

**SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
GOVERNING BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

September 24, 2009

President King called the regular meeting of the Governing Board of the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (“SGVCOG”) to order in Southern California Edison CTAC, 6090 North Irwindale Avenue, Irwindale, California at 6:00 PM. Angel Carrillo led the Governing Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.0 Preliminary Business

Roll was called by self-introduction and the following people were in attendance. A quorum was in present.

Governing Board Members Present

Alhambra	Barbara Messina
Arcadia	Robert Harbicht
Azusa	Angel Carrillo
Baldwin Park	Anthony Bejarano
Bradbury	Bruce Lathrop
Covina	Kevin Stapleton
Diamond Bar	Carol Herrera
Duarte	John Fasana
El Monte	Patricia Wallach
Glendora	Gene Murabito
Industry	Tim Spohn
Irwindale	Manuel Ortiz
La Canada Flintridge	Dave Spence
LaVerne	Steve Johnson
Monrovia	Becky Shevlin
Montebello	Robert Urteaga
Monterey Park	Mitchell Ing
Pasadena	Margaret McAustin
Pomona	Stephen Atchley
Rosemead	Margaret Clark
San Dimas	Denis Bertone
San Gabriel	David Gutierrez
San Marino	Eugene Sun
Sierra Madre	Joseph Mosca
South El Monte	Joseph Gonzales
Walnut	Tom King
LA County Supervisorial Dist. #1	Erica Santos
LA County Supervisorial Dist. #4	Mike Hughes
LA County Supervisorial Dist. #5	Gino Sund

Absent

Claremont
La Puente
South Pasadena
Temple City
West Covina
SGV Water Districts

COG Staff

Nicholas T. Conway	Executive Director
Tom Duarte	Jones & Mayer
Marisa Creter	Staff
Bekah Cooke	Staff
Oswaldo Pena	Staff
Kathleen Boyd	Staff

Guests

Rick Richmond	ACE Construction Authority
Paul Hubler	ACE Construction Authority
Rainbow Yeung	SCAQMD
Bart Doyle	Sierra Madre
Belinda Faustinos	Rivers & Mountains Conservancy
Dee Zinke	MWD
Douglas Cheok	
Louie Cetina	MWD

2.0 Public Comment

Rainbow Yeung, AQMD, announced the upcoming Air Quality Awards.

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

Agenda item 8.2.1.1, Water Bond, was moved forward due to time constraints of Belinda Faustinos of the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy. After a brief explanation, the motion was made to authorize the Executive Director to send a letter to the San Gabriel Valley Legislative Caucus and water bond authors requesting inclusion of specific language that benefits the San Gabriel Valley's water infrastructure. (M/S/C: Bertone/Messina; Unanimous)

4.0 Consent Items

4.1 Approval Items

4.1.1 Governing Board Meeting Minutes – July 16, 2009

4.1.3 Revised Watershed Coordinator Grant Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
Approve the revised MOU.

4.2 Receive and File

4.2.1 Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

4.2.2 City Managers Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

4.2.3 EENR Committee Meeting Minutes

4.2.4 Energy Working Group Meeting Notes

4.2.5 Joint Housing-Planning Directors' Committee Meeting Minutes

4.2.6 ACE Construction Authority Meeting Minutes

4.2.7 Executive Director Summer Report

4.2.8 Correspondence

Carol Herrera requested that item 4.1.2 be pulled. A motion was made to approve all Approval Items with the exception of 4.1.2 (Warrant Register and Cash Statement) and receive and file all remaining items. (M/S/C: Harbricht/Gutierrez; Unanimous)

Carol Herrera questioned the authority and the expenditures for the procedures manual. In addition, she questioned the authority and procedures regarding the replacement of the COG Accountant.

Executive Director noted that a policy and procedures manual was a prior audit recommendation. The funds had been approved as part of the budget and he had the authority to make the expenditure to engage the contractor for these needed services. After Board discussion, a motion was made to approve 4.1.2 Warrant Register and Cash Statement as presented. (M/S/C: Harbicht/Lathrop; ayes 28, noes 1; abstain 0, Motion Carried)

The Executive Director also responded to questions relating to filling the vacancy for the COG accountant position. The President indicated that matter would be brought back to the COG Governing Board at its next meeting.

5.0 General Counsel – No report

6.0 President's Report

6.1 Recap of Transportation Forum

Tom King reported on the Transportation Forum and thanked John Fasana and staff for an informative event.

6.2 Strategic Plan

Tom King briefly reviewed the updated strategic plan and a motion was made to approve the July 22, 2009 Strategic Plan Update (M/S.C: Bertone/McAustin; Unanimous).

7.0 Executive Director

7.1 AB 811 (Levine) Los Angeles County Energy Efficiency and Solar Financing Plan
Executive Director reviewed AB 811 stating staff has been participating on the County's Stakeholder Working Group, which is working to design the LA County program. Staff organized a workshop on August 20th for our member agencies on AB 811 issues. There were over fifty attendees at this event, and several cities expressed interest in partnering with Los Angeles County on its AB 811 program. COG staff will continue to provide updated information to our member agencies as this program is developed.

7.2 Measure "R" Highway Projects – Metro's Long Range Transportation Plan
Executive Director stated that in June Supervisor Antonovich introduced a motion to include the "Measure R" highway element as part of the planned update of the Metro's Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). At the request of the COG and several other COGs, the Board postponed adoption of the LRTP and formed a Measure R Highway subcommittee to finalize the specifics of the highway element. This committee has been meeting on a weekly basis to review those candidate projects and their attendant funding plans. Since that time, there has been significant movement to modify the funding plan and schedule of projects, and this has had a direct impact on a number of San Gabriel Valley projects as described below.

- ✓ **The ACE Project:** IACE is now receiving its full \$400 million allocation by FY 2016-17.
- ✓ **210 Soundwalls:** In order to address La Canada's needs while freeing up additional capital funds, the COG staff made a motion to allow the Arroyo Verdugo region to swap out a portion of their operation improvement funds with the Countywide soundwall funds to complete this project. Metro staff is now working to finalize this fund swap to allow the program to be completed.
- ✓ **710 Tunnel:** Metro staff is recommending that the project receive \$156 million over the next ten years, or 20% of the project's \$780 million allocation. This cash flow should be sufficient to support funding for the environmental work required once the Caltrans/Metro Geotechnical feasibility study is completed this fall.
- ✓ **Subregional Funding:** In order to maintain subregional equity, the COG staff made a motion, which passed unanimously, to mandate that all funds shown in Measure R by subregion will remain in those subregions regardless of the projects' funding eligibility or cost.

COG staff will continue to provide updates on this committee and other issues related to Metro's LRTP as they become available.

7.3 MWD Presentation - Delta Water Package
Dee Zinke, Manager of Legislative Services, Metropolitan Water District, gave a presentation on the Delta Water Package, and water reliability concerns associated with the Delta area.

7.4 Letter of Support, SB 545 (Cedillo) Streets and Highways Code, Relating to Transportation
A motion was made to authorize the Executive Director to send a letter of support to the Governor on SB 545(Cedillo). (M/S/C: Sun/Fasana; Unanimous)

8.0 Committee Reports

8.1 ACE Construction Authority – T. Spohn

Tim Spohn expressed appreciation for the efforts of John Fasana and Supervisors Molina and Antonovich regarding funding and reviewed ongoing meetings with legislators.

8.2 Policy Committees

8.2.1 Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee – M. Lutz

8.2.1.1 Water Bond

This item was moved to the beginning of the agenda.

8.2.1.2 Sustainable San Gabriel Valley Initiative

A motion was made to adopt the Sustainable San Gabriel Valley Policy that will encompass all COG environment-related programs and brand these efforts under a single initiative. (M/S/C: Bertone/Clark; Unanimous)

8.2.1.3 Energy Policy

A motion was made to adopt a SGVCOG Energy Policy. (M/S/C: Bertone/Harbicht; Unanimous)

8.2.2 Housing Committee – G. Sund

Gino Sund reported on the meeting with the Planning Directors TAC reviewing and possible actions regarding SB 375.

8.2.3 Transportation Committee– J. Fasana

John Fasana’s report included the Transportation Forum and the recent Metro meeting.

8.3 Ad Hoc Committees

8.3.1 East SGV Trauma Center Ad Hoc Committee -S.Atchley/F.Rodriguez

Steve Atchley announced the next meeting would be October 28th with the County.

8.3.2 Homeless Ad Hoc Committee – No Report.

8.4 Technical Advisory Committees

8.4.1 City Managers’ TAC – No report.

8.4.2 Planning Directors’ TAC - No report.

8.4.3 Public Works Directors’ TAC – No report

8.5 Liaison Reports

8.5.1 Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority – S. Pedroza

John Fasana reviewed their GL meeting stating they would proceed with Phase IIB as soon as funds became available.

8.5.2 San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy – D. Bertone

Denis Bertone’s report included an invitation to the Open Space Summit on October 27th.

8.5.3 Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board – M. Lutz

9.0 New Business items for next Regular Meeting

10.0 Announcements

Tom King expressed appreciation to Dave Spence for all his work over the last two years.

Joe Gonzalez requested that staff send a letter of congratulations to Congresswoman Judy Chu.

John Fasana questioned if there was a role for the COG in helping with restoration after the fires.

Discussion followed to include the County Public Works and Federal agencies activities.

Angel Carrillo called attention to the League of California Cities initiative to safeguard local funds. Board was asked to contact Jennifer Quan for more information.

Sam Weinstein, Utility Workers Union of America, expressed concerns on Southern California Gas Company’s Advanced Metering Infrastructure program. He was referred to the EENR Committee where this item has been agendized.

11.0 Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.