



# San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments

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## City Managers' Technical Advisory Committee Special Meeting

**Date: October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

**Time: 12:15 p.m.**

**Location: The Monrovia Restaurant, Monrovia**

### 1.0 Preliminary Business

#### 1.1 Call to Order

Present		Absent
Alhambra	M. Martin, A. Hayashi	Arcadia
Azusa	F. Delach	Covina
Baldwin Park	V. Singhal	Industry
Claremont	J. Parker	La Puente
Diamond Bar	J. DeStefano	La Verne
Duarte	K. Herrera	Montebello
El Monte	J. Mussenden, D. Hall	Monterey Park
Glendora	C. Jeffers	Pomona
Irwindale	B. Griego	Rosemead
La Canada	M. Alexander, A. Erlichman	South Pasadena
Monrovia	S. Ochoa, A. Griselle	Walnut
Pasadena	M. Beck	West Covina
San Dimas	B. Michaelis	
San Gabriel	M. Paules	
Sierra Madre	E. Aguilar	
South El Monte	A. Ybarra	
LA County	R. Morales, J. Orozco	

#### SGVCOG Staff:

N. Conway, Executive Director  
B. Cooke, Staff  
M. Creter, Staff

#### Guests:

J. Quan, League of California Cities  
A. J. Wilson, Range Rider  
R. Wood, San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership  
D. Rhodes, First 5 L.A.  
D. Howden, Corporation for Supportive Housing  
R. Teague, Corporation for Supportive Housing  
J. Colletti  
J. McDermott

#### 1.2 Roll Call / Introductions

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m.

### 2.0 Public Comment

Members of the public announced several upcoming events, including the League of California Cities SB 375 workshop.

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

#### **4.0 Consent Items**

4.1 Minutes from June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008 meeting

#### **5.0 Discussion Items**

##### 5.1 Confirmation of Chair and Election of Vice-Chair

There was a motion to appoint J. Mussenden (El Monte) Chair of the TAC and C. Jeffers (Glendora) Vice-Chair of the TAC (M/S/C: M. Paules/ B. Michaelis/ Unanimous).

##### 5.2 San Gabriel Valley Homeless Services Needs Assessment Phase 1 Report & Phase 2 Strategies

The Executive Director provided an introduction to this item. He stated that in April 2006, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved a Homeless Prevention Initiative in order to address homelessness issues in the region. Since then, the County has taken a series of strategic steps to implement the initiative. These measures, which included the siting of large regional service centers in local cities, proved to be unsuccessful and largely resisted by local jurisdictions. Subsequently, the Board of Supervisors approached the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) to undertake a preliminary needs assessment and development to coordinate service delivery to homeless populations here in the San Gabriel Valley.

In December 2007, SGVCOG Governing Board identified the homeless study as an objective for the 2007-08 strategic plan. The study is divided into two phases:

- (1) Population identification and needs assessment
- (2) Consensus-building process focused on development of an implementation plan to meet unmet needs

Currently, the consultants are in the process of completing Phase 1 of the study and they are presenting to the City Managers' TAC for feedback and recommendations. The Phase 1 Report is being submitted to the Governing Board in November.

The consultant team gave a presentation on the Phase 1 report including information about the following:

- An overview of the service delivery system (including estimated number of beds)
- Review of homeless estimates
- Characteristics of homeless individuals living in the San Gabriel Valley, including difference between clusters
- Identification of unmet needs
- Short-term strategies
- Long-term strategies
- Overview of the Phase 2 of the study

Questions were asked about the following issues:

- Homelessness is not a city specific problem, but the State, particularly through SB 2, requires an individual approach. Are there opportunities for a regional approach?
- What is the connection between chronic homelessness and alcohol/drug abuse? Is there a higher incidence of alcohol/drug abuse than what is identified in the study? What challenge does this provide in the delivery of services?
- What is the San Gabriel Valley's share of the \$100 million in funding that was appropriated under the Los Angeles County Homeless Initiative?
- How can cities address the concern/perception that increasing the amount of services provided will attract additional homeless individuals to the regions?
- What are the underlying causes of homelessness? Do these causes differ across groups (age/ gender/ ethnicity)?

The answers to these questions will be included in the final Phase 1 Report.

In conclusion to this discussion, the Executive Director highlighted two major issues:

- COG staff will continue to work with the Housing and Community Development (HCD) Department to address the cities' concerns relative to the Housing Element and SB2, as well as work with HCD to identify opportunities for a regional approach
- COG staff and the consultant team is requesting feedback from all member agencies on the data that is being included in the study as well as the approach of using clusters. Any suggestions or concerns should be discussed with COG staff.

## **6.0 New Business items for Next Regular Meeting**

### **7.0 Announcements**

The Executive Director stated that on October 8<sup>th</sup> the COG hosted a very successful AB 32 Workshop, with over 75 attendees. All the information related to this workshop will be posted on the SGVCOG website. In addition, COG staff will continue to update all member agencies on AB 32 and SB 375 as more information becomes available.

### **8.0 Next Meeting**

### **9.0 Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.