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**Public Invited to Participate in Wildfire Community
Input Workshops, Develop the region's
Wildfire Protection Plan**

San Gabriel Valley residents invited to participate in regional wildfire planning efforts to better prevent, prepare, and respond to wildfires in the region.

(LA VERNE, CA) – Today, the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) announced that a Community Input Workshop series will take place to help develop and inform a Regional [Community Wildfire Protection Plan](#) (CWPP) for the San Gabriel Valley. Funded by the California Department of Forestry and Protection (CALFIRE)'s Wildfire Prevention Grant, the Program is part of the California Climate Investments program. The goal of the workshop series is to ensure that the general public participate in the planning process to help shape the region's priorities around wildfire safety.

The Regional CWPP is a roadmap to wildfire planning that examines threats and offers recommendations to address local needs. The Plan also increases the opportunity for grant funding for future wildfire related projects in the San Gabriel Valley.

The SGVCOG kicked off the first workshop in Arcadia on March 11. The next scheduled Community Input Workshops will be held at the following times:

Wednesday, March 19 – La Verne City Council Chambers

Time: 5:00 – 7:00 PM

Address: 3660 D Street, La Verne, CA 91750

Wednesday, March 26 – Virtual

Time: 5:00 – 7:00 PM

Link: www.tinyurl.com/wildfire-planning

Background on the CWPP:

Following the 2020 Bobcat Fire, the SGVCOG and its member cities recognized a critical need to take a regional approach to wildfire planning in the SGV. The SGVCOG was awarded funding to create a Regional CWPP to guide its future planning efforts.

The purpose of the CWPP is to identify and prioritize actions for wildfire mitigation, prevention, and adaptation to protect life, property, and critical infrastructure in the San Gabriel Valley. Through collaborative discussions with varied stakeholders, the CWPP will explore existing wildfire challenges, hazard and risk assessments, and local preparedness capabilities of all 31 cities in the SGV.



SGVCOG staff and Arcadia Fire Chief Chen Suen presenting at the first Community Input Workshop at the Arcadia Public Library. All images courtesy of the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments.

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The San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) is a regional government planning agency that aims to maximize the quality of life in the San Gabriel Valley. The SGVCOG operates as a joint powers authority that is consisted of 31 incorporated cities and unincorporated communities in Los Angeles County Supervisorial Districts 1 and 5 and three San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water Districts (San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District, Three Valleys Municipal Water District, and Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District). The SGVCOG is the largest and most diverse sub-regional council of governments in Los Angeles County.