

San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments

Regional Food Recovery Program

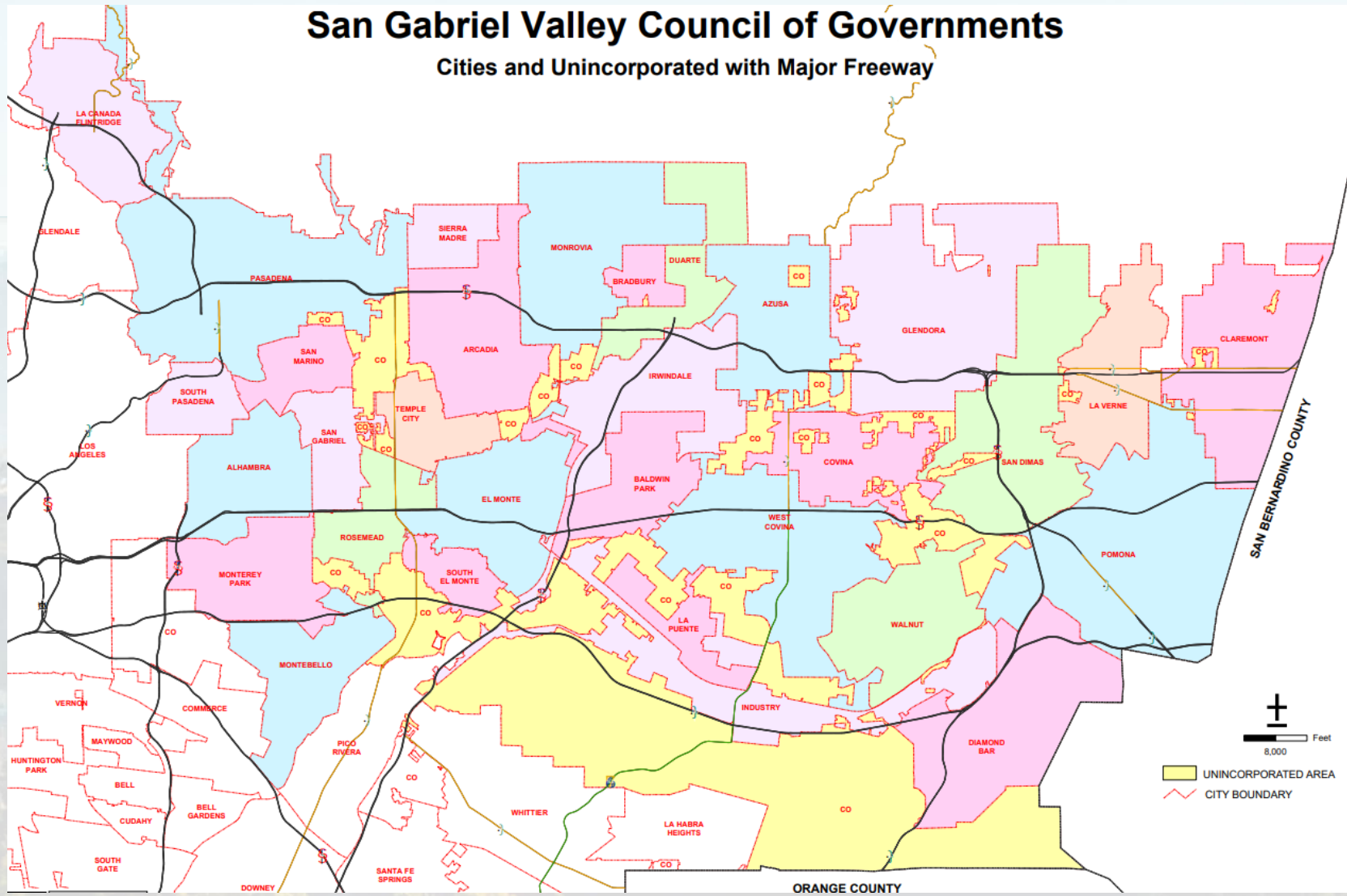
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- Regional government planning agency that aims to maximize the quality of life in the San Gabriel Valley
- Joint powers authority consisted of 31 incorporated cities, unincorporated communities in Los Angeles County Supervisorial Districts 1, 4, and 5, and 3 municipal water districts
- Encompasses more than 374 square miles and includes more than 2 million residents

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Cities and Unincorporated with Major Freeway



SGVCOG's Involvement

- In February, the SGVCOG launched a Solid Waste Working Group to provide a platform for city staff to discuss solid waste-related topics such as SB 1383 compliance
- In March, several San Gabriel Valley cities expressed an interest in participating in a regional endeavor to support complying with SB 1383's edible food recovery regulations.
 - Participating in a regional endeavor can help cities to alleviate staff burdens and reduce cost.
- After consulting with the SGVCOG City Managers' Steering Committee and Public Works Technical Advisory Committee, SGVCOG staff received formal recommendations to serve as the entity that would lead the Regional Food Recovery Program and hire a consultant to provide the necessary services and support.

A background image showing a kitchen environment where several people are working. In the foreground, there are large metal trays containing various food items, including a salad with tomatoes and cucumbers, and a tray with a yellow sauce and bread. A person in a white uniform is using tongs to serve food from one of the trays. The overall scene is brightly lit and appears to be a busy food service area.

Regional Food Recovery Program: Scope of Work

1. Capacity and Compliance
2. Outreach and Education
3. Final Report
4. Inspection



Project Scope: Capacity and Compliance

- Assess potential edible food recovery agencies in the participating cities' jurisdictions, identify and evaluate the processing capacity of such agencies, and identify and evaluate whether these agencies have existing contracts with the participating cities' food waste generators.
- Calculate if additional capacity is needed for participating cities to recover the required amount of edible food, identify the infrastructure needed, and identify opportunities for participating cities to fund such infrastructure.
- Identify participating cities' Tier 1 and Tier 2 food waste generators and assess their food recovery capacity and SB 1383 food recovery compliance statuses.



Project Scope: Outreach and Education

- Develop an outreach and education plan for participating cities' Tier 1 and Tier 2 food waste generators.
- Outreach strategies include:
 - Direct email outreach
 - Social media postings
 - Website postings
 - Regional educational workshops (with recordings available)
- All outreach records will be provided to participating cities.



Project Scope: Final Report

A Final Report will be developed to include details on:

- Outreach efforts conducted
- Assessments performed under the Capacity and Compliance tasks
- Food recovery needs and operations of participating cities' Tier 1 and Tier 2 waste generators
- Food recovery needs and operations of food recovery agencies in participating cities
- Recommendations on the necessary steps that participating cities should consider to ensure SB 1383 compliance



Project Scope: Inspection

- At the recommendation of interested cities, the Scope of Work includes an optional task (in which cities can choose to participate or not) that directs the consultant to develop and implement inspections of participating cities' Tier 1 food waste generators and food recovery agencies.
- Inspections of this program for Tier 1 generators will begin on January 1, 2022, while inspections for Tier 2 generators will begin on January 1, 2024.
- By law, the consultant does not have authority to issue citations, but the consultant will collaborate with participating cities to issue educational materials and citations.

Project Timeline and Cost

- Capacity and compliance assessments, public outreach activities, and the Final Report will be completed **by February 2022**.
 - Participation Cost: Less than \$20,000/city
- The optional inspection program will extend the Schedule of Work for participating cities **through August 1, 2024**.
 - Participation Cost: Varies based on a city's number of Tier 1/Tier 2 generators
- While each jurisdiction has different policies or procedures governing the use of AB 939 or AB 1826 funds, it is recommended for participating cities to consult with their city attorneys regarding the possibility of using those funds to participate in this program.

Interested Cities (14)

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



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