlin

As you reflect over the past year, what do you think was the COG's most impactful accomplishment?

Over the last year, the COG/ACE integration process, Influencing MS4 implementation planning and funding issues, and winning a place at the table with Measure H program funding were impactful.

Over the next year, what do you see as a priority for the COG to address?

Creating value via continued support, implementation, education and promotion of available local/regional opportunities in all areas of our strategic categories. And continued communication, communication, communication at all levels.

How will you manage your role as a COG officer along with your other responsibilities?

I will try my best to keep as up to date and engaged as possible on COG priorities and to interact with/make myself available as much as possible to COG staff and membership to achieve productive representation.



3rd Vice President Tim Hepburn

As you reflect over the past year, what do you think was the COG's most impactful accomplishment?

I think the merger of the COG and ACE was a very large accomplishment, as well as Marisa and Mark taking on new roles.

Over the next year, what do you see as a priority for the COG to address?

The continued merger process of the COG/ACE is a priority, and to get Cities on board to use the COG and ACE for all grants and projects.

How will you manage your role as a COG officer along with your other responsibilities?

I will give the COG, like all my other roles, 100%.

Upcoming Meetings

Monday, June 2, 4:00 p.m.

Executive Committee
1000 S. Fremont Ave., Alhambra

Wednesday, July 11, 12:00 p.m.

City Managers Steering Committee
1444 W Garvey Ave, West Covina

Wednesday, July 10, 10:00 a.m.

Water Committee
602 E. Huntington Dr., Monrovia

Wednesday, July 18 12:30 p.m.

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Thursday, July 19, 4:00 p.m.

Transportation Committee
602 E. Huntington Dr., Monrovia

Thursday, July 19 6:00 p.m.

Governing Board
602 E. Huntington Dr., Monrovia

Monday, July 23, 12:00 p.m.

Capital Projects and Construction
1444 W. Garvey Ave S., West Covina

Thursday, July 26, 12:30 p.m.

Homelessness Committee
602 E. Huntington Dr., Monrovia

SGVCOG Testifies In Support of AB 2538 (Rubio)

On June 20th, SGVCOG staff and Mayor Pro Tem Judy Nelson (Glendora), incoming Chair of the Water Policy Committee, testified before the Senate Environmental Quality Committee, in support of AB 2538. The bill, authored by Assemblywoman Blanca Rubio, is intended to afford flexibility to extend the timeline for compliance with stormwater permits based upon a city's demonstrated financial need.

AB 2538 requires the State Water Board to develop Financial Capability Assessment (FCA) guidelines. The EPA has described the FCA process as providing regulators with the flexibility to consider a municipality's ability to pay for and deliver water services. The bill has previously passed the Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials committee, as well as Assembly

Appropriation and the full floor vote with unanimous support!

As Assemblywoman Rubio described the intent of the bill, committee members asked relevant questions. AB 2538 was approved by a vote of 5-1 and advanced to the Senate Committee on Appropriations.



Mayor Pro Tem (Glendora) Judy Nelson

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HOMELESS PLAN SUMMIT

August 1, 2018
8:00 am - 3:00 pm

Stanley Plummer Community Building
245 E. Bonita Avenue
San Dimas