

**SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
GOVERNING BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 15, 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 6:14 PM.

1. Preliminary Business

Roll was called by self introduction and the following people were in attendance.

Governing Board Members

Alhambra
Arcadia
Azusa
Baldwin Park
Claremont
Covina
Diamond Bar
Duarte
El Monte
Glendora
Industry
Irwindale
La Canada Flintridge
La Puente
La Verne
Monrovia
Monterey Park
Pasadena
Pomona
San Dimas
San Gabriel
South El Monte
Walnut
LA County Supervisorial Dist. 1
LA County Supervisorial Dist 4

Steven Placido
Robert Harbicht
Angel Carrillo
Anthony Bejarano
Sam Pedroza
Meline Juarez
Jack Tanaka
John Fasana
Ernest Gutierrez
Mark Kelly
Tim Spohn
Manuel Garcia
David Spence
Dan Holloway
Steve Johnson
Mary Ann Lutz
Sharon Martinez
Margaret McAustin
George Hunter
Denis Bertone
Harry Baldwin
Joseph Gonzales
Tom King
Erica Santos
Mike Hughes

Absent

Montebello
Rosemead
Sierra Madra
South Pasadena
West Covina
LA County Supervisorial Dist.5

Staff

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

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

Guests

Mark Alexander
Gary Neely
Paul Heubler
David Reyno
Rainbow Yeung
Anupom Ganguli
Kathryn Higgins
Stan Myles

La Canada Flintridge
Off. Of Asemblybr. Huff
Lee Andrews Group
Foothill Transit
SCAQMD
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2. Public Comment - None

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

President Spence advised that unless there was an objection, the agenda would be adjusted so that the planned closed session would take place prior to consideration of the consent items because of schedule conflicts for some who needed to participate in the closed session discussions.

4. Consent Items

A motion was made to approve/receive and file the consent items as follows:

4.1. Approval Items

- 4.1.1. Governing Board Minutes – 4/17/08
- 4.1.2. Governing Board Minutes – 4/29/08
- 4.1.3. Warrant Register and Cash Statement
- 4.1.4. EENR Legislative Matrix
- 4.1.5. Approval of Jack Phillips Award Nominations/Reception
- 4.1.6. Model Utility Street Cut Ordinance

4.2. Receive and File

- 4.2.1. EENR Committee Minutes
- 4.2.2. Housing Committee Meeting Minutes
- 4.2.3. Emergency Preparedness & Trauma Care Minutes
- 4.2.4. City Managers Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
- 4.2.5. Public Works TAC Meeting Notes
- 4.2.6. ACE Construction Authority Meeting Minutes
- 4.2.7. Executive Director Monthly Report
- 4.2.8. Correspondence

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

5. Treasurer's Report

After a brief overview, a motion was made to receive and file the Third Quarter Financial Report. (M/S/C: Gutierrez/Juarez; Unanimous)

6. President's Report

6.1. San Gabriel Valley Gang Summit

President Spence invited Board members to attend the Gang Summit scheduled for Friday, June 13th, 2008.

6.2. Jack Phillips Award Reception

Board members were invited to attend the Jack Phillips Award Reception immediately following the June 19th Governing Board meeting at Pacific Palms Resort in Industry. Cristina Madrid, former Mayor of Azusa, and Terry Dipple, former Mayor of San Dimas are the recipients of the award.

6.3. Pasadena Pops Evening

Board members were encouraged to invite their Councilmembers to this San Gabriel Valley night at Descanso Gardens on June 20, 2008.

6.4. Strategic Plan Workshop – May 13, 2008 – Rivers & Mountains Conservancy Offices

President Spence reported on a successful Strategic Plan Workshop. Updated Goals and Objectives were distributed at the meeting. A motion was made to approve the May 13, 2008 Strategic Plan Goals and Objectives. (M/S/C: Hunter/Juarez; Unanimous)

6.5. New AB 2766 Guidelines

Rainbow Yeung, from AQMD, gave an overview of AQMD's new guidelines for use of AB 2766 funds.

7. Executive Director

7.1. Elect and Appoint the SGVCOG Representative (Seat #1 – Rivers) to San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy

As there was only one nomination, a motion was made to appoint Sharon Martinez, Monterey Park, as the Rivers' Representative to the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy. (M/S/C: Bertone/Gutierrez; Unanimous)

7.2. Election of SGVCOG Representatives to SCAG Policy Committees

A motion was made to make SCAG appointments as follows:

Community, Economic and Human Development (CEHDC)

Joseph Gonzales, South El Monte

John Nunez, Rosemead

Joe Mosca, Sierra Madre

Transportation and Communications (TCC)

Luis Ayala, Alhambra

Sharon Martinez, Monterey Park

Energy and Environment (EEC)

Sam Pedroza, Claremont

Denis Bertone, San Dimas

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

7.3. Elect and Appoint the SGVCOG Representative to the Los Angeles County Division of the League of California Cities

As only one nomination was received, a motion was made to re-appoint Mary Ann Lutz as the SGVCOG Representative to the Los Angeles County of the League of California Cities. (M/S/C: Bertone/Kelly; Unanimous)

7.4. Gateway COG 710 EIR/EIS Committee

After a brief background, the Executive Director called for nominations for a representative for the Gateway COG 710 EIR/EIS Committee. All nominations should be submitted to the SGVCOG offices by June 11, 2008.

7.5. Committee Appointments

A current Committee Roster was presented. A motion was made to confirm appointments of nominees for the five Standing and Ad Hoc SGVCOG Committees: Transportation, Energy, Environment and Natural Resources, Housing and Emergency Preparedness/Trauma Care. (M/S/C: Pedroza/Lutz; Unanimous)

7.6. 2008-2009 SGVCOG Budget Approval

A motion was made to approve the SGVCOG 2008-2009 Budget as presented. (M/S/C: Lutz/Fasana; Unanimous)

8. Committee Reports

8.1. Nomination Committee/Officer Elections

Harry Baldwin announced the proposed slate of officers. A motion was made to elect David Spence as President; Sharon Martinez as Vice President; George Hunter as Treasurer; and Mark Kelly as Secretary. (M/S/C: Baldwin/Gutierrez; Unanimous)

8.2. ACE Construction Authority – G. Hunter

George Hunter reported on the Ramona Project Ribbon Cutting in El Monte.

8.3. Policy Committees

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

Attention was called to the report in the packet. Mary Ann announced that Denis Bertone will chair their Alternative Fuel Vehicle Task Force developing a workshop for Cities. There will be a Solar Technology Presentation at 10:30 AM on May 28th for all Cities. Also, the Water Working Group will meet on June 11th in the SGVCOG offices.

8.3.1.1. Department of Conservation Watershed Coordinator Grant

8.3.1.2. AB2829 (Proposed legislative Amendment to Reduce the Impact of Plastic Carryout Bag Litter on the Environment.)

A motion was made to adopt a position of support on AB 2829-Proposed legislative Amendment to Reduce the Impact of Plastic Carryout Bag Litter on the Environment. (M/S/C: Gutierrez/Juarez; Unanimous)

8.3.2. Housing Committee – M. Juarez

8.3.2.1. Housing Foreclosures in the San Gabriel valley – AB 2594

After a brief explanation, a motion was made to adopt a position of support on AB 2594 (Mullens). (M/S/C: Baldwin/Juarez; Unanimous)

8.3.3. Transportation Committee– J. Fasana

8.3.3.1. Metro Board of Directors Action to Consider Sales Tax Ballot Measure

After review, a motion was made to adopt the Transportation Committee’s recommendation that the following comments be submitted to Metro:

“1. **Clarify Below Wording on Strategic Plan Transit Projects as Follows:**

Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension from Sierra Madre Villa to Azusa;
Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension.

2. **Support inclusion of Strategic Plan Highway Projects:** State Route 710 Gap Closure.

3. **Clarify Trade Corridors Improvement Projects:** Alameda Corridor East’s Phase II Unfunded Projects, in the amount of \$400 million.

4. **Add Category-Accelerated funding for congestion chokepoints:** Interchange upgrades at 57/60, 10/605, and 60/605 as referenced in the April Metro Board Report (Item 5)-Multi County Goods Movement Action Plan Short Term Projects by 2014.

5. **Add Ballot Language:** Add language for ballot ensuring project delivery and accountability of use of the Sales Tax funds.”

(M/S/C: Fasana/Bejarano; Unanimous)

8.3.3.2. State Legislation

This item was carried over to the June 15’ 2008 meeting.

8.4. Ad Hoc Committees

8.4.1. Disaster Preparedness/Trauma Care/Emergency Medicine Committee

George Hunter reported on the April 23rd meeting.

8.5. Technical Advisory Committees

8.5.1. City Managers’ TAC

Paul Philips reported that the City Managers had reviewed the Draft SGVCOG Budget and recommended approval.

8.5.2. Planning Directors’ TAC - No report

8.5.3. Public Works Directors’ TAC - No report

8.6. Liaison Reports

8.6.1. Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority

Report in Packet.

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

Denis Bertone reported that Duarte had received a grant.

8.6.3. Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board –

Mary Ann Lutz referred to her report in the packet. She also announced that her Board has two openings, one of which would be for a County representative.

9. New Business items for next Regular Meeting

Mark Kelly suggested the COG create a working group to study the feasibility of creating a JPA to address Arrow Highway issues.

10. Announcements - None

11. Closed Session

Prior to consideration of the consent items, the Governing Board moved to closed session in accordance with Government Code Section 54956.9(c) to consult with legal counsel regarding the possible initiation of litigation in two potential cases. When the Governing Board returned from closed session, the General Counsel announced that no action had been taken that needed to be reported.

12. Adjourn

President Spence announced the next meeting would be June 19, 2008 and adjourned the meeting at 8:29 PM.