



San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments

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City Managers' Steering Minutes Draft

Date: Wednesday, April 2nd

Time: 8:00 a.m.

Location: Picasso's Café

1.0 Preliminary Business

1.1 Call to Order

P. Philips called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m.

Members Present:

Covina	P. Philips
Diamond Bar	J. DeStefano
El Monte	J. Mussenden
La Canada Flintridge	M. Alexander
San Marino	M. Ballantyne

Members Absent:

Alhambra
Azusa
San Dimas
San Gabriel

SGVCOG Staff:

N. Conway, Executive Director

B. Cooke, Staff

M. Creter, Staff

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

1.3 Roll Call / Introductions

2.0 Public Comment

3.0 Changes to Agenda Order; Identify Subsequent Need or Emergency Items

4.0 Consent Items

4.1 Minutes from February 12th, 2008 meeting

A motion was made to approve the consent calendar (M/S/C: M. Ballantyne/ J. Mussenden/ Unam.)

5.0 Discussion Items

5.1 Homeless Services Needs Assessment

The Executive Director gave an update on this item. He stated that SGVCOG was prepared to commence the study on February 5th following a meeting of the project Steering Committee meeting. However, due to last minute contract issues with Los Angeles County's Chief Executive Office, that execution was postponed until there was satisfactory resolution of these issues for all concerned parties. Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors passed a funding resolution for this project at its Tuesday, February 26th, 2008 meeting. Once this resolution was approved, staff from the Los Angeles County CEO's contacted staff at the SGVCOG and indicated that the contract will not be prepared for execution until March 31st at the latest. This will create an additional three weeks delay over what had been previously anticipated.

In order to minimize the impact of this delay on our study timeline, the consultant has been instructed to undertake the preparatory work for the study including contacting member agencies and stakeholders to collect data regarding the various organizations in our respective cities. In addition, SGVCOG staff has sent out a letter of introduction for the consultants to our city managers and planners telling them of the upcoming study and asking for their assistance in this outreach effort. Due to this recent delay, the project start up has been delayed approximately 6 weeks in total. However, we

have asked the consultant to make up this time during the coming months so we can meet our original project completion date of August 1, 2008.

5.2 SGV Gang Summit

The Executive Director gave an update on this item. At the suggestion of SGVCOG Governing Board member and El Monte City Mayor Ernie Gutierrez, a summit is being planned to discuss strategies to address gang violence in the San Gabriel Valley. It is important that the SGVCOG facilitate discussion on this issue, as it is a truly multi-jurisdictional problem that requires coordinated and comprehensive strategies.

The Chair along with the Chief of the Covina Police Department, Kim Raney, are continuing to plan for this event. Chief Raney is currently Chair of the Los Angeles County Police Chiefs Association. This event is tentatively scheduled for May 2008, and this item will be discussed at the March SGVCOG Governing Board meeting. SGVCOG staff is working with the City Manager of El Monte to have that city host the event.

5.3 Request for Public Comments on Metro's Congestion Mitigation Fee Feasibility Study

The Executive Director gave a report on this item. On January 11th, Metro released a revised draft Congestion Mitigation Fee Feasibility Study Report. A congestion mitigation fee is contemplated to be a charge levied against residential, commercial, and industrial development projects that will be used to support the construction of current and future transportation projects. A congestion mitigation fee is intended to offset the impacts of development projects, most specifically traffic congestion, on transportation infrastructure. The proposed Congestion Mitigation Fee Program is a one-time fee applied to all types of new development. This study recommends a countywide program comprised of a single minimum fee applied across all land uses. Metro staff estimates that the total revenue for the County through 2030 could range from \$1.87 billion to \$14.99 billion, and between \$282 million and \$2.25 billion for the San Gabriel Valley. The SGV's is projected to receive approximately fifteen percent (15%) of the projected revenue.

SGVCOG staff is currently drafting a letter to the Metro Board on the Congestion Mitigation Fee study incorporating comments from the Transportation Committee as well as the Planning Directors', Public Works' and City Managers' TACs. Comments are due at Metro Headquarters by **April 25th, 2008**.

5.4 Caltrans' Route 210 Congestion Relief Ramp Metering Project

The Executive Director gave a report on this item. He stated that this is one of the two projects currently underway designed to improve mobility along the I-210 corridor. The Caltrans' Route 210 Congestion Relief Project is part of the Governor's 2005 "GO California" program, which provided funding for congestion relief programs that could be implemented in relatively short time-frame. This program has two major components: the conversion of HOV bypass onramps to metered ramps and freeway-to-freeway connector metering. Construction has been completed on this project. All meters, including the freeway to freeway meters at the intersection of the 57 and the I-605, will be activated on March 10th. The meters will show all green lights for the first two weeks, after that they will be fully operational on March 24th. The Executive Director stated that jurisdiction along the I-210 corridor should prepare for increased congestion on arterials as commuters exist freeway to avoid the connector metering. This could have a particularly large impact on Arrow Highway.

5.5 Los Angeles County Plastic Bag Policy

The Executive Director gave an update on this item which has been reviewed by the EENR Committee. At its February 22nd, 2008 meeting, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors voted 3-2 to approve a plan to reduce the consumption of plastic bags 30% by 2010 and 60% by 2013. Staff from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works (LACDPW) reported to the COG's Solid Waste Working Group on February 26, 2008 that the County is sending a letter to cities asking them to join in support of this effort. The letter is signed by all five supervisors and a sample resolution will be attached. This issue was brought before the EENR Committee on February 27th, and a recommendation was made to draft a resolution of support of the County's initiative to be considered for adoption at the April Governing Board meeting.

5.6 AB 938: Creation of Local Watershed Water Quality

The Executive Director gave a brief update on this bill. AB 938, which is currently in the Committee on Environmental Quality, authorizes local jurisdictions to convene watershed water quality committees to “develop and facilitate cooperation in achieving local water quality solutions.” The bill would authorize local jurisdictions and special districts to construct, operate, and maintain facilities that diverge, intercept, or collect urban runoff and stormwater, treat pollutants in the water, and return the waters to beneficial use by the state. Importantly, this legislation would permit local jurisdictions to impose fees and charges to build and operate the facilities. The EENR Committee discussed AB 938 at length at the February Committee meeting and will continue to monitor progress and report back to the full Governing Board in the coming months as this bill may have an important impact on our local governments’ efforts to address water quality issues.

5.7 AB 2640: Disallowal of Green Waste Diversion Credit

The Executive Director stated that the Governing Board would be considering a position of oppose unless amended on this bill. Currently, AB 939 requires that jurisdictions meet diversion rates of 50% for all solid waste. Under this current law, jurisdictions may count green waste which is used as Alternative Daily Cover (ADC) at landfill sites towards their diversion rate. AB 2640 (Huffman) proposes a change in the AB 939 requirements, by disallowing green waste that is used as ADC to be counted towards a jurisdiction’s diversion credit after the year 2015. Green waste that continues to be used as ADC after 2015 would instead be counted towards a jurisdiction’s disposal rate. This could negatively impact several cities in the San Gabriel Valley that would fall below the 50% diversion rate if this bill were to go into effect. The EENR Committee is recommending that the SGVCOG work with the author to identify alternative strategies to encourage increased composting of green waste.

5.8 EPA’s Smart Growth Implementation Assistance

The Executive Director stated that the SGVCOG would not be applying for this program, but he encouraged member agencies that may be interested to do so. This program provides awardees with access to a variety of consultant services for smart growth workshops and other events. The program requires an in-kind match.

5.9 California Public Utility Commission Call for Abstracts: Local Government Partnerships

The Executive Director stated that on February 21st, the California Public Utilities Commission issued a Call for Abstracts for its Local Government Partnerships program. This is a three year program beginning in 2009 that provides funding for direct energy savings through the installation of energy efficiency measures and program services. At the February Governing Board meeting, board members directed SGVCOG staff to develop and submit an application under this program. The San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments’ application is estimating 16.3 megawatts of annual savings, at a total program cost of approximately \$10 million. The abstract is due on March 7th.

5.10 2008 Jack Philips Awards Nominations

The Executive Director stated that SGVCOG staff is currently soliciting nominations for the 2008 Jack Phillips Awards. These awards are intended to recognize individuals who have had a significant impact on the progress of SGVCOG and the San Gabriel Valley as a whole. Typically one of the recipients is a City Manager, and therefore the Executive Director asked the Steering Committee for recommendations. One possible nominee is Glen Southard, former City Manager of Claremont.

5.11 City Managers’ Reception with the Los Angeles County Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

The Executive Director stated that this event is tentatively scheduled for breakfast on the morning of April 10th. SGVCOG staff will prepare a brief agenda for this event to be distributed in the coming weeks.

5.12 San Gabriel Valley Night with the Pasadena Pops Orchestra

The Executive Director stated that one of the objectives identified in the current SGVCOG Strategic Plan is to organize at least one social event every six months for the Governing Board members. In order to accomplish this goal, the Governing Board officers have worked with the Pasadena Symphony Association and the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership to plan a “San Gabriel Valley Night at

the Pasadena Pops.” This special event is scheduled for Friday, June 20th at Descanso Gardens. The Executive Director stated that all Governing Board members are encouraged to reserve a table for their respective city.

5.13 Washington D.C. Legislative Reception

The Executive Director referred the committee members to the flyer which was included in the agenda packet. This flyer highlights the following three SGV events that are scheduled during the National League of Cities’ Congressional City Conference: dinner with Congressman Adam Schiff, a Congressional Leader Briefing, and a breakfast event for Senator Barbara Boxer

5.14 Sacramento Legislative Reception

The Executive Director stated that this dinner event has been scheduled for April 16th. This annual event is planned to coincide with the League of California Cities’ Legislative Action days. Individuals interested in attending this event should contact the SGVCOG offices.

6.0 New Business items for Next Regular Meeting

7.0 Announcements

8.0 Next Meeting

9.0 Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 a.m.