

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

Tuesday, February 16, 2021, 8:30 AM

MEETING INFORMATION AND ACCOMMODATION

Pursuant to the Governor’s Executive Orders, which waived certain Brown Act meeting requirements, including any requirements to make a physical meeting location available to the public; and, most recently, the March 19, 2020 Executive Order, which ordered all residents to stay at home. As such, the Las Virgenes-Malibu Council of Governments will provide Members of the Public the opportunity to view and participate in the meeting remotely using Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting: Meeting ID: 853 4255 7423 - Passcode: 745615

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AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

Governing Board Members:

Kelly Honig, Westlake Village, President
Karen Farrer, Malibu, Vice President
Stuart Siegel, Hidden Hills
Denis Weber, Agoura Hills
Alicia Weintraub, Calabasas

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 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. January 19, 2021 Draft Meeting Notes – Attachment (pages 3-6)

B. February 2021 Financial Statement – Attachment (page 7-9)

Recommended Action: Approve Consent Calendar

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. State Legislation Update – Dane Hutchings, Lobbyist with Renne Public Policy Group, will highlight bills that have been introduced in 2021.

B. Executive Director’s Report – Attachment (pages 10-12)

C. Reports from Member Cities on COVID-19

- Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Hidden Hills, Malibu, and Westlake Village

6. ACTION ITEMS

A. Discussion of COG Goals and Priorities – Attachment (pages 13-14)

Recommended Action: Discuss and provide direction to COG staff.

B. Proposal to Sponsor Legislation to Improve City Selection Committee Meetings – Attachment (pages 15-17)

7. PUBLIC SAFETY, LEGISLATIVE AND AGENCY PARTNER UPDATES

A. Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department

B. Los Angeles County Fire Department

C. Cal Cities

D. Updates from Legislative Staff and Agency Partners

8. GENERAL COMMENTS AND REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

9. FUTURE MEETING DATES

Technical Advisory Committee Meeting: Wednesday, March 3rd at 8:30 AM

Governing Board Meeting: Tuesday, March 16th at 8:30 AM

10. ADJOURNMENT

**Draft Meeting Notes
Governing Board Meeting
VIRTUAL MEETING - VARIOUS LOCATIONS
January 19, 2021**

The Governing Board conducted the virtual meeting, via Zoom, and in accordance with California Governor Newsom's Executive Orders N-20-20 and N-35-20 and COVID-19 pandemic protocols.

1 – Call to Order: Vice President Kelly Honig called the meeting to order at 8:33 AM.

Roll Call of Governing Board members present:

Kelly Honig, Westlake Village, Vice President
Karen Farrer, Malibu
Stuart Siegel, Hidden Hills
Denis Weber, Agoura Hills
Alicia Weintraub, Calabasas

The following non-voting city elected officials participated in the meeting:

Chris Anstead, Councilmember, Agoura Hills
Ned Davis, Councilmember, Westlake Village
Laura McCorkindale, Councilmember, Hidden Hills
Mikke Pierson, Mayor, Malibu

2 – Approval of Agenda:

ACTION: Governing Board member Siegel moved to approve the Agenda. Governing Board member Weintraub seconded. The Motion carried 5-0, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Vice President Honig and Governing Board members Siegel, Weber and Weintraub.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

3 – Public Comment Period: None

4 – Election of Officers: Vice President Honig turned the meeting over to the Executive Director to conduct the election. Nominations were open for President.

ACTION: Governing Board member Weintraub nominated Kelly Honig. There were no other nominations. The Motion carried 5-0, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Vice President Honig, Governing Board members Farrer, Siegel, Weber and Weintraub.
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: None.

Kelly Honig was elected President. She thanked the Governing Board and then opened nominations for Vice President.

ACTION: President Honig nominated Karen Farrer. There were no other nominations. The Motion carried 5-0, by the following roll call vote:
AYES: President Honig, Governing Board members Farrer, Siegel, Weber and Weintraub.
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: None.

Karen Farrer was elected Vice President thanked the Governing Board.

5 – Consent Calendar: 5.A Meeting Notes from November 17, 2020; 5.B January 2021 Financial Statement.

ACTION: Governing Board member Weber moved to approve the Consent Calendar. Governing Board member Siegel seconded. The Motion carried 5-0, by the following roll call vote:
AYES: President Honig, Vice President Farrer and Governing Board members Siegel, Weber and Weintraub.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: None.

6.A. – Presentation of SCAG’s Sustainable Communities Program Housing & Development Call for Applications: Lyle Janicek, SCAG Regional Planner gave the presentation. President Honig thanked Lyle Janicek for his presentation. No action was taken by the Governing Board.

6.B. – Executive Director’s Report: The Executive Director highlighted his report, which included an item in the Governor’s Proposed 2021-22 Budget. The Governor’s is proposing \$4.3 million to create a Housing Accountability Unit at the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), “to further facilitate affordable housing production” through monitoring, technical assistance and enforcement of existing housing production laws. Examples of monitoring include sending HCD representatives to City Council meetings when new housing developments are being

considered. Governing Board members expressed concern about HCD monitoring city council meetings.

ACTION: Governing Board member Siegel moved to add this item to the agenda as an urgency item as it came up after the agenda was posted. Governing Board member Weber seconded. The Motion carried 5-0, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: President Honig, Vice President Farrer and Governing Board members Siegel, Weber and Weintraub.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

ACTION: Governing Board member Weintraub moved to send a letter to the Governor opposing the \$4.3 million in the proposed Budget to create a Housing Accountability Unit at the California Department of Housing and Community Development. Vice President Farrer seconded. The Motion carried 5-0, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: President Honig, Vice President Farrer and Governing Board members Siegel, Weber and Weintraub.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

6.C. – Reports from Member Cities on COVID-19: City Managers and Governing Board commented on COVID-19-related issues in their respective cities. No action was taken by the Governing Board.

7.A – Preview of Housing Legislation – The Executive Director presented an overview of housing bills that have been introduced in this legislative session. Following the presentation, the Executive Director asked the Governing Board to discuss with their respective cities and report back if there was support or opposition to any of the bills. No action was taken by the Governing Board.

7.B – Appointment to Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission: The Executive Director provided background on the appointment process and prior COG representatives to the SMBRC.

ACTION: Governing Board member Weber moved to appoint Malibu Mayor Mikke Pierson as the COG representative to the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission. Vice President Farrer seconded. The Motion carried 5-0, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: President Honig, Vice President Farrer and Governing Board members Siegel, Weber and Weintraub.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: None.

8.A – Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department: Captain Becerra provided an update from the Lost Hills/Malibu Station.

8.B – Los Angeles County Fire Department: Chief Smith provide an update.

8.C – Cal Cities: Jeff Kiernan provided an update from Cal Cities.

8.D – Updates from Area Legislators and Agencies. Tessa Charnofsky provided an update from Supervisor Kuehl, Aurelia Friedman provided an update from Congressman Lieu and Jeremy Wolf provided an update from Senator Stern.

9. – Comments and Request for Future Agenda Items: None

10. – Future Meeting Dates: President Honig noted the 2021 Governing Board and TAC meeting schedule that had been prepared by the Executive Director and is attached to the agenda.

11. – Adjournment: Vice President Honig asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:08 AM.

ACTION: Governing Board member Siegel moved to adjourn the meeting. Governing Board member Weintraub seconded. The Motion carried 5-0, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: President Honig, Vice President Farrer and Governing Board members Siegel, Weber and Weintraub
NOES: None.
ABSENT: None

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Dipple
Executive Director

***Agenda Item 4.B
(Consent Calendar)***

Governing Board Agenda Report

DATE: February 16, 2021
TO: Governing Board and Alternates
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.

Governor's Proposed 2021-22 Budget – As directed by the Governing Board at the January COG meeting, I drafted the attached letter to the Governor regarding his budget proposal to include \$4.3 million to create a Housing Accountability Unit at the California Department of Housing and Community Development. Copies were sent to area legislators.

COG's Homeless Outreach Coordinator – Gabriel continues to provide weekly updates on his assistance to people experiencing homelessness in the region. Discussions have begun for continuation of the grant used to fund Gabriel's position. I have not been given a grant amount yet but have been assured it will be sufficient to fund Gabriel's position with the COG through June 2022.

Evacuation Plan – At the January meeting, OEM discussed the operational coordination of using evacuation zones for evacuations, i.e. how responders would best be able to access the zones, use them for evacuation planning, ordering alert and warning campaigns be triggered, and what processes and trainings may be needed to help build and maintain these capabilities. The meeting last week was about GIS needs for using the zones in mass notification systems, incident management software, public facing websites. Next, OEM will begin reaching out to COG cities for one on one meetings to draft up their zones based on feedback from the previous meetings that have been held.

Current meeting schedule:

2/18 - Stakeholder progress report OEM webinar (virtual).

Late February into March – One-on-one stakeholder meetings to draft zones based on developed guidelines.

Advanced Planning for Measure M 9th Year Allocation – The 9th year allocation for the COG has been reduced by Metro due to a reduction in sales tax during the pandemic. The COG had anticipated \$12-13 million but will be allocated a total of \$9,994,444 for 24/25, which is the 9th year. I have begun a series of informal discussions with the cities

to outline a proposed schedule for project submittal. I will present more details at the March TAC and COG meetings.

North Santa Monica Bay Watershed Area Committee – I have invited Melina Watts, the recently hired Watershed Coordinator, to be introduced and make a short presentation at the March COG meeting.

Metro Traffic Reduction Study – Metro has requested to present an update on the Traffic Reduction Study at the March 16th COG meeting. The study seeks to explore the feasibility of various congestion pricing concepts to reduce traffic in Los Angeles County. Metro staff are examining corridor pricing, cordon pricing, and Vehicle Miles Traveled pricing as potential strategies for managing transportation demand. Staff has launched their stakeholder and public engagement process with a focus on potential geographic locations for a pilot program, potential support and opposition to a pilot program, and potential tradeoffs they should consider.

January 25, 2021

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
State Capitol, First Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Opposition to Budget Proposal to Create Housing Accountability Unit

Dear Governor Newsom:

The Las Virgenes-Malibu Council of Governments is strongly opposed to your \$4.3 million budget proposal to create a Housing Accountability Unit within Housing Community Development that would monitor City Council meetings when new housing developments are being considered.

The strength of California is in our independent and uniquely diverse cities. As city leaders, we are in the best position to make local land-use decisions that benefit our residents. Local autonomy is very important to all city leaders and the citizens they serve. As a former Mayor, we trust that you understand our opposition to anything that weakens or interferes with our ability to govern our cities at the local level for the benefit of the people who elected us.

Our COG cities are aware of the state-mandated housing requirements and the need for affordable housing and are working toward these goals at the local level. In the aftermath of the pandemic, we should be working together to address affordable housing, homelessness and the economy. More bureaucracy, like your proposed Housing Accountability Unit, is not the answer.

The Las Virgenes-Malibu Council of Governments respectfully requests that you withdraw the \$4.3 million for the Housing Accountability Unit and reallocate it where it can be used to help our cities recover from the pandemic.

Sincerely,

(Original signed and sent via email and USPS)

Kelly Honig
President

cc: City of Agoura Hills
City of Calabasas
City of Hidden Hills
City of Malibu
City of Westlake Village
League of California Cities
Assemblymembers Bloom, Gabriel and Irwin
Senator Stern

Governing Board Agenda Report

DATE: February 16, 2021
TO: Governing Board Delegates and Alternates
FROM: Terry Dipple, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Goals and Priorities

OVERVIEW

The purpose of this memorandum is to present the Governing Board with information on goals and priorities discussion from previous years.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Governing Board discuss Goals and Priorities and provide direction to staff.

BACKGROUND

At the July 2020 COG meeting, the Governing Board members commented on the goals and priorities from 2019/2020 and there was a consensus on the following goals and priorities for 2020/2021:

- Working with LA County to develop an Evacuation Plan for the COG region. – The COG is currently working with the County on the plan that is scheduled to be completed by June 2021.
- Continuing the COG’s efforts to address homelessness. – Discussions have begun for continuation of the grant used to fund Gabriel Graham’s outreach coordinator position with the COG. I have not been given a grant amount yet but have been assured it will be sufficient to fund Gabriel’s position with the COG through June 2022.
- Explore retaining a Sacramento-based lobbyist. – The Governing Board subsequently elected no to retain a lobbyist.
- Developing a COG legislative platform. – The Governing Board subsequently elected no to move forward with a legislative platform.
- Exploring the possibilities of using Measure M funds to install broadband to link the five city halls, which would be beneficial during emergencies such as wild fires. – Supervisor Kuehl is not supportive of using Measure M funds for broadband.

Current and Continuing COG Priorities

- Measure R and M funds to cities for various COG approved Highway and Active Transportation projects.

- Hazard Mitigation/Emergency Preparedness – The COG’s Hazard Mitigation Plan was approved by FEMA and the COG cities, in 2019. The HMP was completed using a majority of grant funds.
- Environmental – The COG was actively involved in the negotiations for Measure W (Safe Clean Water) that resulted in significant stormwater funding coming back to the cities and staying in the region. The COG continues to participate in the North Santa Monica Bay Watershed Area Committee.
- Homelessness – The grant funds have been used to pay for hygiene kits and to fund the COG’s homeless outreach coordinator. Gabriel Graham continues to do an excellent job as the outreach coordinator and negotiations are underway to continue the County Homeless Grant in order to fund the outreach coordinator position through June 2022.
- Continuing to meet with area legislators to discuss legislation and regional issues.
- Broadband – The Governing Board needs to provide further direction.
- Evacuation Plan – Los Angeles County Office of Emergency Services is working with the COG and agency partners, as mentioned above.

COG Budget Information

Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Revenue: \$329,853

- \$100,000 in member dues (\$20,000 per city)
- \$57,250 from Metro for Measure M project planning and programming
- \$103,470 from Metro for Metro Board Consultant (Maureen Micheline)
- \$69,133 remaining Innovation Funds and Hygiene grant from Los Angeles County Homeless Initiative

Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Expenses: \$295,100

- \$147,000 Executive Director Salary (\$57,250 Measure M Planning and \$89,750 from dues)
- \$99,400 for Maureen Micheline, Metro Board Consultant (\$103,470 from Metro)
- \$60,000 for Gabriel Graham, Outreach Coordinator (grant funded)
- \$3,700 for Officers and Directors liability insurance
- \$2,500 for COG legal counsel

Governing Board Agenda Report

DATE: February 16, 2021
TO: Governing Board Delegates and Alternates
FROM: Terry Dipple, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Proposal to Sponsor City Selection Committee Legislation

OVERVIEW

The purpose of this memorandum is to present the Governing Board with information on a proposal by Mayor James Bozajian, Calabasas, to have the COG sponsor legislation that would make it easier to obtain a quorum at the Los Angeles County City Selection Committee meetings.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Governing Board discuss the proposal from Mayor Bozajian to sponsor the suggested changes to the California Government Code as it pertains to the City Selection Committee and provide direction to staff.

BACKGROUND

The City Selection Committee meetings held in December and January, where Ara Najarian was reelected to the Metro Board, were not adequately noticed or well-organized. Following the meetings, Mayor Bozajian and I discussed the proceedings and the possibility of the COG sponsoring legislation that would make it easier to get a quorum of the 88 cities in the County. Mayor Bozajian and I reached out to Assemblymember Gabriel's legislative director, who expressed interest. We discussed the two changes Mayor Bozajian is proposing to the existing statutes covering the City Selection Committee. They are as follows:

Government Code Section 50272. Add the following passage to the end of this section: "The quorum for such subsequent meeting shall be lowered to one-third of all member cities within a county, if the agenda is limited only to items which appeared on the immediately preceding agenda where quorum was not established."

Government Code Section 50277. Add the following passage to the end of this section: "Meetings may be conducted utilizing teleconferencing and electronic means, provided that all other applicable protocols in this section are followed."

According to Mayor Bozajian, the justification for these changes is very straightforward. He stated that prior to the pandemic, it was difficult for the Los Angeles

County City Selection Committee to conduct business in person because they are rarely able to achieve quorum. At times, the City Selection Committee has gone more than one year without reaching quorum. It's his belief that other 57 counties throughout the state must experience similar challenges given the vast geographic expanse of many of the counties.

ATTACHMENT: Current City Selection Committee Sections of the Government Code

Current City Selection Committee Sections of the Government Code

Section 50271

(a) When the mayor is unable to attend a meeting of a city selection committee, the mayor shall designate another member of the city's legislative body to attend and vote at the meeting as the mayor's representative.

(b) For the city selection committee in the County of Los Angeles, the following shall apply when the mayor or the mayor's designated member is unable to attend a meeting of the city selection committee:

(1) The vice mayor or mayor pro tempore shall serve as the voting member and shall be entitled to one vote.

(2) (A) In the absence of the mayor and the vice mayor or mayor pro tempore, the next ranking council member shall serve as the voting member and shall be entitled to one vote.

(B) The ranking council member shall be determined by seniority of service on the council.

SEC. 2

The Legislature finds and declares that a special law is necessary and that a general law cannot be made applicable within the meaning of Section 16 of Article IV of the California Constitution because of the challenges faced as a result of the current governance structure of the County of Los Angeles.

Section 50272

Representatives of a majority of the number of cities within a county entitled to representation on the city selection committee shall constitute a quorum of the committee; provided, however, that a majority vote of the representatives of the number of cities within a county entitled to representation on the committee is necessary to appoint representatives to boards, commissions, or agencies. Whenever a quorum is not present at a meeting of any city selection committee, the meeting shall be postponed or adjourned to a subsequent time and place, as determined by the chairman.

Section 50277

A city selection committee shall conduct regular meetings at the times specified by it in its rules and regulations, and shall also meet upon the call of its chairman. The chairman of a selection committee may call a special meeting of the committee at any time, and the chairman shall call a special meeting of the selection committee upon the written request of 50 percent of the members of the city selection committee. When a chairman is required to call a special meeting of a city selection committee pursuant to this section, such a meeting shall be called and held within 60 days after receipt of such written request. Within three weeks prior to the date fixed for a special meeting of the committee, the chairman of the committee shall notify the committee secretary of the date, time, and place of the special meeting.