



SGVCOG Governing Board Approved Minutes

Date: April 16, 2020
Time: 4:00 PM
Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order
SGVCOG President Cynthia Sternquist called the meeting to order at 4:04pm.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
E. Reece led the Governing Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll Call
A quorum was in attendance.

Governing Board Members Present

Arcadia	April Verlato
Azusa	Robert Gonzales
Claremont	Ed Reece
Covina	Patricia Cortez
Diamond Bar	Nancy Lyons
Duarte	John Fasana
El Monte	Jerry Velasco
Glendora	Michael Allowos
La Puente	Dan Holloway
La Verne	Tim Hepburn
Monrovia	Becky Shevlin
Montebello	Jack Hadjinian
Monterey Park	Peter Chan
Rosemead	Margaret Clark
San Dimas	Denis Bertone
San Gabriel	Jason Pu
San Marino	Susan Jakubowski
Sierra Madre	John Capoccia
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	Florencio Briones
L.A. County District #4	Lauren Yokomizo
L.A. County District #5	Sandra Maravilla
SGV Water Districts	Steven Placido

Absent

Alhambra
Baldwin Park
Bradbury
Industry
Irwindale
La Cañada Flintridge
Pomona

SGVCOG Staff

M. Creter, Exec. Director
P. Hubler, Staff
C. Sims, Staff
K. Ward, Staff
T. Kirkconnell, Staff
A. Fung, Staff
S. Matthews, Staff
N. Romo, Staff
S. Hernandez, Staff

4. Public Comment
There were no public comments at this meeting.

5. Changes to Agenda Order
There were no changes to the agenda.

LIAISON REPORTS

6. Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority
No report was given.
7. Foothill Transit
A written report was provided.
8. Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
No report was given.
9. San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC)
No report was given.
10. San Gabriel Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District (SGVMVCD)
No report was given.
11. Southern California Association of Governments
A written report was provided.
12. League of California Cities
A written report was provided.
13. San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership (SGVEP)
No report was given.
14. South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD)
A written report was provided.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

SGVCOG President, Cynthia Sternquist, expressed her gratitude to member agencies for their incredible leadership in navigating through the COVID-19 pandemic.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

SGVCOG Executive Director, Marisa Creter, provided an update on staff's current work and introduced staff to provide an update on existing efforts to obtain federal funding to benefit San Gabriel Valley cities. SGVCOG staff reported that the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act was passed by Congress to provide a \$2 trillion economic relief package. The Act includes benefits of \$150 billion to state and local governments to offset cost of COVID-19 response efforts; however, cities and counties with a population less than 500,000 residents are unable to apply, while revenue in these smaller localities are plummeting. Democrats in the House of Representatives recently drafted H.R. 6467 to propose another \$150 billion for states and cities, with \$50 billion budgeted for cities across the country. SGVCOG staff has drafted a letter to the San Gabriel Valley delegations in the House of Representatives and the letter will be shared with member agencies for comments.

Key Discussions/Questions:

- A Governing Board member mentioned that there appears to be two separate efforts to advocate for additional financial support for cities in Congress. One effort focuses on amending the CARES Act to include financial support for smaller cities and another effort focuses on passing H.R. 6467. The member inquired about which effort would have greater momentum. SGVCOG staff responded that the draft letter supports the passage of H.R. 6467; however, it is unclear that which effort would have a higher chance of moving forward. SGVCOG staff suggested that San Gabriel Valley cities should support amendments to the CARES Act if H.R. 6467 fails.
- Another Governing Board member inquired if H.R. 6467 would allow for reimbursement of funds for cities with healthy reserves. SGVCOG staff responded that the language did not include specific language on this matter and that the U.S. Department of Treasury may determine the criteria.
- A Governing Board member inquired about CalPERS' impact on cities in a year or two. SGVCOG staff responded that employers' shares of cost will increase two years from now. CalPERS will be determining the cities' contributions and that may become a significant issue for cities in the near future.

15. Draft FY 2020-2021 Budget

SGVCOG staff presented on a draft FY 2020-2021 budget.

Key Discussions/Questions:

- A Governing Board member inquired about Southern California Edison's (SCE) involvement in the San Gabriel Valley Energy Wise Partnership. SGVCOG staff responded that the SCE's involvement in the Partnership ended last year due to CPUC's requirement for SCE to bid out all third-party partnerships. With additional funding from the COG's partnership with the Southern California Regional Energy Network, there will not be any funding gaps for the COG's energy efficiency projects and initiatives.
- Another Governing Board member inquired about possible reduction in Measure H funding allocations due to sales tax reduction. SGVCOG staff responded that the COG receives a small amount of Measure H funds from the County of Los Angeles and that a reduction in Measure H funding allocations will not result in a large impact. The contract on Measure H funds has also been received; however, the program guidelines may change in the near future as a result of sales tax reduction.

GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

SGVCOG General Counsel, David DeBerry reported that he has been working with SGVCOG staff to execute agreements with participating cities for the San Gabriel Valley Regional VMT Analysis Model.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

16. Transportation Committee

J. Fasana reported that the Transportation Committee did not convene in April due

to the COVID-19 pandemic. The committee will likely receive a presentation on the proposed monorail project on Sepulveda Pass. Mr. Fasana also reported on Metro's recent decision to proceed with constructing the Whittier Alignment for the East Side Transit Corridor Extension Project.

17. Homelessness Committee
B. Shevlin reported that the Homelessness Committee will continue to meet virtually via Zoom during the COVID-19 pandemic.
18. Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee
A written report was provided.
19. Water Committee
D. Mahmud reported that the Water Committee will be meeting with Los Angeles County Department of Public Works Director Mark Pestrella on Safe Clean Water program management matters.
20. Capital Projects and Construction Committee
A written report was provided.

CONSENT CALENDAR

21. Governing Board Meeting Minutes
Recommended Action: Adopt Governing Board minutes.
22. Monthly Cash Disbursements/Balances/Transfers
Recommended Action: Approve Monthly Cash Disbursements/Balances/Transfers.
23. Committee/TAC/Governing Board Attendance
Recommended Action: Receive and file.
24. Regional Homelessness Coordination Report
Recommended Action: Receive and file.
25. Approval of Contract with Fehr and Peers for a Vehicle Miles Traveled Study for the San Gabriel Valley (SB 743 Implementation)
Recommended Action: Authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with Fehr and Peers for professional services for SB 743 implementation for the San Gabriel Valley for an amount not to exceed \$310,113.
26. Support SB 1212 (Rubio)
Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution 20-05 supporting SB 1212 (Rubio)
27. Letter to Governor Newsom & SGV State Representatives Regarding COVID-19
Recommended Action: Authorize the SGVCOG President to submit a letter to California Governor Gavin Newsom and SGV State Representatives regarding relief during the COVID-19 pandemic.
28. San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust (SGVRHT) Board of Director

Appointment

Recommended Action:

1. *Appoint the following five representatives to the SGVRHT Board: Gary Boyer (Northeast), Becky Shevlin (Northwest), Patty Cortez (Southeast), Adele Andrade-Stadler (At-Large), Margret Finlay (At-Large);*
2. *Appoint the following representatives to serve in the housing or homeless expert seats for the SGVRHT: (1) Seat - Jed Leano (Delegate), Carol Averell (Alternate); (2) Seat – Benita DeFrank (Delegate), Alma Martinez (Alternate)*

29. Legislative Advocacy Travel 3rd Quarter Report

Recommended Action: Receive and file.

30. Governing Board & Committee Meeting Times

Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution 20-06 updating the Governing Board and committee meeting times and locations.

There was a motion to approve consent calendar items 21-27, 29, and 30. (M/S: A. Verlato/N. Lyons)

[Motion Passed]

AYES:	Arcadia, Azusa, Claremont, Covina, Diamond Bar, Duarte, El Monte, Glendora, La Puente, La Verne, Monrovia, Montebello, Monterey Park, 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, San Gabriel Valley Water Districts
NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	
ABSENT:	Alhambra, Baldwin Park, Bradbury, Industry, Irwindale, La Cañada Flintridge, Pomona

Discussions on Item 28: San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust (SGVRHT) Board of Director Appointments

- SGVCOG President, Cynthia Sternquist, provided an announcement that there were no applications submitted for the Central District Representative on the SGVRHT Board of Directors during the recruitment process. El Monte City Councilmember, Jerry Velasco, recently submitted an application for the position and the application was distributed with members of the Governing Board.
- SGVCOG Executive Director, Marisa Creter, explained the approval process to appoint the SGVRHT Board of Directors and that the Governing Board would only be appointing six of the seven available Board positions without a Central District Representative.

There was a motion to approve the nomination of El Monte Councilmember Jerry Velasco as the Central District Representative on the SGVRHT Board of Directors (M/S: F. Briones/E. Reece)

[Motion Passed]

AYES:	Arcadia, Azusa, Claremont, Covina, Diamond Bar, Duarte, El Monte, Glendora, La Puente, La Verne, Monrovia, Montebello, Monterey Park, 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, San Gabriel Valley Water Districts
NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	
ABSENT:	Alhambra, Baldwin Park, Bradbury, Industry, Irwindale, La Cañada Flintridge, Pomona

There was a motion to approve Item 28, San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust (SGVRHT) Board of Director Appointments as follows:

1) Appoint the following six representatives to represent jurisdictions that have joined the SGVRHT:

- 1. Gary Boyer (City of Glendora) – Northeast District**
- 2. Becky Shevlin (City of Monrovia) – Northwest District**
- 3. Patricia Cortez (City of Covina) – Southeast District**
- 4. Jerry Velasco (City of El Monte) - Central District**
- 5. Adele Andrade-Stadler (City of Alhambra) – At-Large Member**
- 6. Margaret Finley (City of Duarte) – At-Large Member**

2) Appoint the following two representatives to serve in the housing or homeless expert seats:

- 1. Jed Leano, Councilmember, City of Claremont (Delegate); Carol Averell, Housing/Homeless Director, City of Baldwin Park (Alternate)**
- 2. Benita DeFrank, Neighborhood Services Director, City of Pomona (Delegate); Alma Martinez, City Manager, City of El Monte (Alternate)**

[Motion Passed]

AYES:	Arcadia, Azusa, Claremont, Covina, Diamond Bar, Duarte, El Monte, Glendora, La Puente, La Verne, Monrovia, Montebello, Monterey Park, 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, San Gabriel Valley Water Districts
NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	
ABSENT:	Alhambra, Baldwin Park, Bradbury, Industry, Irwindale, La Cañada Flintridge, Pomona

PRESENTATION

- 31. Update on Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) Activities**
 LAHSA Commission Chair, Sarah Dusseault, provided a presentation on the County of Los Angeles’ recent efforts to house individuals experiencing homelessness in motels and

hotels to protect them from the pandemic.

Key Questions/Discussions:


- A Governing Board member inquired about the cost to house an individual in a hotel. Ms. Dusseault responded that the cost per room varies greatly and that LAHSA has negotiated rates based on the services that the motels and hotels can provide. The typical range is \$40/room to \$100/room per night.
- Another Governing Board member inquired about the sustainability of this program after the FEMA funding expires. Ms. Dusseault responded that LAHSA is currently seeking motel vouchers and funding from the federal government and the State for long-term funding. Additionally, several foundations may be offering funding for long-term hotel and motel rooms for individuals experiencing homelessness.
- A Governing Board member inquired about the possibility of moving symptomatic individuals from hotels to isolation sites. Ms. Dusseault responded that symptomatic individuals are not allowed to stay in asymptomatic environments and will be transferred to quarantine or isolation sites operated by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health.
- A Governing Board member inquired about the criteria for choosing hotels and motels to house individuals experiencing homelessness. Ms. Dusseault responded that LAHSA is encouraging leases where there are existing large populations of those experiencing homelessness. LAHSA also reached a list of hotels from the State and the State is leading rate negotiation efforts with hotels and motels.
- Several Governing Board members expressed concerns and frustrations regarding LAHSA's lack of engagement with cities and local jurisdictions on selecting hotels and motels to house individuals experiencing homelessness. Several other Governing Board members also expressed that the County of Los Angeles should communicate with city councils before making decisions that affect cities.

ADJOURN

SGVCOG President Cynthia Sternquist adjourned the Governing Board meeting at 6:23pm.

BOARD APPROVED

May 21, 2020
Date


Marisa Creter, Secretary