

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

November 19, 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. John Fasana 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
Bradbury	Richard Barakat
Claremont	Sam Pedroza
Diamond Bar	Carol Herrera
Duarte	John Fasana
El Monte	Patricia Wallach
Glendora	Gene Murabito
Industry	Tim Spohn
Irwindale	Larry G. Burrola
La Canada Flintridge	David Spence
La Puente	Dan Holloway
La Verne	Steve Johnson
Monrovia	Mary Ann Lutz
Montebello	Robert Urteaga
Monterey Park	Mitchell Ing
Pasadena	Terry Tornek, Margaret McAustin
Pomona	Stephen Atchley
Rosemead	Margaret Clark
San Dimas	Denis Bertone
San Gabriel	David Gutierrez
Sierra Madre	Don Watts, MaryAnn MacGillivray
South El Monte	Joseph Gonzales
Temple City	Fernando Viscarra
Walnut	Tom King
West Covina	Roger Hernandez
LA County Supv. District #1	Erica Santos
LA County Supv. District #4	Mike Hughes
LA County Supv. District #5	Gino Sund
SGV Water Districts	Bob Kuhn

Absent

Azusa
Baldwin Park
Covina
San Marino
South Pasadena

COG Staff

Nicholas T. Conway	Executive Director
Dick Jones	Jones & Mayer
Marisa Creter	Staff
Bekah Cooke	Staff
Kathleen Boyd	Staff

Guests

Rick Richmond	ACE Construction Authority
Paul Hubler	ACE Construction Authority
Jim DeStefano	Diamond Bar
Rainbow Yeung	SCAQMD
Belinda Faustinos	Rivers & Mountains Conservancy
David Reyno	Foothill Transit
Dawn Marie Jacobson, MD	LA County Health Department
Gary Neely	Off. Of Sen. Huff
Huasha Liu	SCAG

2.0 Public Comment - None

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

Due to illness, items 5.1 and 5.2 (COG's and ACE's First Quarter Financial Reports) were pulled from the agenda and will be presented at the next meeting.

4.0 Consent Items

4.1 Approval Items

4.1.1 Governing Board Meeting Minutes – October 15, 2009

4.1.2 Warrant Register and Cash Statement

4.1.3 Cancellation of December Meeting

Authorize cancellation of December Meeting for the Merry Mingle Reception and authorize Officers to take necessary action as discussed on page 4.1.3 of packet.

4.2 Receive and File

4.2.1 EENR Committee Meeting Minutes

4.2.2 Energy/AB 811 Working Group Meeting Notes

4.2.3 Water Working Group Meeting Notes

4.2.4 Solid Waste Working Group Meeting Minutes

4.2.5 Transportation Committee Minutes

4.2.6 ACE Construction Authority Meeting Minutes

4.2.7 Strategic Plan Update

4.2.8 Executive Director Report

4.2.9 Correspondence

A motion was made to approve all Approval Items and receive and file all remaining items. (M/S/C: Messina/Bertone; Unanimous)

5.0 Accountant's Report – Pulled from agenda.

6.0 President's Report

6.1 H1N1 Presentation

Dawn Marie Jacobson, MD, MPH, Los Angeles County Dept. of Public Health, gave an overview of H1N1 Pandemic both nationally and countywide.

6.2 LED Christmas Light Exchange

President King announced the SGV Energy Wise Partnership, which is a partnership between the COG and Southern California Edison, will launch its Holiday Led Light Exchange at 5 locations in San Gabriel Valley in the first part December.

6.3 SGV Holiday Reception

Boardmembers were invited to attend the 6th annual SGV Holiday Reception on December 17th in the SGV Economic Partnership Offices. This reception is hosted by the Council of Governments, Economic Partnership and the Public Affairs Network.

7.0 Executive Director

7.1 Homeless Presentation

Leslie Wise, Director of Planning & Public Policy for the LA Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), reviewed the results of the January 2009 homeless census. LAHSA recently released its 2009 Homeless Count results, which identified a 38% decrease in homeless population County-wide and a 64% decrease in San Gabriel Valley from 2007.

7.2 SB 375

After a review and discussion of SCAG and COG Staff (includes: SGVCOG's SB375 Working Group, SGVCOG Planning Directors TAC, Housing Committee and City Managers' Steering Committee) recommendations, a motion was made to authorize the Executive Director to

transmit a response letter to SCAG outlining the Agency's scope and responsibilities with respect to implementation of SB 375 (Steinberg). (M/S/C: Spence/Sund; unanimous)

8.0 Committee Reports

8.1 ACE Construction Authority

Tim Spohn reviewed his report calling attention to the status of Measure R Funding and San Gabriel Trench Grade Separation Project as well as helicopter tours of the ACE Project for John Porcari, Deputy Secretary of the US Transportation Dept. and David Matsuda, Maritime Administration Acting Administrator and his staff, and Congresswoman Laura Richardson.

8.2 Policy Committees

8.2.1 Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee

Mary Ann Lutz reported the Integrated Waste Management Board reviewed the COG's Green Waste Policy Paper and is developing a comment letter.

8.2.1.1 National Park Service Study of the San Gabriel Mountain Presentation.

Denis Bertone quickly reviewed the San Gabriel Watershed and Mountains Special Resource Study supporting the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy's staff recommendations: 1) protection of local water rights, preservation of our water supply (including use of adjacent lands to access that supply) and prevention of water contamination from recreational activities; and 2) provisions allowing cities or entities with water/sanitation facilities to "opt out" of any future designation. After discussion by the Board, a motion was made to submit a comment letter in the packet to the National Park Service with the inclusion of the following:

- 1) Change condition #2 to read: *Provisions allowing cities or entities with water/sanitation facilities or cities to "opt out" of any future designation.*
- 2) Add the following: *Due to the current economic crisis in our nation and state, Natural Resource Management in Alternative A requires that the most vital natural resources of the upper watersheds in the National Forests be economically ranked for protection and assurances to the COG member cities. Of these rankings, the first priority must not only be given to water, but also air and soil for emergency preparedness, working seamlessly with federal and county fire and first responders – for fire, flood, and infrastructure proven concerns. Other such Natural Resource Management strategies are essential to comprehensive and smoothly operating set of recommendations. Protection and sustainability of our regional native waters and water supply must not be neither overlooked, nor compromised in recommendations. Similar recommendations are vital to health, environment and economy of our COG cities and county regions.*

(M/S/C: Bertone/King; Unanimous)

8.2.2 Housing Committee

Gino Sund referred to previous SB 375 report.

8.2.3 Transportation Committee

8.2.3.1 High Speed Rail

John Fasana brought the Transportation Committee's recommendation to the Board to support in concept the High Speed Rail Project. A motion was made to adopt a position of "support in concept" for the California High Speed Rail Project including the Los Angeles to San Diego Segment, which is to be routed through and include at least one station in the San Gabriel Valley. (M/S/C: Lutz/Gutierrez; Unanimous)

8.2.3.2 2009 Adopted LRTP Report

John Fasana updated the Board San Gabriel Valley project status including 710 tunnel and Gold Line Foothill Extension.

- 8.3 Ad Hoc Committees
 - 8.3.1 East SGV Trauma Center Ad Hoc Committee
Board was referred to memo in packet.
 - 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
Sam Pedroza updated the Board on the inclusion of the Gold Line Foothill Extension in the LRTP.
 - 8.5.2 San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy
Denis Bertone gave a brief update.
 - 8.5.3 Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board
Board was referred to the packet.

9.0 New Business items for next Regular Meeting

10.0 Announcements

11.0 Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.