

SGVCOG Weekly Recap

Week of July 1, 2019

- **SGV Consortium Summit:** Last Saturday, the San Gabriel Valley Consortium on Homelessness' Homeless Summit took place in the City of Claremont. The Summit focused on connecting attendees directly to lead agencies that provide homeless funding, homelessness services, and create homelessness policies. It also allowed attendees to give direct input on the implementation of Measure H funds. Speakers at the event included Claremont Councilmember Jed Leano, State Assemblymember Chris Holden, State Senator Susan Rubio, and Consortium President, and Homelessness Committee ex officio member Joe Lyons. Senator Rubio spoke of her successful inclusion of \$5.62 million dollars in funding to support homeless solutions in the San Gabriel Valley and provide needed implementation funds for the cities' homeless plans. Assemblymember Holden discussed the State's investment of \$2.4 billion to address the housing crisis and combat homelessness across the State and presented on several measures he has introduced that will bring well paying jobs to Claremont and Pomona and enhance Pasadena City College. Consortium President Joe Lyons presented the Consortium's Homelessness Toolkit, which is designed to build the capacity of local agencies, increase their service provision, and strengthen their capacity to successfully apply for funding.
- **Executive Committee:** On Monday, the SGVCOG Executive Committee held its monthly meeting. The SGVCOG Treasurer Renee Graves of CliftonLarsonAllen LLP presented the Quarterly Treasurer Report for the period ending March 31, 2019. The report found no instances of concern regarding the quarterly reports prepared by ACE and COG are inaccurate or inadequate to meet the governance needs standards of the Executive Committee and Governing Board. Additionally, the Committee took action to authorize a letter of opposition be submitted for SB 592 (Wiener). That letter was submitted before the Bill was heard before by the State Assembly's Committee on Housing and Community Development on July 3.
- **Homelessness Committee:** The Homelessness Committee met on July 3rd and celebrated Independence Day with an engaging presentation by Joe Leal, Vet Hunters Project; Linda Logan, West Covina Rotary's Field of Valor; and Dominic Lopez, Department of Veteran Affairs Community Care Outreach Worker for the San Gabriel Valley. Representing a government agency, a nonprofit, and a local service agency, they presented on how each has a complementary role in addressing veteran homelessness. This model can be replicated to provide services for other homeless populations. Connie Draxler, Deputy Director with the Department of the Public Guardian, also provided an analysis of SB 1045 (Wiener) Conservatorship: Serious Mental Illness and Substance Use Disorders. SB 1045, which was signed by the Governor last year, establishes a procedure for the Boards of Supervisors in the Counties of San Diego, Los Angeles, and San Francisco for the appointment of a conservator conservatorship under specific circumstances for those who are gravely ill. San Francisco recently authorized the implementation of this 3-year pilot project legislation; however, due to the

constraints of the program, San Francisco estimates that no more than 50 persons might be eligible for conservatorship under this construct. The Homelessness Committee also received information on AB 1275 (Santiago): Mental Health Services, County Pilot Program, which is a 3-year focused intensive outreach project focused on facilitating early intervention and treatment for individuals with a history of mental illness and substance use disorder and who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. The Homelessness Committee voted to recommend support of AB 1275.

- **Coyote Management Implementation Plan:** Last month, the SGVCOG City Managers' Steering Committee voted unanimously to approve the proposed Regional Coyote Management Framework and authorized staff to begin soliciting letters of interest from cities that are interested in participating in the Coyote Management Implementation Plan (CMIP). The CMIP includes a comprehensive program that allows for regional coordination in managing coyote education and outreach efforts in the San Gabriel Valley. Under this plan, interested cities would contribute \$10,000/year per city for two years, and the SGVCOG would provide coyote public outreach services. Services include coordinating town hall meetings, hosting conflict trainings and coyote education workshops, developing and maintaining a regional coyote hotline, providing a youth outreach program, crafting and maintaining an online coyote reporting system, and developing a website that provides coyote information for residents. Cities that are interested in participating in the CMIP should submit letters of interest to SGVCOG staff Alexander Fung at afung@sgvcoq.org by **Thursday, July 11, 2019**. The template and details of the CMIP can also be obtained by contacting Alexander Fung. Once the CMIP is officially approved by the Governing Board, SGVCOG will follow up with each of the interested cities to sign an Memorandum of Agreement (MOA).



SGVCOG Weekly Recap

Week of July 8, 2019

- **Water Committee:** On Tuesday, the SGVCOG Water Committee convened their July Meeting. The Committee heard a presentation on the SGV Greenway Network from Dan Sharp, a Senior Civil Engineer at the Los Angeles County Public Works Department. The San Gabriel Valley Greenway Network (“Greenway Network”) will transform underutilized flood control channels, abandoned railways, and utility rights-of-ways into bikeways, urban trails, and linear parks. The project will provide safer connections to schools, transit hubs, health centers, and downtown areas. Additionally, the Committee appointed Diana Mahmud as the Chair of the Policy Committee, Tom Love as the Chair of the TAC, and Alex Tachiki as the Vice-Chair of the TAC. The appointment of a Vice-Chair for the Policy Committee will be postponed until the next meeting in September as the Water Committee will go dark in August.
- **RHTF Meeting:** The Regional Housing Trust Fund Working Group met yesterday with a presentation from Dave Kiff, Interim City Manager of Huntington Beach and previously the Interim Executive Director of the Association of California Cities - Orange County (ACC-OC). During his term with the ACC-OC, the organization established the Orange County Housing Finance Trust (OCHFT). He presented on the process of starting up the OCHFT and best practices and pitfalls. The next meeting of the Working Group will take place on July 25th. Julie Quinn, Chief Development Officer of the Silicon Valley Trust Fund, will present on that organization, which has been operating since 2000. If you are interested in participating in the meeting, please contact Jan Cicco at jcicco@sgvcoog.org.
- **Homeless Policy Deputies Meeting:** Staff attended the bi-weekly meeting of the County Board of Supervisors’ Homeless Policy Deputies. Phil Ansell, Executive Director of the County of Los Angeles Homeless Initiative, provided an overview of the proposed process and timeline for developing Measure H funding recommendations for Fiscal Year 2020-21. The Homeless Initiative will hold eight policy summits - each one focused on a different topic area - from September to November 2019 to gather input from key partners. One of these policy summits will focus specifically on cities. More information about these policy summits will be distributed as it becomes available. It is anticipated that the draft program funding recommendations for FY 2020-21 will be released in early March 2020. The California Policy Lab also provided a presentation on its analysis of employment among homeless services clients. Their analysis found that 76% of homeless services clients had been employed in California, with nearly 50% having been employed within the last 4 years. They also found that recent workers had experienced a decline in employment prior to enrolling in a homeless services program, suggesting that losing employment does contribute to homelessness.
- **2019 Municipal Energy Action Plan Updates Submitted:** SGVCOG staff recently completed revised Energy Action Plans (EAP) Arcadia, Covina, Pomona, and San Marino. SGVCOG worked with 28 of our member agencies from 2010 to 2012 to develop an Energy Action Plan (EAP) for each city. Those 2012 EAPs

included a greenhouse gas inventory and forecast, greenhouse gas reduction targets, and energy efficiency strategies, goals, and objectives. Over the past year, SGVCOG has been working with the cities of Arcadia, Covina, Pomona, and San Marino to revise and update their 2012 EAPs through a grant from Southern California Edison and the Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas). COG staff coordinated with each agency to assess, analyze, and evaluate the energy reduction targets and long-term municipal policies that were listed in each of their 2012 EAPs. Based on the attainability and feasibility of those goals and policies, COG staff developed practical and achievable energy reduction targets and municipal energy efficiency policies for the cities to implement in the next few years. Specifically, each of the revised EAPs contains goals to complete at least three energy efficiency projects and reduce municipal electricity usage by at least 5% by 2023. Copies of the revised EAPs, as well as copies of the EAPs that were published in 2012, can be found on the San Gabriel Valley Energy Wise Partnership website [here](#).

- **RMC Prop 68 Grant Program Deadline Reminder:** The grant deadline for the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) is Monday, July 15th, 2019. The RMC has an allocation of \$30 million for grant awards, and funding will be available through multiple solicitation rounds. This is the first of four rounds. Grant awards are anticipated in Winter 2019/20. RMC Prop 68 Grant Program priorities include:
 - Urban, low-impact recreation, watershed improvement, and habitat protection or restoration projects, prioritizing multi-benefit projects
 - Projects that address critical statewide needs and priorities
 - Projects that leverage matching funds for the greatest public benefit (encouraged, not required)
 - Projects that provide workforce education and training, and contractor and job opportunities for disadvantaged communities
 - Shovel-ready projects that have obtained all permits and entitlements and commitment of matching funds, if required
 - Grant funds may be used for project implementation and acquisitions (hard costs), with some allocation for planning, preliminary costs, and community access programming (soft costs)

More information on eligibility and grant program requirements, including application and submittal information, can be found in the RMC Proposition 68 guidelines at: <http://rmc.ca.gov/>. Please feel free to reach out with comments or questions to Prop68@rmc.ca.gov.

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Week of July 15, 2019

- **Public Works TAC:** On Monday, the Public Works Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) heard a presentation from Southern California Edison (SCE) on its newly-published electric vehicle-ready communities paper. The paper was developed based on feedback from SCAG and stakeholders in the company's service territory. Having a city EV-readiness plan can pay dividends since a lot of the plan language can be used on grant applications for EV chargers. The TAC also discussed a proposed regionwide swimming pool maintenance ordinance, with a presentation by the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District (SGVMVCD). Leaving a swimming pool unmaintained for a long period of time can pose serious public health hazards. While approximately 95% of residents not maintaining their swimming pools began to maintain them after receiving a warning notice, the remaining 5% of residents still have not complied. The proposed regionwide swimming pool maintenance ordinance would cite out-of-service swimming pools as public health hazards in violation of city code. The committee unanimously voted to recommend the SGVCOG City Managers' Steering Committee to review the proposed swimming pool maintenance ordinance at its September meeting. The Public Works TAC will not be meeting in August and the next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 16, 2019 at 12:00pm at the Monrovia Community Center.
- **City Staff Energy Work Group:** On Tuesday, the San Gabriel Valley Energy Wise Partnership's City Staff Energy Work Group met to discuss energy efficiency projects and receive presentations on 2019 SoCalREN Public Agency Programs and renewable natural gas by SoCalREN and SoCalGas. Work group members learned about new SoCalREN programs that are catered to assist cities with financing and launching energy efficiency projects, as well as the technicalities of making renewable natural gas. Additionally, city staff shared about potential energy efficiency projects that their respective cities are considering to implement in the near future. The work group meeting was attended by 20 representatives from various municipalities, utilities, and external stakeholders. Inquiries regarding the City Staff Energy Work Group can be directed to COG staff at afung@sgvco.org.
- **City Homeless Data:** On Wednesday, LAHSA provided the cities with their community level homeless count data. Cities will have 5 days to review this data before LAHSA releases it publicly. The SGVCOG has submitted a question regarding the multipliers used to calculate the number of individuals per vehicle and tents. The multipliers are generally higher for SPA 3 communities than those in other SPAs, so the COG is seeking clarification as to whether a calculation was applied to compensate for the differences in population size to ensure that communities with fewer homeless persons, vehicles, and tents were not disproportionately affected by outlier data. Data had previously been released in June but was withdrawn due to the number of discrepancies identified by cities.

Questions and comments regarding your city's data may be sent to Daniella Alcedo at dalcedo@lahsa.org.

- **EENR Committee:** On Wednesday, the EENR Committee toured Athens Services' American Organics Recycling Facility in Victorville, CA. Committee members, along with 19 other external stakeholders, visited the facility and learned about the process of converting organic waste into clean compost. The facility processes various types of organic materials, including food waste, grass clippings, tree trimmings, brush, and other green waste. It also provides food waste collection and composting for municipalities and food service establishments throughout Los Angeles, Riverside, and San Bernardino counties. The resulting compost blends are suitable for municipal, industrial, commercial, agricultural, and residential uses. During the tour, attendees also learned about the effective methods of composting and recycling. The EENR Committee will not be meeting in August and the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 18, 2019 at 12:30pm at the Monrovia Community Center.
- **Transportation Committee:** On Thursday, the Transportation Committee met, and they heard a presentation from COG staff on the SGV Regional E-Bike Share Program. The COG received a grant to deploy 840 e-bikes in 15 communities throughout the San Gabriel Valley by June 2020. COG staff is currently working with SGV cities to roll-out the program. The Committee also discussed an emergency item relating to funding for the Foothill Gold Line Extension. The Committee recommended the Governing Board take the following actions:
 - Direct staff to send a letter to the Metro Board of Directors supporting the upcoming Metro staff recommendation to, "Finalize negotiations with the Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority for Metro to commit \$126 million in order to ensure the extension of the Foothill Alignment to Pomona station;" and
 - Direct to staff to schedule a special meeting of the Governing Board between August 1 and August 13th to discuss the Metro staff's recommendation , "Apply the San Gabriel Valley Subregional Equity funds to offset the Gold Line to Pomona shortfall." At this special Governing Board meeting, there would be a presentation on the status of all SGVCOG MSP funds, including the subregional equity funds, and the status of funding, including anticipated shortfalls, for Measure M funded capital projects in the San Gabriel Valley.
- **Homeless Initiative Regional Coordination Meeting:** The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) and the Los Angeles County Chief Executive Office Homeless Initiative is expanding coordination with cities through the Councils of Government. On Thursday, COG staff participated in a Regional Coordination Convening with the County and the Coordinated Entry System lead agencies. Homeless Initiative Director Phil Ansell and LAHSA CEO Peter Lynn discussed current coordination challenges with the cities and recommendations for improvement. The County also sought input on how it can support regional coordination between the COGs and the providers. This was the first of on-going meetings, and the next one will take place in October. If your city would like to

provide input to improve coordination efforts, SGVCOG staff will be pleased to forward your suggestions to the County.

- **SCAG Technical Working Group:** On Thursday, COG staff participated in SCAG's monthly Technical Working Group (TWG) meeting. The Meeting featured an overview of the proposed alternatives for the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) methodologies. SCAG is required to adopt a RHNA methodology to distribute existing and projected housing need for each jurisdiction for the planning cycle from 2021 through 2029. SCAG has proposed 3 alternative RHNA methodologies for consideration, and these will be formally released at SCAG's RHNA Subcommittee, which will be held on Monday, July 22nd at 10:00 a.m. at SCAG's Downtown Los Angeles Offices. Public meetings will also be held throughout August and September to collect public input on the proposed alternatives. SCAG will also be holding a RHNA 101 Workshop at SCAG's Downtown Office on Monday, July 29nd from 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., or attendees can participate in a webinar. More information can be found at <http://www.scag.ca.gov/programs/Pages/Housing.aspx> and attendees can register at <https://scag.zoom.us/meeting/register/b65b96cf5a39d4ec34538d7d4481ef37>.



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Week of July 22, 2019

- **Upcoming Governing Board Meeting:** As a reminder, a special meeting of the Governing Board has been scheduled as follows:
 - **Date:** Thursday, August 8
 - **Time:** 5:30 PM
 - **Location:** USGVMWD Office (Monrovia)

This meeting was scheduled in response to the following direction from the Governing Board at the July meeting, "Direct to staff to schedule a special meeting of the Governing Board between August 1 and August 13th to discuss the Metro staff's recommendation, "Apply the San Gabriel Valley Subregional Equity funds to offset the Gold Line to Pomona shortfall." At this special Governing Board meeting, there would be a presentation on the status of all SGVCOG MSP funds, including the subregional equity funds, and the status of funding, including anticipated shortfalls, for Measure M funded." **Note: The Metro Board of Directors voted today to commit \$126 million in order to ensure the extension of the Foothill Alignment to Pomona station. Additionally, the Metro Board of Directors approved a motion clarifying that the MSP Subregional Equity Funds listed in the Measure M ballot are shown in 2015 dollars and therefore would not be subject to discounting.**

- **Capital Projects and Construction Committee:** On Monday, the Capital Projects and Construction Committee met at the West Covina Community Center to review monthly reports from the Chief Engineer, quarterly project progress reports, and quarterly environmental mitigation monitoring reports. The committee also received a presentation from the SGVCOG Director of Government and Community Relations regarding Alameda Corridor-East (ACE) Projects' community outreach and business support programs. No action items were taken at the meeting and the committee will reconvene on Monday, August 26, 2019 at 12:00pm.
- **Upcoming Twitterchat Water Conservation Session:** Next Tuesday at 12:00pm, SGVCOG staff will be holding a discussion with multiple water agencies on Twitter to provide tips and recommendations for residents and businesses to conserve water during this summer session. The Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, the San Gabriel Basin Watermaster, the San Gabriel Valley MWD, and Upper San Gabriel Valley MWD, and the Watershed Conservation Authority will be joining the COG to share water conservation best practices, regional programs that aim to improve water quality in the San Gabriel Valley, and benefits of using reclaimed water in the region. Cities are welcomed to join the discussion by following #SGVwatersmart during the scheduled Twitterchat. Additionally, cities are also recommended to follow the COG on Twitter at @SGVCOG to receive updates and event notices around the San Gabriel Valley. An example of a previous Twitterchat session can be found [here](#).
- **RHTF Working Group:** The Regional Housing Trust Fund (RHTF) Working Group met on Thursday. At the meeting, the group heard an overview of the Silicon Valley Housing Trust from Julie Quinn, the Trust's Chief Development Officer. The Silicon Valley Housing Trust has been in operation since 2000, so she provided insight on how the long-running Trust supports the development of affordable housing in the Bay

Area. The next step for the RHTF is to begin discussions on the development of a joint powers authority to manage the RHTF.

- **SCAG Southern California Regional Climate Adaptation Framework:** On Wednesday, staff participated in the working group meeting for SCAG's Regional Climate Adaptation Framework. The project includes several elements, including an effort to understand climate adaptation outreach and planning experience, capacity, and awareness in the region; risk mapping of different hazards (including wildfires, sea level rise, flooding, and extreme heat); an overview of different potential mitigation strategies; and development of a Southern California Adaptation Planning Guide. The Planning Guide is a resource for cities that will outline the process for adaptation planning. SCAG is currently seeking feedback from cities on their climate adaptation efforts. The survey can be completed [here](#).
- **Homeless Deputies Meeting:** Staff attended the LA County Supervisors' Homeless Policy Deputies meeting on Thursday. There were presentations on LAHSA's proposal to increase investigation of allegations of fraud and misuse of public funds, the proposed funding allocation process for the next several fiscal years, the County's development of an ordinance that would require all County funded multi-family housing to allow pets, the results of the Housing Innovation Challenge (HIC), and the improvements being made to the Countywide Benefits Entitlements Services Team program (CBEST). The Housing Innovation Challenge (HIC) was conducted to identify projects that had unique designs and unconventional building techniques that could result in shorter construction times, more cost-effective models, and nontraditional financing mechanisms. Five of these innovative projects were funded, and they are intended to demonstrate how to develop affordable housing faster and more cost-effectively across LA County, including in the San Gabriel Valley. You can learn more about the awarded projects [here](#). The CBEST program works to overcome barriers to disabled persons, the elderly, veterans, or formerly incarcerated who are homeless or at-risk of becoming homeless and seeking benefits which can help to support housing for individuals and their families. While the program has faced some challenges, improvements to the program have included a standardization of processes, the addition of added onsite application clinics, the addition of a direct referral pathway, and added community health field workers. As the program enters its third year, an improved referral and evaluation process, increased referrals from jail facilities, and an improved referral process for veterans will be implemented to increase the success of the CBEST program.

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Week of July 29, 2019

- **Governing Board Preview:** There will be a special Governing Board meeting on August 8 to discuss the written request the SGVCOG received from Metro asking the Governing Board to approve an allocation of \$126 million in future Subregional Equity Program funds to the Gold Line Foothill Extension Project (to Pomona). Because the SGVCOG received the letter of request relatively late and a contract is scheduled award by the Gold Line Construction Authority (GLCA) for August 14th, there was not the opportunity for all of the SGVCOG Technical Advisory Committees (TACs) to evaluate the request and provide a recommendation prior to this Special Meeting. To assist the Governing Board in evaluating this request, staff has provided the Governing Board with a summary of alternative actions for the request; the current status and available funding for all large capital projects in the San Gabriel Valley; alternatives for addressing identified funding gaps; and the background on the development of Measure M funding. All of this information can be found in the staff report that will be posted at <https://www.sgvco.org/>.
- **Board of Supervisors Approves Safe Clean Water Implementation Ordinance:** On Tuesday, July 30, 2019, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors introduced and adopted the Implementation Ordinance of the Safe, Clean Water Program. The Implementation Ordinance, along with supplemental documents, establishes further details and guidance for specific components of the program, including details on tax credits, low-income senior exemptions, and guidance for applying to projects. As identified in the Implementation Ordinance, the supplemental documents will be adopted by the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District after a 30-day notice period anticipated to begin on Tuesday, August 6, 2019. The supplemental documents, along with a list of submitted public comments can be accessed on the Safe, Clean Water Program website at <https://safecleanwaterla.org/revised-program-documents/>.
- **Water Conservation Twitter Chat:** On Tuesday, SGVCOG staff held a water conservation Twitter chat session with several agencies to share water conservation best practices, regional programs that aim to improve water quality in the San Gabriel Valley, and benefits of using reclaimed water in the region. The Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, the Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster, the San Gabriel Valley MWD, the Upper San Gabriel Valley MWD, and the Watershed Conservation Authority participated in the conversations and also provided tips and recommendations for residents and businesses to conserve water during the summer session. The water conservation Twitter chat thread and a list of responses submitted by the water agencies can be found [here](#) and we encourage city/county staff to follow the COG on Twitter at @SGVCOG to receive updates and event notices around the San Gabriel Valley. The next Twitter chat session is scheduled for Tuesday, August 27, 2019 at 12:00pm on the topic of energy efficiency.
- **SCAG Aviation TAC:** On Tuesday, SGVCOG staff attended the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Aviation Technical Advisory Committee meeting. Attendees received a presentation on the regional passenger forecast and another

presentation on the overview of regional airports located in Los Angeles and Inland Empire regions. During the first presentation, SCAG Associate Regional Planner Hiroshi Ishikawa estimated that airports in the SCAG region will service at least 197.1 million annual passengers and handle more than 7.77 million tons of annual cargo by 2045. These numbers are based on a conservative growth rate of 2.1% using 2017 actual numbers. In 2017, airports in the SCAG region serviced 110.17 million passengers and 3.14 million tons of cargo. Mr. Ishikawa stressed that it is possible for regional airports, such as Ontario International Airport and the Burbank Regional Airport, to hit capacity before 2045. Additionally, San Diego International Airport is forecasted to hit capacity around 2035 to 2040. The presented forecasts will be reviewed by airport staff and presented to the SCAG Transportation Committee in September. The next Aviation TAC meeting is expected to be scheduled in the month of December or January. Additional information regarding the SCAG Aviation TAC can be found [here](#).

- **Bicycle Friendly Business District | El Monte/South El Monte/Baldwin Park:** On Wednesday, the Cities of El Monte, South El Monte and Baldwin Park met for the monthly Bicycle Friendly Business District (BFBD) project. BFBDs are local programs designed to encourage healthier, more sustainable, and vibrant communities by promoting the use of bicycles for short trips. In the San Gabriel Valley, BFBDs are currently located in the cities of South Pasadena and Glendora. The BFBD in Baldwin Park is expected to launch on August 29 during the Downtown Street Market, with the El Monte & South El Monte BFBD following shortly thereafter on September 29. For more information, visit <http://www.bikefriendlysgv.com/>.

The logo for the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) features a stylized sunburst or starburst design above the acronym "SGVCOG". The sunburst is composed of several overlapping, semi-transparent shapes in shades of light blue and teal. The acronym "SGVCOG" is rendered in a large, light blue, sans-serif font.