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SGVCOG Proposes Strategic Plan

At the February Governing Board meeting, the draft update to the SGVCOG Strategic Plan was presented to board members for feedback and review. Based on feedback and input, including a survey and workshop, five strategic goals were developed, including transportation, homelessness, water, environment, and member support and communications. These five areas represent the existing policy committee structure of the SGVCOG. Each strategic goal has its respective strategies and performance indicators to allow for the implementation and tracking of success for the revised strategic plan. Details of each strategic goal can be found on the next page. The Governing Board is scheduled to adopt the updated strategic plan in March. Questions and inquiries regarding the SGVCOG Strategic Plan can be directed to (626) 457-1800 or sgv@sgvcog.org.

SGVCOG Strategic Plan Proposed Goals

Transportation



Secure funding for and ensure the timely implementation of regional priority transportation projects and support regional transportation planning efforts.

Strategies

- Serve as a resource to member agencies to deliver large capital projects
- Secure funding for regional transportation priorities
- Support member agencies in managing new transportation technologies in manner that balances mobility and safety

Homelessness



Support member agencies' efforts to implement programs and projects related to homelessness and advocate for resources to address homelessness in the San Gabriel Valley.

Strategies

- Support member agencies in implementing homelessness solutions
- Serve as a forum for member agencies to share best practices related to homelessness
- Facilitate local coordination of service delivery among member agencies

Water



Support regional water resiliency and assist cities in addressing stormwater MS-4 permit requirements, with an emphasis on Measure W Implementation and identification of regional solutions.

Strategies

- Advocate for regulatory and legislative changes that facilitate member agencies' ability to comply with water and stormwater regulations and reduce costs
- Secure funding for regional projects that promote water resiliency
- Serve as a resource to member agencies to deliver large capital projects

Environment



Support environmental efforts in the region, specifically related to energy, open space, and air quality.

Strategies

- Continue to implement energy efficiency programs for member agencies through regional partnerships
- Coordinate regional planning projects that support regional environmental goals
- Support member agencies in implementing clean energy, open space, and air quality projects

Member Support and Communications



Strengthen Board and partner agency commitment to the SGVCOG and provide leadership on emerging issues.

Strategies

- Serve as a forum to develop regional strategies to address emerging issues (e.g. public safety, economic development and technology)
- Produce clear and consistent communications, media, and promotional campaigns that exemplify agency values and standards
- Advocate on behalf of member agencies for issues of regional significance, including partnering with the San Gabriel Valley Legislative Caucus

L.A. County 3rd Annual Homeless Initiative Conference



The Los Angeles County Homeless Initiative held its 3rd Annual Homeless Initiative Conference on Thursday, February 7, 2019 at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel in Downtown Los Angeles. The event brought together more than 800 key stakeholders to reflect on recent achievements, identify lessons learned, and explore challenges and opportunities for the years ahead. The Conference featured various panels and breakout sessions that are intended to facilitate discussions around emerging issues that are critical to the success of the Homeless Initiative. Questions and inquiries regarding the Conference can be directed to homelessinitiative@lacounty.gov.

CPUC Greenhouse Gas Reduction Proceedings



The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has opened a proceeding to evaluate proposed methodologies related to the development of rules, policies, and procedures that are aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions from buildings. Cities are encouraged to review the proposal at docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PublishedDocs/Published/G000/M255/K629/255629169.PDF and provide feedback to the CPUC at (213) 266-4731.

CNRA Green Infrastructure Grant Announcement



The California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) has released its draft guidelines for the Green Infrastructure program for public comment. The program, funded by Proposition 68, will fund multibenefit green infrastructure projects in or benefiting disadvantaged or severely disadvantaged communities. Public comments and recommendations from stakeholders will be considered for adoption by the Secretary for Natural Resources. Draft guidelines can be found at <http://resources.ca.gov/grants/green-infrastructure/>. The public comment period is scheduled to end on **March 21, 2019** and cities are encouraged to submit comments by e-mail to bondsandgrants@resources.ca.gov.

CalRecycle's SB 212 Informal Rulemaking Workshop



SGVCOG staff attended California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery's (CalRecycle) SB 212 informal rulemaking workshops on January 30th and February 27th. These informal rulemaking workshops covered the timeline and the seven articles of the bill's regulatory languages, which include details on regulating covered entities, stewardship organizations, stewardship plans, as well as definitions of key terms mentioned in the bill language. CalRecycle is encouraging cities to send all public comments regarding the first three articles to PharmaSharps@CalRecycle.ca.gov at their earliest convenience. Feedback and comments gathered by that date will be used to develop the formal rulemaking document. For more information about SB 212 or its rulemaking process, please visit www.calrecycle.ca.gov.

2019 SGVCOG General Assembly

The San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) is proud to present its 2019 General Assembly. This event will bring together elected officials, city staff, and community leaders to address the future of the San Gabriel Valley. Additionally, the General Assembly will highlight regional partnerships and efforts to develop sustainable solutions in addressing key challenges facing the region, including transportation, homelessness, and the environment.

The event will take place on **Wednesday, April 10, 2019** from 8:30am to 1:30pm at the Pacific Palms Resort in the City of Industry. Interested individuals, municipalities, and community organizations can register for the event by visiting sgvcog.org and click on the "Register for the 2019 General Assembly" button on the main webpage. If you have any questions regarding the General Assembly or would like to purchase tickets by mailing invoice or check, please call Stefanie Hernandez at (626) 457-1800 or e-mail shernandez@sgvcog.org.

Featured Speakers



DANIEL J. LAFFERTY, P.E.

Director, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works

Dan Lafferty has over 30 years of experience working for the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works. He is responsible for managing the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, stormwater quality compliance efforts within the County's unincorporated areas, and the Los Angeles County Waterworks Districts.



ANNE MISKEY

Chief Executive Officer, Union Station Homeless Services

Anne Miskey is a nationally-recognized expert on strategic, innovative, and effective solutions to ending homelessness. She has over 25 years of experience working with both the private and nonprofit sectors to end major social problems. Ms. Miskey is also the former Chief Executive Officer of the Downtown Women's Center.



MINH LE

General Manager, Los Angeles County Internal Services Department

Minh Le leads a team that manages a number of energy efficiency programs and heating/refrigeration plants across the Los Angeles County. Previously, he had served in former President Obama's administration as a senior adviser at the Office of Management and Budget.



SEAN FLOOD

Chief Executive Officer and Founder, Gotcha

Sean Flood serves as Chief Executive Officer and Founder of Gotcha, the only mobility-as-a-service company offering four sustainable micro-transit products through one proprietary, app-based platform. Mr. Flood received Charleston Regional Business Journal's Forty Under 40 Award in 2019 and founded Gotcha in 2009.

**JEREMY KLOP, AICP***Principal, Fehr & Peers*

With over 20 years of experience in multimodal transportation planning, traffic operations, and community engagement, Jeremy Klop has led many award-winning transportation plans in the region. His work includes large-scale transportation projects, active transportation plans, and interactive data analysis tools.

**JACKI BACHARACH***Executive Director, South Bay Cities Council of Governments*

As the Executive Director of SBCCOG, Jacki Bacharach directs policy development, city outreach, and working with state and regional agencies on behalf of the South Bay subregion. Ms. Bacharach had previously served as the Mayor and Councilmember in the City of Rancho Palo Verdes for 14 years.

**KAREN HERRERA***Deputy City Manager, City of Duarte*

Karen Herrera has over 32 years of local government experience. Ms. Herrera has led numerous projects, including the remodeling of two civic centers and creation of a job matching and service center for day laborers, for the City of Duarte. She also manages the City's comprehensive community outreach efforts.

**MATT PETERSEN***President and Chief Executive Officer, Los Angeles Cleantech Incubator*

Matt Petersen leads an incubator that creates an inclusive green economy by unlocking innovation, transforming markets, and enhancing community. Mr. Petersen has previously served as Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti's Chief Sustainability Officer and was the chief architect of the groundbreaking Sustainable City pLAN.

**JOANNE PETERSON***Chief Human Capital & Development Officer, Los Angeles County MTA (Metro)*

Joanne Peterson is a human resources and labor relations professional with more than 19 years of executive-level experience in the industry. She joined Metro in May 2015 as the Chief Executive Officer of Human Resources and has held positions with the County of Marin and the City of Seattle's Public Utilities.

**LARRY KOSMONT, CRE***Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Kosmont Companies*

Larry Kosmont has over 40 years of experience in public-private financial structuring, negotiation, development, and management of real estate and public finance transactions exceeding \$12 billion. He has assisted hundreds of municipalities in public finance and real estate projects such as large-scale economic development programs.

SGVCOG Launches New Energy Work Group



San Gabriel Valley Energy Wise Partnership

City Staff Energy Work Group: February 14, 2019



On February 14, 2019, SGVCOG launched its first City Staff Energy Work Group of the year. Seventeen representatives from various member agencies and entities met at the Monrovia Community Center to discuss ongoing and possible energy efficiency projects to help lower the energy usage levels in the San Gabriel Valley region. The meeting consisted of two presentations covering the overview of the San Gabriel Valley Energy Wise Partnership as well as benchmarking and Assembly Bill 802 guidelines. Work Group meetings serve as a platform for member agencies to share energy efficiency projects and best practices with one another. The Work Group is expected to meet every other month for the remainder of the year and cities are encouraged to attend and participate at these meetings to share energy efficiency knowledge and projects. Questions and inquiries regarding the City staff Energy Work Group can be directed to SGVCOG staff Alexander Fung at afung@sgvcog.org or (626) 457-1800.

SGVCOG Featured Staff: Marita Torres

This month, our SGVCOG featured staff member is Marita Torres. Marita serves as our Office Assistant and we've had a chance to catch up recently:



What do you like about working for the SGVCOG?

When I first joined the organization 11 years ago, ACE was not integrated with the SGVCOG yet. Looking back, I know that I've made the right decision to work for this organization because the staff encouraged me to improve the quality of life and the safety of our community.

What I love most about this organization is when we get the first glimpse of how construction works, how infrastructure gets built, and how everyone came together to celebrate and dedicate the finished product. This is my eleventh year with the organization and I find it very rewarding because of the staff's passion to serve the community.

To show you a glimpse of my life, here is a picture of my family and I on the left!



SGVCOG Welcomes New Board Members

This year, 14 new Governing Board delegates and alternates will be joining the SGVCOG Governing Board. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of the new members from our member agencies. New members will be featured in alphabetical order by city and appointment dates. The next issue will feature members from Cities of Baldwin Park, Walnut, West Covina, and San Gabriel Valley Water Districts.



CHARLIE KLINAKIS

*Mayor Pro Tem
City of La Puente*

Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis has served as the City of La Puente's Councilmember and Mayor prior to his current position as Mayor Pro Tem. He has a long history of public service and currently serves as a Los Angeles County Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board Commissioner, the President of City of Industry Sheriff's Youth Activities League, the Chairman of City of La Puente's Redevelopment Oversight Board, and a member of the Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs.



STEVE LUSTRO

*Councilmember
City of Pomona*

Councilmember Lustro began his first term on the Pomona City Council following the 2018 elections. He has previously served as the Director of Community Development for the City of Montclair and the City of Claremont's sole Code Enforcement Officer. Councilmember Lustro has over 24 years of professional experience managing regional planning and municipal operations as well as over 20 years of experience managing a small family-owned business.



**GRETCHEN SHEPHERD
ROMEY**

*Vice Mayor
City of San Marino*

Vice Mayor Shepherd Romey was elected to the San Marino City Council in November 2017. She has earned her juris doctorate from the University of California, Berkeley and played an active role in numerous community organizations in San Marino, including the National Charity League, the San Marino Garden Club, the Hill-Harbison House, the San Marino Junior Alliance, and the Huntington Middle School and Valentine Elementary School PTAs.



SUSAN JAKUBOWSKI

*Councilmember
City of San Marino*

Councilmember Susan Jakubowski was elected to a five-year term of office in November 2017. Prior to that, she served as a member of the San Marino Planning Commission. Additionally, she was appointed by a previous council to serve on an ad-hoc committee to review the operations of the City Hall for one year. Although now retired, she was an administrator with Los Angeles County for more than 17 years.

Committee Meeting Dates:

SGVCOG is governed by a Governing Board that dictates the policies for the organization. Additionally, there are policy committees and technical advisory committees (TACs) that provide guidance to the Governing Board on important matters. To learn more about SGVCOG committees, please visit sgvcog.org.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Monday, March 4, 2019 at 12:00pm
1000 S. Fremont Avenue, Alhambra, CA 91801

HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE:

Wednesday, March 6, 2019 at 8:30am
14403 Pacific Avenue, Baldwin Park, CA 91706

CITY MANAGERS' STEERING COMMITTEE:

Wednesday, March 6, 2019 at 12:00pm
100 S. Vincent Avenue, West Covina, CA 91790

WATER COMMITTEE:

Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 10:00am
602 E. Huntington Drive, Monrovia, CA 91016

PUBLIC WORKS TAC:

Monday, March 18, 2019 at 12:00pm
119 W. Palm Avenue, Monrovia, CA 91016

EENR COMMITTEE:

Wednesday, March 20, 2019 at 12:30pm
119 W. Palm Avenue, Monrovia, CA 91016

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (PENDING):

Thursday, March 21, 2019 at 4:00pm
602 E. Huntington Drive, Monrovia, CA 91016

GOVERNING BOARD:

Thursday, March 21, 2019 at 5:30pm
602 E. Huntington Drive, Monrovia, CA 91016

CAPITAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE:

Monday, March 25, 2019 at 12:00pm
1444 W. Garvey Avenue, West Covina, CA 91790

PLANNERS TAC:

Thursday, March 28, 2019 at 12:00pm
119 W. Palm Avenue, Monrovia, CA 91016

Upcoming Events:

LOS ANGELES BUSINESS COUNCIL

13TH ANNUAL SUSTAINABILITY SUMMIT

Friday, April 5, 2019 | 8:00AM to 2:30PM
Getty Center

RSVP at klondon@labusinesscouncil.org

As California continues to lead the nation in combating climate change, join our local business, government and non-profit leaders at the Sustainability Summit to explore how to California is creating climate resilient economies and growing access to clean energy and water resource technologies.

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