



SGVCOG Public Works TAC Special Meeting Minutes

Date: February 8, 2021
Time: 12:00 PM
Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order
R. Guerrero called the meeting to order at 12:02pm.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
R. Guerrero led the Public Works TAC in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll Call
A quorum was in attendance.

Committee Members Present

Arcadia	P. Wray
Azusa	R. Delgadillo
Diamond Bar	D. Liu, H. Ghafari
El Monte	S. Mendez, L. Ortiz
Glendora	A. Sweet
Industry	J. Nelson
Irwindale	G. Ramos
La Verne	A. Ciotti
Monrovia	C. Castruita, A. Tachiki
Monterey Park	F. Lopez
Pomona	R. Guerrero
Rosemead	C. Daste
San Dimas	S. Garwick
South El Monte	C. Cataldi
Temple City	A. Avery
Walnut	M. Rooney
L.A. County DPW	A. Ross, S. Lai, R. Matsuoka

Absent

Baldwin Park
San Marino
South Pasadena

Guests

L.A. County DPW, C. Sheppard
L.A. County DPW, E. Carder

SGVCOG Staff

E. Shen, Staff
A. Fung, Staff

4. Public Comment
There were no public comments at this meeting.
5. Changes to Agenda Order
There were no changes to the agenda.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 6. Review Public Works TAC Meeting Minutes: 01/11/2021
Action: Review and approve.

**There was a motion to approve consent calendar item 6. (M/S: M. Rooney/J. Nelson)
[Motion Passed]**

AYES:	Arcadia, Azusa, Diamond Bar, El Monte, Industry, Irwindale, La Verne, Monrovia, Monterey Park, Pomona, Rosemead, Temple City, Walnut, L.A. County DPW
NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	
NO VOTE RECORDED:	Glendora, San Dimas, South El Monte
ABSENT:	Baldwin Park, San Marino, South Pasadena

PRESENTATIONS

- 7. 2021 San Gabriel Valley Energy Champion Awards
SGVCOG Management Analyst, Alexander Fung, provided a presentation on this item. Last year, the SGVCOG launched the San Gabriel Valley Energy Champion Awards to encourage cities and agencies to implement energy efficiency actions and engage in long-term strategic energy planning activities. Witnessing the success of implementing the awards structure in 2020, the SGVCOG revamped the recognition model and introduced the 2021 San Gabriel Valley Energy Champion Awards. Requirements for cities and agencies to be awarded include implementing a combination of activities such as attending energy trainings and meetings, benchmarking municipal facilities, and conducting outreach activities.
- 8. Solid Waste Legislative Review and Updates
Los Angeles County Department of Public Works Senior Civil Engineer, Christopher Sheppard, provided a presentation on this item. Mr. Sheppard provided updates on AB 1 (Cristina Garcia & Santiago), AB 51 (Quirk), AB 96 (O'Donnell), AB 246 (Quirk & Mathis), AB 318 (Levine), AB 322 (Salas), AB 332 (Assembly Committee on ESTM), AJR 4 (Cristina Garcia), SB 37 (Cortese), SB 38 (Wieckowski), SB 54 (Allen, Stern, & Weiner), SB 207 (Becker), SB 240 (Eggman), SB 244 (Archuleta), and SB 289 (Newman).

Key Questions/Discussions:

- A committee member inquired about upcoming legislation on hydrogen and renewable natural gas. Mr. Sheppard responded that AB 322 (Salas), which would require 20% of funds appropriated for the Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC) Program be allocated for biomass conversion, would allow for the creation of hydrogen and other fuels for fuel cells to be used.

CHAIR'S REPORT

- 9. Municipal Best Practice Sharing on COVID-19 Recovery Efforts
Committee Chair, Rene Guerrero, led the discussion on this item.

Key Discussions:

- The City of Pomona shared that its City Hall is open to the public by appointment only. Park playgrounds in Pomona are currently open for residents and signages were placed to remind park visitors to take precautions; however, restrooms at parks are still closed at this time. The City also reported that an additional grant was acquired to provide additional services for residents who requested bulky item pick-ups.
- The City of Diamond Bar shared that most of the City's business continues to be conducted online/virtually to ensure the safety of employees and residents. All city staff are recommended to limit their time spent at municipal indoor facilities. Additionally, an air purification system will be added to filter out viruses at the Civic Center Building.
- A committee member inquired about the City of Pomona's appointment scheduling system. The City of Pomona responded that residents can schedule appointments using phone numbers that are displayed on the City's website, social media platforms, and the City Hall's front entrance.
- The City of Walnut shared that the City implemented similar practices as the City of Pomona, with the exception of allowing park restrooms to remain open. The City also reported that it experienced an increase in the number of requests for bulky item pick-ups.
- Another committee member inquired about cities that are currently conducting on-site vaccination for employees or exploring the possibility of requiring employees to be vaccinated. The City of Pomona responded that the City is not conducting on-site vaccination for employees due to limited capacity; however, the City of Coronado in San Diego County sent a letter to Governor Newsom requesting the Governor to provide vaccinations for public works employees sooner. The League of California Cities is also currently drafting a letter to request the Governor to classify all government employees as essential workers in the vaccination tiers.

10. Solicitation of Presentation Topics

Committee Chair, Rene Guerrero, encouraged committee members to submit presentation ideas and topics to SGVCOG staff.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

11. Next Committee Meeting

The upcoming committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 15, 2021 at 12:00pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no additional announcements.

ADJOURN

R. Guerrero adjourned the Public Works Technical Advisory Committee meeting at 12:56pm.