

**SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
GOVERNING BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
March 20, 2008**

President David Spence 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 6:15 PM.

1. Preliminary Business

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

Governing Board Members

Alhambra
Azusa
Baldwin Park
Claremont
Diamond Bar
Duarte
Glendora
Irwindale
La Canada Flintridge
La Puente
La Verne
Monrovia
Monterey Park
Pasadena
Pomona
Rosemead
San Dimas
San Gabriel
South El Monte
South Pasadena
Walnut
LA County, District 4

Steven Placido
Angel Carrillo
Monica Garcia
Sam Pedroza
Carol Herrera
John Fasana
Mark Kelly
Manuel Garcia
David Spence
Dan Holloway
Jon Blickenstaff
Mary Ann Lutz
Sharon Martinez
Margaret McAustin
George Hunter
John Nunez
Denis Bertone
Harry Baldwin
Joseph Gonzales
Philip Putnam
Mary Su
Mike Hughes

Absent

Arcadia
Covina
Industry
Montebello
San Marino
Sierra Madre
West Covina
LA County Supv. District 1
LA County 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
Kathy Salazar
Rainbow Yeung
Yoko Igawa
Kim Raney
Ray Hamada

Three Valleys Water
Montebello
SCAQMD
South Pasadena
Covina
Irwindale

2. Public Comment

Rainbow Yeung, AQMD, announced ARB approved funding targets for \$1 billion from Prop 1B, the lawn mower exchange program and the 2008 Carl Moyer Memorial Air Quality Standards Attainment Program.

3. Changes to Agenda Order; Identify Subsequent Need or Emergency items

Sam Pedroza, Solid Waste Working Group Chair, indicated he would have to leave the meeting before the scheduled time for discussion of Item 7.2.1.1. President Spence asked that he provide a review of AB2640 at this time in the meeting so that he would be available for any Governing Board questions. He did so. No action was taken by the Governing Board.

4. Consent Items

Item 4.1.3, SGVCOG Bylaw Revisions covering Committee Memberships, Committee Quorums, Executive Director Evaluation Schedule and Written Ballot Voting Procedures, was pulled from the approval items. A motion was made to approve/receive and file the remaining Consent Items as follows.

4.1. Approval Items

- 4.1.1. Governing Board Minutes –2/21/08
- 4.1.2. Warrant Register and Cash Statement

4.2. Receive and File (Recommended Action: Receive and File)

- 4.2.1. EENR Committee Minutes
- 4.2.2. City Managers Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
- 4.2.3. Planning Directors TAC Meeting Notes
- 4.2.4. Public Works TAC Meeting Notes
- 4.2.5. ACE Construction Authority Meeting Minutes
- 4.2.6. Executive Director Monthly Report
- 4.2.7. Correspondence

(M/S/C: Hunter/Kelly; Unanimous)

5. President's Report

5.1. San Gabriel Valley Gang Summit – Covina Police Chief.

Covina Chief of Police, Kim Raney, presented an overview of possible focus areas for the Gang Summit. Discussion followed and it was decided to gather additional feedback from Governing Board Representatives and Alternates as to desired outcomes for the Valley and develop the program accordingly.

5.2. Earthquake Preparedness Presentation

Mark Benthian, Director of Communication, Education and Outreach for Southern California Earthquake Center, gave a presentation to the Board that included gathering data on earthquakes and the importance of communicating this information to the public. For more information he suggested the website www.shakeout.org.

5.3. Washington DC Report

President Spence gave a brief review of events in Washington DC.

5.4. Pasadena Pops Evening – June 20, 2008

President Spence called attention to the flyer distributed and invited Representatives and Alternates to join the San Gabriel Valley Night at the Pasadena Pops on June 20th in Descanso Gardens.

5.5. Jack Phillips Award Reception

Representatives and Alternates were invited to attend the fourth annual Jack Phillips Awards in June.

6. Executive Director

6.1. Strategic Plan – March 2008 Update

Executive Director reviewed strategic plan updates, and asked the Board to put May 13th on their calendars for the next Strategic Planning Session.

6.2. Call for Abstracts – Local Government Partnerships Program

Executive Director reminded the Governing Board that it had requested that staff develop and submit an application under this program. It is expected a decision will be made by the SCE/CPUC sometime in May regarding the SGVCOG's application.

7. Committee Reports

7.1. ACE Construction Authority – G. Hunter

Chair George Hunter thanked those who went to Washington DC, and especially Sharon Neely, for their efforts. He announced that CTC has recommended \$334 million dollars for Goods Movement in the San Gabriel Valley for the ACE Project with final approval expected in April.

7.2. Policy Committees

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

Chair Lutz called attention to her report and asked Governing Board Representatives and Alternates to contact staff if they were interested in joining any of the EENR Working Groups.

7.2.1.1. AB27640: Disallowal of Green Waste Diversion Credit.

Mary Ann Lutz reviewed the legislation and a motion was made to adopt a position of oppose unless amended on AB 2640 – Disallowal of Green Waste Diversion Credit. (M/S/C: Lutz/Bertone; Unanimous)

7.2.2. Housing Committee

Housing Committee will have its first meeting on Thursday, April 3, 2008 at 1 PM in SGVCOG offices.

7.2.3. Transportation Committee– J. Fasana

Chair John Fasana's report included LRTP update.

7.2.3.1. Metro: Congestion Mitigation Fee Update

Chair Fasana stated that comments were due at Metro Headquarters by April 25, 2008 on the Congestion Mitigation Fee. Staff is working with Planning Directors, Public Works and City Managers as well as the Transportation Committee to develop comments for Metro.

7.2.3.2. 210 Congestion Relief Metering Project Update

Attention was called to projects underway to improve mobility along the I-210 Corridor with the addition of freeway-to-freeway connector metering, HOV bypass lane metering and System-Wide Adaptive Ramp Metering.

7.3. Ad Hoc Committees

7.3.1. Disaster Preparedness/Trauma Care/Emergency Medicine Committee

George Hunter asked Representatives and Alternates to notify staff if they would like to be on the Disaster Preparedness/Trauma Care/Emergency Medicine Committee.

7.4. Technical Advisory Committees

7.4.1. City Managers' TAC

Paul Philips reported a City Managers' subcommittee, comprised of Glendora, Arcadia and Azusa City Managers, are meeting regarding Metro's Congestion Mitigation Fee Feasibility Study.

7.4.2. Planning Directors' TAC - No report

7.4.3. Public Works Directors' TAC - No report

7.5. Liaison Reports

7.5.1. Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority

John Blickenstaff's report included public outreach and LRTP status.

7.5.2. San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy

Denis Bertone's report indicated that the Conservancy will be reviewing Tier 2 projects for possible upgrading to Tier 1.

7.5.3. Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

Mary Ann Lutz' report included the fact that there have been two new appointments to the Water Board, however, there are still two unfilled positions. She also reported there were two controversial items regarding Ventura Water Treatment Plant Permit and violation notices for LA County and 20 additional cities in her written report.

8. New Business items for next Regular Meeting

Sacramento Dinner is scheduled for April 16, 2008 and invitations have been mailed.

9. Announcements

John Fasana asked cities to review Congresswoman Solis' support for a "green bags" program.

10. Closed Session

The Governing Board moved to closed session in accordance with Government Code Section 54956.9(c) to consult with legal counsel regarding two potential cases. When the Governing Board returned to open session, the General Counsel announced that no action had been taken that needed to be reported.

11. Adjourn

President Spence announced the next meeting would be April 17, 2008 and adjourned the meeting at 8:20PM.