

# VALLEY VOICE

The official newsletter of the *San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments*



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## **626 Golden Street Event Celebrates "Streets and Treats" in San Gabriel Valley**

Residents of the San Gabriel Valley enjoyed over four miles of open streets and festivities in El Monte and South El Monte on Saturday, October 26, 2019. 626 Golden Streets: Streets and Treats was a car-free event that encouraged residents to walk, run, bike, and explore the San Gabriel Valley.

The event route featured 3 hubs: ActiveSGV's office at the Jeff Seymour Family Center in El Monte, the Dia de los Muertos Festival on Main Street, and the South El Monte Civic Center.

Attendees and their families enjoyed visiting local businesses and attractions along the route, which featured a Children's Zone, face painters, e-bike stations, and music performances. During the event, SGVCOG staff hosted a booth for families and children to create their own crafts as well as a color station where attendees could become "colored" with washable powder.

# 626 Golden Street: Streets and Treats Highlights

## South El Monte Hub



# 626 Golden Street: Streets and Treats Highlights

## Main Street Hub



## Jeff Seymour Family Center Hub



## Governor Newsom Signs SB 751 to Establish the SGV Regional Housing Trust



On Wednesday, October 9, 2019, Governor Newsom signed and approved Senate Bill 751 (Rubio) to authorize the creation of the San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust. The trust will serve as a joint powers authority (JPA) and allow communities within the jurisdiction of SGVCOG to fund housing projects to assist individuals that experience homelessness and residents of extremely-low, very-low, and low-income.

The bill also allows the housing trust to authorize and issue bonds, receive both public and private financing and funds, and fund the planning and construction of homeless, very-low, and low-income housing projects.



SGVCOG launched the joint powers authority (JPA) negotiation meetings in September 2019. The JPA meetings, which provide cities with the opportunity to influence the trust's authorities, administration, membership, organization, and funding, will continue through December 2019. Any interested jurisdictions in the San Gabriel Valley can participate in these negotiation meetings. SGVCOG is requesting that each interested jurisdiction designate a delegate and alternate that can consistently participate in the negotiation meetings. For more information, please contact SGVCOG Principal Management Analyst, Caitlin Sims, at [csims@sgvcog.org](mailto:csims@sgvcog.org). A table that showcases the JPA negotiation meeting schedule can be found on the left.

### JPA Negotiation Schedule

**November 6, 2019**

Organization, Funding, and Staffing

**November 20, 2019**

Powers & Administration of JPA

**December 4, 2019**

Board Composition & Membership

**December 11, 2019**

Stakeholder Priorities

**December 18, 2019**

Final Joint Powers Agreement

SGVCOG is extremely appreciative of Senator Susan Rubio's efforts for the San Gabriel Valley and looks forward to working with the Senator and member cities to advance the efforts of establishing a housing trust for our region. Additional information regarding the housing trust can be found on the SGVCOG website at [sgvcog.org/rhtf](http://sgvcog.org/rhtf).

## SGVCOG Recommends San Gabriel Valley Cities to Adopt Regionwide Swimming Pool Ordinance

On Thursday, October 24, 2019, the SGVCOG Governing Board voted to recommend San Gabriel Valley cities to adopt a regionwide swimming pool ordinance to mitigate public health risk in the region. Swimming pools that are improperly maintained serve as breeding grounds for mosquitoes and pose an extremely harmful public health risks to the local community.

San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District (SGVMVCD), which was formed as a special district public health agency to provide consistent mosquito and vector control, recently launched an initiative to identify non-functional swimming pools in the San Gabriel Valley through aerial surveillance technologies. The purpose was to pinpoint non-compliant swimming pools that pose health risks and issue notices for the residents to address their unmaintained or out-of-service swimming pools.

The aerial surveillance conducted earlier this year revealed 7,486 properties that included potential unmaintained and non-functional swimming pools. Of these properties, 1,348 of them included pools that deemed likely to be mosquito breeding grounds. Homeowners of the properties were mailed violation notices that required them to return their pools to functional status; however, a small percentages of residents failed to respond.

The regional swimming pool code enforcement ordinance would serve as a mechanism for cities to have formalized administrative procedures that can lead to the abatement and decrease of improperly-maintained residential swimming pools. The ordinance would also allow for cities to collaborate with SGVMVCD to remove public health risks and problems in an expedited manner. Questions regarding the ordinance can be directed to SGVMVCD District Manager, Jared Dever, at [jdever@sgvmosquito.org](mailto:jdever@sgvmosquito.org).



## SGVCOG to Launch Regional Forum Series



To strengthen regional collaboration and provide leadership on emerging issues, SGVCOG will be launching a series of discussion forums beginning in Spring 2020. These forums would serve as a platform to bring together elected officials, city staff, and other stakeholders to discuss various emerging issues in the San Gabriel Valley. Each forum would include one or two panel sessions and a networking lunch centered around a specific topic.

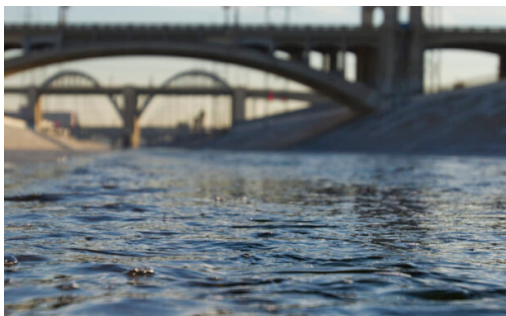


It is expected that the length of each forum would be around three to four hours and these forums will be held quarterly. The first regional forum is scheduled for February 2020 on the topic of regional housing trust and affordable housing. Additional details will be posted on the SGVCOG website and advertised through the newsletter in the next few months. Questions and inquiries regarding the regional forums can be directed to SGVCOG Management Analyst, Alexander Fung, at [afung@sgvcog.org](mailto:afung@sgvcog.org).

## Safe Clean Water Program Releases Fiscal Years 2020-21 and 2021-22 Call-for-Projects



The Safe Clean Water Program, which was approved by Los Angeles County voters in November 2018 to fund projects, programs, and infrastructure to capture, treat, and recycle rainwater, recently announced the first call-for-projects for fiscal years 2020-2021 and 2021-2022. The program is currently soliciting applications in the categories of infrastructure, technical resources, and scientific studies.



Deadline for consideration for projects in fiscal year 2020-2021 is set for December 15, 2019 and July 31, 2020 for projects in fiscal year 2021-2022. Additional information regarding the call-for-projects, as well as instructions on submitting an application, can be found on the Safe Clean Water Program website at [safecleanwaterla.org/call-for-projects/](http://safecleanwaterla.org/call-for-projects/).

## SGVCOG Attends Walnut Family Festival

As the Walnut community celebrated at its Family Festival this past month, SGVCOG staff took the opportunity to distribute and disseminate energy efficiency information to local residents and businesses at the event. Staff members attended the Walnut Family Festival on Saturday, October 12, 2019 at Suzanne Park to engage with event attendees regarding the importance of saving and conserving energy.



Throughout the course of the event, SGVCOG staff provided valuable energy efficiency information to more than 200 residents and distributed dozens of water conservation kits to event attendees. Local residents also learned about SGVCOG's free residential and commercial energy assessment programs, which assist residents and businesses in identifying additional ways to reduce their energy usage and costs. Additional information regarding the energy assessment programs can be found on <https://www.sgvenergywise.org/>.



## SGVCOG Featured Staff: Tara Tignino

This month, our SGVCOG featured staff member is **Tara Tignino**. Tara serves as our **Contracts Administrator/Labor Compliance Officer** and we've had a chance to catch up recently:

### What inspired you to work with the SGVCOG?

Prior to working at the SGVCOG, I've spent 14 years as a consultant to various entities and organizations, including a number of agencies in the San Gabriel Valley. I love that the SGVCOG provides me with opportunities to work on projects that are significant to the San Gabriel Valley region and that I can continue to work with agencies with whom I have a prior working relationship. Another bonus of working at the SGVCOG is that the staff here are all amazing!



### Please share one interesting fact about yourself.

An interesting fact about myself is that I am a sports mom! I have lived for the weekends of being on the bleachers, scorekeeping, and encouraging my kid out on the field since my now 23-year-old was little. It has now been transferred to my son, who is 7. He plays not only baseball but also ice hockey, soccer, and anything that involves a ball!



## 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](http://sgvcog.org).

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

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

### HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE:

Wednesday, November 6, 2019 at 8:30am  
1444 W. Garvey Avenue, West Covina, CA 91790

### CITY MANAGERS' STEERING COMMITTEE:

Wednesday, November 6, 2019 at 12:00pm  
100 S. Vincent Ave. #200, West Covina, CA 91790

### PUBLIC WORKS TAC:

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

### EENR COMMITTEE:

Wednesday, November 20, 2019 at 1:00pm  
119 W. Palm Avenue, Monrovia, CA 91016

### TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE:

Thursday, November 21, 2019 at 3:30pm  
100 S. Vincent Ave. #200, West Covina, CA 91790

### GOVERNING BOARD:

Thursday, November 21, 2019 at 5:30pm  
100 S. Vincent Ave. #200, West Covina, CA 91790

### CAPITAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE:

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

## Upcoming Events:

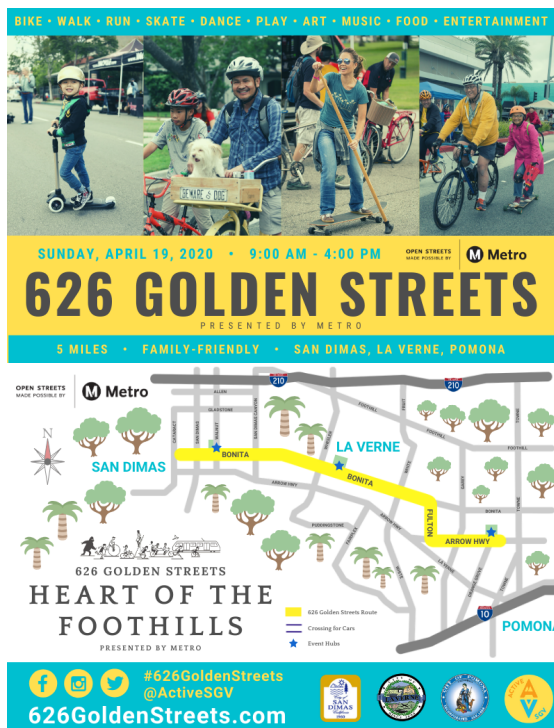


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**SAVE THE DATE**

CITY STAFF ENERGY WORK GROUP  
SAN GABRIEL VALLEY  
ENERGY WISE PARTNERSHIP

**MONROVIA COMMUNITY CENTER**  
**1:30 PM TO 3:00 PM**



BIKE • WALK • RUN • SKATE • DANCE • PLAY • ART • MUSIC • FOOD • ENTERTAINMENT

SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2020 • 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

**626 GOLDEN STREETS**

PRESENTED BY METRO

5 MILES • FAMILY-FRIENDLY • SAN DIMAS, LA VERNE, POMONA

HEART OF THE FOOTHILLS

626 Golden Streets Route

Crossing for Cars

Event Stops

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