

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

**January 15, 2009**

President Spence called the Regular 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 6:20 PM.

Blanca Figueroa led the Governing Board in the Pledge of Allegiance. She donated a flag to the SGVCOG that her nephew had carried to and back from the conflict in the Mideast.

**1.0 Preliminary Business**

Roll was called by self introduction and the following people were in attendance. A quorum was in attendance.

**Governing Board Members**

Alhambra  
Azusa  
Baldwin Park  
Claremont  
Diamond Bar  
Duarte  
El Monte  
Glendora  
Industry  
Irwindale  
La Canada Flintridge  
La Puente  
LaVerne  
Pasadena  
Pomona  
Rosemead  
San Dimas  
San Gabriel  
South El Monte  
Walnut  
West Covina  
LA County Supervisorial District 4  
LA County Supervisorial District 5  
SGV Water Districts JPA

Steven Placido  
Angel Carrillo  
Anthony Bejarano  
Sam Pedroza  
Carol Herrera  
John Fasana  
Ernest Gutierrez  
Mark Kelly  
Tim Spohn  
H. Manuel Ortiz  
Dave Spence  
Dan Holloway  
Jon Blickenstaff  
Sid Tyler  
Steve Atchley  
John Nunez  
Denis Bertone  
Harry Baldwin  
Blanca Figueroa  
Tom King  
Roger Hernandez  
Mike Hughes  
Gino Sund  
Bob Kuhn

**Absent**

Arcadia  
Covina  
Monrovia  
Montebello  
Monterey Park  
San Marino  
Sierra Madre  
South Pasadena  
LA County Supervisorial Dist. 1

**Staff**

Nicholas T. Conway  
Joseph Silvey  
Jim Mussenden  
Rick Richmond  
Mary Lou Echternach  
Marisa Creter  
Bekah Cooke  
Kathleen Boyd

Executive Director  
Burke Williams & Sorensen  
City Managers’ Representative  
The ACE Construction Authority  
Transportation Consultant  
Staff  
Staff  
Staff

**Guests**

Jorge Morales  
Mark Paulson  
Rainbow Yeung  
Paul Talbot  
Ben Wong  
Don Rhodes  
John Ballos  
Gary Neely  
David Reyno

LA County Supervisorial District 1  
Alhambra  
SCAQMD  
Alhambra  
League of Cities  
First LA  
Industry  
Off of Assemblymbr. Huff  
Foothill Transit

## 2.0 Public Comment

Mark Kelly announced that he would not seek re-election in March.

Don Rhodes of First 5 LA reviewed the Community Oral Health Grant and fluoridation of public water and oral health benefits.

Rainbow Yeung announced the January 21, 2009 New Source Stakeholders Meeting which will discuss reduction credits.

## 3.0 Changes to Agenda Order - None

## 4.0 Consent Items

### 4.1 Approval Items

- 4.1.1. Governing Board Meeting Minutes, November, 20, 2008
- 4.1.2. Warrant Register and Cash Statement
- 4.1.3. Legal RFP Review Committee - Appoint members to serve on Legal RFQ Review
- 4.1.4. Audit RFQ Review Committee – Appoint members to serve on Audit RFQ Review Committee.

### 4.2 Receive and File

- 4.2.1. EENR Committee Minutes
- 4.2.2. Solid Waste Working Group Notes
- 4.2.3. Water Work Group Notes
- 4.2.4. City Managers Steering Committee Notes
- 4.2.5. Planning Directors TAC Meeting Notes
- 4.2.6. Public Works TAC Meeting Notes
- 4.2.7. ACE Construction Authority Meeting Minutes
- 4.2.8. Executive Director Monthly Report
- 4.2.9. Strategic Plan Monthly Update
- 4.2.10. Correspondence

After a clarification concerning the membership of the Legal RFQ Review Committee in connection with item 4.1.3, a motion was made to approve all Consent Items and receive and file all remaining items. (M/S/C: King/Baldwin; Unanimous)

## 5.0 President's Report (D. Spence departed from the meeting due to a pressing commitment and M. Kelly continued in his place as the presiding officer)

### 5.1 Solid Waste Policy Paper Presentation

Sam Pedroza made a presentation that identified the major solid waste issues facing the San Gabriel Valley which are presented in greater detail in the Solid Waste Policy Paper developed in the Trash 101 Workshop. Following the presentation, a motion was made to adopt the solid-waste related principles and policy directives as outlined in the Solid Waste Policy Paper. (M/S/C: Fasana/Gutierrez; Unanimous)

### 5.2 NFL Stadium Presentation

Prior to the discussion of this matter, Tom King, on the advice of legal counsel, recused himself from the discussion and left the meeting room until completion of the discussions and actions regarding the item. John Semken, Majestic Realty, presented Majestic's plan for an NFL Stadium in Industry. He reviewed traffic patterns, retail facilities, etc. At the end of the presentation a motion was made to have the Executive Director bring the item back to the Governing Board at the February meeting for possible action concerning Majestic's written request for a letter of support from the SGVCOG. (M/S/C: Bertone/Fasana; Unanimous except for Diamond Bar which abstained and Walnut and Pomona whose representatives had recused themselves).

- 5.3 Strategic Plan Workshop  
Governing Board Representatives and Alternates were encouraged to attend the January 24<sup>th</sup> Strategic Plan Workshop at the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy office.
- 5.4 Call for Nominations – Gold Line Board Representative  
Nominations should be sent to SGVCOG Offices by Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009.
- 5.5 Committee Appointments  
Tom King asked that he be added to the list of proposed appointments to the Transportation Committee. A motion was made to appoint Blanca Figueroa, South El Monte and Tom King, Walnut, to the Transportation Committee and Gino Sund, LA County Supervisorial District 5, to the Housing Committee. (M/S/C: Bertone/Placido; Unanimous)

## **6.0 Executive Director**

- 6.1 Bylaw Revisions  
Proposed changes to the SGVCOG Bylaws were reviewed for the Governing Board. The proposed changes include identification of the need for a Code of Conduct and changes to the titles of the Officers. Questions included the elimination of the Finance Committee and shifting the responsibilities of the SGVCOG Treasurer. Executive Director explained there were operational issues of the Finance Committee. In addition, the job duties and responsibilities of the Treasurer position were not compatible with the rotating nature of elected Board members. The City Managers Steering Committee is currently meeting monthly and is already performing these financial oversight responsibilities for the SGVCOG. The Bylaw changes will be considered for final adoption at the February meeting of the Governing Board.
- 6.2 Officer Election  
A motion was made to elect Mark Kelly to serve as Treasurer of the SGVCOG Governing Board. (M/S/C: Fasana/King; Unanimous)  
  
A motion was made to elect Tom King to serve as Secretary of the SGVCOG Governing Board. (M/S/C: Placido/Bertone; Unanimous)
- 6.3 SGV Energywise Project  
Before discussion of this item, John Fasana recused himself so as to avoid possible conflicts and he left the meeting room until the discussions and actions were completed. After a brief explanation, a motion was made to authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute all contracts required for the SGVCOG to enter into a Local Governing Partnership Program with Southern California Edison (SCE) pending review and approval by the City Managers' Steering Committee. (M/S/C: Ortiz/Sund; Unanimous except for Duarte whose representative had recused himself).

## **7.0 Committee Reports**

- 7.1 ACE Construction Authority  
Tim Spohn invited the Governing Board to the Brea Canyon Road Grade Separation Project and Currier Road Widening Dedication Ceremony on February 20<sup>th</sup>. This Grade Separation Project will be dedicated in memory of the Hon. Philip Marcellin. He also reviewed his report in the packet.
- 7.2 Policy Committees
  - 8.2.1. Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee  
No report.

8.2.2. Housing Committee  
Attention was called to the report in the packet.

8.2.3. Transportation Committee  
John Fasana's report included High Speed Rail, LRTP, and Gold Line Eastside Extension. Upon Transportation Committee's recommendation, a motion was made to adopt a position supporting the SR-60 Light Rail Transit (LRT) route as the preferred route for the proposed Gold Line Eastside Extension Phase II, and submit a letter to the Metro Board of Directors recommending confirming this position. (M/S/C: Fasana/Figueroa; Unanimous)

7.3 Ad Hoc Committees

8.3.1 Disaster Preparedness/Trauma Care/Emergency Medicine Committee - No Report

7.4 Technical Advisory Committees

8.4.1 City Managers' TAC

Jim Mussenden advised the Governing Board that the City Managers continued to provide input to the Executive Director on a monthly basis.

8.4.2 Planning Directors' TAC – No Report

8.4.3 Public Works Directors' TAC – No Report

7.5 Liaison Reports

8.5.1 Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority – No report

8.5.2 San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy  
Denis Bertone reported that the Governor has suspended all meetings until a budget is passed.

8.5.3 Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board – No Report

**8.0 New Business items for next Regular Meeting**

Ernie Gutierrez suggested a SGVCOG summit on the strategies that SGV cities' might use to address issues such as crime, health and housing during the difficult economic conditions being faced by the country and the state.

**9.0 Announcements**

Blanca Figueroa invited the Governing Board to the Rose Bowl on Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, to welcome home our defenders of freedom.

**10.0 Adjourn**

Meeting closed in tribute to the outgoing President Bush and the incoming President Obama at 8:13 PM. (M/S/C: Carrillo/Fasana)