



**LAS VIRGENES - MALIBU
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING**

Tuesday, January 16, 2024, 8:30 AM

MEETING INFORMATION AND ACCOMMODATION

NOTE: The Governing Board of the Las Virgenes-Malibu Council of Governments will be participating in this meeting at the teleconference locations noted below via remote video conferencing (Zoom). There will not be an in-person meeting location. Members of the public can participate electronically via Zoom.

Remote Participation Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87043897536?pwd=REFyQXFyZINyVXJ6S2hGYldJYis3Zz09>

Meeting ID: 870 4389 7536 - Passcode: 541125

TELECONFERENCE LOCATIONS

- XXXXXXXXXXXX, Agoura Hills, CA 91301
- XXXXXXXXXXXX, Calabasas, CA 91302
- XXXXXXXXXXXX, Hidden Hills, CA 91302
- XXXXXXXXXXXX, Malibu, CA 90265
- XXXXXXXXXXXX, Malibu, CA 90265
- XXXXXXXXXXXX, Malibu, CA 90265
- XXXXXXXXXXXX, Westlake Village, CA 91362
- XXXXXXXXXXXX, Westlake Village, CA 91362

A public agenda packet is available on the COG website: lvmcog.org. Members of the Public who wish to comment on matters before the Governing Board have two options: 1. Make comments limited to three minutes during the Public Comment Period, or 2. Submit an email with their written comments limited to 1,000 characters to terry@lvmcog.org no later than 12:00 PM on Monday, January 15, 2024. The email address will remain open during the meeting for providing public comment during the meeting. Emails received during the meeting will be read out loud at the appropriate time during the meeting provided they are received before the Board acts on an item (or can be read during the Public Comment Period). For any questions regarding the virtual meeting, please contact terry@lvmcog.org or (818) 968-9088.

**LAS VIRGENES-MALIBU COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 16, 2024**

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

Governing Board Roll Call:

Eniko Gold, Hidden Hills, President
Alicia Weintraub, Calabasas, Vice President
Paul Grisanti, Malibu
Kelly Honig, Westlake Village
Penny Sylvester, Agoura Hills

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

3. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Public comments are limited to three minutes per speaker. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54954.2, the Governing Board is prohibited from discussing or taking immediate action on any item not on the agenda unless it can be demonstrated that the item is of an emergency nature, or if the need to take action arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda.

4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The COG's Amended and Restated Joint Powers Agreement was approved by the Governing Board and subsequently confirmed by all the member cities, in 2019. The Amended and Restated JPA states a Governing Board Representative shall be elected annually to the position of President and Vice President at the first regular meeting of the Governing Board held in January of each calendar year. The terms of office of the President and Vice President shall commence immediately following the elections and expire immediately following the elections which are conducted at the first regular meeting of the Governing Board held in January of the following calendar year. The City of Agoura Hills continues to serve as the COG Treasurer.

- Nominations for President
- Nominations for Vice President

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

Consent Calendar items will be approved in one motion unless removed for separate discussion or action.

- A. November 14, 2023 Draft Minutes – Attachment (page 4-6)
- B. January 2024 Financial Statement – Attachment (page 7-8)

Recommended Action: Approve Consent Calendar

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Presentation by Southern California Edison regarding rate changes, etc.
- B. Regional Smart Cities Fiber Network – Magellan representatives Will Morat and Jory Wolf will provide an update on the status of the Design Engineering.
- C. Metro Traffic Reduction Study Presentation – Metro staff will make the presentation as it relates to the 405 and 101.
- D. Executive Director’s Report – Attachment (page 9-10)

6. PUBLIC SAFETY, LEGISLATIVE AND AGENCY PARTNER UPDATES

- A. Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department – Captain Jenn Seetoo
- B. Los Angeles County Fire Department – Chief Drew Smith
- C. Los Angeles County – From Supervisor Horvath’s office
- D. California Highway Patrol – Casey Ramstead, PIO, West Valley Station
- E. League of Cities – Jeff Kiernan (page 11-12)
- F. Updates from Legislative Staff and Agency Partners (page 13-16)

7. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Confirm Metro MOU Increase in Reimbursement for 2024 for Metro Board Deputy – Attachment (page 17-18)

8. GENERAL COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

9. FUTURE MEETING DATES

2024 Meeting Schedule – Attachment (page 19)

10. ADJOURNMENT

**Draft Minutes
Special Governing Board Meeting
VIRTUAL MEETING - VARIOUS LOCATIONS
November 14, 2023**

The Governing Board conducted the meeting, via Zoom, and in accordance with the teleconferencing requirements of the Brown Act.

1 – Call to Order: President Gold called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM.

Roll Call of Governing Board members/alternates present:

Eniko Gold, Hidden Hills, President
Alicia Weintraub, Calabasas, Vice President
Kelly Honig, Westlake Village
Paul Grisanti, Malibu
Penny Sylvester, Agoura Hills

The following non-voting Governing Board Alternate members participated in the meeting:

Doug Stewart, Malibu
Jeremy Wolf, Agoura Hills

2 – Approval of Agenda:

ACTION: Penny Sylvester moved to approve the agenda. Alicia Weintraub seconded. The Motion carried 5-0, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: President Gold and Governing Board members, Grisanti, Honig, Sylvester, and Weintraub.

NOES: None.

3 – Public Comment Period: The Executive Director stated that he had not received any electronic public comments and no one participating in the meeting offered public comments.

4 – Consent Calendar: A) October 3, 2023, Draft Minutes; and B) November 2023 Financial Report.

ACTION: Kelly Honig moved to approve the Consent Calendar. Alicia Weintraub seconded. The Motion carried 5-0, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: President Gold and Governing Board members, Grisanti, Honig, Sylvester, and Weintraub.

NOES: None.

5.A – Assemblymember Jacqui Irwin: President Gold welcomed Assemblymember Irwin who highlighted the 22-23 legislative session and discussed what to expect in 2024. The Governing Board had several questions about housing, homelessness, and insurance. Following her remarks, President Gold thanked Assemblymember Irwin for participating in the COG meeting. No action was taken by the Governing Board.

5.B – Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority: Sally Malone, Director of Governmental Relations, gave the presentation on behalf of LAHSA. Following a Q & A regarding homelessness and LAHSA’s role, President Gold thanked Sally Malone for her presentation. No action was taken by the Governing Board.

5.C – California’s Sustainable Insurance Strategy – Julia Svetlana Juarez, Deputy Commissioner, Community Relations and Outreach, for Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara, California Department of Insurance gave the presentation. Following a Q & A regarding insurance costs and future programs to regulate homeowners’ insurance, Penny Sylvester asked the Executive Director to coordinate with the Insurance Commissioner’s office to hold a Town Hall meeting in the COG area that would focus on homeowners’ insurance. No action was taken by the Governing Board.

5.D – Executive Director’s Report: The Executive Director asked Bob Takemura, MLC & Associates to provide a quick update on the preparation of the Hazard Mitigation and stated the HMP would be submitted to Cal OES by December. Following his comments, the Executive Director highlighted his report. No action was taken by the Governing Board.

6.A – Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department: Lost Hills/Malibu Station was not represented.

6.B – Los Angeles County Fire Department: Megan Currier provided an update from County Fire.

6.C – League of Cities: Jeff Kiernan called attention to his update in the agenda and highlighted several points.

6.D – Updates from Area Legislators and Agencies: None

7.A – Malibu Measure M Adjustment – President Gold asked the Executive Director to present the item.

ACTION: Paul Grisanti moved to confirm Malibu’s reallocation of Measure R funds in the amount of \$1,200,000 from the PCH Median Project to the PCH Signal Synchronization Project and include it as part of the COG’s Annual Measure M and Measure R Project List. Kelly Honig seconded. The Motion carried 4-0, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: President Gold and Governing Board members, Grisanti, Honig, and Sylvester.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Vice President Weintraub left the meeting at 10:00 AM.

8. – Comments and Request for Future Agenda Items: President Gold asked if any of the city managers wanted to provide an update from their city. There were no other comments or requests for future agenda items. No action was taken by the Governing Board.

9. – President Gold announced the next meeting dates: Technical Advisory Committee meeting is January 3, 2024, 8:30 AM and the Governing Board meeting is January 16, 2024, 8:30 AM.

President Gold thanked the Governing Board, Alternates, city managers and the executive director for their support during the year.

10. – Adjournment: President Gold adjourned the meeting at 10:09 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Dipple
Executive Director



Agoura Hills, CA

Detail Report Account Detail

Date Range: 12/01/2023 - 12/31/2023

Account	Name					Beginning Balance	Total Activity	Ending Balance
Fund: 096 - COG Fund								
<u>096-4190-552000</u>	Contract Services					237,341.52	120,065.80	357,407.32
Post Date	Packet Number	Source Transaction	Pmt Number	Description	Vendor	Project Account	Amount	Running Balance
12/07/2023	APPKT02962	120723	114760	COG Nov 2023	07352 - Jessica Flores		1,000.00	238,341.52
12/07/2023	APPKT02962	120723	114783	COG Nov 2023	07404 - Vivian Rescalvo		11,962.90	250,304.42
12/07/2023	APPKT02962	120723	114756	COG Nov 2023	06798 - Gabriel M. Graham		6,600.00	256,904.42
12/07/2023	APPKT02962	120723	114780	COG Nov 2023	04965 - Terry Dipple		15,470.00	272,374.42
12/21/2023	APPKT02972	12212023	114865	COG Services December 2023	04965 - Terry Dipple		15,470.00	287,844.42
12/21/2023	APPKT02972	12212023	114842	COG Services December 2023	06798 - Gabriel M. Graham		6,600.00	294,444.42
12/21/2023	APPKT02972	12212023	114868	COG Services December 2023	07404 - Vivian Rescalvo		11,962.90	306,407.32
12/21/2023	APPKT02972	12212023	114846	COG Services December 2023	07352 - Jessica Flores		1,000.00	307,407.32
12/21/2023	APPKT02972	1949	114853	COG Hazard Mitigation Plan	02564 - Mlc & Associates, Inc		50,000.00	357,407.32
Total Fund: 096 - COG Fund:						Beginning Balance: 237,341.52	Total Activity: 120,065.80	Ending Balance: 357,407.32
Grand Totals:						Beginning Balance: 237,341.52	Total Activity: 120,065.80	Ending Balance: 357,407.32

Fund Summary

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Grand Total:	237,341.52	120,065.80	357,407.32

Governing Board Agenda Report

DATE: January 16, 2024
TO: Governing Board and Alternates
FROM: Terry Dipple, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Executive Director's Project Update

OVERVIEW

The purpose of this report is to update the Governing Board on the status of COG projects and other items of interest.

2024 Homeless Count – The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) has opened registration for the 2024 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count. In 2024, the Homeless Count will occur during the evening on January 23, 24, and 25. Volunteers can register for the Homeless Count at [TheyCountWillYou.org](https://www.TheyCountWillYou.org). The Unsheltered Count will begin on Tuesday, January 23, in the San Fernando and San Gabriel valleys. The COG coordinated with LAHSA and Calabasas to have a volunteer meeting site at Calabasas Senior Center on the evening of January 23. We are also planning to have satellite locations in Agoura Hills and Westlake Village. More details will be available at the COG meeting.

Hazard Mitigation Plan – The COG's HMP Working Group has been meeting regularly and the consultant was planning to finish by the end of the year and have each city post the HMP on their websites for public review and comment. However, I advised against posting during the holiday week. Since the consultant was making some last-minute additions based upon updates from some of the cities, we collectively decided to have the posting occur on the city websites in January 2024 to allow the public adequate time to comment. It is now expected that the HMP update will be submitted to Cal OES by the end of the month. Thereafter, the consultant will review any comments from Cal OES with the HMP Working Group, and make any revisions, as needed. The final HMP will then be resubmitted to Cal OES, who will review and forward it to FEMA for final approval.

Measure M and R Projects – The COG Measure M funding allocations as approved by the Governing Board will be approved by Metro Board on January 25, which will allow Hidden Hills to immediately move forward with their phase of the Regional Smart Cities Fiber Network. Additionally, Malibu would like to move an additional \$1.8 million of Measure R funds for a total reallocation of \$3 million for its PCH Signal Synchronization Project. The request came in too late to have it included in the January 2024 Metro Board approval. However, we have worked out a scenario to get it on the Metro Board agenda for June 2024, which works for Malibu's schedule and funding needs. I will

provide additional information as we move forward with Malibu to bring it to the Governing Board for approval at the February or March COG meeting.

Regional Smart Cities Fiber Network Project – The design engineering portion of the project is on schedule. The consultant recently presented an update to the TAC and will be providing an update to the Governing Board at the January 16 COG meeting. We anticipate the final design engineering and bid package to be completed for the COG to go out to bid in June 2024. The Governing Board allocated \$5 million in Measure M funding for 24/25 and I anticipate beginning construction beginning in the fall of 2024.

Metro Traffic Reduction Study – Metro will be making a presentation at the January 2024 COG meeting to explain their Traffic Reduction Study (TRS) that is exploring how congestion pricing could reduce traffic. It would be aimed at successfully reducing congestion, enhancing economic opportunity, reducing air and climate pollution, making our roads safer and transit faster, and reinvesting in our communities. The approach consists of managing travel demand through congestion pricing, providing more high-quality transportation options, and offering low-income assistance programs. Metro is working on a second round of technical modeling for three potential pilot concepts, one of which is pricing on the I-405, US-101 and I-5, and multiple canyon arterial roads between the I-405 and US-101. In addition to DTLA pricing on surface streets within the DTLA freeway ring, and on freeways passing through DTLA and the I-10 between DTLA and the western terminus of the freeway in Santa Monica. Metro staff expects to take this to the Board in 2024. If the Board advances recommendations, the project would move into a more detailed environmental review.

Measure H – In 2017 the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors placed Measure H on the ballot for the voters to decide on the sales tax initiative to provide funding for homelessness. It was originally scheduled to sunset after 10 years. Instead of the County taking the lead to extend the sales tax initiative to continue funding for homelessness, it appears the Board of Supervisors is going along with an initiative that is headed up by Elise Buik, President & CEO, United Way of Greater L.A., Edgar Campos, Executive Director, T.R.U.S.T. South LA, Andrew Kerr, Chief Financial Officer, Crew Inc., Veronica Lewis, Executive Director, HOPICS and Miguel Santana, President & CEO, California Community Foundation. Voters will need to approve a new measure so that LA County's homeless funding continues. I will arrange a presentation at an upcoming COG meeting.

Subject: Cal Cities Update January 2024
To: LVMCOG Governing Board and Executive Director
From: Jeff Kiernan, Regional Public Affairs Manager

State Budget Proposal

A month ago, the [Legislative Analysts Office \(LAO\)](#) pegged the deficit at \$68 billion, but yesterday Governor Newsom adamantly said that it was actually just under \$38 billion. Either way, state leaders are throwing cold water on the idea of any new spending in this year's budget.

Cal Cities has maintained our calls for \$3 billion in permanent flexible funding for cities to deal with the dual crises of housing and homelessness. Last year's budget funded just ~\$1 billion for the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) grants which mainly flows to counties, CoCs, and the big 14 cities (cities over 300,000 receive a direct allocation). Thankfully homeless dollars appear to remain whole in this proposal, however housing dollars see a proposed reduction of \$1.7 billion which could mean delays to housing projects or incentives.

The League of California Cities lobbying team reacted to and analyzed how the Governor's proposed budget would impact cities. You can read that analysis [HERE](#).

Legislative Update

The legislature is back, but legislators have until FEB 16 to introduce new bills, so most are still working on proposals until that time. Legislators with active bills from last year are focused on getting those heard and passed over to the second house before JAN 31, otherwise these bills will be dead.

Earlier this week the Governor proposed a [legislative framework](#) to crack down on property crimes. The Gov's proposals do not require changes to prop 47 and during his budget press conference he went to great lengths to say that California's \$950 threshold for property crimes is more strict than most states and therefore he blames other factors – not prop 47 – as the cause of the recent increase in crime.

Upcoming Webinars/Events

JAN 16, 11 AM – 12 PM: Speakers Series w/ Daniel Parra, Cal Cities and Fowler Mayor. Join President Parra for the latest installment of Cal Cities' Speaker Series, where he will share his personal story and insights on advocating for issues important to California cities. In this moderated discussion with Cal Cities Executive Director and CEO Carolyn Coleman, President Parra will also share his priorities for the year and

plans for Cal Cities' 125th year of service and advocacy on behalf of cities. [Register now!](#)

JAN 18, 1 – 2 PM: Permitting for the Earthquake Brace and Bolt Program. Starting Jan. 10, California homeowners will be eligible to apply for Earthquake Brace + Bolt (EBB) grants. Hear from the California Earthquake Authority and a city on how to improve the grantmaking process for local residents and how to coordinate the necessary local permits for residents who are awarded funds. [Register now.](#)

JAN 22, 2 – 3 PM: SB 54 Plastic Pollution Prevention and Packaging Producer Responsibility Act Roundtable. Join us as we discuss the Formal Draft Regulations that were released by CalRecycle for a 45-day formal public comment period for the implementation of SB 54 (Allen, Chapter 75, Statutes of 2022). This Cal Cities roundtable discussion will provide an opportunity for all Cal Cities members who work on, or have an interest in single-use packaging and plastic food ware recycling, to discuss the Draft Regulations and coordinate public comments. [Register now.](#)

Subject: SCAG Update January 2024
To: LVMCOG Governing Board and Executive Director
From: Rachel Wagner, SCAG Senior Government Affairs Officer
wagner@scag.ca.gov ; (805) 276-0429

Highlights from the January 4, 2024 SCAG Regional Council Meeting

ACTION: SCAG TO SPONSOR TWO RHNA REFORM BILLS

In a vote at the Jan. 4 meeting, the Regional Council authorized staff to pursue two legislative bill concepts related to Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) reform. The first bill would establish procedures for the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to publicize data sources, analyses and methodology, and require a panel of experts to advise HCD on its assumptions, data and analyses, before making its final determination for a region. The second bill would reinstate a trade and transfer option of RHNA units between two jurisdictions, setting limitations so trades continue to advance state housing objectives.

SCAG's advocacy will include securing an author in the California State Legislature for these bills while calling on individual cities and councils of governments to support these legislative efforts. The concepts in this legislative platform grew out of SCAG's stakeholder engagement and the resulting official comment letter to HCD on the RHNA reform process, then prioritized by action of the Legislative/Communication and Membership Committee (LCMC).

ACTION: SCAG REGIONAL COUNCIL APPROVES \$35 MILLION IN COMPETITIVE GRANT FUNDING TO SUPPORT THE REGIONAL UTILITIES SUPPORTING HOUSING PILOT PROGRAM

On Jan. 4, SCAG's Regional Council approved funding recommendations for the Regional Utilities Supporting Housing Pilot Program (RUSH), [funding 12 projects](#) for a total of \$35 million. RUSH invests in utility infrastructure planning and capital improvements to support jurisdictions in meeting the housing production goals defined in the 6th Cycle of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment, local housing elements and Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) 2.0 program objectives. Project awards include infrastructure planning projects and programs, such as green infrastructure plans and capital projects that address current and future utility restrictions in housing development by upgrading infrastructure for sewer, water, stormwater and dry utility systems to enable infill housing.

DISCUSSION: PRESIDENTIAL PRIORITIES PRESENTATION: CLEAN TRANSPORTATION TECHNOLOGY

The Jan. 4 Regional Council meeting featured a panel discussion on clean transportation technology. Participants included Stephen Collins, senior manager for strategic planning at Southern California Edison; Carrie Schindler, deputy executive director of the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority; and Angelina Galiteva, chief executive officer of the Alliance for Renewable Clean Hydrogen Energy Systems. The presentation will be available tomorrow, Jan. 5, on the [Regional Council video archive](#).

GRANT SOLICITATION: JOINT STBG/CMAQ/CRP SOLICITATION FOR PROJECT NOMINATIONS

On Jan. 4, SCAG will begin accepting project nominations for Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG), Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) and Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) funding. This solicitation has an estimated combined budget of \$278 million across all three funding sources. County transportation commissions in the region will coordinate with eligible entities within their counties to submit prioritized project nominations and required documentation. Local agencies should confer with their county transportation commission for county-specific application deadlines. SCAG will review the county transportation commissions' project submissions against program criteria and develop a list of prioritized projects for approval by the SCAG Regional Council in June.

News from the President

CONNECT SOCAL 2024 PUBLIC COMMENT UPDATE

As part of the public comment period for the draft [Connect SoCal 2024](#) Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy, SCAG hosted three public hearings and 15 briefings with elected officials in Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino and Ventura counties. In all, 229 local elected officials, city and county staff, and stakeholders participated in the briefings, where SCAG leadership shared details of the draft Connect SoCal 2024 and discussed implementing the plan's vision for a more resilient and equitable future. Following SCAG presentations, attendees asked questions about projects in their respective counties and provided critical feedback on the draft Connect SoCal 2024. The comment period closes Jan. 12, after which staff will review comments and revise the draft accordingly; the Regional Council is expected to consider the final Connect SoCal 2024 for adoption in April 2024.

ARTESIA MAYOR PRO TEM ALI SAJJAD TAJ APPOINTED TO THE ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

SCAG Regional Council President Art Brown appointed Artesia Mayor Pro Tem Ali Sajjad Taj to the Energy and Environment Committee. Ali Sajjad Taj was first elected to the Artesia City Council in December 2013, served as mayor December 2016-17 and 2019-20, and is the immediate past president of the California League of Cities.

14TH ANNUAL SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ECONOMIC SUMMIT RECAP

More than 500 attendees joined SCAG for the [14th Annual Southern California Economic Summit](#) on Dec. 7, 2023, to discuss connections between regional planning and the long-term health of the Southern California economy.

Highlights of the 14th Annual Southern California Economic Summit included the presentation and publication of the "[Regional Briefing Book](#)," which details the current state of the region's economy with benchmarks to track throughout the region in the coming year.

Photos and resources from the 14th Annual Southern California Economic Summit are available in the [news brief](#) on the SCAG website.

News from the Executive Director

SCAG RECEIVES \$12 MILLION FOR TRAFFIC SAFETY INITIATIVES

Last month, the U.S. Department of Transportation announced a \$12 million award for SCAG under the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program, [supporting three comprehensive initiatives](#) to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries in Southern California.

With the grant performance period anticipated to begin in late 2024, SCAG will pursue the following activities:

- Develop a Regional Safety Action Plan as the roadmap for new and ongoing safety strategies and support supplemental planning and demonstration activities led by local jurisdictions.
- Expand *Go Human* safety programs, including grants for community-based organizations, complete streets pop-up demonstrations and local safety campaigns.
- Pilot quick-build demonstrations through a competitive call for applications using an equity-centered prioritization methodology.

Established by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021, SS4A awards \$5 billion over five years to regional, local and Tribal traffic safety initiatives. Learn more about all the selected projects on the [SS4A website](#).

SCAG RECEIVES SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURAL LANDS CONSERVATION GRANT

SCAG received a \$500,000 [Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation planning grant](#) from the California Department of Conservation to study the economic and fiscal benefits of natural and working lands, including environmental, tourism and recreation benefits. The study will also explore model policies and revenue opportunities to support local and regional efforts to maximize these benefits and support regional economic, social and environmental resilience.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

JANUARY

- 18th** Technical Working Group
- 23rd** Transportation Conformity Working Group
- 24th** Modeling Task Force
- 31st** Regional Transit Technical Advisory Committee
- 31st** Executive/Administration Committee

FEBRUARY

- 1st** Community, Economic and Human Development Committee
- 1st** Energy and Environment Committee
- 1st** Transportation Committee
- 1st** Regional Council
- 6th** Aviation Technical Advisory Committee
- 8th** Equity Working Group
- 20th** Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee
- 27th** Transportation Conformity Working Group

Governing Board Agenda Report

DATE: January 16, 2024
TO: Governing Board and Alternates
FROM: Terry Dipple, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Metro MOU Increase in Reimbursement for 2024

OVERVIEW

The purpose of this report is to provide the Governing Board with information pertaining to the Memorandum of Understanding the COG has with Metro to increase the contract with Vivian Rescalvo, Board Deputy to Ara Najarian.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Governing Board confirms the increase in the amount of the MOU with Metro for Board member services for 2024.

BACKGROUND

In June 2023, the Governing Board approved a new MOU with Metro that provides funding for Vivian Rescalvo, Board Deputy to Ara Najarian, who is our representative on the Metro Board. Maureen Micheline was the previous Board Deputy, and the COG had a similar MOU with Metro for her over an 8-year span. Vivian Rescalvo took over the Board Deputy position full-time beginning July 1, 2023.

Pursuant to MOU with Metro, the COG receives \$149,536 and is allowed a 4% administration fee (\$5,981) for facilitating the monthly payments to Vivian Rescalvo. The COG invoices Metro monthly and is reimbursed the same. In accordance with the MOU the reimbursement may be increased by Metro to allow an increase payment to the Board Deputy.

Attached is a letter from Metro that serves as a notification of a 2.5% Cost of Living Adjustment increase effective January 1, 2024. Per the terms of the MOU, Metro will increase the reimbursement due to the COG from \$149,536 to \$153,274 for 2024. The 4% administration fee that is retained by the COG will increase this year to \$6,130.

ATTACHMENT – Metro letter dated December 14, 2023



Metro

December 14, 2023

Terry Dipple
Executive Director
Las Virgenes-Malibu Council of Governments
6165 Spring Valley Road
Hidden Hills CA 91302

Dear Mr. Dipple:

In accordance with Section 2B of the attached MOU between the Las Virgenes-Malibu Council of Governments (LVMCOG) and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA):

During the term of this MOU, the reimbursement from the LACMTA to the LVMCOG for the cost of the Contract shall remain unchanged, except that the LACMTA shall increase the reimbursement due the LVMCOG by the same percentage as that approved by the Board for LACMTA Non-contract employee salary increase. The increase in reimbursement shall be effective the same date that the LACMTA Board-approved non-contract salary increase becomes effective.

This letter serves as a notification that in May 2023, the LACMTA Board approved a 2.5% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) increase effective January 1, 2024.

Per the terms of the MOU in Section 2A, LACMTA will increase the reimbursement due to the LVMCOG by the same percentage, effective January 1, 2024. LACMTA shall then reimburse the COG in an amount not to exceed 153,274.70, payable at the rate of \$12,772.89 per month through June 30, 2024.

Please feel free to contact me at (213) 364-6681 if you have any questions.

Warmly,



Collette Langston
Board Clerk

cc: Stephanie Wiggins, Chief Executive Officer

Las Virgenes-Malibu Council of Governments

2024 Meeting Schedule

All meetings begin at 8:30 AM and will be virtual via Zoom, unless otherwise noted.

Technical Advisory Committee

Wednesday, January 3

Wednesday, February 7

Wednesday, March 6

Wednesday, April 3

Wednesday, May 1

Wednesday, June 5

Wednesday, July 3

No Meeting in August

Wednesday, September 4

Wednesday, October 2

Wednesday, November 6

No Meeting in December

Governing Board

Tuesday, January 16

Tuesday, February 20

Tuesday, March 19

Tuesday, April 16

Tuesday, May 21

Tuesday, June 18

Tuesday, July 23

No Meeting in August

Tuesday, September 17

Tuesday, October 15

Tuesday, November 19

No Meeting in December