

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

Tuesday, October 16, 2018, 8:30 A.M.

CALABASAS LIBRARY

Founders Hall Multipurpose Room
200 Civic Center Way, CA 91302

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

Governing Board Members:

Alicia Weintraub, President
Denis Weber, Vice President
Laura Rosenthal
Mark Rutherford
Stuart Siegel

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

3. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Members of the public may address the Governing Board on any subject on or off the agenda by raising their hand and being recognized by the President of the Governing Board. Speakers shall limit their comments to three minutes.

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 the need to take action arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- A. Approval of September 18, 2018 Draft Meeting Notes – Attachment
- B. October 2018 Executive Director's Report – Attachment
- C. October 2018 Financial Statement – Attachment

Recommended Action: Approve Consent Calendar

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Construction of New Men's Central Jail – The L.A. County Board of Supervisors authorized construction of a new Men's Central Jail replacing the current facility in downtown Los Angeles. JoAnne Gonzalez, Los Angeles County, DPW, requested an opportunity to make a presentation.
Recommended Action: No action is needed as this is an information item.

6. ACTION ITEMS

- A. SCE Public Safety Power Shutdown Program – A draft letter is attached for consideration.
Recommended Action: Discuss the issues and determine if the Governing Board wants to take a position and send a letter to the California Public Utilities Commission.
- B. Measure W - The L.A. County Board of Supervisors placed the Safe Clean Water Program parcel tax on the November 6, 2018 ballot. If approved by county voters, Measure W would implement a parcel tax that will provide dedicated local and regional funding for stormwater projects, improve water quality and protect public health.
Recommendation: Discuss and determine if the Governing Board wants to endorse Measure W.
- C. Measure H Homeless Initiative Grant - Los Angeles County Homeless Initiative staff recently allocated the second year of funding to the COG in the amount of \$30,000. The funding cycle is from October 1, 2018 – September 30, 2019.
Recommendation: That the Governing Board allocate the second year Homeless Initiative funding grant in the amount of \$30,000 to the City of Malibu to continue the COG's regional efforts in addressing homeless issues.

7. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

- A. League of Cities
B. Updates from Area Legislators

8. COMMENTS AND REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

9. FUTURE MEETING DATES

Technical Advisory Committee: November 7, 2018, 8:30 a.m. (if needed)
Governing Board: November 20, 2018, 8:30 a.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT

**Draft Meeting Notes
Governing Board Meeting
September 18, 2018**

Item 1 – Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Weintraub at 8:32 a.m. The meeting was held at Calabasas Civic Center, Multipurpose Room.

Roll Call of Governing Board members present:

Alicia Weintraub, President
Denis Weber, Vice President
Laura Rosenthal
Mark Rutherford
Stuart Siegel

Item 2 – Approval of Agenda: There was a motion and second to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 3 – Public Comment Period: Hans Laetz, Radio Malibu KBU 97.5, spoke in opposition to SCE Public Safety Power Shutdown program, noting SCE’s liability and the utility not having the authority to shut off power.

Item 4 – Consent Calendar: 4.A Meeting Notes from September 18, 2018 with corrections, as follows: Item 7.A annual League of Cities conference was changed to “September 12-14, 2018”; 4.B September 2018 Executive Director’s Report; and 4.C September 2018 Financial Statement. Terry Dipple highlighted his Executive Director’s Report. Following his report, there was a motion and second to approve the items on the consent calendar. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 5.A – Public Safety Power Shutdown – Rudy Gonzales, Southern California Edison, was in attendance to make the presentation on SCE’s Wildfire Mitigation, Safety and Grid Resiliency program. He stated California has an increased wildfire risk due to climate change, which has created a year-round fire season. He listed the steps SCE has taken to reduce the risk of wildfires, including long-standing operational practices, investing in system hardening of electric grid, bolstering situational awareness capabilities and enhancing operational practices. He stated the SCE has hired meteorologists to monitor severe weather conditions and that the Public Safety Power Shutoff would be a last resort effort to prevent wildfire ignitions. He announced that SCE was holding a community meeting for the public to learn more about the Public Safety Power Shutoff program. The community meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 9, 2018, 6:30 pm at King Gillett Ranch, in Calabasas. The Governing Board members and city managers expressed concern for the PSPS program because all of the cities have neighborhoods that are nestled at the foot of the mountains or in canyons with just one way in and out which makes evacuating residents during a fire extremely difficult. Without power, those efforts will be severely crippled. Governing Board members understand the intent of the program is to decrease the chances of a fire during high wind events, but noted that power lines are only one cause of fires which are also frequently started by weed abatement tools, illegal campfires in the Santa Monica Mountains and lightning

strikes. Another major concern is many of the cities area water systems rely on pump stations that require power. If power is out, the water will not be able to flow, and the fire department will be severely hampered in its fire-fighting efforts. Chief Williams, LA County Fire Department asked why SCE's meteorologists do not use National Weather Service information like the fire department. Elizaveta Malashenko, Director of Safety and Enforcement, California Public Utilities Commission stated electric utilities have always had the authority to shut off power but because of the wildfires the PUC was requiring electric utilities to hold public meetings so the PUC could evaluate the issues that are raised at the meetings. In addition, the PUC was going to set up a website to collect comments. Following further discussion, Governing Board member Stuart Siegel asked the TAC to discuss notification to residents. President Weintraub asked the executive director to prepare a letter for the next COG meeting. President Weintraub thanked Rudy Gonzales for his presentation. No action was taken as this was an information item.

Item 5.B – Education Presentation on SB 1: Karen Swift from Metro was in attendance to make the presentation. Following questions, President Weintraub thanked Karen Swift for her presentation. No action was taken as this was an information item.

Item 6.A – League of Cities: Jeff Kiernan provided an update from the League of Cities.

Item 6.B – Updates from Area Legislators: Jeremy Wolf from Senator Stern's office introduced Denise Knitter, the new district director for Senator Stern. Aurelia Friedman from Congressman Ted Lieu's office announced the Congressman was hosting a veterans meeting at Beverly Hills City Hall on September 20, 2018.

Item 7 – Comments and Request for Future Agenda Items: Governing Board member Stuart Siegel as the TAC to discuss the PSPS program and notification issues and bring the matter back to the Governing Board at the next COG meeting.

Item 8 – Future Meeting Dates: President Weintraub noted the meeting dates.

Item 9 – Adjournment: President Weintraub adjourned the meeting at 10:08 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Dipple
Executive Director

Also in attendance at the September 18, 2018 Governing Board meeting:

Reva Feldman, City Manager, Malibu
Gary Lysik, City Manager, Calabasas
Kerry Kallman, City Manager, Hidden Hills
Greg Ramirez, City Manager, Agoura Hills
Ray Taylor, City Manager, Westlake Village

Terry Dipple, Executive Director
Karen Swift, Metro
Elizaveta Malashenko, California PUC
Chief Williams, LA County Fire Department
Jeff Kiernan, League of Cities
Aurelia Friedman, Congressman Ted Lieu
Jeremy Wolf, Senator Stern
Denise Knitter, Senator Stern
Rudy Gonzales, Southern California Edison
Robert Wong, CALtrans
Hans Laetz, Radio Malibu KBU 97.5

Memorandum

DATE: October 16, 2018
TO: Governing Board
FROM: Terry Dipple, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Executive Director's Report

OVERVIEW

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

Measure M Project List – As I reported at the COG meeting, last month, Metro COG cities and County representatives agreed to provide additional information that came up during the discussion of certain projects. Metro has agreed that projects in year 4 and 5 will not have to provide details at this time. Metro staff is working with the cities and County to ultimately obtain Metro approval for these projects. I expect resolution by the end of October.

Southern California Edison, Public Safety Power Shutoff – I attended the SCE community meeting on Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at King Gillett Ranch. Approximately 150 members of the public attended the meeting. SCE gave the same presentation that they gave at the September COG meeting. It was a very vocal crowd opposing the PSPS program.

Homeless Initiative – The COG's Homeless Working Group held a meeting with Captain Thai on Thursday, October 4, 2018, to discuss the COG's homeless grant project and coordination issues. The Working Group agreed to begin meeting on a regular basis and scheduled the next meeting on Thursday, October 25, 2018, in Malibu. It was noted that the second year annual \$30,000 grant from Los Angeles County Homeless Initiative would be available October 2018 and would be on the COG agenda for action.

Hazard Mitigation Plan – The consultant has completed the draft Hazard Mitigation Plan and it is out for review by the COG's HMP Working Group. In light of the SCE PSPS program, I asked the consultant to add a section to the HMP to address the issues. The consultant has added Section 9 to the HMP called Energy Disruption. I will attach it to the agenda email and distribute it at the COG meeting. The HMP is being scheduled for review and approval by the COG cities. It is expected to come to the COG in November if all of the cities have approved the HMP.

Metro NextGen Bus System Study – The NextGen Bus Study Committee has held four meetings. I will be scheduling a NextGen Bus Study presentation to the COG in November.

Memorandum

DATE: October 16, 2018
TO: Governing Board
FROM: Terry Dipple, Executive Director
SUBJECT: October 2018 COG Financial Summary

SUMMARY

All of the revenue and expenditures are in accordance with the COG's 17/18 adopted budget.

18/19 Expected Revenue

Dues	100,000
FEMA Grant	52,500
Metro (admin & planning)	57,250
Metro (for consultant)	<u>95,663</u>
Total	305,413

18/19 Expenditures to Date

Liability Insurance 18/19	-3,605.45
Terry Dipple – 7/18 Ex. Dir.	-10,833.33
Maureen Micheline 7/18 Metro	-7,732.80
Terry Dipple – 7/18 retro	-833.34
Terry Dipple – 8/18 Ex. Dir.	-11,666.67
Maureen Micheline 8/18 Metro	-7,732.80
Terry Dipple – 9/18 Ex. Dir.	-11,666.67
Maureen Micheline 9/18 Metro	<u>-7,732.80</u>
Total	-61,803.86

Agenda Item 6.A
Draft Support Letter

President Michael Picker
and Members of the California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue San Francisco, CA 94102

RE: Resolution No. ESRB-8 Public Safety Power Shutoff CPUC July 12, 2018 Agenda ID
#16556

Dear Commissioners:

Southern California Edison (Edison) recently presented its Public Safety Power Shutoff program to the Las Virgenes-Malibu Council of Governments (LVMCOG) and the Governing Board has serious concerns about the program that need to be mitigated before this program is implemented.

The LVMCOG member cities of Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Hidden Hills, Malibu and Westlake Village are located in a Tier 3 Extreme Risk high fire threat area of the Santa Monica Mountains. The cities of Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Hidden Hills and Westlake Village sit on the inland side of the Santa Monica Mountains and Malibu stretches 21 miles along the coastal side of the mountains. All of the cities have neighborhoods that are nestled at the foot of the mountains or in canyons with just one way in and out. Even under the best conditions, evacuating residents during a fire is extremely difficult in all of our cities. While all of the cities have multiple alerting systems to support the field evacuation efforts, without power, those efforts will be severely crippled.

We understand that the intent of the program is to decrease the chances of a fire during high wind events, but power lines are only one cause of fires. Fires are also frequently started by weed abatement tools, illegal campfires in the Santa Monica Mountains and lightning strikes. If Edison shuts off the power preemptively and a fire starts by another means, it could create an extremely dangerous and life-threatening situation in for area residents. Even if we request to have lines reenergized to implement our alert and warning systems, it could take hours before the first notification could be sent. During high wind events, there are not hours to wait for this, especially during the night when people are sleeping, and emergency resources are at their lowest.

Another major concern is many of our area water systems rely on pump stations that require power. If power is out, the water will not be able to flow, and the fire department will be severely hampered in its fire-fighting efforts. Also, all of the cities have limited ingress and egress with Malibu dependent on Pacific Coast Highway and the other cities only have the US 101 freeway. Gridlock caused by inoperable traffic signals will negatively impact people's ability to evacuate both sides of the mountains, as well as impact the ability of emergency resources to enter the area. Additionally, Malibu residents are on septic systems and extended power outages could

negatively impact those pump stations and systems. Lastly, many residents do not have landlines and power outages cut off WiFi and all communication.

Due to the above stated concerns, the LVMCOG requests that the language in Resolution ESRB8 regarding extending the requirements of D.12-040024 to all investor owned utilities (IOU), be amended in the following manner:

- 1) Under II, C. Public Outreach, Notification, and Mitigation, bullet six located on page 6 of the Resolution where it states:

“To address public safety impacts of a de-energization event, the IOU may provide generators to critical facilities that are not well prepared for a power shut off.”

We request that the word “may” be changed to “will” and “critical facilities” be specified by adding “including, but not limited to cell phone towers, water pumps, key traffic signals and emergency communication.”

- 2) Under II, C. Public Outreach, Notification, and Mitigation, bullet four located on page 6 of the Resolution where it states:

“Discuss the details of any potential shut off and mitigation measure the IOU can provide to lessen the negative impacts of the power outage”

We request the language be strengthened to say, “Develop a detailed mitigation plan that is vetted with the local jurisdictions and emergency response agencies that would require the IOU to work in partnership with the local cities to communicate to residents who are reliant on power for medical necessity who have already submitted that information to the IOU.”

Your consideration of these recommended changes to the proposed Resolution is extremely important and crucial to the protection of the communities of Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Hidden Hills, Malibu and Westlake Village and so many others throughout the state. If you have any questions regarding these suggestions, please contact Terry Dipple, Executive Director, Las Virgenes-Malibu Council of Governments at 818-968-9088 or terry@lvmcog.org.

Yours truly,

Alicia Weintraub
President

Agenda Item 6.B
Draft Support Letter

RE: Measure W – Safe, Clean Water Program

Measure W creates the Safe, Clean Water (SCW) Program, a comprehensive action plan to increase local water supplies, clean up contaminated water to protect public health and the environment, and prepare our region for drought. This measure was crafted by a broad stakeholder committee including cities, water agencies, environmental organizations, business and labor groups and put on the November 6, 2018 ballot by the Board of Supervisors.

Measure W was designed to meet State regulations and the Federal Clean Water Act in order to improve water quality and the specific intended purposes of the SCW Program are to fund projects and programs to increase stormwater capture and reduce stormwater and urban runoff pollution in the Los Angeles County Flood Control District.

Every year, more than 100 billion gallons of rainwater flow down our gutters and out to the ocean. Measure W will modernize Los Angeles County's outdated water infrastructure to capture and save more rainwater, enough for more than 2.5 million people – one quarter of our County's population.

Polluted stormwater exposes our kids and neighborhoods to toxins, results in beach closures after every rainstorm, and makes people sick. Measure W will protect public health by keeping trash, liquid toxins, and infection-causing bacteria out of local waterways. Further extreme heat and more frequent and severe droughts are the new normal. Measure W will help us prepare for future droughts by capturing more water when it does rain.

Thousands of tons of trash—everything from plastics to cigarette butts to syringes—enter our storm drains, flow out to sea, and wash onto our beaches, killing thousands of dolphins, birds, and other marine life. Measure W will protect Los Angeles County rivers, lakes, bays, and beaches by reducing stormwater pollution.

Measure W includes strict accountability requirements, including an independent oversight committee and independent annual audits. All revenue will be spent on local projects to improve our local water quality and increase our local water supplies.

The proposed SCW Program will generate annual revenue of approximately \$300 million Countywide if the parcel tax is approved by the voters on November 6, 2018 and the revenue from the proposed SCW Program will assist cities in meeting water quality compliance regulations through various projects and programs with an emphasis on implementing multi-benefit stormwater infrastructure. Therefore, the Las Virgenes-Malibu Council of Governments is pleased to endorse Measure W - the Safe, Clean Water Program.

Las Virgenes-Malibu Council of Governments

Alicia Weintraub
President

Memorandum

DATE: October 16, 2018
TO: Governing Board
FROM: Terry Dipple, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Measure H Homeless Initiative Grant

RECOMMENDED ACTION

That the Governing Board allocate the second year Homeless Initiative funding grant in the amount of \$30,000 to the City of Malibu to continue the COG's regional efforts in addressing homeless issues.

BACKGROUND

In March 2017, Measure H known as the Homeless Initiative was approved by Los Angeles County voters. The quarter-cent sales tax is projected to raise \$355 million a year for 10 years to help homeless people transition into planned affordable housing. The funding is expected to help 45,000 families and individuals escape homelessness within five years and prevent homelessness for 30,000 others.

In 2017, the Los Angeles County Homeless Initiative staff held several meetings with the COG executive directors to explore how the County and COGs can collaborate to maximize cities' engagement in preventing and combating homelessness locally and regionally. Subsequently, the County proposed funding for the COGs and the Las Virgenes-Malibu COG received \$30,000, which the Governing Board allocated to Malibu to assist in their efforts to help the homeless population. In addition, Malibu would help facilitate and coordinate homeless resources with the COG cities.

The COG cities representatives recently held a kick-off meeting with Captain Thai at the Sheriff's station to discuss ways of sharing information to better address the homeless issues cities are facing. The group agreed to begin meeting on a regular basis and our next meeting is scheduled for 11:00 am, Thursday, October 25, in Malibu.

Los Angeles County Homeless Initiative staff recently allocated the second year of funding to the COG in the amount of \$30,000. The funding cycle is from October 1, 2018 – September 30, 2019.