



# San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments

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## SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS GOVERNING BOARD SPECIAL MEETING NOTES

September 20, 2007

President David Spence called the Special Meeting of the Governing Board of the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (“SGVCOG”) to order at 6:00 PM in City of El Monte’s Aquatic Center, 11001 Mildred Street, El Monte, California.

**I. Roll was called and the following people were in attendance. There was not a quorum.**

**Governing Board Members**

Alhambra  
Covina  
Duarte  
El Monte  
Glendora  
Industry  
La Canada Flintridge  
LaVerne  
Monterey Park  
Pasadena  
Pomona  
Rosemead  
San Dimas  
San Gabriel  
Sierra Madre  
South Pasadena  
LA County Supervisorial Dist. 1  
LA County Supervisorial Dist. 4

Steven Placido  
Meline Juarez  
John Fasana  
Ernest Gutierrez  
Mark Kelly  
Phil Marcellin  
Dave Spence  
Jon Blickenstaff  
Sharon Martinez  
Sid Tyler  
George Hunter  
John Nunez  
Denis Bertone  
Harry Baldwin  
Enid Joffe  
Michael Cacciotti  
Bobi Johnson  
Wil Briesemeister

**Absent**

Arcadia  
Azusa  
Baldwin Park  
Claremont  
Diamond Bar  
Irwindale  
La Puente  
Monrovia  
Montebello  
San Marino  
South El Monte  
Walnut  
West Covina  
LA County Supv. Dist. 5

**Staff**

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

Executive Director  
Burke Williams & Sorensen  
ACE Construction Authority  
ACE Construction Authority  
Transportation Consultant  
City Manager’s Representative  
Staff  
Staff

**Guests**

Nathan Springer  
Rainbow Yeung  
Gary Neely  
Rick Hansen  
Paul Heubler  
John Landrum  
Elaine Aguilar  
Tom Jenkins  
Dan Farkus  
Chip Conway

Andrews Group  
SCAQMD  
Off. Of Assemblymbr. Huff  
Three Valleys Water  
Andrews Group  
SGVCOG  
Sierra Madre  
Parsons Brinckerhoff  
Off. Of Senator Cedillo  
ACE Construction Authority

## **II. Public Comment**

Ernie Gutierrez welcomed the Governing Board to the City of El Monte.

Rick Richmond introduced the ACE Construction Authority staff. He also introduced Chip Conway and announced that he would be leaving The ACE Project and he has accepted a position with San Bernardino Association of Governments.

Rainbow Yeung, SCAQMC, gave a brief update and distributed a CD with guidance information for addressing air quality issues in General Plans.

Enid Joffe introduced Elaine Aguilar, new City Manager for Sierra Madre.

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

None.

## **IV. Consent Items**

These items will be carried over to the next meeting.

## **V. Treasurer's Report**

### **A. SGVCOG 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Financial Report**

After a brief report, this item was carried over to consent items for in November.

### **B. ACE 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Financial Report**

After a brief report, this item was carried over to consent items for in November.

## **VI. Action Items**

### **A. SGVCOG Public Outreach Contract**

Executive Director reviewed the purpose and scope of work for the contract. After receiving several bids, the Lee Andrews Group was selected for media and community outreach services. The value of this contract is not to exceed \$25,000.

As there was no quorum, John Fasana requested that all action items be brought back at the October Governing Board under consent items. This appeared to be the general consensus in the room.

### **B. Water Agency Admission to SGVCOG**

Rick Hansen of Three Valleys Municipal Water Company was introduced. He confirmed the interest of one seat for the three Water Companies (Three Valleys Municipal Water District, Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District and San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District) on the Governing Board. The Executive Director and Paul Philips reviewed the discussion with City Managers Steering Committee on expanding the membership to include one seat for SGV Water Companies and one seat for SGV Sanitation District. Joe Silvey explained that the JPA would have to be revised to include these two additional seats. President Spence directed staff to bring the draft JPA agreement to the Board in October.

### **C. SGV Bridges – Rate by FHWA as Structurally Unsafe**

There are 45 bridges rated by FHWA as structurally deficient within San Gabriel Valley. The recommendation of the Transportation Committee is to send letters of support for Chairman Oberstar's proposal for 5 cent gas tax to repair structurally unsafe bridges and send a letter to Caltrans asking they report back on planned actions and schedule to resolve the 45 structurally unsafe bridges in San Gabriel Valley.

## **VII. President's Report**

### **A. Status of Executive Director Evaluation**

Paul Philips stated the City Managers Steering Committee had reviewed the results of the evaluation and overall they were very positive. In the evaluation process, Mr. Woods will take the results to the Executive Board for review at their next meeting. The next evaluation will be scheduled for April 2008.

### **B. San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership Gala**

President Spence stated the SGVCOG had a table at the SGV Economic Partnership's Gala on September 28<sup>th</sup> invited Board members to attend.

### **C. Community Development Commission of the County of Los Angeles Affordable Housing Development for Small Cities**

President Spence called attention to the invitation in the packet for Affordable Housing Development for Small Cities sponsored by the Enterprise Community Partners and funded by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development on October 17<sup>th</sup>.

## **VIII. Executive Director**

### **A. Strategic Plan Status Report**

Executive Director briefly reviewed the objectives of the Strategic Plan and referred Board members to the update in the packet.

### **B. Strategic Plan Workshop – December 8, 2007**

Executive Director reminded the Board of the next Strategic Planning Session on December 8<sup>th</sup> and announced it would be in San Gabriel's Grapevine Room.

### **C. Executive Director Monthly Report**

Executive Director called attention to several items in his monthly report.

## **IX. Committee Reports**

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

#### **1. Transportation Committee**

John Fasana's report included the Federal and State Legislative Update that was distributed at the meeting.

#### **2. ACE Construction Authority**

Ernest Gutierrez recognized staff for the ACE Project tour prior to the meeting.

#### **3. Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee**

Enid Joffe announced the next meeting would be September 26<sup>th</sup> at noon in the MWD Building downtown.

### **B. Technical Advisory Committees**

#### **1. City Managers' TAC**

Paul Philips clarified the City Manager's opinion on expanding the Governing Board and Executive Director review process. Also, City Managers recommended the CPI dues increase amount should be based on the month at the start of the annual Budget planning.

#### **2. Planning Directors' TAC – No report**

**3. Public Works Directors' TAC – No report**

**C. Liaison Reports**

**1. Rivers and Mountains Conservancy**

Denis Bertone gave a brief update of funds available and award of funds.

**2. Gold Line Foothill Extension**

Jon Blickenstaff's report included a brief discussion of funding and events over the last month.

**3. LA County Regional Water Quality Control Board – No report**

**X. New Business Items for next Regular Meeting**

Discussion on achieving quorum for Governing Board meetings. Sid Tyler asked for Quarterly Financial Reports at the October meeting.

**XI. Announcements**

**XII. Closed Session**

**XIII. Adjourn**

At 8 PM, the meeting was adjourned.