



SGVCOG Governing Board Approved Minutes

Date: January 21, 2021
Time: 4:00 PM
Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order
M. Clark called the meeting to order at 4:03pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance
R. Arizmendi led the Governing Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call
A quorum was in attendance.

Governing Board Members Present

Alhambra	Adele Andrade-Stadler
Arcadia	April Verlato
Azusa	Robert Gonzales
Baldwin Park	Emmanuel J. Estrada
Bradbury	Richard Barakat
Claremont	Ed Reece
Covina	Patricia Cortez
Diamond Bar	Nancy Lyons
El Monte	Maria Morales
Glendora	Michael Allowos
Industry	Cory Moss
La Puente	Gabriel Quinones
La Verne	Tim Hepburn
Monrovia	Becky Shevlin
Monterey Park	Peter Chan
Pasadena	Victor Gordo
Pomona	Tim Sandoval
Rosemead	Margaret Clark
San Dimas	Denis Bertone
San Gabriel	Jason Pu
San Marino	Susan Jakubowski
Sierra Madre	Rachelle Arizmendi
South El Monte	Gloria Olmos
South Pasadena	Diana Mahmud
Temple City	Cynthia Sternquist
Walnut	Allen Wu
West Covina	Tony Wu
L.A. County District #1	Edith Gonzalez
L.A. County District #4	Lauren Yokomizo
L.A. County District #5	Sandra Maravilla
SGV Water Districts	Anthony Fellow

Absent

Duarte
La Cañada Flintridge
Montebello

SGVCOG Staff

M. Creter, Exec. Director
D. DeBerry, General Counsel
E. Shen, Staff
P. Hubler, Staff
C. Sims, Staff
B. Acevedo, Staff
K. Ward, Staff
A. Fung, Staff
S. Matthews, Staff
B. McCullom, Staff
S. Hernandez, Staff
A. Bordallo, Staff
S. Pedersen, Staff

4. Public Comment

A total of one written public comment and one verbal public comment requests were submitted. The written public comment can be found in Attachment A. San Dimas City Manager, Chris Constantin, introduced himself to the Governing Board.

5. Changes to Agenda Order

There were no changes to the Agenda Order.

LIAISON REPORTS

No verbal report was given unless otherwise noted.

6. Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority

7. Foothill Transit

8. Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority

9. San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC)

10. San Gabriel Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District (SGVMVCD)

11. Southern California Association of Governments

12. League of California Cities

13. San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership (SGVEP)

14. South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

SGVCOG President, Margaret Clark, provided an update.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

15. Housing and Homelessness Programs Update

SGVCOG Executive Director, Marisa Creter, provided an update on this item.

Key Questions/Discussions:

- A Governing Board member inquired about bathroom facilities at emergency shelters. Ms. Creter responded that bathroom facilities will be provided at these sites.
- Another Governing Board member inquired about the inclusion of the Housing and Homelessness Report in the SGVCOG White Paper on LAHSA Reform. Ms. Creter responded that the report is referenced in the White Paper and it also serves as an attachment to the document.

16. SGVRHT Board of Director Appointments

San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust (SGVRHT) Administrator, Brielle Acevedo, presented on this item. The structure of the SGVRHT requires the SGVCOG Governing Board to establish staggered terms for the SGVRHT Board of Directors such that 5 directors are appointed in odd-numbered years and 4 directors are appointed in even numbered years. Terms are determined by randomized drawing, with 5 board members serving terms ending in 2021 and 4 board members serving terms ending in 2022. Ms. Acevedo performed the drawing lots at this meeting and presented the following results:

- 2021 Term Year:
 - At-Large Seat: Director Andrade Stadler
 - At-Large Seat: Director Finlay
 - Central Seat: Vacant
 - Northeast Seat: Director Boyer

- Southeast Seat: Director Cortez
- 2022 Term Year:
 - At-Large Seat: Director Leano
 - Housing Expert Seat: Director DeFrank
 - Housing Expert Seat: Vacant
 - Northwest Seat: Director Shevlin

GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

SGVCOG General Counsel, David DeBerry, provided an update.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

No verbal report was given unless otherwise noted.

- 17. Transportation Committee
- 18. Homelessness Committee
- 19. San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust Board
- 20. Energy, Environment and Natural Resources (EENR) Committee
- 21. Water Committee
- 22. Capital Projects and Construction Committee

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 23. Governing Board Meeting Minutes
Action: Adopt Governing Board minutes.
- 24. Monthly Cash Disbursements/Balances/Transfers
Action: Approve Monthly Cash Disbursements/Balances/Transfers.
- 25. Committee/TAC/Governing Board Attendance
Action: Receive and file.
- 26. 1st Quarter Financial Report/Treasurer's Report
Action: Receive and file.
- 27. Committee/TAC/Partnership Agency Appointments
Action: Appoint members to the following standing SGVCOG Policy Committees, Technical Advisory Committees, and other partnership agency appointments:
 - *San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust Board of Directors:*
 - *Jed Leano (Claremont) – At-Large Seat*
 - *Capital Projects and Construction Committee:*
 - *Central District: Maria Morales (El Monte) – Delegate*
- 28. Tenth Amended and Restated Bylaws
Action: Adopt Resolution 21-01 adopting the SGVCOG Tenth Amended and Restated Bylaws.
- 29. FY 20-21 Budget Amendment #1
Action: Adopt Resolution 21-02 amending the FY 20-21 Budget.
- 30. SGVCOG 2021 Legislative Platform
Action: Adopt Resolution 21-03 affirming the SGVCOG's Legislative Platform.

- 31. Financial Accounts for the Safekeeping of Property and Official Signatures**
Action: Adopt Resolution 21-04 updating authorized official signatures on financial accounts at commercial bank institutes for the safekeeping of property.

There was a motion to approve consent calendar items 23 to 31. (M/S: D. Bertone/B. Shevlin)

[Motion Passed]

AYES:	Alhambra, Arcadia, Baldwin Park, Bradbury, Claremont, Covina, Diamond Bar, El Monte, Glendora, Industry, Irwindale, La Puente, La Verne, Monrovia, Monterey Park, Pasadena, 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*, L.A. County District #5, SGV Water Districts
NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	
NO VOTE RECORDED:	Azusa
ABSENT:	Duarte, La Cañada Flintridge, Montebello

**L.A. County District #4 abstained from voting on the Housing Legislative Platform within Item 30, SGVCOG 2021 Legislative Platform.*

ACTION ITEM

- 32. SGVCOG Whitepaper on Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) Reform**
SGVCOG Executive Director, Marisa Creter, provided a presentation on this item.

Key Questions/Discussions:

- A Governing Board member inquired about audits conducted to evaluate LAHSA’s operations. Ms. Creter responded that staff will share the most recent audit with Governing Board members.
- Another Governing Board member requested the presentation be shared with member agencies. Ms. Creter responded that staff will also share the presentation with Governing Board members.
- A Governing Board member mentioned that minor and non-substantive changes to the language of the White Paper will be forwarded to staff for revisions.
- A Governing Board member commented that the issue of drug addictions within the communities of individuals experiencing homelessness needs to be addressed. Ms. Creter responded the White Paper includes inputs from various police officers and their suggestions were extremely helpful in highlighting solutions to mitigate drug addiction issues among homelessness communities.
- A Governing Board suggested that San Gabriel Valley cities should be provided with the opportunity to be represented in LAHSA’s operations. Ms. Creter concurred with the suggestion and responded that one of the next steps would be for staff to coordinate a platform for San Gabriel Valley cities to discuss how cities can be more represented in LAHSA’s operations with the Los Angeles County Supervisors.
- Another Governing Board member suggested that the White Paper should include languages that supports the usage of vacant government properties to provide treatments for individuals experiencing mental illnesses and addictions.

- A Governing Board member commented that Measure H dollars are not allowed to fund law enforcements activities that support individuals experiencing homelessness and that the City of Alhambra currently has psychiatric officers to support the Police Department in responding to calls that are associated with individuals experiencing homelessness. Ms. Creter responded that having psychiatric officers working with police officers can be extremely helpful in providing the most appropriate support to individuals experiencing homelessness.
- A Governing Board member cautioned against creating another entity due to limited resources and expressed support for advocating for additional resources, funding, and representation in solving the homelessness crisis.

There was a motion to adopt Resolution 21-05 approving the SGVCOG White Paper on LAHSA Reform with amendments to include minor modifications from Diana Mahmud and revise the sentence “program implementation should focus on identifying opportunities to use and expand existing programs and facilities to better provide the services these individuals need to rebuild their lives” to “program implementation should focus on identifying opportunities to use and expand existing programs and facilities, including vacant government owned properties, to better provide the services these individuals need to rebuild their lives” and direct staff to distribute the White Paper to member agencies and encourage adoption. (M/S: G. Olmos/N. Lyons)

[Motion Passed]

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NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	
NO VOTE RECORDED:	Sierra Madre
ABSENT:	Duarte, La Cañada Flintridge, Montebello

ADJOURN

M. Clark adjourned the Governing Board meeting at 5:33pm.

BOARD APPROVED

 February 18, 2021
 Date


 Marisa Creter, Secretary