



**SGVCOG Governing Board Approved Minutes**

Date: August 17, 2017  
Time: 6:00 PM  
Location: USGVMWD (602 E. Huntington Drive, Monrovia)

**PRELIMINARY BUSINESS**

1. Call to Order  
President Cynthia Sternquist called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call  
**A quorum was in attendance.**

**Governing Board Members Present**

- Alhambra
- Arcadia
- Azusa
- Baldwin Park
- Bradbury
- Claremont
- Diamond Bar
- Duarte
- Covina
- Glendora
- La Puente
- La Canada Flintridge
- La Verne
- Monrovia
- Monterey Park
- Pasadena
- Rosemead
- San Dimas
- San Gabriel
- Sierra Madre
- South Pasadena
- Temple City
- West Covina
- Walnut
- LA County District 5
- LA County District 4
- Water Districts

- Barbara Messina
- Sho Tay
- Angel Carrillo
- Cruz Baca
- Richard Barakat
- Joe Lyons
- Carol Herrera
- John Fasana
- Peggy Delach
- Judy Nelson
- Dan Holloway
- Teresa Walker
- Tim Hepburn
- Becky Shevlin
- Teresa Real Sebastian
- Terry Tornek
- Margaret Clark
- Denis Bertone
- Jason Pu
- Rachelle Arizmendi
- Michael Cacciotti
- Cynthia Sternquist
- James Toma
- Mary Su
- Debra Mendelsohn
- Lauren Yokomizo
- Anthony Fellow

**Absent**

- El Monte
- Industry
- Irwindale
- Montebello
- Pomona
- San Marino
- South El Monte
- LA County District 1

**SGVCOG Staff**

- Phil Hawkey, Executive Director
- Marisa Creter, Assistant Executive Director
- Kim Barlow, General Counsel
- Stefanie Hernandez, Staff
- Eric Wolf, Staff
- Christian Cruz, Staff

4. Public Comment  
No public comment

5. Changes to Agenda Order  
**There was a motion to by to move Item #12 to the end of the agenda. (M/S: M. Clark/B. Shevlin).**

**[Motion Passed]**

<b>AYES:</b>	Alhambra, Arcadia, Azusa, Bradbury, Claremont, Diamond Bar, Duarte, El Monte, Duarte, Covina, Glendora, La Canada Flintridge, La Verne, La Puente Monrovia,
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	Monterey Park, Rosemead, San Gabriel, Sierra Madre, South Pasadena, Temple City, West Covina, Walnut, LA County District 4, LA County District 5, Water Districts
<b>NOES:</b>	Pasadena, San Dimas
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Industry, Irwindale, Montebello, Pomona, South El Monte, San Marino, LA County District 1

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

6. Governing Board Meeting Minutes  
*Recommended Action: Adopt Governing Board minutes.*
7. Monthly Cash Disbursements/Balances/Transfers  
*Recommended Action: Approve Monthly Cash Disbursements/Balances/Transfers.*
8. ACE Board of Directors Minutes  
*Recommended Action: Receive and file.*
9. ACE Monthly Report  
*Recommended Action: Receive and file.*
10. Committee Appointments  
*Recommended Action: Add the City of Bradbury to the Water TAC.*
11. Committee Attendance  
*Recommended Action: Receive and file.*

**There was a motion to approve consent calendar items #6-11. (M/S: D. Bertone/T. Sebastian Real).  
 [Motion Passed]**

<b>AYES:</b>	Alhambra, Arcadia, Azusa, Bradbury, Claremont, Diamond Bar, Duarte, El Monte, Duarte, Covina, Glendora, La Canada Flintridge, La Verne, La Puente Monrovia, Monterey Park, Pasadena, Rosemead, San Dimas, San Gabriel, Sierra Madre, South Pasadena, Temple City, West Covina, Walnut, LA County District 4, LA County District 5, Water Districts
<b>NOES:</b>	
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Industry, Irwindale, Montebello, Pomona, South El Monte, San Marino, LA County District 1

**CLOSED SESSION**

13. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION  
Pursuant to Government Code § 54956.9(d)(3) Number of Cases: One (1)  
 No action taken on this item

**ACTION ITEMS**

14. Salary Resolution – Regional Homelessness Coordinator  
**There was a motion to recommend Governing Board adopt Resolution 17-29 updating the salary and classification system. (M/S: T. Hepburn/T. Sebastian Real).**

**[Motion Passed]**

<b>AYES:</b>	Alhambra, Arcadia, Azusa, Bradbury, Claremont, Diamond Bar, Duarte, Duarte, Covina, Glendora, La Canada Flintridge, La Verne, La Puente Monrovia, Monterey Park, Pasadena, Rosemead, San Dimas, San Gabriel, Sierra Madre, South Pasadena, Temple City, West Covina, Walnut, LA County District 4, LA County District 5, Water Districts
<b>NOES:</b>	
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	El Monte, Industry, Irwindale, Montebello, Pomona, South El Monte, San Marino, LA County District 1

15. ACE / SGVCOG Integration

Public Comment: D. Stanley read into the record a letter objecting to the integration of ACE and SGVCOG on behalf of some anonymous ACE staff.

There was an hour-long discussion among the Board members on this item prior to action being taken.

**There was a motion to approve the integration of Alameda Corridor East Construction Authority (ACE) into the SGVCOG to accomplish the following objectives:**

- **Restructure ACE so it will be an ongoing operation as a division of SGVCOG, and not expire at the end of its mission (currently estimated to be in FY 2022-23).**
- **Expand the jurisdiction of ACE as a construction and projects entity that can serve all of the San Gabriel Valley.**
- **Restructure the ACE Board so that it has representation from the entire San Gabriel Valley and revise its role so it is no longer a separate Board with management control over ACE but instead will be a standing committee advisory to the Governing Board regarding the ACE operation.**
- **Integrate SGVCOG and ACE staff under a single personnel system reporting to the Executive Director of SGVCOG.**

**In order to achieve these objectives, direct staff to undertake the following actions with a target completion date of July 1, 2018:**

1. **Prepare revisions to the SGVCOG Joint Powers Authority agreement to address restructuring of the ACE scope and authority and other related changes as described in this report. Upon approval from the Governing Board, submit to the legislative bodies of all members of the SGVCOG for adoption.**
2. **Prepare revisions to the SGVCOG bylaws to address modifications to the structure and authority of the ACE Board of Directors and personnel structure and other related changes as described in this report and submit to the Governing Board for approval.**
3. **Develop processes for identification and adoption of new projects that may be constructed or managed by ACE as a division of SGVCOG and submit to Governing Board for approval. Upon approval of these processes, develop an initial project list and submit for approval.**
4. **Initiate outreach to ACE and SGVCOG staff to communicate and engage in collaborative discussions about the impact of the integration of ACE into SGVCOG and the process and timetable for implementation.**
5. **Develop a uniform human resource system for the integrated SGVCOG organization, addressing the positions, compensation, benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment, and submit to Governing Board for approval.**
6. **Develop consolidated administrative and financial management policies for the merged organization and submit to Governing Board for approval.**
7. **Identify options for joint office space for the integrated organization, negotiate a lease and submit to Governing Board for approval.**

**(M/S: T. Real Sebastian/ R. Barakat).**

**There was a substitute motion to implement the Ad-hoc Committee recommendations as follows:**

**1. Keep ACE: The Ad Hoc Committee recognizes the success of ACE over the past 18years in planning, funding and constructing over \$1.6 billion in grade separation improvements. With the passage of Measure M, and the availability of new state transportation funds, there will be resources for many projects in the San Gabriel Valley. If the SGVCOG can demonstrate the**

capacity to plan as well as to implement projects, the San Gabriel Valley will be able to accelerate the construction of projects that are important to our region.

**2. Expand ACE's jurisdiction so it can undertake projects throughout the SGV: Any new project would require the approval of the majority of the Governing Board (currently there are 35 members of SGVCOG). The process for determining projects will be:**

- A potential program of projects will be developed through a collaborative planning process that will include a SGVCOG Technical Advisory Committee, LA County, Caltrans, and Metro, and other cities or agencies that might be affected by a project. This program of projects will be reviewed by the SGVCOG's Transportation Committee and submitted to the Governing Board for approval.
- The Governing Board shall have the sole authority to consider, approve, and assign funding to future projects to be undertaken by ACE, and the ACE Board shall not have the authority to act on a project until the project is assigned to them by the Governing Board. SGVCOG staff will have the authority to spend time and money to plan projects in anticipation of presentation to the Governing Board for approval.

**3. Modify the existing ACE Board: The new ACE Board would include one representative from each of five districts in the SGV (the same districts as used by the City Manager TAC), the president of the SGVCOG and one county supervisor. Existing Board members will continue on the ACE Board as long as ACE grade separation projects are under construction in their cities.**

The structure of the new ACE Board will be as follows:

- The ACE Board shall include one member from each of the five districts as used by the City Manager Steering Committee as follows:
  - **Northeast:** Azusa, Claremont, Glendora, La Verne, San Dimas
  - **Southeast:** Covina, Diamond Bar, Industry, La Puente, Pomona, Walnut
  - **Central:** Baldwin Park, El Monte, Rosemead, South El Monte, Irwindale, West Covina
  - **Southwest:** Alhambra, Montebello, Monterey Park, San Gabriel, South Pasadena, Temple City
  - **Northwest:** Arcadia, Bradbury, Duarte, La Canada Flintridge, Monrovia, Pasadena, San Marino, Sierra Madre
- The members shall be appointed by the Governing Board through a nomination process and serve for two years. Members may be re-appointed for up to three terms.
- The ACE Board shall also include the SGVCOG Governing Board President or a designee, and a County Supervisor who represents all or a portion of the San Gabriel Valley (i.e. District 1, 4 or 5)
- Current ACE Board members will remain as voting members of the ACE Board until the ACE grade separation projects within their respective cities have been completed.
- With the exception of the County Supervisor, ACE Board appointees must be current SGVCOG delegates.

**4. The new ACE Board will have similar responsibilities as the previous ACE Board: The ACE Board will be delegated the authority to approve of contracts, change orders, eminent domain, and compensation for ACE employees. Inter-agency agreements will be approved by the Governing Board.**

**5. The new ACE Board will report to the Governing Board: As is current practice, the ACE Board would report regularly to the SGVCOG Governing Board and communicate its activities to the Executive Committee.**

**6. ACE construction management will be maintained as a separate management unit: ACE would operate under the authority of a Chief Executive Officer, who would report to the ACE Board.**

**7. Review the organizational structure and responsibilities in 18 months: After operating for 18 months with a split administration of COG and ACE, the Governing Board will review the**

**organizational structure and determine if ACE and COG should be combined into one organization with a single Executive Director.**  
**There was a friendly amendment to require that ACE and COG use the same legal counsel (J. Fasana). That amendment was accepted by the maker of the motion.**

(M/S: T. Tornek/ M. Cacciotti).  
**[Motion Failed]**

<b>AYES:</b>	Duarte, La Canada Flintridge, La Puente, Pasadena, South Pasadena, West Covina, LA County 5th District
<b>NOES:</b>	Alhambra, Arcadia, Azusa, Baldwin Park, Bradbury, Claremont, Diamond Bar, Covina, Glendora, La Verne, Monterey Park, Monrovia, Rosemead, San Dimas, San Gabriel, Sierra Madre, Temple City, Walnut, LA County District 4, Water Districts
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	El Monte, Industry, Irwindale, Montebello, Pomona, San Marino, South El Monte, LA County District 1

**A vote was held on the original motion.**

**[Motion Passed]**

<b>AYES:</b>	Alhambra, Arcadia, Azusa, Baldwin Park, Bradbury, Claremont, Diamond Bar, Covina, Glendora, La Verne, Monterey Park, Monrovia, Rosemead, San Dimas, San Gabriel, Sierra Madre, Temple City, Walnut, LA County District 4, Water Districts
<b>NOES:</b>	Duarte, La Canada Flintridge, La Puente, Pasadena, South Pasadena, West Covina, LA County 5th District
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	El Monte, Industry, Irwindale, Montebello, Pomona, San Marino, South El Monte, LA County District 1

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

No report given

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

P. Hawkey reported on the CTC grant and General Assembly

**GENERAL COUNSEL’S REPORT**

There was no report given.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Transportation Committee**

J. Fasana reported on this item.

**Homelessness Committee**

J. Lyons reported on this item.

**Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee**

D. Bertone reported on this item.

**Water Committee**

J. Nelson presented on this item.

**ACE / Large Capital Projects Ad Hoc Committee**

There was no additional report.

**Ad Hoc Legislative Committee**

No report given

**PROJECT REPORTS**

**The ACE Project**

M. Christoffels reported on this item.

**San Gabriel Valley Energy Wise Partnership**

There was no report.

**LIAISON REPORTS**

**Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority**

No report given

**San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy**

No report given

**Southern California Association of Government**

A. San Miguel on housing summit November 9

**San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership**

No report given.

**South Coast Air Quality Management District**

M. Cacciotti reported on this item

**CLOSED SESSION**

12. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT: Titles: Executive Director, Assistant Executive Director pursuant to California Government Code section 54957

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS: Agency designated representatives: Phil Hawkey, Richard D. Jones, Dominic Lazzaretto, Tony Ramos and Chris Jeffers; Unrepresented employees: Executive Director, Assistant Executive Director pursuant to California Government Code section 54957.6.

**A motion was made to appoint Marisa Creter as Interim Executive Director effective October 1, 2017 and direct the General Counsel to prepare an interim contract for Governing Board approval (M/S J. Fasana/ C. Sternquist).**

**[Motion Passed]**

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

20 votes in favor, 6 against, and 1 abstention.

**BOARD MEMBER ITEMS**


**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ADJOURN**

President Cynthia Sternquist adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

**BOARD APPROVED**

September 21, 2017  
Date

  
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Philip A. Hawkey, Secretary