



San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments*

NOTICE AND AGENDA OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (EENR) COMMITTEE

Wednesday, August 18, 2021 – 1:00 PM

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Planning Commission

Thank you for participating in today's meeting. The EENR Committee encourages public participation and invites you to share your views on agenda items.

MEETINGS: *Regular Meetings of the EENR Committee are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 1:00 PM at the Monrovia Community Center, 119 W. Palm Avenue, Monrovia, CA 91016.* The EENR Committee agenda packet is available at the San Gabriel Valley Council of Government's (SGVCOG) Office, 1000 South Fremont Avenue, Suite 10210, Alhambra, CA, and on the website, www.sgvkog.org. Copies are available via email upon request (sgv@sgvcog.org). Documents distributed to a majority of the Committee after the posting will be available for review in the SGVCOG office and on the SGVCOG website. Your attendance at this public meeting may result in the recording of your voice.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Your participation is welcomed and invited at all EENR Committee meetings. Time is reserved at each regular meeting for those who wish to address the Committee. SGVCOG requests that persons addressing the Committee refrain from making personal, slanderous, profane or disruptive remarks.

TO ADDRESS THE EENR COMMITTEE: At a regular meeting, the public may comment on any matter within the jurisdiction of the Committee during the public comment period and may also comment on any agenda item at the time it is discussed. At a special meeting, the public may only comment on items that are on the agenda. Members of the public wishing to speak are asked to complete a comment card or simply rise to be recognized when the Chair asks for public comments to speak. We ask that members of the public state their name for the record and keep their remarks brief. If several persons wish to address the Committee on a single item, the Chair may impose a time limit on individual remarks at the beginning of discussion. **The EENR Committee may not discuss or vote on items not listed on the agenda.**

AGENDA ITEMS: The Agenda contains the regular order of business of the EENR Committee. Items on the Agenda have generally been reviewed and investigated by the staff in advance of the meeting so that the EENR Committee can be fully informed about a matter before making its decision.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Items listed on the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and will be acted upon by one motion. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless a Committee member or citizen so requests. In this event, the item will be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered after the Consent Calendar. If you would like an item on the Consent Calendar discussed, simply tell Staff or a member of the Committee.



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***MEETING MODIFICATIONS DUE TO THE STATE AND LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY RESULTING FROM THE THREAT OF COVID-19:** On March 17, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20 authorizing a local legislative body to hold public meetings via teleconferencing and allows for members of the public to observe and address the meeting telephonically or electronically to promote social distancing due to the state and local State of Emergency resulting from the threat of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).

To follow the new Order issued by the Governor and ensure the safety of Committee Members and staff for the purpose of limiting the risk of COVID-19, in-person public participation at the EENR Committee meeting scheduled for August 18, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. will not be allowed. To allow for public participation, the EENR Committee will conduct its meeting through Zoom Video Communications. To participate in the meeting, download Zoom on any phone or computer device and copy and paste the following link into your browser to access the live meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/93151682000>. You may also access the meeting via the livestream link on the front of the agenda page.

Submission of Public Comments: For those wishing to make public comments on agenda and non-agenda items you may submit comments via email or by Zoom.

- Email: Please submit via email your public comment to SGVCOG Senior Management Analyst, Alexander Fung, at afung@sgvcog.org at least 1 hour prior to the scheduled meeting time. Please indicate in the Subject Line of the email “FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.” Emailed public comments will be read into the record and will be part of the recorded meeting minutes. Public comment may be summarized in the interest of time, however the full text will be provided to all members of the Committee prior to the meeting.
- Zoom: Through Zoom, you may speak by using the web interface “Raise Hand” feature. Wait to be called upon by staff, and then you may provide verbal comments for up to 3 minutes. Public comment is taken at the beginning of the meeting for items not on the agenda. Public comment is also accepted at the beginning of each agenda item.

Any member of the public requiring a reasonable accommodation to participate in this meeting should contact SGVCOG Senior Management Analyst, Alexander Fung, at least 48 hours prior to the meeting at (626) 457-1800 or at afung@sgvcog.org.

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Public Comment (*If necessary, the Chair may place reasonable time limits on all comments*)
4. Changes to Agenda Order: Identify emergency items arising after agenda posting and requiring action prior to next regular meeting (*It is anticipated that the EENR Committee may take action on the following matters*)

CONSENT CALENDAR (*It is anticipated that the EENR Committee may take action on the following matters*)

5. EENR Meeting Minutes – June 16, 2021 (**Page 1**)
Recommended Action: Review and approve.

LIAISON REPORTS

6. Clean Power Alliance
7. San Gabriel Mountains Community Collaborative
8. San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District
9. Trust for Public Land
10. San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (**Page 5**)
11. Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County
12. Southern California Edison
13. Southern California Gas Company
14. South Coast Air Quality Management District (**Page 19**)

PRESENTATIONS (*It is anticipated that the EENR Committee may take action on the following matters*)

15. Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail – Scott Elder, Landscape Designer/Planner, National Park Service (**Page 22**)
Recommended Action: For information only.
16. Governor Newsom’s 30x30 Initiative – Paolo Perrone, Southern California Project Manager, The Trust for Public Land (**Page 23**)
Recommended Action: For information only.

UPDATE ITEMS (*It is anticipated that the EENR Committee may take action on the following matters*)

17. San Gabriel Valley Regional Food Recovery Program – Alexander Fung, Senior Management Analyst, SGVCOG (**Page 24**)
Recommended Action: For information only.
18. Solid Waste Advocacy Updates – Alexander Fung, Senior Management Analyst, SGVCOG (**Page 26**)
Recommended Action: For information only.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

19. Next Committee Meeting
Recommended Action: For information only.

ADJOURN



SGVCOG EENR Committee Regular Meeting Minutes

Date: June 16, 2021
Time: 1:00 PM
Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order
D. Bertone called the meeting to order at 1:02pm.

2. Roll Call
A quorum was in attendance.

Committee Members Present

Claremont	J. Stark
El Monte	P. Garcia
Pasadena	J. Guess
Pomona	J. Carver
Rosemead	M. Clark
San Dimas	D. Bertone
San Gabriel	C. Liao
West Covina	T. Wu

Absent

Covina
Duarte
Sierra Madre
Temple City (Ex-Officio)

Guests

City of South Pasadena	A. Kasparian
City of Walnut	A. Ramos
Claremont Wildlands Conser.	T. Grill
Ctr. For Sustainable Energy	K. Hendrickson
kW Engineering	D. Gilliland
Nature for All	B. Bernal
SoCalGas	H. Shaw
South Coast AQMD	R. Yeung
The Energy Coalition	N. Espinoza

SGVCOG Staff

A. Fung, Staff
S. Pedersen, Staff

3. Public Comment
There were no public comments at this meeting.

4. Changes to Agenda Order
There were no changes to the agenda.

CONSENT CALENDAR

5. EENR Meeting Minutes – May 19, 2021
Action: Review and approve.

6. *FY 2021-2022 EENR Committee Chair and Vice Chair Elections*
Action: Elect San Dimas Mayor Pro Tem Denis Bertone as the FY 2021-2022 EENR

Committee Chair and Claremont Mayor Jennifer Stark as the FY 2021-2022 EENR Committee Vice Chair.

**There was a motion to approve consent calendar item 5. (M/S: C. Liao/J. Carver)
[Motion Passed]**

AYES:	Claremont, Pasadena, Pomona, Rosemead, San Dimas, San Gabriel, West Covina
NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	
NO VOTE RECORDED:	El Monte
ABSENT:	Covina, Duarte, Sierra Madre

**There was a motion to approve consent calendar item 6. (M/S: J. Stark/T. Wu)
[Motion Passed]**

AYES:	Claremont, Pasadena, Pomona, Rosemead, San Dimas, San Gabriel, West Covina
NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	
NO VOTE RECORDED:	El Monte
ABSENT:	Covina, Duarte, Sierra Madre

LIAISON REPORTS

No verbal report was given unless otherwise noted.

7. Clean Power Alliance
8. San Gabriel Mountains Community Collaborative
9. San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District (MVCD)
10. Trust for Public Land
11. San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC)
12. Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County
13. Southern California Edison
14. Southern California Gas Company
15. South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD)

PRESENTATIONS

16. Indoor Air Quality in the COVID and Post-COVID Age
kW Engineering Director, David Gilliland, P.E. provided a presentation on this item. Mr. Gilliland provided an overview of the core recommendations for reducing airborne infectious aerosol exposure from the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE).

Key Discussions/Questions:

- C. Liao inquired about locations that sell MERV 13 filters. Mr. Gilliland responded that MERV 13 filters can be purchased at local hardware stores;

however, MERV 13 filters for larger industrial HVAC units can be purchased from the units' maintenance providers.

- C. Liao inquired about recommendations for installing UV lighting in the Council Chambers. Mr. Gilliland responded that it is recommended for UV fixtures to include covers that prevent occupants from directly staring at the UV lights. Additionally, UV fixtures can include special controls where the lighting would only operate when the space has no occupants.
- C. Liao inquired about HVAC units' ability to control humidity. Mr. Gilliland responded that some HVAC units allow users to control the space's humidity; however, those units are not as common in California due to the state's dry climate. The act of cooling the air alone would remove moisture from a space.
- C. Liao inquired about the virus' chance of survival in different temperatures. Mr. Gilliland responded that environments where lower temperatures do not necessarily deactivate the virus, but spaces with cooler and dryer environments increase the chance of deactivating the virus.
- C. Liao inquired about ways to improve ventilation systems in elevators. Mr. Gilliland responded elevators can be suitable candidates for installing UV fixtures and ionization technology to deactivate the virus.
- D. Bertone inquired about whether ventilation and air cleaning are as important as mask-wearing and social distancing in preventing COVID-19 diseases. Mr. Gilliland responded that ventilation and air cleaning systems can help with preventing the spread of diseases; however, the systems cannot prevent local transmissions if the occupants do not wear masks or social distance.

17. Solar on Multifamily Affordable Housing

The Center for Sustainable Energy Project Manager, Kajsa Hendrickson, provided a presentation on this item. The Solar on Multifamily Affordable Housing (SOMAH) Program, which is administered by the Center for Sustainable Energy, Association for Energy Affordability, GRID Alternatives, and California Housing Partnership, aims to help close the gap between those who has access to solar and those who benefits from solar, as it is traditionally unavailable to low-income households.

Key Discussions/Questions:

- D. Bertone inquired about the property owner's share of installing solar panels under the SOMAH Program. Ms. Hendrickson responded that the property owner's share of expense depends on the percentage of the system that is dedicated to their tenants. The Program is designed to cover up to 100% of the tenant-allocated system and the Program also pairs contractors with property owners.
- C. Liao inquired about proper methods to dispose aged solar panels. Ms. Hendrickson responded that contractors often provide disposal services.
- J. Stark offered to connect Ms. Hendrickson with the Claremont/Pomona Locally Grown Power group.
- M. Clark inquired about the Program's benefits for property owners. Ms. Hendrickson responded that the solar panels can decrease the properties' energy consumption and lower energy costs.

- J. Stark inquired about the Program’s list of eligible sites. Ms. Hendrickson responded that the Eligible SOMAH Properties Map, which can be found on <https://calsomah.org/eligible-somah-properties-map>, provides a list of eligible sites.

18. Plastic Recycling Symbols and Codes Overview

SGVCOG Management Analyst, Alexander Fung, provided a presentation on this item. The “Chasing Arrows” Symbol that can commonly be found in plastic containers and products does not necessarily imply that the product is recyclable. Each number indicates the grade of plastic and can also identify the safety and uses of the respective item. The presentation provided committee members in-depth knowledge on the details of each recycling symbol.

Key Discussions/Questions:

- D. Bertone inquired about codes for non-recyclable plastics. Mr. Fung responded that plastic products with a code does not necessarily imply that the items are recyclable. If an item does not include a plastic recycling or identification code, it is likely that the item is not recyclable.
- J. Stark suggested that cities can enhance their outreach efforts to encourage members of the public to recycle items that can only be recycled.
- T. Grill commented that members of the public typically interpret products with chasing arrow symbols as products that can be recycled and shared that ASTM and the plastic industry are now recommending that resin identification codes be rebranded with solid triangles.
- M. Clark shared that SB 1383 regulations can be difficult to enforce and expressed appreciation for the Committee’s efforts to raise awareness.
- J. Stark inquired about ways to advocate for additional funds to upgrade existing recycling infrastructure in California. Mr. Fung responded that staff submitted a letter of support, at the request of the Committee, to request the Governor allocate \$225 million from this year’s surplus to support local jurisdictions’ solid waste efforts. The Committee can also direct staff to submit additional letters of support to the Legislature.
- J. Guess expressed support for additional advocacy to request for resources to upgrade the state’s existing recycling infrastructure.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENT

19. Next Committee Meeting

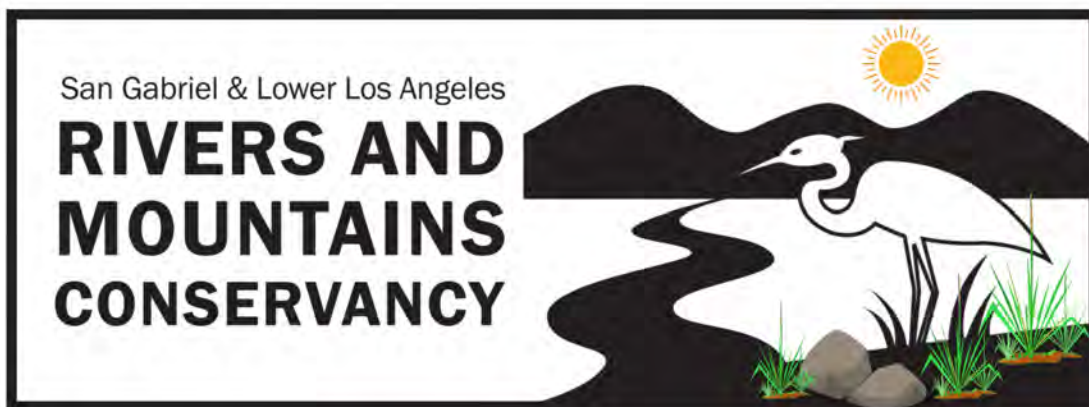
The committee is scheduled to reconvene on Wednesday, August 18, 2021 at 1:00pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no additional announcements.

ADJOURN

D. Bertone adjourned the Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources (EENR) Committee meeting at 2:32 p.m.



August 4, 2021

Welcome to the ninth edition of RMC's newsletter! We are thrilled to share our electronic communication with you to give you a snapshot of RMC's work. In this monthly newsletter, we will provide project spotlights, news on recently approved projects, updates on active projects and our Joint Powers Authority activities. We will also share any events, funding opportunities, as well as announcements.

A Message from RMC's Executive Officer



Happy August everyone. I hope you are staying safe as the new delta variant continues to spread in Los Angeles County. Additionally, I hope you are keeping cool as we go through the height of an extremely hot summer. We heighten our vigilance now that it is wildfire season.

RMC's funding area is vast, expansive, and naturally diverse to continue to fulfill our conservancy's mission. RMC territory covers eastern Los Angeles County and western Orange County. This vast and varied area includes mountains, valleys, rivers, coastal plain, and coastline. RMC currently has over 50 active projects and \$71M distributed for those projects. Check out our interactive map with all the active project throughout our territory [here](#). You will also be able to see the diverse locations of projects that were completed.

On May 17th, the RMC's Governing Board approved the expenditure of funds for our Wildfire Grant Program, approved the budget for the Watershed Conservation Authority and continued to fund projects under the RMC Proposition 68 grant program. RMC Wildfire Program:

- San Gabriel Mountains Landscape Scale Wildfire Resilience (\$3,999,550)
- Fuels Reduction Projects –Diamond Bar and Puente Hills (\$480,000)
- Devil's Punch Bowl Nature Center Planning (up to \$600,000)
- Mount Baldy Wilderness Preserve –Fuel Modification (up to \$500,000)
- California Conservation Corps Fuels Reduction Project (\$1,500,000)

RMC Proposition 68 Program:

- Amigos de los Rios for the Willard Elementary School Green Campus Development Project

Thank you to all the cities and NGOs working on these projects because it is through partnerships that we are able to accomplish so much together.

Be Safe and Well,
Mark

In Memoriam

Ann Croissant



It is with deep sadness that we inform you that longtime environmentalist Ann Croissant died June 26 at the age of 81 from complications related to lung cancer. Ann Croissant was and will continue to be an absolute inspiration. She was a longtime environmental advocate for the San Gabriel Mountains and founded the Glendora Community Conservancy in 1991. Despite her success in conserving hundreds of acres of land, Ann knew that there is so much work still to be done. She was a champion of a science-based and interdisciplinary approach to conservation. Ann would say to understand how a watershed functions, one needs to talk to geologists, hydrologists, as well as ecologists. Ann was not shy about having a bold vision for watershed conservation. She championed the many collaborators she had worked with over the years. We will greatly miss her. Her legacy lives on through those who have known her, inspired by her advocacy, and support her and the local conservancies on foothill planning and acquisitions. In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to:

SGMRC (San Gabriel Mountains Regional Conservancy)
PO Box 963
Glendora, CA 91740
(sgmrc.org)

Samaritan's Purse (International Relief)
PO Box 3000
Boone, NC 28607
(samaritanspurse.org)

Wycliffe Associates (Bible Translation)

Project Spotlights

Whittier Narrows Fishing Pier

The Whittier Narrows Fishing Pier project is an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant community amenity located on the south lake of the Whittier Narrows Recreation Area (WNRA). The project was funded by the RMC, allocating \$500,000 from the Prop 50 Water Bond of 2002. Construction of the fishing pier began in September of 2007 and was completed in January 2009. Native planting along the pier and upgraded access from the WNRA Durfee parking lot create a unique and universally accessible location for people to enjoy the water. Since completion, the project has become popular with local residents, providing the only wheelchair accessible water recreation option in the area, and has hosted multiple community fishing events. The Whittier Narrows Recreation Area is located at 750 S. Santa Anita Avenue, South El Monte CA 91733; the Fishing Pier is located off the Durfee Avenue South Parking Lot.



Staff Spotlight

Blair Crossman

Project Development Analyst II



What are the biggest influences on you, that led you to the work you now do for WCA/RMC?

There are two people who have had a really big influence on my life in the way that I approach my work at RMC. The first is my grandfather, who was a volunteer with the Forest Service in Cleveland National Forest down in San Diego. He was someone who truly took joy in learning and teaching others about the plants, animals, rocks, and waters of California, and he instilled in my mom and me a sense of responsibility to safeguard those things for future generations. The other big influence on my conservation work is the book “Braiding Sweetgrass”, written by the Potawatomi scholar and writer Dr. Robin Wall Kimmerer, that I read much later in life. Her book gave me an appreciation of the different ways that people come to know and relate to the “natural world”, especially the ways that don’t fit neatly into the antagonistic model of “pristine nature versus human exploitation.” It made me reexamine the ways that I thought about coexistence and interdependency in my work, especially in a landscape like Los Angeles that has been shaped by both extreme environmental and human forces for thousands of years.

What were your first/favorite experiences of nature?

One of the things I love about LA is how close you are to amazing mountain trails and hiking opportunities. I think you can always find what you’re looking for in the mountains, whether you’re enjoying a day with friends hiking out to swim at the pond by Hermit Falls or

some time to decompress and clear your head with a long trek up Mt. Baldy (with proper hydration, of course).

What are your favorite ways to experience nature in the metropolitan area that we live in?

I love painting murals, and working with community members is a great way to get to know a neighborhood and cultivate local ownership of public spaces. Teaching kids about art, history and social activism is a gift that gives back to the city I love so much. It feels like planting seeds of positive action that reverberates through our communities.

What are your favorite waterways/open spaces (in WCA/RMC territory)?

As much as I love getting up into the mountains when I have the chance, the Wilderness Parks and Preserves along the foothills of the San Gabriels are my favorite way to get outside for a quick hike and some fresh air! I lived in Claremont for four years, so I have a soft spot for the Claremont Hills Wilderness Park in particular—I've spent a lot of time trail running and looking for scrub jays in the CWP.

How did you come to enter the environmental field, professionally?

It seems like such an oversight now, but despite growing up with a strong affinity for nature, wildlife, and public service, I actually didn't go to college thinking I would work in the environmental field. I was studying International Relations and thought I wanted to become a diplomat! Fortunately, I had the opportunity to intern with the U.S. Department of State's Office of Conservation & Water in Washington, D.C., where it first clicked that I could make my passion for conservation and environmental work into my professional focus. After pivoting hard to graduate with a joint degree in Biology, I started my environmental career in San Diego with the coastal and marine conservation non-profit WILDCOAST working on expanding access to protected areas and improving water quality throughout the region.

What is your favorite part of the work you currently do at WCA/RMC?

I just started working at RMC at the beginning of July, and although I've only been here a short time, it's really been a pleasure to join a team of such capable, dedicated, and thoughtful colleagues. I've really enjoyed diving into the varied projects and initiatives that RMC and the rest of the staff have helped make a reality over the years, and I'm looking forward to working on them in the future!

What are some of the challenges of doing this work?

Environmental issues can become very contentious because they touch so closely on things that people care deeply about—ensuring clean air and water for our families, protecting endangered species and habitat, or balancing housing needs with creating parks. When you work in the environmental field, you have to be able to take a step back,

from your immediate reaction to issues and make sure that the “easy” or “straightforward” solution you’ve devised also makes sense to the people who have intimate knowledge of the issue or are directly impacted by it.

What is the thing you are most proud of that you can share with us?

Making it safely to the top of a 300-meter sport climbing route on limestone rock with my dad after I had just torn my ACL two months earlier!

What question do you think we should have asked you? Please answer that question!

Although I’ve been living in New England for the past four years for graduate school and then working with the U.S. EPA, I really can’t stress enough how excited I am to be back in Southern California. There’s something uniquely special about being able to go to work every day to help make the region you grew up in a greener, more just, and more sustainable place to live.

Project Updates

Lakewood Equestrian Center and Sounding Open Space Master Plan

The City of Lakewood in partnership with the Conservation Corps of Long Beach (CCLB) is creating a regional master plan for The Lakewood Equestrian Center and the surrounding open space including Rynerson Park, the San Gabriel River trails and Camp Fire. The Master Plan includes an updated plan for the Lakewood Equestrian Center. The Center is unique to the region and provides for safe and fun learning experiences that are accessible to kids and people of all ages, at low cost. The area has the potential to entertain a multitude of recreational and educational activities, connect the local community to the outdoors, and host best management practices (BMPs) for natural resources. RMC funded development of the Master Plan which started in February 2020, and now the Master Plan has been completed after a robust community outreach process that included five (5) Technical Advisory meetings and eight (8) Project Steering committees with stakeholders plus a detailed survey that received over 1,000 responses. RMC staff toured the site and walked through the final master plan on 7/16. CCLB will present the final master plan to the Lakewood City Council in late August, and are seeking implementation funding through LA County Measure A (Parks) and W (Water).




**Lakewood
Equestrian Center
& Open Space
Regional Master Plan**



Joint Powers Authority

WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Coyote Creek Bike Trail

The Coyote Creek Park project, funded by a \$1.4 million grant from the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) is completed. WCA under a contract with the City of Cerritos provide management service for bike trail improvements linked to the native landscape improvements. The 4-acre park provide community and trail users a passive park, walking trail, rest area, interpretive signage, decorative gates and native plant landscape. The bike trail improvement project includes access and way-finding improvements such as new decorative entry gates and interpretive signage in locations, as allowed by County, and approved by the City.



LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS AUTHORITY
Happy Retirement Sam Schuchat!



The LCWA congratulates Sam Schuchat on his retirement from his role as the Executive Officer of the State Coastal Conservancy. Mr. Schuchat has been an integral part of the Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority Board since the formation of the Authority in 2006, serving multiple terms as the Board Chair and always sporting the coolest hats and bowties. We are so grateful for his guidance and support in acquiring, conserving, and restoring the Los Cerritos Wetlands. During his time on the board, the LCWA has acquired 170 acres of the wetlands, realized the Los Cerritos Wetlands Stewardship Plan to host thousands of community members on the wetlands through restoration and educational programs with non-profit partners, adopted the Los Cerritos Wetlands Conceptual Restoration Plan, and certified the Los Cerritos Wetlands Restoration Plan Program EIR, setting the road to large scale restoration on the wetlands. We wish Mr. Schuchat well on his retirement, and he will surely be missed.

With Mr. Schuchat's retirement we also welcome Mary Small, Interim Executive Officer of the State Coastal Conservancy, to the LCWA Board. Ms. Small has a long history at the State Coastal Conservancy and supported the two acquisitions for the LCWA back in 2006 and 2010 as a project lead. We also congratulate Long Beach Council Woman Suzie Price on her election to Chair of the LCWA Board and Seal Beach Councilman Joe Kalmick on his election to Vice Chair for the LCWA Board.

Announcement

Upcoming Meetings

Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Board Meeting: Next Meeting in September

Watershed Conservation Authority Board Meeting: Wed., August 4th, 2021

[Meeting agenda and materials](#)

Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority Board Meeting: Next Meeting in September



**SAN GABRIEL RIVER CENTER
AND WATER CONSERVATION DEMONSTRATION GARDENS
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS — FOR CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENT
DESIGN SERVICES**

Web Posting/Email

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Construction Document Design Services

San Gabriel River Center and Water Conservation Demonstration Gardens

The Watershed Conservation Authority (WCA) is requesting proposals from qualified firms to provide conceptual and construction document design services for the San Gabriel River Center and Water Conservation Demonstration Gardens project in the unincorporated community of Avocado Heights, La Puente, CA.

The WCA invites submission of proposals that are responsive to the requirements of the request for proposals (RFP) linked below. **Proposal submittals must be received by 6:00pm, August 27, 2021.** Further instructions and requirements are outlined in the RFP.

Questions regarding this RFP are welcome and shall be made in writing to Jeremy Munns, project manager with the WCA, at jmunns@wca.ca.gov **no**

later than August 20, 2021. Note that the WCA's responses to questions and requests for clarifications will be shared with other potential proposers through e-mail and the WCA website.

It is recommended that potential proposers inform Mr. Munns of their intention or interest in responding to this RFP. Such notification will allow for any supplemental information regarding this solicitation to be provided, including addenda and responses to questions.

The RFP may be accessed at the WCA website at this [link](#).

About the San Gabriel River Center project:

The San Gabriel River Center project will transform a 1929 Spanish colonial revival farmhouse into a water-wise indoor/outdoor educational resource and visitor center for the public. The Center's water conservation demonstration gardens will be designed to demonstrate water-wise landscaping and water capture opportunities at a variety of site scales. The goal of the center's area development is to inspire residents to replace high resource consumptive landscapes (turf) into climate resilient landscapes that capture and conserve water using aesthetically pleasing design and planting strategies. Area development features will showcase water capture and infiltration strategies such as rain gardens/rain grading, greywater, cisterns, and permeable paving, as well as presenting patterns of drought resistance built upon a foundation of native trees and shrubs.

Grant Opportunities for Parks and Open Space

RMC Lower LA River Prop 1 and 68

Over \$30 million available for projects along the Lower LA River that support the Lower LA River Revitalization Plan. More information on RMC grants at: <http://rmc.ca.gov/grants/>



Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District Competitive Grant Programs



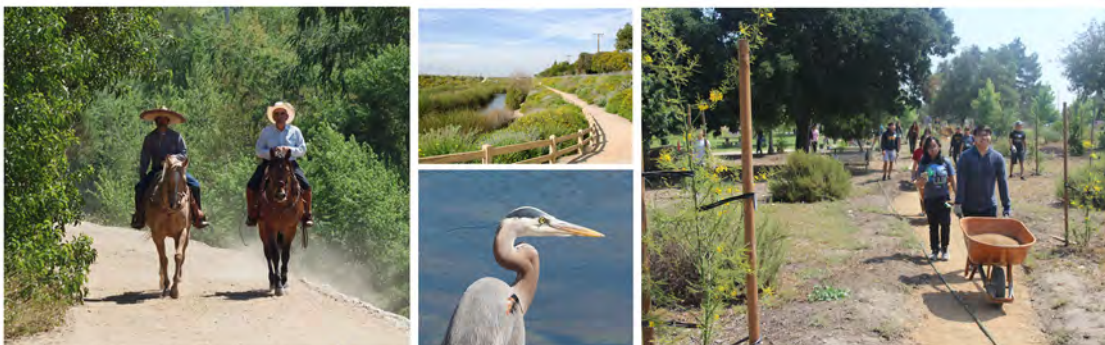
Applications for the first three RPOSD's competitive grant programs funded by Measure A, Regional Recreation Facilities, Multi-Use Trails and Accessibility, Natural Lands, Local beaches, Local Water Conservation and Protection, and Acquisition-Only is now available and closes on October 28th, 2021. Recreation Access and Youth & Veteran's Job Training and Placement are projected to follow in 2022. Learn more [HERE](#).



The Metro Open Streets Cycle Four Application and Guidelines is now available!

On Thursday June 24th, the Metro Board approved the [Open Streets Grant Program](#) Cycle Four Application and Guidelines, making available \$5 million for Open Street events in Los Angeles County implemented by December 31, 2023. Funding will be distributed through a competitive grant application process. Open Streets events, such as CicLAvia, re-imagine our streets by temporarily closing them to automobiles and opening them up to people walking, biking, or using other forms of non-motorized transportation. The program aims to encourage sustainable modes of transportation (biking, walking and transit), provide an opportunity to take transit for the first time and provide an opportunity for civic engagement that can foster the development of multi-modal policies for cities. New for this year, jurisdictions are illegible to apply for slow streets and other related events that encourage social distancing and provide safe spaces for people walking, bicycling, and rolling (see application and guidelines for further detail). The [Metro Open Streets Program application is now available](#) to cities to apply for grant funding and the **deadline to apply is Wednesday, September 15th.**

Metro will be hosting an online virtual workshop at 10:00am on August 18th to review the program, share lessons learned and provide guidance on how to plan and implement an event. For more information contact Brett Atencio Thomas at ThomasBA@metro.net.



South Coast AQMD Unveils New Interactive Tools for Understanding Toxic Air Pollution

The MATES V Data Visualization Tool and Air Monitoring Dashboard will help communities better understand their exposure to air toxics

As part of the South Coast Air Quality Management District's (South Coast AQMD) fifth iteration of the multi-year Multiple Air Toxics Exposure Study (MATES V), the agency has unveiled two online tools for residents to explore air toxics data and health impacts in the South Coast Air Basin and Coachella Valley.

"The MATES study helps us evaluate overall progress in reducing air toxics and impacts in our region," said Wayne Nastri, South Coast AQMD's executive officer. "These tools will help residents access data on long-term trends in air quality and health risks in their communities."

South Coast AQMD has conducted MATES studies since 1986 to understand the impacts of toxic air pollution in the region. Air toxics are pollutants that can cause serious health problems. Many air toxics are carcinogens, which can cause cancer over many years of exposure. MATES V provides data on the long-term impacts of regional air toxics levels in South Coast AQMD's jurisdiction using an emissions inventory, air monitoring and health risk modeling, with a focus on impacts in environmental justice communities. Over 60 air quality scientists, engineers and technicians were involved in the development of MATES V. Results show toxic air pollution has decreased by more than 54% since 2012, but continues to contribute to health risks, including cancers and other chronic diseases. Diesel particulate matter is the main contributor to cancer risk from air toxics.

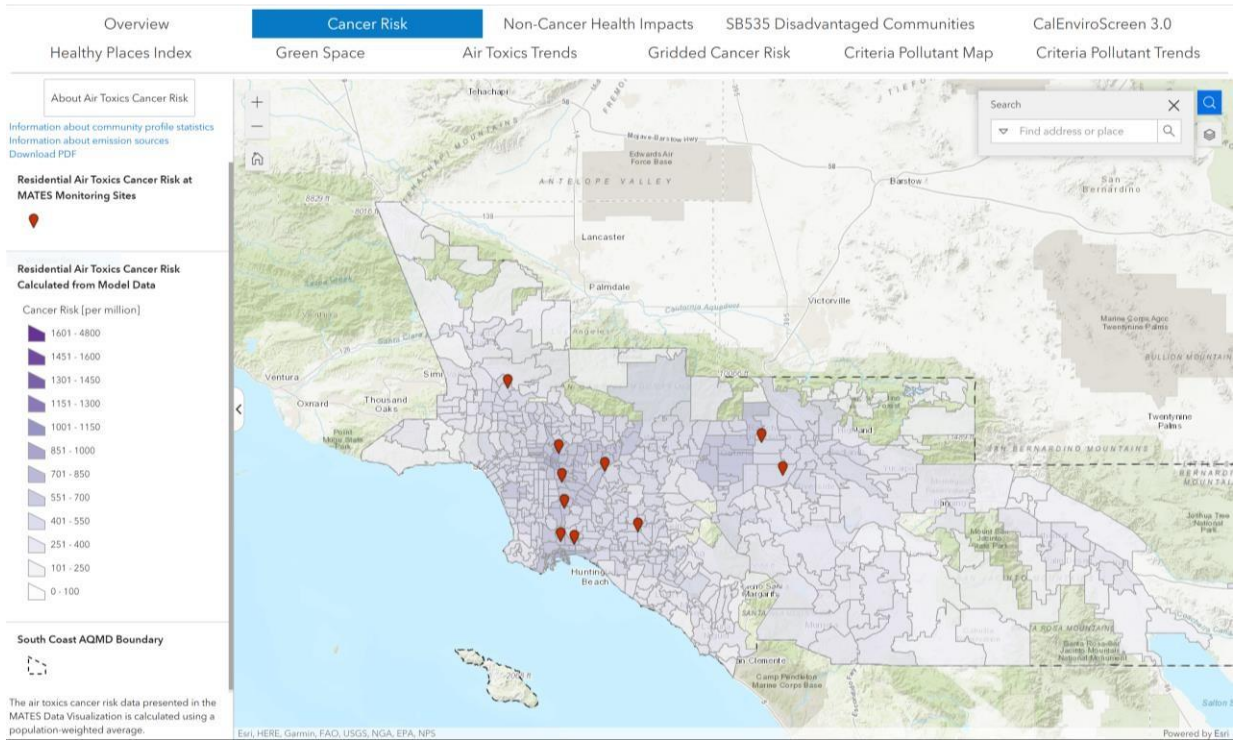
The [Data Visualization Tool](#) provides maps and interactive data showing air toxics health risks estimated in MATES V and in previous MATES studies. Users can explore the cancer risks, non-cancer health impacts, air pollution trends and additional environmental justice data tools. Users can zoom in to specific locations for more localized details for their zip code.

The [Air Monitoring Data Dashboard](#) enables users to access air monitoring data collected during MATES V. With multiple drop-down filters, users can select a specific pollutant and generate charts to see the levels and trends at a specific air monitoring site. The dashboard also displays air toxics trends from MATES studies since 1998.

The Data Visualization Tool and Air Monitoring Data Dashboard can be accessed on South Coast AQMD's MATES V webpage at: www.aqmd.gov/matesv.

MATES V includes a fixed site monitoring program with ten stations, an updated emissions inventory of toxic air contaminants and a modeling effort to characterize risk across the Basin. The study focuses on the carcinogenic risk from exposure to air toxics. This is also the first MATES study to explore the chronic non-cancer health impacts of air toxics.

South Coast AQMD is the air pollution control agency for major portions of Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, and Riverside counties, including the Coachella Valley. For news, air quality alerts, event updates and more, please visit us at www.aqmd.gov, download our award-winning app, or follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).



Data Visualization Tool

Step 1: Select a Station

Central L.A.

Step 2: Select a Pollutant Category

Total Suspended Particles (TSP)

Step 3: Select a Pollutant Sub-Category

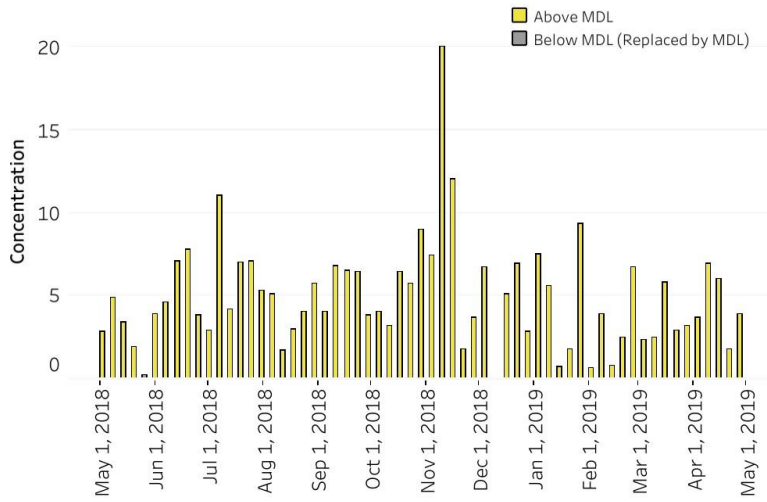
Metals

Step 4: Select a Pollutant

Lead

Generate Plots

Daily Concentrations of TSP Lead (ng/m³) at Central L.A. During MATES V



Air Monitoring Data Dashboard

Green Painter's Guide

- Use [Super-Compliant](#) paints whenever possible.
- If you can't use Super-Compliant paint, **avoid painting during peak smog season: July, August, and September.**
- If you can't find Super-Compliant paint, **use any of the readily available Low-VOC paints** designed to do the job.
- **Buy only the paint you need.** Try this [Paint Calculator](#) from [PaintCare, Inc.](#) PaintCare is a non-profit organization established by the American Coatings Association to implement California's Paint Stewardship Law. PaintCare has established hundreds of drop-off sites for leftover paint at retailers and other sites throughout California. For further information, you can email [CalRecycle](#).
- **Recycle leftover paint.** Take any left over paint to one of the many [drop-off sites](#) run by PaintCare, Inc.
- **Keep lids closed** on all paint containers when not in use to prevent VOC emissions and excessive odors.
- **For water-based paints, clean up with water only**, but whenever possible, do not rinse the clean-up water down the drain or pour it directly into the ground or the storm drain.
- **Recycle** the empty paint can.
- Look for **non-solvent** containing stripping products.
- **Use compliant low-VOC cleaning solvents** to clean paint application equipment. Click on the following hyperlink for a list of: [Clean Air Solvents](#).
- Keep all paint and solvent laden rags in sealed containers to prevent VOC emissions.
- Use according to manufacturer's directions
- Make sure you provide plenty of ventilation when using paint or solvent products.

<http://www.aqmd.gov/home/programs/community/community-detail?title=green-painter>

REPORT

DATE: August 18, 2021
TO: Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources (EENR) Committee
FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director
RE: **JUAN BAUTISTA DE ANZA NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

For information only.

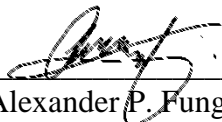
BACKGROUND

The 1,200-mile Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail commemorates the Spanish colonial Anza Expedition of 1775-1776. In 1775 and 1776, Bautista de Anza led approximately 240 individuals on an epic journey to establish the first non-Native settlement in San Francisco Bay, which resulted in the establishments of a mission and a presidio. The Trail connects historic, cultural, and recreation sites across Arizona and California that reveal a legacy of the United States' Hispanic heritage.

The Anza Trail connects Mexico to San Francisco and invites travelers to experience the interweaving of military forts, religious centers, and civilian towns of the Spanish plan for the colonization of its northern frontier. By following the Trail, it becomes easier to grasp the links between the presidios of Tubac, Santa Barbara, and San Francisco and to witness the patterns in the location, construction, and use of Spanish missions.

The purpose of the Anza Trail is to preserve a significant part of Southwestern United States' history and provide the means for a diverse group of residents and visitors to make connections to the story of the Anza Expeditions. National Park Service Landscape Designer/Planner, Scott Elder, will provide a detailed presentation on this item.

Prepared by:



Alexander P. Fung
Senior Management Analyst

Approved by:



Marisa Creter
Executive Director

DATE: August 18, 2021

TO: Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources (EENR) Committee

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **GOVERNOR NEWSOM'S 30X30 INITIATIVE**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

For information only.


BACKGROUND

Last year, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-82-20 to direct state agencies to advance strategies that will conserve at least 30% of California's lands and waters by 2030 as a way to combat the climate crisis, conserve biodiversity, and boost climate resilience. The Executive Order bolsters the state's position as a global leader in climate action and joins international 30x30 efforts, which encourages President Biden to issue a similar executive order nationwide.

Currently, approximately 22% of California's lands and waters are protected. Reaching the goal of conserving at least 30% of the state's lands and waters can allow for more equitable public access to outdoor spaces, especially for low-income areas and communities of color. According to the Trust for Public Land (TPL), there are various opportunities for local jurisdictions to conserve local lands and waters in Los Angeles County. Cities and counties can collaborate with community organizations to secure the funds needed to ensure that additional lands and waters can be protected and conserved.

TPL Project Manager, Paolo Perrone, will provide a detailed presentation on this item.

Prepared by: 
Alexander P. Fung
Senior Management Analyst

Approved by: 
Marisa Creter
Executive Director

REPORT

DATE: August 18, 2021

TO: Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources (EENR) Committee

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **SAN GABRIEL VALLEY REGIONAL FOOD RECOVERY PROGRAM**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

For information only.

BACKGROUND

In February 2021, the SGVCOG reconvened the Solid Waste Working Group to provide a platform for San Gabriel Valley cities and agencies to discuss solid waste issues. Specifically, the Solid Waste Working Group focuses on providing support and resources for cities to strategize and plan efforts to comply with upcoming SB 1383 (Lara, 2016) mandates. SB 1383 serves as a statewide effort to reduce emissions of short-lived climate pollutants (SLCP) and sets the following targets:

1. Reduce statewide disposal of organic waste by 50% by January 1, 2020 and by 75% by January 1, 2025 (based on 2014 levels).
2. Recover at least 20% of currently disposed edible food for human consumption by 2025.

The California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) is responsible for creating regulatory standards for SB 1383. Based on guidelines adopted by CalRecycle, regulations to meet statewide organics reduction and food recovery requirements will begin to take effect on January 1, 2022. Additionally, regulations may require local jurisdictions to impose penalties for noncompliance on regulated entities starting January 1, 2024. As a result, local jurisdictions began collaborating with their elected officials, businesses, haulers, and stakeholders to develop the necessary programs and ordinances to comply with SB 1383 regulations before the stated deadlines.

At the Solid Waste Working Group meeting on March 25, 2021, several cities expressed an interest in participating in a regional endeavor to comply with SB 1383's edible food recovery regulations, which can include the hiring of an external consultant to conduct activities such as assessing potential food recovery agencies and their capacities for cities to utilize for SB 1383 requirements, identifying Tier 1 and Tier 2 generators and assessing their current compliance with SB 1383's food recovery regulations, preparing guidance, assisting with education and outreach efforts, and implementing inspection and enforcement programs.


After receiving recommendations from the City Managers' Steering Committee and the Public Works Technical Advisory Committee to proceed with the Regional Food Recovery Program, a Request-for-Proposals (RFP) was released on July 20, 2021. A copy of the RFP can be found on the SGVCOG's Vendor Portal at <https://pbsystem.planetbids.com/portal/15588/bo/bo-search>.


As of August 9th, the following 15 cities have expressed interest in joining a Regional Food Recovery Program:

Alhambra	Glendora	Pomona
Azusa	Irwindale	San Marino
Covina	La Cañada Flintridge	South Pasadena
Duarte	Monrovia	Temple City
El Monte	Monterey Park	Walnut

The SGVCOG is anticipated to execute memorandums of agreement with participating cities beginning this month. Cities that are interested in participating in the Regional Food Recovery Program can contact SGVCOG Senior Management Analyst, Alexander Fung, at afung@sgvcog.org.

SGVCOG staff will provide a detailed presentation on this item.

Prepared by: 
 Alexander P. Fung
 Senior Management Analyst

Approved by: 
 Marisa Creter
 Executive Director

REPORT

DATE: August 18, 2021

TO: Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources (EENR) Committee

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **SOLID WASTE ADVOCACY UPDATES**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

For information only.

BACKGROUND

On January 21, 2021, the Governing Board adopted Resolution 21-03 (Attachment A) to affirm the SGVCOG's 2021 Legislative Agenda, which includes local, state, and federal legislative objectives in the core regional policy areas of water, transportation, homelessness, energy, and the environment. The 2021 Legislative Agenda also includes solid waste advocacy directions, including:

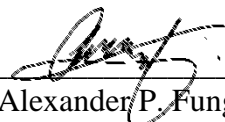
- Encourage the diversification of solid waste management strategies, including conversion technology, that will create new markets that are feasible given the landscape and conditions of the San Gabriel Valley;
- Support efforts to strengthen curbside recycling programs and oppose efforts to weaken such programs;
- Encourage alternative renewable energy generation from organic waste, including biogas production;
- Promote shared responsibility waste management principles, such as product stewardship, throughout the entire life cycle of a product, from design to disposal;
- Advocate for county, state, and federal appropriations and/or loan programs for solid waste management programs and initiatives;
- Support regional, state, and federal efforts to implement laws, policies, and regulations that promote zero waste objectives;
- Provide a strong commitment to utilizing financial incentives rather than mandatory requirements; and
- Ensure local jurisdictions are not subject to duplicative or contradictory legislative requirements.


In addition to abiding to the adopted 2021 Legislative Agenda, the SGVCOG reconvened the Solid Waste Working Group in February 2021 to provide city staff a platform to discuss solid waste topics and SB 1383 (Lara, 2016) compliance efforts. Discussions from the Solid Waste Working Group meetings led to the formation of the Regional Food Recovery Program, which provides assistance to participating cities to comply with SB 1383's food recovery regulations. Furthermore, the Solid Waste Working Group implemented the following advocacy efforts:

- Directed staff to submit a letter (Attachment B) requesting the State to allocate \$225 million from the General Fund to assist local jurisdictions with developing and implementing organic waste recycling programs as required by SB 1383 regulations;
- Directed staff to submit a letter (Attachment C) requesting extensions for San Gabriel Valley cities to comply with SB 1383;
- Recommended the SGVCOG to support SB 619 (Laird), which provides cities and counties with additional flexibility to comply with SB 1383; and
- Coordinated with the County of Los Angeles and the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) to streamline SB 1383 compliance efforts.

Aside from supporting San Gabriel Valley cities to comply with SB 1383 and advocating for resources and funding for cities to implement SB 1383 compliance activities, the SGVCOG is coordinating with the County of Los Angeles to identify sites in the San Gabriel Valley that can be utilized for constructing recycling facilities. The Solid Waste Working Group is closely collaborating with member agencies to identify possible sites and examining the South Coast Air Quality Management District’s (AQMD) permitting requirements for constructing these facilities.

SGVCOG Senior Management Analyst, Alexander Fung, will provide a detailed presentation on this item.

Prepared by: 
 Alexander P. Fung
 Senior Management Analyst

Approved by: 
 Marisa Creter
 Executive Director

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment A – Resolution 21-03
- Attachment B – SGVCOG Letter Requesting Local Assistance for SB 1383 Compliance Efforts
- Attachment C – SGVCOG Letter Requesting SB 1383 Timeline Extension

RESOLUTION NO. 21-03**RESOLUTION OF THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (SGVCOG) AFFIRMING 2021 STATE, FEDERAL
AND REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA**

WHEREAS, the SGVCOG desires to adopt federal, state and regional legislative priorities to further the objectives of the organization in support of member cities; and

WHEREAS, the objectives of the SGVCOG include the core policy areas of water, transportation and capital projects, housing and homelessness, and the environment; and

WHEREAS, the SGVCOG seeks to specifically define legislative priorities for the year 2021.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Board does hereby adopt the following 2021 State Federal and Regional Legislative agenda:

Water**State & Federal**

- Continue to advocate and/or pursue legislative solutions for adopting financial capability assessment guidelines in the issuance of Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) permits that provide an economic analysis of the costs and benefits of water quality improvements.
- Continue to advocate for the establishment of reasonable timelines for compliance with new drinking water standards.
- Advocate for calibration of applicable water quality requirements with available funding.
- Advocate for water rights assignment to MS4 agencies for new infiltrated water.
- Advocate for any needed legislative solutions for innovative projects that allow cities to implement MS4 Permit projects.
- Advocate for funding sources that provide on-going funding for the implementation of stormwater projects.
- Pursue legislative fixes that address the challenges that cities face in implementing SB 205 (Hertzberg), including updating the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes.

Local

- Advocate for Measure W funding for cities' MS4 projects.
- Advocate for reasonable financial analysis to be incorporated into 2020 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) MS4 Permit that allows cities to comply with the Permit without facing a significant unfunded burden.
- Advocate for enhancements to the implementation of the Safe Clean Water Program to ensure that the funding is effectively and efficiently used for projects that focus on ensuring clean water for all residents and cities' compliance with the MS4 Permit.

- Advocate for the Safe Clean Water Program to be integrated with the successor NPDES MS4 Permit.
- Advocate for regional projects that provide water quality, supply, and resiliency benefits to the San Gabriel Valley.

Transportation and Capital Projects

State & Regional

- Submit and/or advocate for funding requests, grant applications, or specific budget earmarks to ensure San Gabriel Valley transportation and capital projects and programs are timely allocated or awarded Metro-administered funds, Senate Bill 1 and other state funds, and relevant county-administered funds.
- Support the development of transportation and capital projects best practices and funding programs beneficial to San Gabriel Valley transportation and capital projects and programs, including those currently or to be assigned for implementation to the Capital Projects and Construction Committee (Alameda Corridor-East Project, State Route 57-60 Project, Rio Hondo Load Reduction Strategy, Regional Bike Share, La Verne Pedestrian Bridge, etc.) as well as regional priority projects supported by the SGVCOG Governing Board, including, but not limited to, the Foothill Gold Line and the SR 71 Gap Closure Project.
- Support legislative or administrative efforts to expedite environmental and permitting approvals and project delivery of San Gabriel Valley transportation and capital projects and programs.
- Continue to collaborate and participate with the San Gabriel Valley Legislative Caucus, the Mobility 21 Coalition, and other stakeholders to benefit San Gabriel Valley transportation and capital projects and programs.
- Support the development of the San Gabriel Valley Transit Feasibility Study.
- Support continued engagement on I-710/I-10 interchange improvements and increased mobility for east-west travel corridors in the San Gabriel Valley.

Federal

- Propose and advocate policies, funding, and programs beneficial to San Gabriel Valley transportation and capital projects and programs, including in the context of the reauthorization of the FAST Act multi-year surface transportation program legislation, possible standalone legislation or other relevant legislation.
- Support transportation and capital projects in the San Gabriel Valley, including extension of the Foothill Gold Line to Montclair.
- Support legislative or administrative efforts to expedite environmental and permitting approvals and project delivery of San Gabriel Valley transportation and capital projects and programs.
- Continue to work with the San Gabriel Valley's federal representatives, the Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors, Mobility 21, Metro and other stakeholders in support of these legislative priorities and other matters that benefit San Gabriel Valley transportation and capital projects and programs.

Homelessness

State and Federal

- Support legislation that promotes solutions to homelessness for those facing mental health and/or substance abuse challenges.
- Support funding for programs that provide additional resources for homeless persons facing mental health and/or substance abuse challenges.
- Support funding, particularly direct, non-competitive funding, for the San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust (SGVRHT) and other entities that will create affordable housing for the region.
- Support funding for the creation of housing units – especially very low, low, and moderate income – while respecting cities’ local control of land use decisions.
- Support legislation and funding for programs that encourage workforce development activities for homeless persons.
- Support funding for homeless prevention programs, including innovative local programs instituted by local cities.
- Support legislation and funding for projects and programs that address quality of life issues, including public safety and water quality for all residents, including homeless persons.
- Support funding for homelessness programs administered by SGVCOG and its member agencies.
- Advocate for regional approaches that allow cities to comply with their Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) requirements.
- Support funding for capital projects rather than planning activities and consider reallocating funding for planning activities to capital projects.
- Support for financial incentives and tax advantages (such as the waiver of property value reassessments) for the construction of accessory dwelling units, particularly when they are restricted to house low-income individuals.
- Advocate for funding for permanent supportive housing (PSH) resources dedicated to those with mental illness, including through project-based housing, tenant based rental assistance, and Los Angeles County’s “restorative care village” model.
- Support efforts to better meet the needs of those who require a higher level of care than PSH, including by increasing the State payment rate for licensed board and care homes, as well as one-time funding necessary to prevent the closure of such facilities.

Local

- Promote the allocation of Measure H resources towards cities’ projects and programs – as well as regional projects and programs – that work to solve the homelessness crisis in the San Gabriel Valley.
- Support funding for prevention programs that stop the flow of residents into homelessness, including innovative local programs instituted by local cities.
- Promote collaboration between the County of Los Angeles and the San Gabriel Valley cities in implementing projects, policies, and programs that work to solve the homelessness crisis in the San Gabriel Valley.

- Support reforms to the structure and function of Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) and/or elements of the County homeless services system to better meet the needs of the San Gabriel Valley.
- Support for efforts to create alternative crisis response models, particularly as relates to non-violent crises by people experiencing homelessness.
- Support enhanced data gathering and sharing to advance understanding of and response to homelessness among all regional public and non-profit agencies to supplement the annual Point-in-Time count.
- Recommend the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors and other public entities, such as the State, community college districts, and school districts to evaluate the use of surplus or underutilized public facilities for mental health treatment and housing for mental illness.

Housing

- Oppose legislation which allows multifamily housing in single-family zones unless the following amendments are included:
 - Local jurisdictions must first determine that existing and planned infrastructure and public services are sufficient to sustain new housing and new residents, including, but not limited to, sewers, water systems, transit, roads, parks and open space, EV charging, public schools and public safety services. This local government finding would be consistent with new state Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) law.
 - Grant local jurisdictions RHNA credit similar in practice to new state ADU law.
 - Provide state financial support to help cities meet their RHNA targets for affordable housing where multifamily units are permitted.
 - Exempt historic districts and properties.
 - Prohibit land speculation based on lot splits that do not result in the construction of new affordable housing.
 - Require access for police, fire, and other public safety vehicles and equipment.
 - Uphold local residential parking requirements.
 - Exempt very high fire severity zones.
 - Prohibit ministerial approval of ADUs in new multifamily unit areas
- Support legislation (including federal legislation) to provide incentives and grant funding intended to encourage housing production and particularly affordable housing development.
- Make SGVCOG and/or SGVRHT eligible to receive direct funding from relevant state or federal housing grant or formula programs.
- Provide grants, bond funds, infrastructure financing plans, tax or other credits directed to affordable housing projects and programs, such as the Local Housing Trust Fund Matching Grant Program, which could fund projects sponsored by the SGVRHT and/or SGVCOG member cities. Amend eligibility or matching funds program provisions, as required, to increase the competitiveness of San Gabriel Valley-supported projects and programs.
- Provide state incentives to offset lost sales taxes if vacant commercial sites are rezoned by cities to permit housing or mixed-use developments.

- Help homeowners finance construction of Accessory Dwelling Units, particularly affordable units for very low, low-, or moderate-income households.

Air Quality

- Support the inclusion of city officials on the governing bodies of air districts and opposes efforts to remove such city representation.
- Support the reduction of vehicle emissions through increased fuel efficiency, use of appropriate alternative fueled vehicles, and low-emission vehicles in public agency fleets.
- Support cities' authority to establish local air quality standards and programs that are stricter than state and federal standards.
- Oppose legislation that redirects funds that are dedicated to supporting locally-based air quality programs.

Energy

- Make energy costs affordable and stabilized.
- Encourage local governments to complete an inventory of greenhouse gas emissions, set appropriate reduction targets, and create greenhouse gas emission reduction plans.
- Support local governments to benchmark their municipal facilities to monitor energy usage, identify facilities with high energy usage, and conduct audits to pinpoint potential energy efficiency projects to reduce energy consumption at those facilities.
- Support tax credits, grants, loans, and other incentives to assist the public and local agencies that invest in energy-efficient equipment and technology, as well as fuel-efficient and low-emission vehicles.
- Ensure energy supply while limiting dependence on foreign sources of energy.
- Employ diverse strategies for conserving energy including: Energy efficiency, land use strategies, urban forest management, and infrastructure improvements (i.e. green building).
- Develop innovative and affordable financing options for energy efficiency.
- Move towards a "net-zero energy" model where the amount of energy provided by on-site renewable energy sources is equal to the amount of energy used by a building.
- Support advancement of technology that expands renewable energy generation;
- Support community choice aggregates (CCAs).
- Promote public education of energy efficiency and conservation opportunities.

Open Space

- Identify and protect open space for the multi-benefit enhancement of natural resources and enjoyment for the public.
- Plan for growth by incentivizing compact development in some areas that in turn prevent open space development in other areas.
- Develop greenbelts and greenways along and within urban development to limit unsuitable development and provide buffers to wildlife habitat.
- Acquire and preserve open space at high risk of ecological degradation, primarily along the foothills, waterways, flood plains, and within the upper watershed.
- Promote connectivity of wildlife corridors.

- Promote development of diverse and localized recreational opportunities.
- Promote public outreach and interpretation to foster awareness, knowledge, and stewardship of open space as a valuable resource.
- Advocate for state and federal appropriations, funding from the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, California Natural Resources Agency, and/or loan programs for open space acquisition, development, restoration, and management.

Solid Waste

- Encourage the diversification of solid waste management strategies, including conversion technology, that will create new markets that are feasible given the landscape and conditions of the San Gabriel Valley.
- Support efforts to strengthen curbside recycling programs and oppose efforts to weaken such programs.
- Encourage alternative renewable energy generation from organic waste, including biogas production.
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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Board of San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments, County of Los Angeles, State of California, on the 21st day of January 2021.

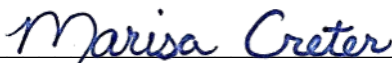
San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments


 Margaret Clark, President

Attest:

I, Marisa Creter, Executive Director and Secretary of the Board of Directors of the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Governing Board held on the 21st day of January 2021, by the following vote:

AYES:	Alhambra, Arcadia, Baldwin Park, Bradbury, Claremont, Covina, Diamond Bar, El Monte, Glendora, Industry, Irwindale, La Puente, La Verne, Monrovia, Monterey Park, Pasadena, Pomona, Rosemead, San Dimas, San Gabriel, San Marino, Sierra Madre, South El Monte, South Pasadena, Temple City, Walnut, West Covina, L.A. County District #1, L.A. County District #5, SGV Water Districts
NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	LA County District #4
NO VOTE RECORDED:	Azusa
ABSENT:	Duarte, La Canada Flintridge, Montebello



Marisa Creter, Secretary



May 20, 2021

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The Honorable Nancy Skinner
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The Honorable Phil Ting
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RE: BUDGET REQUEST - \$225 MILLION (GENERAL FUND): LOCAL ASSISTANCE FOR ORGANIC WASTE RECYCLING PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION

Dear Senator Skinner and Assemblymember Ting,

On behalf of the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG), I am writing to express support for the League of California Cities' (Cal Cities) request for \$225 million from the General Fund to assist cities and counties with developing and implementing organic waste recycling programs as required by the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery's (CalRecycle) SB 1383 Organic Waste Reduction Regulations.

Local governments are the backbone for achieving California's solid waste management and recycling goals. CalRecycle's SB 1383 regulations, which were adopted in November of last year, require local governments to reduce landfill disposal of organic waste by 75% by 2025 and increase edible food waste recovery by 20%. These new SB 1383 regulations are the most far-reaching solid waste management changes in decades and CalRecycle has estimated implementation will cost between \$20 billion to \$40 billion over the next decade, including the addition of 50 to 100 new organic waste recycling facilities.

The first compliance obligations for local governments will begin in early 2022 and local governments are working to develop a comprehensive suite of local collection, enforcement, and funding programs. These activities include hiring new staff and consultants, adopting ordinances, arranging for appropriate collection services, establishing inspection and enforcement programs, procuring recovered organic waste products, providing education and outreach, developing edible food recovery programs, and reporting to CalRecycle.

Specifically, the \$225 million budget request funding request should:

- Require the Controller directly allocate grants to cities and counties as follows:
 - Approximately \$72 million to fund minimum payments of \$200,000 to each county and \$125,000 to each city.
 - Approximately \$153 million to cities and counties on a per-capita basis.
- Allow cities and counties to use these funds to hire staff and consultants necessary to design and implement SB 1383 organic waste recycling programs, develop the various ordinances, programs, services, education and outreach activities, and organic waste recycling capacity planning requirements and any other requirements imposed under SB 1383 regulations.
- Allow cities and counties to use these funds to pay for initial implementation costs.
- Allow cities and counties to pool any or all of their allocations to work together on implementation efforts to maximize efficiency and promote local flexibility.

The SGVCOG recognizes that this funding request alone is not sufficient to achieve the State's organic waste recycling targets, especially in light of the estimated \$20 billion to \$40 billion anticipated total implementation cost. However, a \$225 million funding allocation can greatly assist local governments and accelerate the development of programs necessary to achieve those goals and carry out early implementation activities.

In addition to this request for local program development assistance, the SGVCOG recognizes that there is an additional need to dedicate funding for infrastructure development. It is crucial for California to significantly increase the number of organic waste recycling facilities in order to achieve the State's goals. We believe there is merit to supplementing this request with an infusion of state funding into CalRecycle's Greenhouse Gas Reduction Grant and Loan Programs to provide financial assistance to develop additional organic waste recycling infrastructure. A portion of those funds should be targeted to regional organic waste recycling and procurement solutions and to rapidly scale up edible food recovery programs.

Additionally, we strongly suggest allocating funding to CalRecycle to develop a statewide program environmental impact report for the siting and construction of organic waste composting facilities, as such a document could significantly reduce the time necessary to construct new composting facilities.

Developing suitable programs for organics diversion, obtaining the necessary approvals of programs and costs to ratepayers through elected entities, awarding contracts, and implementing these programs effectively will require a significant amount of resources. This \$225 million allocation will greatly support local governments to develop and implement effective organic waste recycling programs. Further statutory and regulatory changes may be necessary to maximize program effectiveness and efficiency and address additional challenges that may arise in program implementation.

The SGVCOG respectfully requests that you provide favorable consideration to this request, which will allow the SGVCOG and our member agencies to develop and implement effective organic waste recycling programs. Please contact Management Analyst Alexander Fung at afung@sgvcog.org if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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RE: REQUEST FOR TIMELINE EXTENSION FOR SB 1383 COMPLIANCE

Dear Ms. Wagoner,

On behalf of the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG), I am writing to request that the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) consider a six-month delay in the January 1, 2022 deadline to implement programs to be in compliance with the organic waste and food recovery regulations authorized under SB 1383 (Lara, 2016).

SGVCOG member cities are committed to achieving the statewide goals to reduce organic waste disposal and maximize food recovery efforts and have been diligently preparing to ensure the resources, infrastructure, and processes are in place to comply with upcoming regulatory deadlines. The SGVCOG is leading a regional endeavor, known as the San Gabriel Valley Regional Food Recovery Program, to support member city compliance with SB 1383's food recovery regulations. The SGVCOG's regional program will assist participating San Gabriel Valley cities in assessing the processing capacity of local food recovery agencies, identifying infrastructure needed to enhance food recovery programs in the region, identifying Tier 1 and Tier 2 edible food waste generators and evaluating the generators' compliance status with food recovery regulations, and implementing outreach and education efforts.

A Request-for-Proposals for the SGVCOG Regional Food Recovery Program is expected to be released later this month with contract award by the beginning of October 2021. A modest extension of six months as requested will allow time for the consultants to gather information from and assess needs in multiple cities as identified above, ultimately ensuring that residents, businesses, and food recovery agencies are fully engaged in program implementation which would commence in the first half of 2022.

We look forward to your positive consideration of this request. Please contact SGVCOG Senior Management Analyst, Alexander Fung, at afung@sgvcog.org if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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