



San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments

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Public Works Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

Notes

Date: Monday, February 23rd, 2009

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Location: Edward's Steak House
9600 Flair Drive
El Monte, California 91731

1.0 Preliminary Business

1.1 Call to Order

Please note that a quorum was not present at this meeting. Therefore, no official action was taken, and all meeting notes are for information only.

Members Present:

Arcadia	P. Wray
Azusa	C. Hassel
Claremont	C. Bradshaw
Diamond Bar	P. Gallegos, K. Molina
Irwindale	K. Tam, L. Corpis
La Puente	R. Salas
La Verne	D. Keesey, A. Ciotti
Monrovia	J. Rizk, H. Maloney
Montebello	T. Melendrez
Pasadena	B. Janka
Pomona	D. Nelson
San Dimas	K. Patel, S. Garwick
West Covina	S. Yauchzee
LA County	H. Hsing
	M. Ariki

Members Absent:

Alhambra
Baldwin Park
Covina
Duarte
El Monte
Glendora
Industry
La Canada Flintridge
Monterey Park
Rosemead
San Marino
Sierra Madre
South El Monte
South Pasadena
Walnut

Other Agencies:

B. Jong, Metro
D. Lee, SCE
S. Mousavi, AAE
J. Golsha, AAE
A. Contreras, SCE
T. Cole, Caltrans
R. Tahir, Upper San Gabriel Water Coalition

COG Staff:

M. Creter, Staff

2.0 Public Comment

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

4.0 Consent Items

4.1 Notes from January 25th, 2009 meeting

5.0 Discussion Items (*Recommended Action: Discussion with possible action*)

5.1 Presentation on Upper San Gabriel Watershed Coalition – Ray Tahir

R. Tahir gave a presentation on the Upper San Gabriel Water Coalition. This coalition was formed by the cities of Azusa, Irwindale, Whittier, Claremont, and Glendora in order to become an independent NPDES permittee, separate from the permit held by Los Angeles County, which covers all other cities in the County.

The NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) program is a State and Federal program that was inaugurated in 1990 for the purpose of controlling storm water pollution. An NPDES permit is a federal permit that allows cities to discharge storm water into federal waters. The San Gabriel River is considered federal water. In exchange for that, the NPDES permit requires every municipality throughout the State implement several programs that prevent storm water contact with exposed pollutants.

Members of the Upper San Gabriel Watershed Coalition believe that there are four primary advantages to participating in this separate NPDES permit. One of the advantages is that those cities are able to form a Watershed Group, and therefore can apply directly for grant funds or establish their own mitigation fee if necessary. Additionally, these cities currently in the coalition are located above the Whittier Narrows spreading ground, and the spreading grounds serve as a massive control structure so these cities have the means of complying with TMDL requirements. Third, the Coalition is able to directly negotiate with the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board. Finally, because the Coalition has a separate permit from Los Angeles County, those cities in the Coalition are able to avoid being a part to any litigation involving the County or any cities covered by the County's permit. This can potentially save cities significant funds in the event that the County is involved in a settlement.

Following the presentation there was significant discussion regarding the Coalition and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District's Water Quality Initiative. The Chair recommended that the Flood Control District present at the March TAC meeting.

5.2 Update on San Gabriel Valley Federal Infrastructure Stimulus Package Projects

Staff stated that the COG would be hosting a workshop on March 2nd to review the requirements for cities to access their federal stimulus funding from Metro. All member agencies were strongly encouraged to attend.

M. Ariki (LAC DPW) stated that the County is interested in partnering with agencies in the San Gabriel Valley on potential projects (particularly resurfacing projects) that would be utilizing the federal economic stimulus funding, including the possibility of a joint bid.

T. Cole (Caltrans) stated that Caltrans staff is working to ensure an accelerated timeline for all Caltrans required approvals of projects being funded under the Federal economic stimulus plan.

5.3 Recap of Metro's Call for Projects Workshop

Staff stated that a copy of presentation from the workshop was included in the agenda packet.

H. Hsing stated (LAC DPW) that LAC DPW is preparing its application for Metro's 2009 Call for Projects and any cities with routes that may be potential candidates for the traffic signal synchronization program should contact LA County in order to be included in the application.

5.4 Update on Congestion Mitigation Fee Study

Staff stated that Metro has hired a consultant, Cambridge Systematics, to conduct this study. The Congestion Mitigation Fee Working Group will be meeting with the consultants in March once this study effort is underway.

6.0 Update items (Recommended Action: Discussion with possible action)

- 6.1 MTA Technical Advisory Committee
- 6.2 MTA Streets and Freeways Subcommittee
- 6.3 SGVCOG Transportation Committee Update

7.0 New Business items for Next Regular Meeting

8.0 Announcements

9.0 Next Meeting

10.0 Adjourn