

**SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
GOVERNING BOARD SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
September 18, 2008**

Vice President Martinez called the Special Meeting of the Governing Board of the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (“SGVCOG”) to order in Community Room, 1st Floor, 1444 West Garvey Avenue, West Covina, California at 6:55 PM. George Hunter led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.0 Preliminary Business

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

Governing Board Members

Alhambra
Baldwin Park
Diamond Bar
Duarte
El Monte
Glendora
Irwindale
La Puente
Monrovia
Monterey Park
Pasadena
Pomona
Rosemead
San Dimas
South El Monte
Walnut
LA County Supervisorial Dist. 1
LA County Supervisorial Dist. 4
SGV Water Districts

Steven Placido
Anthony Bajarano
Jack Tanaka
John Fasana
Ernest Gutierrez
Mark Kelly
Larry Burrola
Dan Holloway
Mary Ann Lutz
Sharon Martinez
Margaret McAustin
George Hunter
John Nunez
Denis Bertone
Blanca Figueroa
Tom King
Erica Jacquez Santos
Mike Hughes
Leon Garcia

Absent

Arcadia
Azusa
Claremont
Covina
Industry
La Canada Flintridge
La Verne
Montebello
San Gabriel
San Marino
Sierra Madre
South Pasadena
West Covina
LA County Supervisorial Dist. 5

Staff

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

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

Guests

Michael Cano
Karalee Etheridge
Gary Neely
Yoko Igawa
John Robinson
Bob Monares
Mike Touhey
Sharon Neely
Hasan Ikhrrata

Off. Of Supv. Antonovich
Off. Of Gary Miller
Off. Of Asemblybr. Huff
City of South Pasadena
MWH
DMC
City of West Covina
SCAG
SCAG

2.0 Recognition Presentations

Paul Philips, former City Manager of Covina, was presented a resolution for his work with the SGVCOG. Also, Sharon Neely was recognized and thanked for her service to SGVCOG and ACE Construction Authority over the last 14 years.

3.0 Public Comment

Rainbow Yeung, SCAQMD, distributed a handbook for the Board’s reference from the Alternative Fuels Workshop. She also distributed an invitation to their 20th Awards Lunch.

Michael Cano, Office of Supervisor Antonovich, stated they are working with many in the San Gabriel Valley for the defeat of Measure R, Metro's half percent sales tax.

Councilmember Michael Touhey, West Covina, called attention to the AED Defibrillator they have added to their meeting rooms in West Covina and he reflected on the need to use it at a recent meeting to save an attendees life. He strongly recommended the addition of this equipment to all meeting rooms in every city.

Mayor Pro Tem Mark Kelly, Glendora, asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of the victims of the Metrolink crash.

At this time, Vice President Martinez called for a moment of silence in memory of the victims of the metrolink crash.

4.0 Changes to Agenda Order - None

5.0 Consent Items

Vice President Martinez asked to remove Item 5.2.2, EENR Committee Minutes from the Consent Items for a discussion of Prop 7. The SGVCOG Counsel advised that discussion of Prop 7 had not been included in the meeting agenda and that any such discussion should be delayed to a later meeting when the topic could be included in the agenda. A motion was made to approve/receive and file the consent items without Item 5.2.2 as follows:

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

(M/S/C: Gutierrez/Kelly; Unanimous). Separately a motion was made to receive and file Item 5.2.2 EENR Committee Minutes (M/S/C: Hunter/Martinez; Unanimous).

6.0 President's Report

- 6.1 San Gabriel Water District Joint Powers Authority Membership
Vice President Martinez announced SGV Water Districts JPA officially joined the SGVCOG. She welcomed Leon Garcia to the Governing Board.
- 6.2 Strategic Plan Change of Date – Saturday, January 24, 2009
Governing Board was asked to mark their calendars with the new Strategic Plan date scheduled for Saturday, January 24, 2009.
- 6.3 San Gabriel Basin Advanced Water Treatment Recharge Project Presentation
Tim Jochem, General Manager of the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District presented the San Gabriel Basin Advanced Water Treatment Recharge Project and explained

how the SGVCOG can help get this project moved forward.

The purpose of this project is to construct a treatment plant for recycled water at the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts' San Jose Water Reclamation Plan. This will provide a new source of groundwater replenishment for the Main San Gabriel Basin. This project will assist our region in addressing the current water supply and drought conditions that are impacting the entire state.

6.4 Management Services Contract with Arroyo Associates Inc.

Upon announcement of this item by Vice President Martinez, the Executive Director, Nick Conway, and all staff from Arroyo Associates recused themselves from the discussion and left the meeting room. Paul Philips then explained the status of the negotiations with Arroyo Associates regarding a new Management Services Agreement and he highlighted the most significant changes to the Agreement that had resulted from the negotiations. Margaret McAustin of Pasadena proposed two changes to the proposed Agreement. She proposed that Section 2 K (3) be rewritten to emphasize that Arroyo only advocate for SGVCOG Board formal positions, interests, and as a collective entity and not advocate for individual member agencies. She also proposed that the Agreement include a provision requiring an annual review of the Executive Director with such annual review to be based on the proposed work plan that results from the SGVCOG's strategic planning efforts. Paul Philips indicated that he felt the changes proposed to the Agreement would be acceptable to Arroyo Associates and he asked that the Governing Board authorize the Officers to complete the negotiations with Arroyo Associates and then execute the Management Services Agreement on behalf of the SGVCOG. A motion was made to approve the subject Agreement, including the changes proposed by Margaret McAustin, and to authorize execution of the Agreement as proposed by Paul Philips (M/S/C: Fasana/Gutierrez; Unanimous).

7.0 Executive Director

7.1 AB 32 Workshop – October 8, 2008

Board was invited to the AB 32 Workshop. The workshop information is as follows:

- Date: October 8th, 2008
- Time: 8:00 – 2:30
- Location: Monrovia Community Center

8.0 Committee Reports

8.1 ACE Construction Authority – G. Hunter

George Hunter's report included the East End Avenue Grade Separation Dedication on Friday, October 3rd, Prop 1B Nogales Application, Senate Bill 974 (Lowenthal) Cargo Container Fee Trust Funds, and Meetings with Federal Representatives.

8.2 Policy Committees

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

Mary Ann Lutz referred Board to her report.

8.2.1.1 CIWMB Household Hazardous Waste Grant Environmental Purchasing Policing (EPP)

After a brief explanation, a motion was made to adopt an Environmentally Preferred Purchasing Policy (EPPP) as discussed in staff report on page 8.2.1.1-1 and 2. (M/S/C: Nunez/Fasana; Unanimous)

8.2.1.2 Legislative Report

SB 1391 (Padilla) and SB XX1 (Perata) were reviewed for the Board. Following that explanation, a motion was made to adopt a position of support for SB 1391 (Padilla)-Recycled Water Standards. (M/S/C: Lutz/Gutierrez; Unanimous)

A motion was made to adopt a position of support on SB XX1 (Perata) - Funding for Water Resources. (M/S/C: Lutz/Kelly; Unanimous)

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.

8.2.3.1 Metro Half Percent Sales Tax (“Measure R”)
After a brief review, a motion was made to adopt a position of “oppose” on Measure R – Los Angeles County Traffic Reduction and Safety, Light Rail Extension, Air Pollution Prevention and Reduction of Foreign Oil Dependency Measure (AKA Metro’s Proposed One-Half Percent (1/2%) Sales Tax Increase and Expenditure Plan). (M/S/C: Fasana/Lutz; Unanimous)

8.2.3.2 Metro’s Congestion-Reduction Demonstration Project
Board was referred to the report in the packet.

8.3 Ad Hoc Committees

8.3.1 Disaster Preparedness/Trauma Care/Emergency Medicine Committee–G. Hunter
George Hunter reviewed his report to include the Great California Shakeout on November 12-16, 2008, update on LA County Department of Public Health Points of Dispensing Study, and Emergency Rooms in San Gabriel Valley.

8.4 Technical Advisory Committees

- 8.4.1 City Managers’ TAC – No Report
- 8.4.2 Planning Directors’ TAC – No Report
- 8.4.3 Public Works Directors’ TAC – No Report

8.5 Liaison Reports

8.5.1 Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority
Governing Board was referred to report in the Packet.

8.5.2 San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy
Denis Bertone gave reviewed funding received in San Gabriel Valley.

8.5.3 Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board
Mary Ann Lutz stated her term was expiring in September and she has applied for re-appointment.

9.0 New Business items for next Regular Meeting

Ernest Gutierrez suggested the SGVCOG might be interested in looking at the future potential uses of gravel pits as they relate to water/storm water.

Board requested speakers for both pro and con of Proposition 7 be invited to the October 2008 meeting.

10.0 Announcements

11.0 Adjourn

Vice President Martinez adjourned the meeting in memory of those who were in the Metrolink crash at 8:18 PM.