



**San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments**  
**AGENDA AND NOTICE OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE**  
**ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES**  
**(EENR) COMMITTEE**

**Wednesday, November 20, 2019 – 1:00 PM**  
**Monrovia Community Center: Monroe Conference Room**  
**119 W. Palm Avenue, Monrovia, CA 91016**

Chair  
**Denis Bertone**  
City of San Dimas

Vice Chair  
**Liz Reilly**  
City of Duarte

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*Claremont*  
*Covina*  
*Duarte*  
*Rosemead*  
*San Dimas*  
*San Gabriel*  
*Sierra Madre*  
*West Covina*  
*L.A. County District #1*

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**Jeffrey Lee**  
City of Temple City's  
Planning Commission

Thank you for participating in today's meeting. The EENR Committee encourages public participation and invites you to share your views on agenda items.

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**AGENDA ITEMS:** The Agenda contains the regular order of business of the EENR Committee. Items on the Agenda have generally been reviewed and investigated by the staff in advance of the meeting so that the EENR Committee can be fully informed about a matter before making its decision.

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## **PRELIMINARY BUSINESS**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Public Comment (*If necessary, the Chair may place reasonable time limits on all comments*)
4. Changes to Agenda Order: Identify emergency items arising after agenda posting and requiring action prior to next regular meeting (*It is anticipated that the EENR Committee may take action on the following matters*)

## **CONSENT CALENDAR** (*It is anticipated that the EENR Committee may take action on the following matters*)

5. EENR Meeting Minutes – September 18, 2019 (**Page 1**)  
*Recommended Action: Approve.*
6. EENR Meeting Notes – October 16, 2019 (**Page 7**)  
*Recommended Action: Receive and file.*
7. Correspondence (**Page 11**)  
*Recommended Action: Receive and file.*

## **PRESENTATIONS** (*It is anticipated that the EENR Committee may take action on the following matters*)

8. Wildfire Prevention Strategies – Jeff Emerick, Forestry Assistant, Los Angeles County Fire Department (**Page 17**)  
*Recommended Action: For information.*
9. Southern California Edison Wildfire Mitigation, Safety, and Grid Resiliency – Marissa Castro-Salvati, Government Relations Manager, Southern California Edison (**Page 19**)  
*Recommended Action: For information.*

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS** (*It is anticipated that the EENR Committee may take action on the following matters*)

10. 2019-2020 EENR Committee Legislative Priorities – Alexander Fung, Management Analyst, SGVCOG (**Page 21**)  
*Recommended Action: Discuss and provide direction to staff.*

## **UPDATE ITEMS** (*It is anticipated that the EENR Committee may take action on the following matters*)

11. Clean Power Alliance  
*Recommended Action: For information*
12. San Gabriel Mountains Community Collaborative  
*Recommended Action: For information.*
13. San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District  
*Recommended Action: For information.*
14. Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation  
*Recommended Action: For information.*
15. Trust for Public Land  
*Recommended Action: For information.*
16. San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy  
*Recommended Action: For information.*

17. Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County  
*Recommended Action: For information.*
18. Southern California Edison  
*Recommended Action: For information.*
19. Southern California Gas Company  
*Recommended Action: For information.*
20. Waste Management  
*Recommended Action: For information.*

#### **COMMITTEE MEMBER ITEMS**

21. Upcoming Tour: SoCalGas Energy Resource Center  
*Recommended Action: For information.*

#### **STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS**

22. Next Committee Meeting  
*Recommended Action: For information.*

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **ADJOURN**





**SGVCOG EENR Committee Unapproved Meeting Minutes**

Date: September 18, 2019

Time: 12:30 PM

Location: Monrovia Community Center: Monroe Conference Room (119 West Palm Avenue, Monrovia, CA 91016)

**PRELIMINARY BUSINESS**

1. Call to Order  
The meeting was called to order at 12:32 p.m.
2. Roll Call

**Members Present:**

Claremont – J. Stark  
Covina – M. Saint  
Duarte – L. Reilly  
Rosemead – M. Clark  
San Dimas – D. Bertone  
Sierra Madre – J. Capoccia

**Members Absent:**

San Gabriel  
West Covina  
L.A. County District #1

**Ex-Officio Member Present:**

Temple City – J. Lee

**SGVCOG Staff:**

K. Ward  
A. Fung

**Guests:**

J. Farned – SGVMVCD  
J. Torres – SCE  
J. Soriano – SCE  
J. Lyons – LGP  
P. Perrone – TPL  
M. Rosales – LACSD  
S. Gee – RMC  
L. Augino – Watermaster  
C. Cruz – CPA

3. Public Comment  
There were no public comments at this meeting.
4. Changes to Agenda Order: Identify emergency items arising after agenda posting and requiring action prior to next regular meeting.  
There were no changes to the meeting agenda.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

5. EENR Meeting Minutes – June 19, 2019  
*Recommended Action: Approve.*
6. EENR Meeting Notes – July 17, 2019  
*Recommended Action: Receive and file.*
7. Correspondence  
*Recommended Action: Receive and file.*
8. EENR Committee Chair and Vice Chair Elections

*Recommended Action: Elect Denis Bertone as Chair and Liz Reilly as Vice Chair of the EENR Committee for FY 2019-2020.*

*Item 8 was pulled from the consent calendar by EENR Committee Chair Denis Bertone.*

**There was a motion made to approve the consent calendar items 5, 6, and 7. (L. Reilly/M. Clark)**

**[Motion Passed]**

<b>AYES:</b>	Claremont, Covina, Duarte, Rosemead, San Dimas, Sierra Madre
<b>NOES:</b>	
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	San Gabriel, West Covina, L.A. County District #1

**Item 8 Recap: EENR Committee Chair and Vice Chair Elections**

- EENR Committee Chair Denis Bertone inquired if any committee members would be interested in submitting a nomination for the positions of EENR Committee Chair and Vice Chair.
- Rosemead Mayor Margaret Clark nominated San Dimas Councilmember Denis Bertone as Chair and Duarte Councilmember Liz Reilly as Vice Chair.

**There was a motion made to elect San Dimas Councilmember Denis Bertone as EENR Committee Chair and Duarte Councilmember Liz Reilly as EENR Committee Vice Chair for FY 2019-2020. (M. Clark/L. Reilly)**

**[Motion Passed]**

<b>AYES:</b>	Claremont, Covina, Duarte, Rosemead, San Dimas, Sierra Madre
<b>NOES:</b>	
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	San Gabriel, West Covina, L.A. County District #1

**PRESENTATIONS**

**9. EV-Ready Communities Paper**

Joshua Paul Torres, Southern California Edison's (SCE) Senior Policy Advisor, provided a presentation on the EV-Ready Communities Paper. This paper was developed by SCE to assist local governments in preparing for the increased adoption of electric vehicle technology by the residents and businesses within their jurisdictions. The paper includes six recommendations for local governments to consider in preparing for mass electric vehicle adoption and additional details on how governments can carry out these recommendations.

**10. Claremont Locally Grown Power**

Former Claremont Mayor and City Councilmember Joe Lyons provided a presentation on the Claremont Locally Grown Power (LGP) initiative. LGP is a group of dedicated Claremont and Pomona residents, community organizations, and students working to create clean energy job

opportunities, address local issues of environmental justice, and help buildings in Claremont and Pomona reach zero net energy consumption. LGP aims to prove the possibility of every city creating its own energy by combining simplified solar technology with a nonprofit business model. This model includes the creation of a locally-owned and operated manufacturing plant that produces high-quality solar panels that would be skillfully-made and carefully-installed by local workers and residents of the community.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

### 11. SGVCOG Representative to the San Gabriel Mountains Community Collaborative

The committee was provided with the opportunity to recommend the SGVCOG Governing Board to appoint a representative to serve as the SGVCOG delegate to the San Gabriel Mountains Community Collaborative (SGMCC) due to a recent vacancy in the position. Committee member Liz Reilly provided a brief overview of the Collaborative and emphasized the importance of staying engaged with the SGVCOG's external stakeholders.

**There was a motion made to recommend the SGVCOG Governing Board to appoint Claremont Councilmember Jennifer Stark as the SGVCOG delegate to the San Gabriel Mountains Community Collaborative (L. Reilly/J. Capoccia)**

<b>[Motion Passed]</b>	
<b>AYES:</b>	Claremont, Covina, Duarte, Rosemead, San Dimas, Sierra Madre
<b>NOES:</b>	
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	San Gabriel, West Covina, L.A. County District #1

The committee then directed staff to inform the SGVCOG Governing Board and the San Gabriel Mountains Community Collaborative regarding the committee's recommendation to appoint Councilmember Stark as the SGVCOG delegate.

## ACTION ITEMS

There were no action items at this meeting.

## UPDATE ITEMS

### 12. Clean Power Alliance

C. Cruz announced that the Clean Power Alliance is closely working with Southern California Edison to resolve billing issues with customers. Mr. Cruz mentioned that these issues will be resolved soon and that affected residents are given the options of participating in payment plans. 1% of the 110,000 affected customers opted out of Clean Power Alliance; however, 6% of the 110,000 affected customers decided to increase their energy source from 36% or 50% to 100% renewable energy contents.

### 13. San Gabriel Mountains Community Collaborative

L. Reilly announced that the Collaborative will be meeting on Thursday, September 26, 2019.

14. San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District  
J. Farned reported that peak vector disease transmission season is quickly approaching. California has received 89 reports of West Nile virus transmissions that resulted in 2 deaths. Within Los Angeles County, 7 West Nile cases were reported with one of these reports recorded in the City of Claremont. MVCD has since enhanced mosquito control and surveillance in this area. Additionally, the MVCD launched an interactive map on its website that showcases existing public outreach efforts.
15. Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation  
J. Beesley provided a written report on the recently-released guidelines on existing grant opportunities for open space. The first grant application workshop was held on Wednesday, September 18, 2019.
16. Trust for Public Land  
P. Perrone announced that some Proposition 68 funding is still available and that there is a possible measure regarding the approval of a climate action bond in the 2020 elections. If approved by voters, the measure would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$4.189 billion to finance projects for a wildfire prevention, safe drinking water, drought preparing, and flood protection program.
17. San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy  
S. Gee announced that RMC received 26 applications in the recent round of call-for-projects. 13 of these applications were submitted for projects located in the San Gabriel Valley. The RMC is currently reviewing the applications and decisions will be released as early as November.
18. Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County  
M. Ramirez reported that the Puente Hills facility is currently being renovated for additional automation processes. The agency is happy to host a tour for the committee if committee members are interested in visiting the facility. Additionally, a trash and sewage tour will be held for members of the public on Saturday, October 5, 2019 at the Sanitation Districts' main office in Whittier.
19. Southern California Edison  
J. Soriano reported that any questions regarding the presentation on the EV-Ready Communities Paper can be directed to [jeannette.soriano@sce.com](mailto:jeannette.soriano@sce.com). SCE is also happy to host a tour at its Irwindale Energy Education Center.
20. Southern California Gas Company  
No reports were given.

## **COMMITTEE MEMBER ITEMS**

21. Proposed New Committee Meeting Time  
The committee decided to change the committee's regular meeting time from 12:30pm to 1:00pm beginning in October 2019.



## **STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**22. Potential Tour: SoCalGas Energy Resource Center**

The committee discussed the possibility of hosting a tour at SoCalGas' Energy Resource Center in December. It was decided that this item will be re-visited at the next meeting.

**23. Next Committee Meeting**

The next committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 16, 2019 at 1:00pm at the Monrovia Community Center.

## **ADJOURN**

D. Bertone adjourned the meeting at 2:33 p.m.





**SGVCOG EENR Committee Special Meeting Notes**

Date: October 16, 2019

Time: **1:00 PM**

Location: Monrovia Community Center: Monroe Conference Room (119 West Palm Avenue, Monrovia, CA 91016)

**PRELIMINARY BUSINESS**

1. Call to Order  
The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m.
2. Roll Call

**Members Present:**

Covina – M. Saint  
Duarte – L. Reilly  
San Dimas – D. Bertone

**Members Absent:**

Claremont  
Rosemead  
San Gabriel  
Sierra Madre  
West Covina  
L.A. County District #1  
Temple City (Ex-officio)

**Guests:**

L. Murillo – CalRecycle  
W. Dunlap – CalRecycle  
M. DiGiorgi – City of South Pasadena  
A. Kasparian – City of South Pasadena  
R. Yeung – South Coast AQMD  
S. Garcia – Rivers & Mountains Conservancy  
L. Augino – Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster  
P. Cortez – Upper San Gabriel Valley MWD  
N. Delgado – Upper San Gabriel Valley MWD  
B. Pence – Office of Congresswoman Napolitano  
E. Carder – L.A. County Dept. of Public Works  
C. Ajwani – L.A. County Dept. of Public Works  
T. Muse – Waste Management

**SGVCOG Staff:**

A. Fung

3. Public Comment  
There were no public comments at this meeting.
4. Changes to Agenda Order: Identify emergency items arising after agenda posting and requiring action prior to next regular meeting.  
There were no changes to the meeting agenda.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

5. EENR Meeting Minutes – June 19, 2019

- Recommended Action: Approve.*
6. EENR Meeting Notes – July 17, 2019  
*Recommended Action: Receive and file.*
7. Correspondence  
*Recommended Action: Receive and file.*

*The consent calendar was not reviewed due to a lack of quorum at the meeting.*

## **PRESENTATIONS**

8. Beverage Recycling Updates  
Lyana Murillo, California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle)'s Supervisor, provided a presentation on the background of beverage recycling in California, the impact of China's new recyclable contamination limits on the State's recycling operations, and opportunities for cities to consider to manage recyclables in their jurisdictions. Ms. Murillo encouraged cities to support and partner with businesses and nonprofits to open recycling centers in their local jurisdictions as California's largest recycling redemption business, known as RePlanet, ceased operations this year due to increased operating costs. Cities are recommended to launch recycling programs in schools to raise awareness amongst the children in the community.
9. Solid Waste Legislative Review and Updates  
Elijah Carder, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works' Management Assistant, provided a summary of solid waste legislation that were introduced this year. Additionally, Mr. Carder provided an overview of the finalized draft SB 1383 (Lara) regulation to the committee.

## **UPDATE ITEMS**

10. Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District  
P. Cortez provided an update on poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in local water supplies. PFAS have been used extensively in consumer products, such as carpets, clothing, fire-fighting foams, and other materials designed to be waterproof, stain-resistant, or non-stick. PFAS are no longer manufactured in the United States; however, other countries still make products that contain these substances, which may be imported into the United States. Water supply wells that exceed the PFAS standard (70 parts-per-trillion) have either resolved the issue through treatment or removed the water source from service.
11. Clean Power Alliance  
No reports were given.
12. San Gabriel Mountains Community Collaborative  
L. Reilly announced that the Collaborative and the Angeles National Forest celebrated the fifth-year anniversary of establishing the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument on October 10, 2019.
13. San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District  
No reports were given.

14. Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation  
No reports were given.
15. Trust for Public Land  
No reports were given.
16. San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy  
S. Garcia reported that RMC ended the first round of Proposition 68 call-for-projects. Of the 26 received applications, 18 applications were submitted for projects within the SGVCOG jurisdiction. RMC hopes to release the decisions soon and will release another call-for-projects in Spring 2020.
17. Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County  
No reports were given.
18. Southern California Edison  
No reports were given.
19. Southern California Gas Company  
No reports were given.
20. Waste Management  
T. Muse reported that Waste Management implemented a commercial smart truck program this month.
21. Athens Services  
No reports were given.

#### **COMMITTEE MEMBER ITEMS**

22. Potential Tours: Southern California Edison Energy Education Center & SoCalGas Energy Resource Center  
The committee directed SGVCOG staff to schedule a tour for SoCalGas' Energy Resource Center in December and another tour for Southern California Edison's Energy Education Center in February 2020.

#### **STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS**

23. 626 Golden Streets: Streets and Treats  
A. Fung announced that the 626 Golden Streets event will take place in the Cities of El Monte and South El Monte on Saturday, October 26, 2019.
24. Next Committee Meeting  
The next committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 20 at 1:00pm at the Monrovia Community Center.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

R. Yeung from the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) reported that the AQMD Governing Board increased discount from 50% to 75% for the District's commercial lawn equipment incentive program. Additionally, the "Check Before You Burn" Program will commence from November 2019 to February 2020.

**ADJOURN**

D. Bertone adjourned the meeting at 2:35 p.m.

# Governor Newsom Signs Bills to Enhance Wildfire Mitigation, Preparedness and Response Efforts

Published: Oct 02, 2019

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*New laws reflect key recommendations made by Governor's Strike Force Report on Wildfires & build on \$1 billion wildfire and emergency investment in the budget*

*In July, Governor signed a catastrophic wildfire and safety bill, moving the state toward a safer, more reliable and affordable energy future*

SACRAMENTO – Today, Governor Gavin Newsom signed a series of bills aimed at improving California's wildfire prevention, mitigation and response efforts and continuing progress toward our clean energy goals. The 22 bills cover various areas for a comprehensive approach to these issues, and reflect recommendations in of the [Governor's Strike Force](#) report released in June. The report provided guidance on how the state can build a safe, reliable and affordable energy future.

"This has been a top priority in my Administration since day one, and we were able to work collaboratively and effectively with the Legislature to ensure California has a framework for today and for future generations," said Governor Newsom. "Given the realities of climate change and extreme weather events, the work is not done but these bills represent important steps forward on prevention, community resilience, and utility oversight. I commend the Legislature for making progress on these difficult issues."

The Governor's Strike Force report included the following areas of focus:

- Catastrophic Wildfire Prevention and Response
- Mitigating Climate Change through Clean Energy Policies
- Fair Allocation of Catastrophic Wildfire Damages
- A More Effective California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) with the Tools to Manage a Changing Utility Market
- Holding PG&E Accountable and Building a Utility that Prioritizes Safety

Below is a list of bills the Governor signed to address recommendations made in the report, producing tangible results for all Californians.

## Catastrophic Wildfire Prevention and Response

The Strike Force report recommended the administration, the CPUC, local communities, and utilities work together to reduce the incidence and severity of wildfires. The following legislation will step up both community resilience and the state's response capabilities:

- AB 38 by Assemblymember Jim Wood (D-Santa Rosa) provides mechanisms to develop best practices for community-wide resilience against wildfires through home hardening, defensible space, and other measures.
- SB 190 by Senator Bill Dodd (D-Napa) includes a specific requirement to develop best models for defensible space and additional standards for home hardening and construction materials to increase the resilience of communities.
- SB 70 by Senator Jim Nielsen (R-Gerber) requires IOUs to include information about consideration of undergrounding utility lines in their Wildfire Mitigation Plans (WMPs).
- SB 167 by Senator Bill Dodd (D-Napa) requires IOUs to improve their WMPs by including specified requirements to mitigate the impacts of Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS).
- SB 247 by Senator Bill Dodd (D-Napa) requires increased oversight of the IOUs' WMPs, enhances requirements for fair wages and improves safety by ensuring a skilled and trained workforce.
- SB 209 by Senator Bill Dodd (D-Napa) requires establishment of a new weather technology center modeled after the state's intelligence fusion centers.
- AB 836 by Assemblymember Buffy Wicks (D-Oakland) establishes a program for retrofits of air ventilation systems to create community clean air centers, prioritizing areas with high cumulative smoke exposure burden.
- AB 661 by Assemblymember Kevin McCarty (D-Sacramento) requires the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District to prepare a wildfire smoke air pollution emergency plan to serve as an informational source for local agencies and the public during an air pollution emergency caused by wildfire smoke.
- SB 560 by Senator Mike McGuire (D-Healdsburg) will mitigate impacts of PSPS.
- SB 160 by Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson (D-Santa Barbara) will improve engagement with culturally diverse communities for local emergency planning.
- SB 670 by Senator Mike McGuire (D-Healdsburg) will improve the coordination of emergency communication systems during 9-1-1 outages.



- SB 632 by Senator Cathleen Galgiani (D-Stockton) sets a deadline for completion of CAL FIRE's vegetation management environmental review.
- AB 1823 by Assemblymember Laura Friedman (D-Glendale) which facilitates fuel reduction and other forest health projects.

### **Mitigating Climate Change Through Clean Energy Policies**

The Strike Force report recommended that, given climate change is a core driver of heightened wildfire risk, the state must continue the transition to clean energy, mitigate risk and build resilience. The following legislation will ensure that California continues to make progress toward its clean energy goals:

- SB 520 by Senator Robert Hertzberg (D-Van Nuys) establishes requirements for an energy provider of last resort given the increasing number of customers receiving power from entities other than IOUs.
- SB 255 by Senator Steven Bradford (D-Gardena) requires additional reporting to the CPUC of efforts of community choice aggregators to comply with contracting diversity guidelines, and encourages other load-serving entities to participate.
- SB 155 by Senator Steven Bradford (D-Gardena) improves CPUC oversight of renewable procurement and long-term energy supply contracts.
- AB 1144 by Assemblymember Laura Friedman (D-Glendale) requires use of a portion of the Self-Generation Incentive Program, which provides incentives for battery storage, to provide additional benefits for community resiliency.
- AB 1584 by Assemblymember Bill Quirk (D-Hayward) supports load-serving entities' decisions to take actions that benefit the grid and recognizes resources that serve overall needs.

### **A More Effective CPUC with the Tools to Manage a Changing Utility Market**

The Strike Force report recommended an increased focus on effective safety regulation at the CPUC. The following legislation strengthens utility regulation by expanding the CPUC's safety review process:

- SB 550 by Senator Jerry Hill (D-San Mateo) provides requirements for additional CPUC safety reviews, conducted together with the CPUC's review of utility asset transactions.

- AB 1362 by Assemblymember Patrick O'Donnell (D-Long Beach) which requires posting of information by load serving entities to increase consumer access to information about their energy bills.

### Additional Legislation

- AB 1699 by Assemblymember Marc Levine (D-San Rafael) prohibits a mobile internet service provider from impairing or degrading the lawful internet traffic of first response agencies during an emergency.
- AB 1513 by Assemblymember Chris Holden (D-Pasadena) makes several technical and clarifying changes to current law which concern programs under the jurisdiction of, and the authority of, the California Public Utilities Commission and other energy programs to address the increasing threat of wildfires and utility liability related to those fires.

In July, the Legislature passed and the Governor [signed](#) wildfire safety and accountability legislation, which moved our state toward a safer, more affordable and reliable energy future. [AB 1054](#) created a more fair allocation of catastrophic wildfire damages and will hold PG&E accountable for prioritizing safety, and required the California Public Utilities Commission to take a number of actions.

Governor Newsom has made wildfire prevention and mitigation a top priority since taking office. The Governor proactively declared a [state of emergency](#) to fast-track 35 [critical forest-management projects](#) to protect more than 200 of California's highest-risk communities and [redirected National Guard members](#) from the border to undertake fire prevention activities throughout the state. The governor also included \$1 billion in additional funding in the state budget to enhance our state's preparedness and expand our capacity to respond to emergencies. The budget included 13 new fire engines. He also:

- Invested \$127.2 million to expand CAL FIRE'S fleet with C-130 air tankers and modified Black Hawk helicopters for nighttime firefighting operations,
- Signed an executive order [authorizing the surge of almost 400 seasonal firefighters](#) to CAL FIRE this year,
- Began overdue modernization of California's [9-1-1 system](#),
- Announced the selection of the first two contracts for the [Wildfire Innovation Sprint](#), intended to modernize the way the state contracts for acquisition and development of technology systems, with the goal of getting cutting-edge firefighting technology in the hands of emergency responders by next fire season,

- Supporting local fire operations, including \$2 million for the Butte County Fire Department to maintain its current level of service and continue operation of one year-round fire station through its cooperative agreement with CAL FIRE,
- Partnered with the federal government to secure state access to remote sensor-based technology to detect wildfire ignitions, including securing delegation of authority from the Secretary of Defense to fly infrared equipped Unmanned Aerial System in support of CAL FIRE missions,
- Invested \$210 million Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund for forest health and fire prevention projects and programs to enable CAL FIRE to complete more fuel reduction projects and increase the pace and scale of fire prevention, and
- Developed and implemented the Forestry Corps Program, to operate four Forestry Corps crews that will undertake forest health and hazardous fuel reduction projects in areas of high fire risk.
- During his [State of the State Address](#), the Governor announced the creation of a Strike Force to develop a comprehensive strategy within 60 days, to address the destabilizing effects of catastrophic wildfires on California's energy future.

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# REPORT

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DATE: November 20, 2019  
TO: EENR Committee  
FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director  
RE: **WILDFIRE PREVENTION STRATEGIES**

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

For information only.

## **ABOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT**

The Los Angeles County Fire Department (LACoFD) provides firefighting and emergency medical services for more than 50 cities and the unincorporated communities of Los Angeles County. The department, headed by Los Angeles County Fire Chief Daryl Osby, is responsible for more than four million residents across an area of over 2,300 square miles. LACoFD strives to protect lives, the environment, and property by providing prompt, skillful, and cost-effective fire protection and life safety services. Additional information regarding LACoFD can be found on [fire.lacounty.gov](http://fire.lacounty.gov).

## **BACKGROUND**


Canyons and brushes pose as challenges in mitigating fire dangers in a community. In dry or harsh weather conditions, brush fires can spread quickly and destroy homes and neighborhoods in a matter of minutes. As Southern California witnessed several large-scale fires in the past few months, it is important for residents and municipalities to take active measures to prevent wildfires in their communities through vegetation management and brush clearance efforts. LACoFD recommends residents, businesses, and municipalities to conduct checks around their structures and facilities and comply with local brush clearance ordinances. Vegetation management and brush clearance efforts can include:

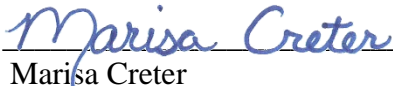
- Remove vines and large flammable shrubs against buildings and structures;
- Avoid mounding or highly flammable ground covers;
- Plant species that are not easily damaged or killed by heat or frost; or,
- Ensure that homes and buildings have limited vegetation around the area that can ignite the structures.

LACoFD Forestry Assistant, Jeff Emerick, will provide a brief presentation at this meeting on LACoFD's fire prevention efforts and recommendations for municipalities and residents to prevent wildfires in their communities.

# REPORT

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Prepared by:   
Alexander P. Fung  
Management Analyst

Approved by:   
Marisa Creter  
Executive Director

# REPORT

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DATE: November 20, 2019  
TO: EENR Committee  
FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director  
RE: **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON WILDFIRE MITIGATION, SAFETY,  
AND GRID RESILIENCY**

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

For information only.

## **ABOUT SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON**

As one of United States' largest electric utility companies, Southern California Edison (SCE) delivers power to 15 million residents in a span of 50,000 square-miles across central, coastal, and Southern California, excluding the City of Los Angeles and several other cities. Currently, SCE serves a total of 180 incorporated cities, 15 counties, 5,000 large businesses, and 280,000 small businesses. The company delivers power to all SGVCOG's member agencies except for the City of Azusa. More information regarding SCE can be found on [www.sce.com](http://www.sce.com).

## **BACKGROUND**

As climate conditions change, the wildfire season is now classified as a year-round event in California. With more than 30% of SCE's 50,000 square mile service region located in high fire risk areas, SCE must collaborate with cities and agencies to ensure that residents and communities are protected within these high fire risk areas. In compliance with the recent SB 901 (Dodd) regulations, SCE submitted a wildfire mitigation plan to the California Public Utilities Commission. The objectives of the plan are to:

1. Protect public safety;
2. Reduce the risk of potential wildfire-causing ignitions associated with SCE's electrical infrastructure;
3. Implement measures that further harden SCE's electric system against wildfires and improve system resiliency;
4. Enhance wildfire suppression efforts by improving fire agencies' ability to detect and respond to emerging fires in coordination with utility emergency management personnel; and,
5. Effectively communicate with customers, community groups, and other stakeholders about how to prevent, prepare for, and mitigate the effects of wildfires.


Additionally, SCE enacts Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) events during potentially dangerous weather conditions in fire-prone areas. Four notifications will be issued by SCE officials during PSPS events. The first notification is issued to potentially affected SCE customers two days ahead of the scheduled shutoff if weather conditions warrant a possible PSPS event. The second

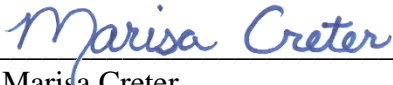
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notification would be issued one day ahead of the scheduled shutoff if weather conditions persist. When weather conditions confirm the decision to enact PSPS, SCE officials would deliver a third notification to impacted customers as power is terminated. After weather conditions return to safer levels, SCE field teams would provide a fourth notification to the impacted customers regarding restoring power to their homes and businesses.

SCE Government Relations Manager, Marissa Castro-Salvati, will provide a brief presentation regarding SCE's Wildfire Mitigation Plan, PSPS events, vegetation management, and other wildfire safety measures at this meeting.

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FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director  
RE: **2019-2020 EENR LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Discuss and provide direction to staff.

## **BACKGROUND**

The SGVCOG Governing Board adopts various legislative priorities in concurrence with the Strategic Plan on an annual basis. The purpose of the legislative priorities is to outline the position of the Governing Board on priority issues and matters that impact the San Gabriel Valley. These legislative priorities were developed based on feedback and input from the SGVCOG policy committees and aim to address several of the regulatory, funding, and structural challenges faced by San Gabriel Valley cities. SGVCOG staff is currently working to develop a list of environmental legislative priorities to be presented to the SGVCOG Governing Board for adoption.

Based on past policy adoption of the SGVCOG, four areas of consideration were identified:

- Air quality;
- Energy;
- Open space; and,
- Solid waste.

## **AIR QUALITY**

On March 21, 2019, the Governing Board adopted the 2019-2020 Strategic Plan (Attachment A) that encourages SGVCOG staff to coordinate regional planning projects that support regional environmental goals and support member agencies to implement air quality projects. Additionally, SGVCOG will support legislation and programs that:

- Support the inclusion of city officials on the governing bodies of air districts and opposes efforts to remove such city representation;
- Support the reduction of vehicle emissions through increased fuel efficiency, use of appropriate alternative fueled vehicles, and low-emission vehicles in public agency fleets;
- Support cities' authority to establish local air quality standards and programs that are stricter than state and federal standards; and,
- Oppose legislation that redirects funds that are dedicated to supporting locally-based air quality programs.

## **ENERGY**

On September 24, 2009, the SGVCOG adopted an energy policy (Attachment B) that supports legislation that spurs economic growth, protects public health, and maintains quality of life while minimizing our impact on natural resources and greenhouse gas emissions. In addition, the policy advocates and supports energy programs and legislation that will:

- Make energy costs affordable and stabilized;
- Encourage local governments to complete an inventory of greenhouse gas emissions, set appropriate reduction targets, and create greenhouse gas emission reduction plans;
- Support tax credits, grants, loans, and other incentives to assist the public and local agencies that invest in energy-efficient equipment and technology, as well as fuel-efficient and low-emission vehicles;
- Ensure energy supply while limiting dependence on foreign sources of energy;
- Employ diverse strategies for conserving energy including: Energy efficiency, land use strategies, urban forest management, and infrastructure improvements (i.e. green building);
- Develop innovative and affordable financing options for energy efficiency;
- Move towards a “net-zero energy” model where the amount of energy provided by on-site renewable energy sources is equal to the amount of energy used by a building;
- Support advancement of technology that expands renewable energy generation; and,
- Promote public education of energy efficiency and conservation opportunities.

In the past few years, SGVCOG has adopted several resolutions that support these topic areas, including supporting the Los Angeles Community Choice Energy (LACCE) JPA and the Los Angeles County Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) programs. Additionally, the SGVCOG supported the continuation of the San Gabriel Valley Energy Wise Partnership and the partnership with the Southern California Regional Energy Network (SoCalREN), both of which aim to assist the implementation of residential, commercial, and municipal energy efficiency programs for the residents, businesses, and cities of the San Gabriel Valley.

## **OPEN SPACE**

On July 21, 2011, the SGVCOG adopted an open space preservation policy (Attachment C) that promotes open space through appropriate use of natural resources and placement of development, as well as preventing illegal activities (dumping and arson) and the spread of invasive species. In addition, SGVCOG will strive to achieve the goal of open space protection, conservation, enhancement, and acquisition by supporting programs and legislation that will:

- Identify and protect open space for the multi-benefit enhancement of natural resources and enjoyment for the public;
- Plan for growth by incentivizing compact development in some areas that in turn prevent open space development in other areas;
- Develop greenbelts and greenways along and within urban development to limit unsuitable development and provide buffers to wildlife habitat;
- Acquire and preserve open space at high risk of ecological degradation, primarily along

- the foothills, waterways, flood plains, and within the upper watershed;
- Promote connectivity of wildlife corridors;
- Promote development of diverse and localized recreational opportunities;
- Promote public outreach and interpretation to foster awareness, knowledge, and stewardship of open space as a valuable resource; and
- Advocate for state and federal appropriations, funding from the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, California Natural Resources Agency, and/or loan programs for open space acquisition, development, restoration, and management.

On September 15, 2016, the SGVCOG voted to support Measure A, a measure that supports parks located within the Los Angeles County. This measure provides stable funding for parks and open space countywide to allow all equitable access to park and open space for all communities. Additionally, the SGVCOG adopted a resolution identifying priority open space projects including:

- Emerald Necklace;
- Duck Farm River Park;
- River Wilderness Park;
- Cattle Canyon Confluence with East Fork; and
- San Gabriel Valley Regional Greenway Network.

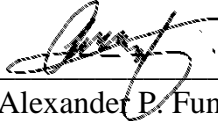
### **SOLID WASTE**

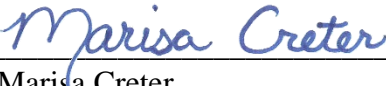
On January 15, 2009, the SGVCOG adopted a solid waste policy (Attachment D) to identify and implement environmentally-beneficial and pragmatic strategies that assist our region in planning for long-term integrated and reliable solid waste management needs, controlling costs, maintaining regulatory compliance, and ensuring environmental sustainability. In addition, the policy advocates and supports solid waste programs and legislation that will:

- Encourage the diversification of solid waste management strategies, including conversion technology, that will create new markets that are feasible given the landscape and conditions of the San Gabriel Valley;
- Support efforts to strengthen curbside recycling programs and oppose efforts to weaken such programs;
- Promote shared responsibility waste management principles, such as product stewardship, throughout the entire life cycle of a product, from design to disposal;
- Provide a strong commitment to utilizing financial incentives rather than mandatory requirements; and,
- Ensure local jurisdictions are not subject to duplicative or contradictory legislative requirements.

The purpose of these legislative priorities is to advocate for San Gabriel Valley interests at the County, State, and Federal level, as they pertain to the topics of energy, environment, and natural resources.

There are a variety of potential environmental legislative issues that would significantly impact the health of the environment and San Gabriel Valley residents. The review of these legislative items will help improve quality of life for all residents regionally.

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

- Attachment A – SGVCOG FY 2019-2020 Strategic Plan (March 21, 2019)
- Attachment B – SGVCOG Adopted Energy Policy (September 24, 2009)
- Attachment C – SGVCOG Adopted Open Space Preservation Policy (July 21, 2011)
- Attachment D – SGVCOG Adopted Solid Waste Policy (January 15, 2009)





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# Strategic Plan

# Strategic Plan 2019

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# Strategic Planning Process

The San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) is a joint powers authority made up of representatives from 30 cities, 3 Los Angeles County Supervisorial Districts, and the 3 Municipal Water Districts located in the San Gabriel Valley. The SGVCOG serves as a regional voice for its member agencies and works to improve the quality of life for the more than 2 million residents living in the San Gabriel Valley. The SGVCOG works on issues of importance to its member agencies, including transportation, homelessness, the environment, and water.

The strategic plan serves as a roadmap for the organization. Since the last strategic plan update in 2016, numerous milestones have occurred, most notably the integration and expansion of the ACE Project. The update engaged all of the SGVCOG's member agencies. Through the use of surveys, organized discussions and a workshop, an update was developed that builds off the SGVCOG's existing mission, vision and core values by identifying five key strategic goals as follows:

- Transportation
- Water
- Homelessness
- Environment
- Member Support and Communications

Each goal identifies overarching strategies as well as performance indicators to track successes. The Strategic Plan is intended to be specific enough to allow the SGVCOG to assess progress and identify challenges, while at the same time be flexible enough to allow the SGVCOG to adjust its actions given changing external and internal circumstances.









An aerial photograph of a multi-lane highway. In the foreground, a silver and blue Metro Rail train is traveling along a dedicated track. The highway has several lanes with cars. In the background, there are green hills and mountains under a cloudy sky. A semi-transparent white box is overlaid on the center of the image, containing text.

## Our Mission

**"The SGVCOG is a sub-regional government that serves as a unified voice to maximize resources and advocate for regional and member interests to improve the quality of life in the San Gabriel Valley."**



## **Our Vision**

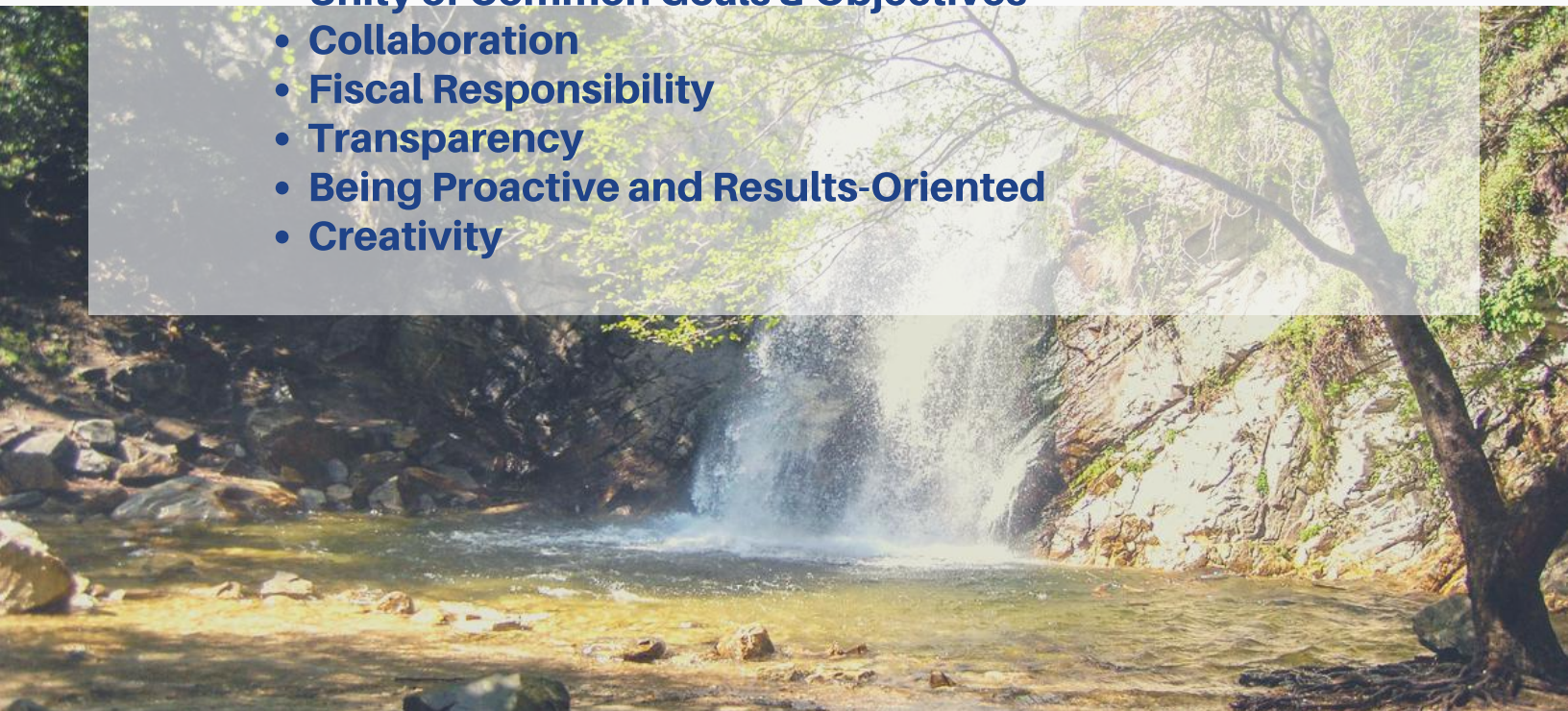
**"By 2021, the SGVCOG will serve as a model subregional agency in Southern California by continuing its existing support of member agency goals and priorities while leveraging the new opportunities provided by the extension and expansion of ACE."**



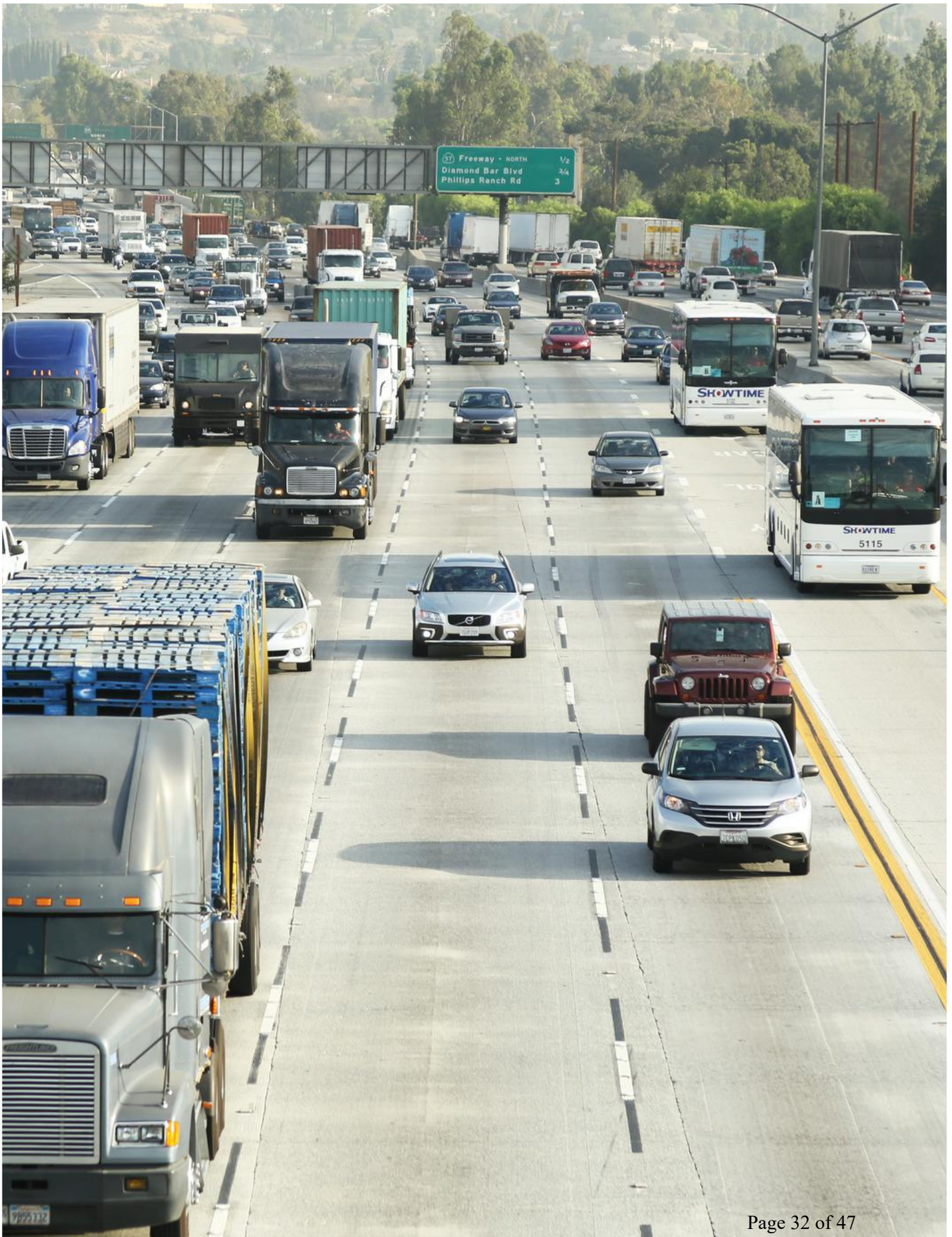


## Our Values

- Reflecting the Diversity of our Member Agencies
- Accountability
- Mutual Respect
- Upholding the Highest Ethical Standards
- Integrity
- Unity of Common Goals & Objectives
- Collaboration
- Fiscal Responsibility
- Transparency
- Being Proactive and Results-Oriented
- Creativity







# Transportation

## Goal

Secure funding for and ensure the timely implementation of regional priority transportation projects and support regional transportation planning efforts.

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## Strategies

- Serve as a resource to member agencies to deliver large capital projects
  - Coordinate regional transportation planning efforts
  - Advocate for and develop innovative financing and other tools to expedite the delivery of projects
  - Secure funding for regional transportation priorities
  - Support member agencies in managing new transportation technologies in manner that balances mobility and safety
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## Performance Indicators

- Projects completed by construction authority
- Funding secured for projects
- Regional planning projects completed





# Homelessness

## Goal

Support member agencies' efforts to implement programs and projects related to homelessness and advocate for resources to address homelessness in the San Gabriel Valley.

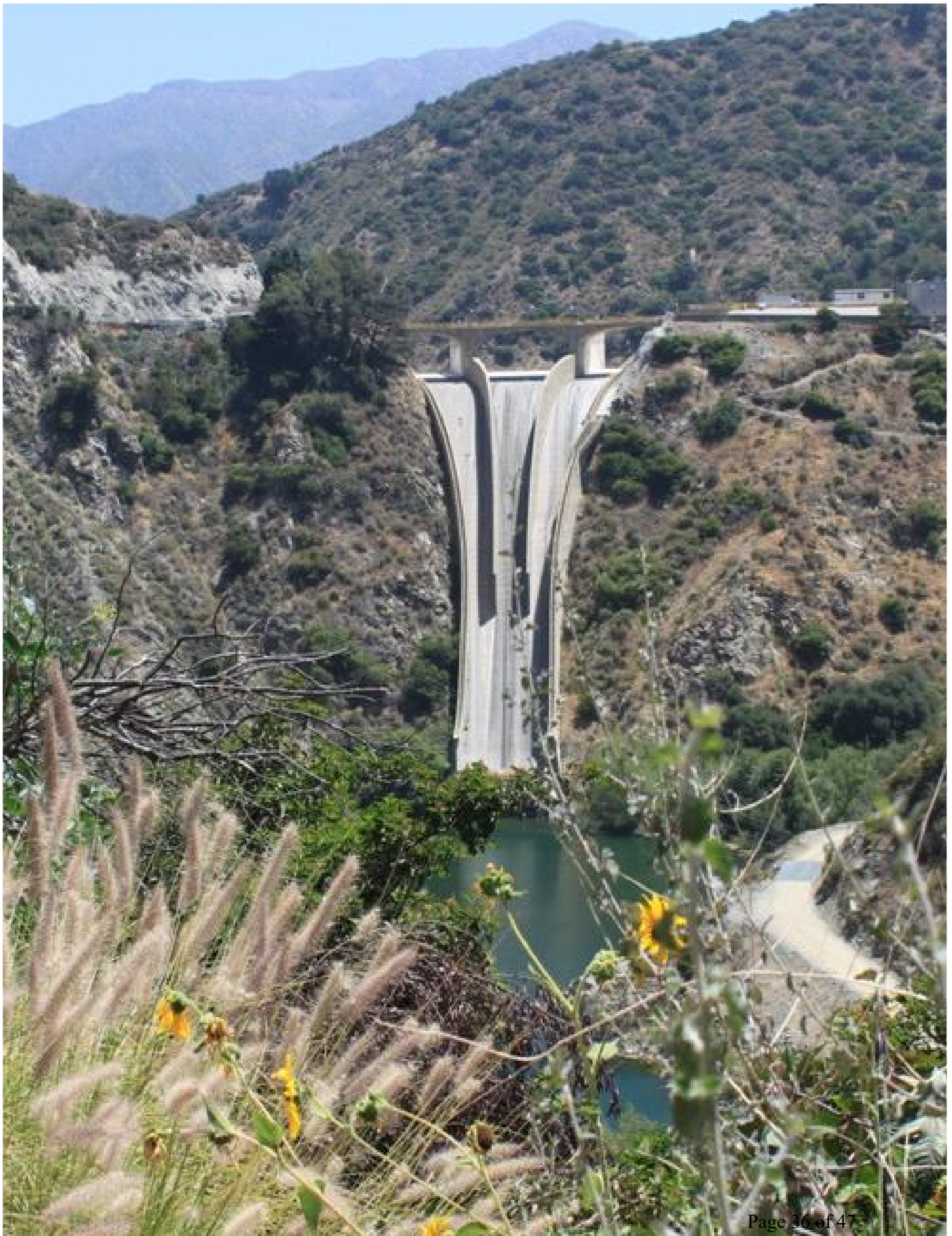
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## Strategies

- Advocate regionally for flexibility in developing projects and programs that fit within the context of each community
  - Secure funding for local and regional projects and programs that prevent and end homelessness
  - Support member agencies in implementing homelessness solutions
  - Serve as a forum for member agencies to share best practices related to homelessness
  - Facilitate local coordination of service delivery among member agencies
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## Performance Indicators

- Homeless individuals assisted and/or housed
- Funding secured





# Water

## Goal

Support regional water resiliency and assist cities in addressing stormwater MS-4 permit requirements, with an emphasis on Measure W Implementation and identification of regional solutions.

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## Strategies

- Advocate for regulatory and legislative changes that facilitate member agencies' ability to comply with water and stormwater regulations and reduce costs
  - Secure funding for regional projects that promote water resiliency
  - Provide regional leadership in the implementation of Measure W
  - Serve as a resource to member agencies to deliver large capital projects
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## Performance Indicators

- Modifications to regulations that favor member agencies
- Projects completed by construction authority
- Funding secured for projects







# Environment

## Goal

Support environmental efforts in the region, specifically related to energy, open space, and air quality.

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## Strategies

- Secure funding to implement environmental projects
  - Continue to implement energy efficiency programs for member agencies through regional partnerships
  - Coordinate regional planning projects that support regional environmental goals
  - Support member agencies in implementing clean energy, open space and air quality projects
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## Performance Indicators

- Funding secured
- Projects completed



# Member Support & Communications

## Goal

Strengthen Board and partner agency commitment to the SGVCOG and provide leadership on emerging issues.

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## Strategies

- Serve as a forum to develop regional strategies to address emerging issues (e.g. public safety, economic development and technology)
  - Communicate the value and accomplishments of SGVCOG and its member agencies
  - Produce clear and consistent communications, media, and promotional campaigns that exemplify agency values
  - Enhance the SGVCOG brand as a respected and influential voice for the region by increasing awareness of agency's work and purpose
  - Advocate on behalf of member agencies for issues of regional significance, including partnering with the SGV Legislative Caucus
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## Performance Indicators

- Regional networking events supported
- Traditional and social media presence and initiatives (e.g. Twitter Chat, newsletter, weekly recaps, etc.)



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## Connect



## **San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments**

### **Energy Policy**

Adopted September 24, 2009

California's economy is dependent on reliable, affordable supplies of energy that provide for the state's growing population and increasing demand for energy. The San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) supports energy policy that spurs economic growth, protects public health, and maintains quality of life while minimizing our impact on natural resources and greenhouse gas emissions. The passage of AB 32, which requires the State to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to 1990 levels by 2020, focuses energy policy on mitigating the effect of energy consumption on the environment using a wide range of strategies. SGVCOG represents local governments that will lead their communities to support clean energy goals by increasing energy efficiency, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and reducing overall energy usage in municipal facilities.

In addition, SGVCOG advocates and supports programs and legislation that will:

- 1) Make energy costs affordable and stabilized;
- 2) Ensure energy supply while limiting dependence on foreign sources of energy;
- 3) Employs diverse strategies for conserving energy including: energy efficiency, land use strategies, urban forest management, and infrastructure improvements (i.e. green building);
- 4) Develop innovative and affordable financing options for energy efficiency;
- 5) Move towards a "zero net energy" model where the amount of energy provided by on-site renewable energy sources is equal to the amount of energy used by a building;
- 6) Support advancement of technology that expands renewable energy generation;
- 7) Promote public education of energy efficiency and conservation opportunities;
- 8) Ensure local jurisdictions are not subject to duplicative or contradictory legislative requirements; and
- 9) Advocate for state and federal appropriations and/or loan programs for energy programs and initiatives





## San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments

### Open Space Preservation Policy

*Adopted July 21, 2011*

The San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) seeks to promote quality of life for all citizens by preserving and protecting the watershed and natural environment that has given the San Gabriel Valley much of its unique character. Our communities are supportive of policies that promote open space through appropriate use of natural resources and placement of development, as well as preventing illegal activities (dumping and arson) and the spread of invasive species. In order to address these issues and preserve open space in our communities, SGVCOG will abide by the following principles:

- Open spaces are land parcels that can be small to large, found both in undeveloped areas and within urban settings that provide natural and cultural resources
- Open spaces generally should be accessible for passive public use and enjoyment
- Trails should be developed where possible to provide access, including trails for horseback riding, hiking, bicycling, and off-highway vehicles, where appropriate
- Open space should provide recreation and cultural opportunities for all age groups
- Open space should be recognized for its health and economic benefits, and as a tool to assist with local governments' compliance with state and federal mandates
- Concerns of local governments and private property owners should be respected and taken into consideration

With these guiding principles in mind, SGVCOG and local governments shall lead their communities to achieve the goal of open space protection, conservation, enhancement, and acquisition by supporting programs and legislation that will:

- 1) Identify and protect open space for the multi-benefit enhancement of natural resources and enjoyment for the public;
- 2) Plan for growth by incentivizing compact development in some areas that in turn prevent open space development in other areas;
- 3) Develop greenbelts and greenways along and within urban development to limit unsuitable development and provide buffers to wildlife habitat;
- 4) Acquire and preserve open space at high risk of ecological degradation, primarily along the foothills, waterways, flood plains, and within the upper watershed;
- 5) Promote connectivity of wildlife corridors;
- 6) Promote development of diverse and localized recreational opportunities;
- 7) Promote public outreach and interpretation to foster awareness, knowledge and stewardship of open space as a valuable resource; and
- 8) Advocate for state and federal appropriations, funding from the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, and/or loan programs for open space acquisition, development, restoration, and management.



## San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments

### Solid Waste Policy

*Adopted January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009*

Solid waste management is a vital public service that impacts our environment, natural resources, and quality of life, ranging from public health to watershed well being and air quality. The San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) seeks to identify and implement environmentally-beneficial and pragmatic strategies that assist our region in planning for integrated, long-term and reliable solid waste management needs, controlling costs, maintaining regulatory compliance, and ensuring environmental sustainability. When pursuing this goal, SGVCOG will abide by the following principles:

- Solutions should emphasize the protection and enhancement of public health and well-being, while conserving our natural resources
- Solutions should be cost-effective while maximizing the availability of quality services for San Gabriel Valley residents
- Solutions should promote opportunities where trash could be viewed as a resource rather than discarded waste
- Solutions should emphasize a balanced approach to “reduce, reuse, and recycle” strategies
- Strategies should be developed to address the infrastructure needs that provide low-cost, low-impact services for San Gabriel Valley residents
- To the highest extent possible, decision-making and regulatory authority should be maintained at the local level

With these guiding principles in mind, SGVCOG advocates and supports programs and legislation that will:

- 1) Encourage the diversification of solid waste management strategies, including conversion technology, that will create new markets and that are feasible given the landscape and conditions of the San Gabriel Valley
- 2) Promote shared responsibility waste management principles (ie. product stewardship) throughout the entire life cycle of a product, from design to disposal
- 3) Encourage the participation of product manufacturers in end-of-life product recovery, reuse, and recycling, with an emphasis on those products banned from disposal
- 4) Provide a strong commitment to utilizing financial incentives rather than mandatory requirements
- 5) Ensure local jurisdictions are not subject to duplicative or contradictory legislative requirements
- 6) Promote public education of solid waste issues affecting the San Gabriel Valley
- 7) Advocate for state and federal appropriations and/or loan programs for solid waste management programs and initiatives