



San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments

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City Managers' Steering Committee Notes

Date: January 8th, 2009

Time: 8:00 a.m.

Location: El Monte City Hall

1.0 Preliminary Business

1.1 Call to Order

J. Mussenden called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m.

1.2 Roll Call / Introductions

Members Present:

Alhambra	J. Fuentes
Diamond Bar	J. DeStefano
El Monte	J. Mussenden
Glendora	C. Jeffers
San Gabriel	M. Paules
San Marino	M. Ballantyne

Members Not Present:

La Canada Flintridge
San Dimas

SGVCOG Staff:

N. Conway, Executive Director
M. Creter, Staff

2.0 Public Comment

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

4.0 Consent Items

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5.1 Notes from December 2nd, 2008 meeting

6.0 Discussion Items

6.1 San Gabriel Valley Energy Wise Partnership

The Executive Director reviewed this item. He stated that one of the goals identified in the SGVCOG Long-Term Financial Plan was to diversify the COG's revenue stream by pursuing a variety of grant opportunities that would provide funding to support our Agency's identified goals and objectives. In following with this objective, the COG has dedicated significant staff resources to pursuing grants and other funding opportunities. One such opportunity was the Local Government Partnership program with Southern California Edison that focuses on assisting our member agencies in implementing energy-efficiency projects. In total, this program will provide approximately \$400,000 to the COG for marketing, outreach and education activities related to energy-efficiency, as well as approximately \$1,000,000 to fund consultants and rebates to our member agencies interested in retrofitting electrical systems. The contract for this Partnership is still being finalized and the Executive Director expects to bring it before the Steering Committee for review and recommendation at their February meeting.

6.2 Solid Waste Policy Paper

The Executive Director stated that this solid waste policy paper, which outlines the COG's position on major solid waste issues facing our member agencies, is scheduled for review and adoption at the January Governing Board meeting.

6.3 NFL Stadium Presentation

The Executive Director stated that representatives from Majestic Realty would be attending the January Governing Board meeting and were asking the Governing Board for a motion of support regarding the proposed NFL stadium project in the City of Industry. There was extended discussion on this item. Committee expressed concern about the Governing Board take a position on a private development project, as this would set new precedent that could later be problematic. Additionally, the environmental review process on this project has not been completed therefore any action by the COG would be premature. The Committee suggested that an alternative would be for the Governing Board to have a presentation on the project that would be for information only. The Executive Director indicated that he would discuss this issue with the President of the Governing Board.

6.4 Update on Congestion Mitigation Fee Pilot Study

The Executive Director stated that in December staff sent out a request to all cities for transportation capital improvement projects that could potentially be included as part of the Metro Congestion Mitigation Fee Pilot Study. To date, eleven cities have submitted project lists. Staff is continuing to follow up with the remaining cities and anticipates receiving all responses by the end of January. Once the full list has been compiled, it will be submitted to the TACs and the Transportation Committee for review.

6.5 Update on Homeless Services Needs Assessment Study Phase 2

The Executive Director gave an update on this item. He stated that in December, staff and the consultant team held cluster meetings throughout the San Gabriel Valley to review the Phase 1 report findings and begin developing an implementation strategy. There was agreement to consolidate from five clusters into four clusters, which more closely follows the clusters used in the development of the 2004 Growth Visioning exercise.

At these meetings there was clear consensus that more education of elected officials is needed to facilitate the decision making process. Cities also expressed interest in having the community and faith-based organizations taking a leadership role in identifying and implementing appropriate intervention strategies. Additionally, the Executive Director stated that the East San Gabriel Valley Consortium on Homelessness, through the City of Pomona, has received \$1.2 million in funding for a community engagement grant. This grant may provide some of the needed leadership framework for the eastern portion of the San Gabriel Valley. However, it will be important to develop/strengthen similar leadership in the Pasadena area and south-west area of the Valley.

6.6 Update on SB 375 Working Group

The Executive Director stated that a working group has been formed to review issues related to the implementation of SB 375 (Steinberg), which addresses the greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reductions that are required to be achieved by local governments under AB 32 through land use changes and reductions in vehicle miles traveled (VMT). This working group will be meeting with the Executive Director of SCAG, as well as SCAG's General Counsel, in late January to discuss this legislation in further detail, specifically as it relates to sub regional delegation issues.

6.7 Status of RFQs

The Executive Director stated that the Auditing Services RFQ was released in late December and the Legal Services RFQ will be released in early January. It is expected that the RFQ review committee will make a recommendation for the award of contracts at the February Governing Board meeting.

6.8 Strategic Planning Workshop – January 24th

The Executive Director stated that the SGVCOG's next Strategic Planning Retreat is scheduled for Saturday, January 24th at the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Headquarters in Azusa. This

upcoming Strategic Planning session represents the third anniversary of the SGVCOG's participation in such a strategic planning process. For this reason, in addition to reviewing and developing six-month objectives, this session provides an opportunity to review achievement of major goals over the past three years and develop new long-term goals for the upcoming three years.

7.0 New Business items for Next Regular Meeting

8.0 Announcements

There was discussion regarding the possibility of organizing a Fiscal Emergency Summit which would also provide information to cities about the potential Federal Economic Stimulus package.

9.0 Next Meeting

10.0 Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.