

**SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
GOVERNING BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
January 17, 2008**

Vice President Sharon Martinez called the Regular Meeting of the Governing Board of the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (“SGVCOG”) to order in Southern California Edison’s Customer Technology Application Center, 6090 North Irwindale Avenue, Irwindale, CA 91702 at 6:17 PM.

**1. Preliminary Business**

After Harry Baldwin led the Pledge of Allegiance, roll was called by self introduction and the following people were in attendance.

**Governing Board Members**

Alhambra  
Arcadia  
Azusa  
Claremont  
Duarte  
Glendora  
Industry  
Irwindale  
Monrovia  
Monterey Park  
San Dimas  
San Gabriel  
Sierra Madre  
South El Monte  
South Pasadena  
Walnut  
LA County, District 1  
LA County, District 4

Barbara Messina  
Robert Harbicht  
Angel Carrillo  
Sam Pedroza  
John Fasana  
Doug Tessitor  
Tim Spohn  
Manuel Garcia  
Mary Ann Lutz  
Sharon Martinez  
Denis Bertone  
Harry Baldwin  
Enid Joffe  
Joseph Gonzales  
Michael Cacciotti  
Mary Su  
Bobi Johnson  
Wil Briesemeister

**Absent**

Baldwin Park  
Covina  
Diamond Bar  
El Monte  
La Canada Flintridge  
La Puente  
La Verne  
Montebello  
Pasadena  
Pomona  
Rosemead  
San Marino  
West Covina  
Supv. District 5

**Staff**

Nicholas T. Conway  
Joseph Silvey  
Paul Phillips  
Sharon Neely  
Marisa Creter  
Kathleen Boyd

Executive Director  
Burke Williams & Sorensen  
City Managers’ Representative  
ACE Construction Authority  
Staff  
Staff

**Guests**

Bob Kuhn  
Rick Hansen  
Rainbow Yeung  
Chip Conway  
Grace Eng  
Bruce Armistead  
Tom Jenkins  
Ray Hamada  
Hasan Ikhata  
Mike Miller  
Linda Jones  
Jeff Kightlinger  
Louis Cetina  
Paria Kooklan

Three Valleys Water  
Three Valleys Water  
SCAQMD  
SanBAG  
Culver City  
Parsons Brinckerhoff  
Parsons Brinckerhoff  
Irwindale  
SCAG  
West Covina  
SCAG  
MWD  
MWD  
LASA

## **2. Recognition Presentations**

Vice President Martinez recognized Bruce Armistead and Chip Conway and thanked them for their efforts on the ACE Project. She also recognized Grace Eng who was on the SGVCOG staff for three years.

## **3. Public Comment**

None.

## **4. Changes to Agenda Order; Identify Subsequent Need or Emergency Items**

The Executive Director identified a subsequent need item which the General Counsel explained had come to the SGVCOG's attention after the issuance of the Regular Meeting Agenda. The Executive Director proposed that the Governing Board should consider and possibly take action regarding a container fee action by the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach that could impact the San Gabriel Valley and funding for the ACE Project. A motion was made to add this item to the Governing Board's Agenda. (M/S/C: Baldwin/Cacciotti; Unanimous)

## **5. Consent Items**

Item 5.1.5 in the Agenda "Draft SGVCOG Joint Powers Authority Agreement to add Water Agencies" was pulled from the Consent Items. A motion was made to approve/receive and file the remaining Consent Items as follows.

### **5.1. Approval Items**

- 5.1.1. Governing Board Minutes – 11/15/07
- 5.1.2. Warrant Register and Cash Statement
- 5.1.3. SGVCOG Gold Line Representative and Alternate Term Extensions
- 5.1.4. Direct staff to prepare Bylaw changes for quorum requirements for the policy and technical advisory committees.
- 5.1.5. Watershed Coordinator Grant Resolution
- 5.1.6. Caltrans Community Based Planned Grants Resolutions (3)

### **5.2. Receive and File**

- 5.2.1. Memo regarding Four Corners Delegate
- 5.2.2. Memo regarding San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy
- 5.2.3. Executive Committee Minutes – 12/20/07
- 5.2.4. EENR Committee Minutes – 11/21/07
- 5.2.5. Transportation Committee Notes – 11/15/07
- 5.2.6. City Managers Steering Committee Meeting Minutes - 12/10/07
- 5.2.7. Planning Directors TAC Meeting Notes – 11/15/07
- 5.2.8. Public Works TAC Meeting Notes – 10/29/07
- 5.2.9. ACE Construction Authority Meeting Minutes 11/26/07
- 5.2.10. Executive Director Monthly Report
- 5.2.11. Gold Line Foothill Extension Report
- 5.2.12. Correspondence

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

## **6. President's Report**

### **6.1. San Gabriel Valley Water Challenges for 2008**

Jeff Kightlinger, General Manager of MWD, discussed water challenges for 2008. Vice President Martinez referred support for legislative action on water issues to the EENR Committee for their recommendation.

## **6.2. Strategic Plan – Revised December 8, 2007**

After an explanation by the Executive Director, a motion was made to approve the revised SGVCOG Strategic Plan. (M/S/C: Carrillo/Joffe; Unanimous)

## **6.3. SGVCOG Representative to SCAG’s Energy and Environment Committee**

Enid Joffe withdrew her nomination and a motion was made to appoint Sam Pedroza, Councilmember, Claremont, as SGVCOG Representative to SCAG’s Energy and Environment Committee. (M/S/C: Bertone/Lutz; Unanimous)

## **6.4. SGVCOG Representative to Caltrans/Metro SR 710 Geo-technical Studies Steering Committee.**

Vice President Martinez stated four nominations were received for this position: Harry Baldwin, San Gabriel; Mark Kelly, Glendora; Joe Mosca, Sierra Madre; and Pat Wallach, El Monte. She advised the Governing Board that Glendale, La Canada Flintridge, South Pasadena, Alhambra, Monterey Park, Pasadena and San Marino would also be appointing a person to this Committee. Harry Baldwin stated his interest to serve on this Committee. Harry Baldwin was unanimously elected as the SGVCOG Representative to Caltrans/Metro SR 710 Geo-technical Studies Steering Committee by the Governing Board.

## **6.5. Legislative Receptions – Washington DC and Sacramento**

The Board was asked to approve an amount not to exceed \$5,000 for the SGVCOG’s portion of the Washington DC Reception planned for March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2008 and an amount not to exceed \$5,000 for the SGVCOG’s portion of the Sacramento dinner planned for April 16, 2008. Sharon Neely announced there have been Federal rule changes that will affect the type of function allowed. A motion was made to approve expenditures not to exceed \$5,000 each for the SGVCOG’s portion of the Washington DC and Sacramento functions as allowed under the new rules. (M/S/C: Lutz/Cacciotti; Unanimous)

## **6.6. Housing Policy Committee**

Executive Director reviewed the purpose of the Housing Policy Committee. A motion was made to create the Housing Policy Committee and call for nominations for Governing Board members and city staff for the committee. (M/S/C: Placido/Fasana; Unanimous) Joe Gonzales, South El Monte, and Nicole Englund, LA County District 1, expressed their interest in serving on this Committee.

# **7. Executive Director**

## **7.1. SGV Homeless Services Study**

Executive Director reported on the request for proposal and interview process. He stated the selection committee would like to award the contract to the Corporation of Supportive Housing. A motion was made to authorize the Executive Director to award and execute a contract with Corporation of Supportive Housing to conduct a SGV Homeless Services Needs Assessment. (M/S/C: Briemeister/Bertone; Unanimous)

# **8. Committee Reports**

## **8.1. Policy and Ad Hoc Committees**

### **8.1.1. ACE Construction Authority**

Sharon Neely provided background information on the subsequent need item that was added to the Agenda. She described the actions taken by the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach regarding the passage of an infrastructure cargo fee and explained that the Ports, ACE and others have been working with Senator Lowenthal’s office to create legislation that would include a container fee. While this bill (SB 974) has been carried over as a two year bill, on

Monday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, the Ports of LA/Long Beach moved to approve their own container fee. This fee would exclude community impacts and would only go to fund projects in the immediate vicinity of the Ports. This action presents a challenge as ACE, along with other regional agencies, submitted grant applications for funding under Proposition 1B Goods Movement funding. ACE staff requested that the Governing Board approve a letter from the SGVCOG President to the Ports requesting support on securing the passage of SB 974 and requesting continued collaboration on container fee matters.

Following her explanation, a motion was made to send a letter to the Board of Harbor Commissioners Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach from the SGVCOG President requesting support on securing the passage of SB 974 and requesting continued collaboration regarding container fees. (M/S/C: Lutz/Bertone; Unanimous)

**8.1.2. Disaster Preparedness/Trauma Care/Emergency Medicine Committee – No report**

**8.1.3. Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee**

Mary Ann Lutz referred to the minutes of the EENR. She announced the League hired an assistant for her work on the Water Board. She also mentioned that there was an opening on the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board if anyone was interested in applying and suggested staff send out a letter regarding the vacancy.

**8.1.4. Transportation Committee**

**8.1.4.1. Metro: Congestion-Reduction Demonstration Initiatives Application**

John Fasana stated Congestion-Reduction Demonstration Initiative Application has been submitted.

**8.1.4.2. Multi-County Goods Movement Action Plan**

After a brief explanation, a motion was made as follows:

1. Support approval of the Multi-County Goods Movement Action Plan.
2. Commend staff of the County agencies for their multi-year effort to develop a goods movement plan. Particularly commend Shahrzad Amiri and Michelle Smith who managed the consultants and other County agency efforts to oversee the significant work through to recommendation.
3. Request Metro Board to consider developing a financing plan and implementation plan for the \$50 billion priority program as outlined in the report.

(M/S/C: Briemeister/Baldwin; Unanimous)

**8.1.4.3. Comments on Metro 2008 Long Range Plan (LRTP)**

John Fasana gave the Board an update.

**8.1.4.4. Comments on SCAG Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)**

John Fasana reviewed the status of the SCAG Regional Transportation Plan and a motion was made to submit comments to SCAG as shown in the draft letter that was distributed. (M/S/C: Bertone/Lutz; Unanimous)

**8.2. Technical Advisory Committees**

**8.2.1. City Managers' TAC**

Paul Philips reported the City Managers continue to provide input to the Homeless Services Study.

**8.2.2. Planning Directors' TAC – No report**

8.2.3. Public Works Directors' TAC – No report

**9. New Business Items for next Regular Meeting - None**

**10. Announcements**

Denis Bertone, Representative on Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, reported 134 applications were received in their Call for Projects. He stated only 15 applications will be included in Tier 1 projects.

Mary Su thanked cities for responding to her request for City Pins.

Executive Director called attention to the SGVCOG newspaper ad that will be printed in an upcoming special section.

**11. Closed Session – No Closed Session**

**12. Adjourn**

Vice President Martinez announced the next meeting would be February 21, 2008 and adjourned the meeting at 8:02 pm.