

**SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING NOTES**

**October 16, 2008**

President Spence called the Meeting of the Governing Board of the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (“SGVCOG”) to order in Southern California Edison’s Customer Technology Application Center (CTAC), 6090 North Irwindale Avenue, Irwindale, CA 91702 at 6:15 PM.

Jack Tanaka led the Governing Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**1.0 Preliminary Business**

Roll was called by self introduction and the following people were in attendance. No quorum was present.

**Governing Board Members**

Arcadia  
Azusa  
Diamond Bar  
Duarte  
El Monte  
Industry  
La Canada Flintridge  
La Puente  
LaVerne  
Monrovia  
Monterey Park  
South El Monte  
Walnut  
LA County Supervisorial District 4

Robert Harbicht  
Angel Carrillo  
Jack Tanaka  
John Fasana  
Ernest Gutierrez  
Tim Spohn  
David Spence  
Dan Holloway  
John Blickenstaff  
Mary Ann Lutz  
Sharon Martinez  
Blanca Figueroa  
Tom King  
Mike Hughes

**Absent**

Alhambra  
Baldwin Park  
Claremont  
Covina  
Glendora  
Irwindale  
Montebello  
Pasadena  
Pomona  
Rosemead  
San Dimas  
San Gabriel  
San Marino  
Sierra Madre  
South Pasadena  
West Covina  
LA County Supervisorial District 1  
LA County Supervisorial District 5  
SGV Water Districts

**Staff**

Nicholas T. Conway  
Joseph Silvey  
Jim Mussenden  
John Landrum  
Bekah Cooke  
Kathleen Boyd

Executive Director  
Burke Williams & Sorensen  
City Managers’ Representative  
Accountant  
Staff  
Staff

**Guests**

Gino Sund  
Paul Huebler  
Rainbow Yeung  
Katie Morris  
  
Bill Covington  
Marissa Castro  
Owen \_\_\_\_\_

LA County Supervisorial District 5  
ACE Construction Authority  
SCAQMD  
Upper San Gabriel-Rio Hondo Watershed  
Coordinator  
Lopez and Company LLP  
SCE  
Alhambra Chamber of Commerce

**2.0 Recognition Presentations - None**

**3.0 Public Comment - None**

**4.0 Changes to Agenda Order - None**

**5.0 Consent Items**

5.1 Approval Items

5.1.1 Governing Board Meeting Minutes – June 19, 2008

5.1.2 Warrant Register and Cash Statement

- 5.1.3 Watershed Coordinator Grant Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
- 5.1.4 Appointment of J. Mosca to Transportation and EENR Committees
- 5.1.5 E-Civis Contract
- 5.1.6 Conflict of Interest Code
- 5.2 Receive and File
  - 5.2.1 Transportation Committee Minutes
  - 5.2.3 Housing Committee Minutes
  - 5.2.4 Emergency Preparedness & Trauma Care Minutes
  - 5.2.5 Solid Waste Working Group Notes
  - 5.2.6 Planning Directors TAC Meeting Notes
  - 5.2.7 Public Works TAC Meeting Notes
  - 5.2.8 ACE Construction Authority Meeting Minutes
  - 5.2.9 Executive Director Monthly Report
  - 5.2.10 Strategic Plan Monthly Update
  - 5.2.11 Correspondence

There were no comments regarding the approval items and receive and file items. No actions were taken due to the absence of a quorum.

**6.0 Treasurer’s Report**

- 6.1 SGVCOG 2007-2008 Audit Report
 

Executive Director reviewed the COG’s JPA Agreement stipulating that the records and accounts of the SGVCOG shall be audited annually by an independent certified public accountant. Bill Covington, Partner of Lopez and Company LLP, reviewed the audit document. Discussion followed which included the impact of SCAG/Caltrans settlement and related expenses upon the fund balance. Executive Director expressed the future financial focus of the COG is to achieve a unrestricted fund balance equal to ----- \_\_\_\_\_six months income or expenses.

**7.0 President’s Report**

- 7.1 Proposition 7 Pro and Con
 

As requested at the last Governing Board meeting, representatives for both the Pro and Con sides of Proposition 7 were invited to the meeting. Mr. Owen Genhart, of the Alhambra Chamber spoke and he explained his position against Proposition 7 along with other entities in opposition. No one spoke in favor of Proposition 7.

**8.0 Executive Director**

Executive Director explained the agenda was kept light in an effort to allow time for a presentation on the first phase of the Homeless Services Needs Assessment. That report was in the process of being finalized, and will be presented to the Governing Board in November.

He also clarified with Boardmember Gutierrez his request on gravel pits/quarries with reference to the water reclamation, reuse and storage in the San Gabriel Valley. It was reported that the City of Irwindale is developing procedures for their quarries.

**9.0 Committee Reports**

- 9.1 ACE Construction Authority – G. Hunter
 

Paul Heubler referred the Board to the report in the Packet and highlighted a successful East End Avenue Grade Separation Dedication Ceremony, Outreach update, and that the Governor vetoed SB375 Cargo Container Fees.

## 9.2 Policy Committees

### 8.2.1 Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee – M. Lutz

Mary Ann Lutz introduced Katie Morris who has been hired as the Upper San Gabriel – Rio Hondo Watershed Coordinator through the Watershed Coordinator Grant received by the SGVCOG. She also reported on a very successful AB 32 workshop with over 80 people in attendance as well as a brief view of SB 375 (Steinberg) and city impacts. The Board was referred to her report in the packet.

### 8.2.2 Housing Committee – M. Juarez

Board was referred to the written report in packet.

### 8.2.3 Transportation Committee– J. Fasana

John Fasana updated the Governing Board regarding transportation issues. He stated a press conference to oppose Measure R is scheduled at 8 AM on October 29<sup>th</sup>. Discussion followed to include each member city's position on Measure R.

## 9.3 Ad Hoc Committees

8.3.1 Disaster Preparedness/Trauma Care/Emergency Medicine Committee–G. Hunter  
Executive Director referred Board to the report in the packet. He stated he had just learned that the transport time had been reduced with the addition of a second helicopter located in San Gabriel Valley.

### 8.4.1 City Managers' TAC – No Report

Jim Mussenden, City Manager Representative, reported that Chris Jeffers, Glendora, is the Vice Chair. He stated the City Managers had received the Homeless Services Needs Assessment presentation at their meeting on October 17<sup>th</sup>.

### 8.4.2 Planning Directors' TAC – No Report

### 8.4.3 Public Works Directors' TAC – No Report

## 9.4 Liaison Reports

### 8.5.1 Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority

Governing Board was referred to report in the Packet and Jon Blickenstaff encouraged attendance at the Press Conference in opposition to Measure R.

### 8.5.2 San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy

Report included the Conservancy in the final stages of grant awards to cities.

### 8.5.3 Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

Mary Ann Lutz referred to her report and discussion followed on the expansion of the Sunshine Canyon/County Landfill and environment checkpoints. The February Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board meeting will be in Monrovia.

## **10.0 New Business items for next Regular Meeting**

Ernest Gutierrez suggested we look at water preservation for San Gabriel Valley.

## **11.0 Announcements - None**

## **12.0 Adjourn**

President Spence adjourned the meeting at 7:45 PM.