

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

Tuesday, March 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:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81362394233?pwd=ZWJhOFICckZ6OWwxWUtmK2FvTFI0dz09>

Meeting ID: 813 6239 4233 - Passcode: 587622

A public agenda packet is available on the COG’s 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 p.m. on Monday, March 15, 2021. 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 takes action on an item (or can be read during general public comment). For any questions regarding the virtual meeting, please contact terry@lvmcog.org.

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call of 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. February 16, 2021 Draft Meeting Notes – Attachment (page 3-5)

B. March 2021 Financial Statement – Attachment (page 6)

Recommended Action: Approve Consent Calendar

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Executive Director’s Report – Attachment (page 7-9)

B. State Legislation – Attachment (page 10-12)

C. Reports from Member Cities on COVID-19

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

6. ACTION ITEMS

A. SB 765 (Stern) – Attachment (page 13-14)

Recommended Action: Discuss and provide direction to COG staff.

B. 2021 Redistricting – Attachment (page 15-19)

Recommended Action: Discuss and provide direction to COG staff.

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 (page 20-23)

8. GENERAL COMMENTS AND REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

9. FUTURE MEETING DATES

Technical Advisory Committee Meeting: Wednesday, April 7th at 8:30 AM

Governing Board Meeting: Tuesday, April 20th at 8:30 AM

10. ADJOURNMENT

**Draft Meeting Notes
Governing Board Meeting
VIRTUAL MEETING - VARIOUS LOCATIONS
February 16, 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 8:35 AM.

Roll Call of Governing Board members present:

Kelly Honig, Westlake Village, President
Karen Farrer, Malibu, Vice President
Laura McCorkindale, 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

2 – Approval of Agenda:

ACTION: Denis Weber moved to approve the Agenda. Alicia Weintraub seconded. The Motion carried 5-0, by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

3 – Public Comment Period: None

4 – Consent Calendar: 4.A Meeting Notes from January 19, 2021; 4.B February 2021 Financial Statement.

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

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

NOES: None.
ABSENT: None.

5.A. – State Legislation Update: Dane Hutchings, Lobbyist with Renne Public Policy Group gave a presentation that highlighted some of the bills that have been introduced. Following the presentation, President Honig asked the Governing Board to review the bills with their respective city councils, take action and be prepared to vote on the bills at the April COG meeting. No action was taken by the Governing Board.

5.B. – Executive Director’s Report: The Executive Director highlighted his report. No action was taken by the Governing Board.

5.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.

6.A – Discussion of COG Goals and Priorities: The executive director presented prior and current COG goals and priorities, including: Measure R and M funds to cities for various COG approved Highway and Active Transportation projects; Hazard Mitigation and Emergency Preparedness, noting the COG’s Hazard Mitigation Plan was prepared with grant funding and approved by FEMA, in 2019; Environmental issues, as the COG was actively involved in the negotiations for Measure W (Safe Clean Water Program) that resulted in significant stormwater funding coming back to the cities and staying in the region; Evacuation Plan; Homelessness, noting the County grant that funds the COG’s homeless outreach coordinator; and continuing to meet with area legislators to discuss legislation and regional issues. There was a consensus by the Governing Board to continue to focus on these issues.

6.B – Proposal to Sponsor Legislation to Improve Los Angeles County City Selection Committee Meetings: The executive director presented background on the difficulties the City Selection Committee has in obtaining a quorum. He and Mayor James Bozagian had discussed legislation that would address needed changes. The executive director worked with Assemblymember Gabriel who introduced AB 1053 and is requesting the COG officially sponsor the bill.

ACTION: Alicia Weintraub moved to sponsor AB 1053 (Gabriel). Denis Weber seconded. The Motion carried 5-0, by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None.
ABSENT: None.

7.A – Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department: Lt. Fender provided an update from the Lost Hills/Malibu Station.

7.B – Los Angeles County Fire Department: Chief Smith and Megan Currier provided an update.

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

7.D – Updates from Area Legislators and Agencies. Tessa Charnofsky provided an update from Supervisor Kuehl and Jeremy Wolf provided an update from Senator Stern.

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

9. – Future Meeting Dates: President Honig noted the next meeting dates for the Technical Advisory Committee and Governing Board.

10. – Adjournment: Vice President Honig asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:36 AM.

ACTION: Dennis Weber moved to adjourn the meeting. Alicia Weintraub seconded. The Motion carried 5-0, by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Dipple
Executive Director

Governing Board Agenda Report

DATE: March 16, 2021
TO: Governing Board and Alternates
FROM: Terry Dipple, Executive Director
SUBJECT: March 2021 COG Financial Statement

SUMMARY

All of the revenue and expenditures are in accordance with the COG's 20/21 adopted budget.

20/21 Expected Revenue

Dues	100,000
Metro (admin & planning)	57,250
Metro (for consultant)	103,470
LA County Homeless Grant	<u>69,133</u>
Total Expected Revenue	329,853

20/21 Expenditures to Date -208,033

Terry Dipple – 7/20 Ex. Dir.	-12,250
M. Micheline 7/20 Metro	-8,283
G. Graham 7/20	-5,000
Terry Dipple – 8/20 Ex. Dir.	-12,250
M. Micheline 8/20 Metro	-8,283
G. Graham 8/20	-5,000
COG Liability Insurance	-3,607
Terry Dipple – 9/20 Ex. Dir.	-12,250
M. Micheline 9/20 Metro	-8,283
G. Graham 9/20	-5,000
Terry Dipple – 10/20 Ex. Dir.	-12,250
M. Micheline 10/20 Metro	-8,283
G. Graham 10/20	-5,000
Terry Dipple – 11/20 Ex. Dir.	-12,250
M. Micheline 11/20 Metro	-8,283
G. Graham 11/20	-5,000
Terry Dipple – 12/20 Ex. Dir.	-12,250
M. Micheline 12/20 Metro	-8,283
G. Graham 12/20	-5,000
Terry Dipple – 1/21 Ex. Dir.	-12,250
M. Micheline 1/21 Metro	-8,364
G. Graham 1/21	-5,000
Terry Dipple – 2/21 Ex. Dir.	-12,250
M. Micheline 2/21 Metro	-8,364
G. Graham 2/21	<u>-5,000</u>
Total	208,033

Governing Board Agenda Report

DATE: March 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.

Advanced Planning for Measure M 9th Year Allocation – I had a meeting with Fanny Pan from Metro, along with Madeline Moore, Supervisor Kuehl's Metro Board deputy and Maureen Micheline, Ara Najarian's Metro Board deputy to clarify the reduction in the COG's Measure M 9th year allocation. The reduction is only 7% and not 30%, as initially reported. The total 9th year allocation is \$13,089,543 (\$2,502,521 for Active Transportation and \$10,587,022 for Highway).

COG Highway Working Group Meeting with Metro – The COG's Highway Working Group will hold a meeting with Metro staff on April 8th to discuss potential Measure M project for the 9th year allocation. I will update you when the date is confirmed.

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.

COG Homeless Working Group – The COG's Homeless Working Group will be holding a meeting during the first week in April to discuss issues, hear from Gabriel Graham and have a short training, which is required in the Scope of Work of our LA County grant.

Evacuation Plan – Office of Emergency Management discussed the default GIS basemap with County Fire internally and is going with the ESRI basemap. OEM has identified the County Fire and LASD points of contact for the one-on-one meetings and has reached out to the four cities that don't have zones: Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Hidden Hills, and Westlake Village. Calabasas has asked to hold off until after the new city manager is on board. Other updates are OEM has identified grant funding and is working to bring a dedicated GIS firm on to assist in this project. Internally OEM is meeting on the grid as it can be implemented quickly, and they may have some options for stakeholders to draft up zones without a dedicated GIS specialist on the front end. The project is still

on schedule to be completed by June 2021. I will keep the Governing Board updated and once the Evacuation Plan is completed, I will place it on the COG agenda for a presentation by OEM.

Metro Traffic Reduction Study – At the February Metro Board meeting, Supervisors Hahn and Solis made some very critical comments about the Traffic Reduction Study. As a result, Metro staff has requested to postpone their March 16th presentation to the COG until May or June. 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.

Invasive Shot Hole Borer Beetle – Tessa Charnofsky reported at the TAC meeting that the County's Agriculture Commissioner Weights and Measures, along with UCLA Agriculture and Natural Resources offices are holding trainings for homeowners and landscapers from the Santa Monica Mountains area to help them recognize when a tree may be infected by the Shot Hole Borer Beetle and what actions they should take to contain the infestation. Virtual trainings for homeowners in the COG cities, as well as for landscapers (one in English and one in Spanish) have been set up for this month.

- COG cities homeowners - Monday, March 15, 10:00 AM (one hour)
- COG cities landscapers/arborists - Monday, March 29, 3:30 PM (90 minutes)
- COG cities landscapers/arborists (Spanish) - Wednesday, March 31, 3:30 PM

This link is for the first training for homeowners, on March 15th. Registration is required: https://ucanr.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJlodOmvqz8rH9X1QqvbkMdq6Cnm7xz_Dpc2

Metro Policy Advisory Council – I participated in the Metro PAC meeting on March 9th. The PAC received the following presentations: Traffic Reduction Study, Joint Development Policy, Strategic Project List for SRTP, First/Last Mile Guidelines, BRT Vision & Principles and the departure of CEO Phil Washington.

SCE's Electric Vehicle Charging Station Grant Program – The next phase of SCE's electric vehicle charging station grant program will launch this summer with the goal of supporting the installation of roughly 38,000 electric vehicle charging ports across the SCE service area over four years. According to SCE, Charge Ready will have an extraordinary focus on equity by locating half of those charging ports in communities that are most heavily impacted by the combined effects of economic, environmental, and public health burdens. The program will also help expand the promise of electric vehicles to more people by supporting charging station installations at multifamily dwellings like apartments or condo complexes. SCE encourages interested cities to complete the form

at the link below if you want to stay informed and be one of the first to know when the program opens for applications this summer. You can check out the Charge Ready Interest Form: <https://pages.email.sce.com/cr2/>

Form 700 – A friendly reminder for those of you that have not filed your Conflict of Interest Form 700 with me and Los Angeles County.

North Santa Monica Bay Watershed Area Committee – I participated in the NSMBWAC meeting on March 10th, 10:00 AM.

Governing Board Agenda Report

DATE: March 16, 2021
TO: Governing Board and Alternates
FROM: Terry Dipple, Executive Director
SUBJECT: State Legislation

OVERVIEW

The purpose of this report is to provide the Governing Board with information on a select list of bills that have been introduced in 2021.

RECOMMENDATION

President Honig is requesting the Governing Board review the list of bills with their respective city councils, take a position and be prepared to vote on whether the COG should support/oppose the bills at the May 2021 COG meeting.

Water

AB 377 (R. Rivas) Water quality: impaired waters.

Would require all California surface waters to be fishable, swimmable, and drinkable by January 1, 2050. Adds enforcement and “teeth” to the MS4 permitting process.

Cal Cities Position: Oppose

Pension

SB 278 (Leyva) Public Employees’ Retirement System: disallowed compensation: benefit adjustments.

The California Public Employees’ Pension Reform Act of 2013 (PEPRA) generally requires a public retirement system, as defined, to modify its plan or plans to comply with the act. PEPRA, among other things, establishes new defined benefit formulas and caps on pensionable compensation. This bill would establish new procedures under PERL for cases in which PERS determines that the benefits of a member or annuitant are, or would be, based on disallowed compensation that conflicts with PEPRA and other specified laws and thus impermissible under PERL. The bill would also apply these procedures retroactively to determinations made on or after January 1, 2017, if an appeal has been filed and the employee member, survivor, or beneficiary has not exhausted their administrative or legal remedies. At the threshold, after determining that compensation for an employee member reported by the state, school employer, or a

contracting agency is disallowed, the bill would require the applicable employer to discontinue the reporting of the disallowed compensation.

Cal Cities Position: Oppose

Housing & Land Use

SB 12 (McGuire) Local Government: planning and zoning: wildfires.

Current law requires that the Office of Planning and Research, among other things, coordinate with appropriate entities, including state, regional, or local agencies, to establish a clearinghouse for climate adaptation information for use by state, regional, and local entities, as provided. This bill would require the safety element, upon the next revision of the housing element or the hazard mitigation plan, on or after July 1, 2024, whichever occurs first, to be reviewed and updated as necessary to include a comprehensive retrofit strategy to reduce the risk of property loss and damage during wildfires, as specified, and would require the planning agency to submit the adopted strategy to the Office of Planning and Research for inclusion into the above-described clearinghouse.

Emergency Preparedness

SB 52 (Dodd) State of Emergency. Local Emergency. Sudden and Severe Energy Shortage. Planned Power Outage.

Would expand the definition of “sudden and severe energy shortage” to include a “deenergization event,” defined as a planned power outage, and would make a deenergization event one of the conditions constituting a state of emergency and a local emergency.

SB 99 (Dodd) Community Energy Resilience Act of 2021.

Would require the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission to develop and implement a grant program for local governments to develop community energy resilience plans. The measure would require the plan to ensure that a reliable electricity supply is maintained at critical facilities and identify areas most likely to experience a loss of electrical service.

Brown Act

AB 339 (Lee) State & Local Government: Open meetings.

This bill would require all meetings, including gatherings using teleconference technology, to include an opportunity for all persons to attend via a call-in option or an internet-based service option that provides closed captioning services and requires both a call-in and an internet-based service option to be provided to the public.

Cal Cities Position: Likely oppose

AB 361 (R. Rivas) Open Meetings: local agencies: teleconferences.

Would authorize a local agency to use teleconferencing without complying with the teleconferencing requirements imposed by the Ralph M. Brown Act when a legislative body of a local agency holds a meeting for the purpose of declaring or ratifying a local emergency, during a declared state or local emergency, as those terms are defined, when state or local health officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, and during a declared local emergency provided the legislative body makes certain determinations by majority vote.

Cal Cities Position: Likely support

Governing Board Agenda Report

DATE: March 16, 2021
TO: Governing Board and Alternates
FROM: Terry Dipple, Executive Director
SUBJECT: SB 765 (Stern)

OVERVIEW

The purpose of this report is to provide the Governing Board with information on SB 765, that was recently introduced by Senator Stern. The bill was discussed at the March 3rd Technical Advisory Committee meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

While it is the policy of the Governing Board to have each city take a position on a bill prior to the COG taking a position of support or opposition, Senator Stern is seeking COG support quickly. Since this bill is merely a clean-up legislation that permits a city to establish its own setbacks for accessory dwelling units (ADU) its recommended that the Governing Board support SB 765.

BACKGROUND

The City of Hidden Hills is requesting the Governing Board and member cities support SB 765 (Stern), which is a technical change that was not taken into consideration when the ADU law was passed and became law, last year. Assemblymember Laura Friedman authored the original bill and has agreed to be a coauthor of SB 765, which states:

“The rear and side yard setbacks for accessory dwelling units shall be the setbacks established by the local agency unless otherwise provided for herein. The applicant may submit a request to the local agency for an alternative setback based upon specific site topographical conditions if the local agency’s current setback requirements make the building of an accessory dwelling unit not feasible. In such case, the local agency must find that the request is necessary to make the building of the accessory dwelling unit feasible and the setback altered only to the extent necessary needed to accommodate the accessory dwelling unit. In no event, however, shall the setbacks be greater than the setbacks the local agency had in place as of January 1, 2020 and if the local agency did not have an accessory dwelling unit ordinance as of that date, the setbacks shall default to four (4) feet.”

Current new law allows the property owner to place their ADU out of their home's view-line but right next to their neighbor's lot. Per Assemblymember Friedman, the issue was just an oversight. The overarching concept is that 4-foot side and 4-foot rear setbacks cannot possibly be one size fits all for every parcel in the state. In vetting with architects and builders, there seems to be consensus that ADU placement must be community and site-lot specific, i.e., we would not place an ADU an arm's length from a property line.

ADUs are necessary to address affordability and helping cities achieve their regional housing needs assessment goals. SB 765 will not diminish ADU production, because it has nothing to do with quantity and everything to do with an optimal, safe, aesthetically balanced location. This bill will locate them appropriately for the multitude of suburban and agricultural plots in California that shouldn't be saddled with a blanket urban small lot 4-foot side and 4-foot rear maximum setback. ADUs will continue to be 100% ministerially approved.

Governing Board Agenda Report

DATE: March 16, 2021
TO: Governing Board and Alternates
FROM: Terry Dipple, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Redistricting

OVERVIEW

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide information to the Governing Board on the process of redistricting legislative districts in California, following the 2020 Census. Mayor Bozajian, Calabasas, requested this issue be placed on the COG agenda and President Honig agreed. Mayor Bozajian provided comments that are attached and is planning to participate in the COG meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Governing Board approve sending a letter urging the California Citizens Redistricting Commission to include the COG cities in the same legislative districts.

BACKGROUND

In 2021, California will draw new state legislative and congressional districts based on official data from the 2020 census. The California Citizens Redistricting Commission (Commission) will propose district lines for the state legislature, congressional delegation, and the Board of Equalization. The plans are required to contain an equal number of persons in each district. The new maps will reflect the relative shifts in population among various areas in the state, and the state's projected loss of one congressional district. The 2022 elections will be the first to use the new district lines.

The Commission comprises 14 members: five Democrats, five Republicans, and four belonging to neither party. A panel of state auditors selects the pool of nominees from which the commissioners are appointed. This pool comprises 20 Democrats, 20 Republicans, and 20 belonging to neither party. The majority and minority leaders of both chambers of the state legislature may each remove two members from each of the aforementioned groups. The first eight commission members are selected at random from the remaining nominees. These first eight comprise three Democrats, three Republicans, and two belonging to neither party. The first eight commissioners appoint the remaining six, which must include two Democrats, two Republicans, and two belonging to neither party.

In 2011, at the urging of John Sibert, Governing Board, Malibu, the COG wrote a letter urging the Commission to include the COG cities in the same Assembly and Senate districts. (See attached letter)

Las Virgenes-Malibu Council of Governments

Member Cities: Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Hidden Hills, Malibu & Westlake Village
5165 Spring Valley Road, Hidden Hills, California 91302 • (818) 968-9088

June 24, 2011

Via Email to voterdistact1@cvrc.ca.gov

Citizens Redistricting Commission
1130 K Street, Suite 101
Sacramento, CA 95814

Honorable Chair and Members of the Commission:

The Las Virgenes-Malibu Council of Governments would like to go on record in support of a redistricting plan that keeps our member cities (Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Hidden Hills, Malibu and Westlake Village) together, in the same Assembly, Senate and Congressional districts. The Las Virgenes-Malibu COG cities are geographically situated, which allows us to address shared environmental, transportation and public safety concerns.

For example, the Las Virgenes-Malibu COG prepared a Hazard Mitigation Plan, Watershed Area Master Plan, Measure R Highway Improvement Project List and numerous other plans and projects that benefit the residents, businesses and those traveling to and through the region. In addition, all of the cities contract with Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and Fire Department and work together on emergency preparedness and disaster response, which is of utmost importance due to the region's history of wildfires and flooding.

The Las Virgenes-Malibu COG hopes you understand how important it is for our five cities to continue to be in the same legislative districts. If you need any additional information, please let us know.

Yours truly,



Terry Dipple
Executive Director

cc: Agoura Hills
Calabasas
Hidden Hills
Malibu
Westlake Village

The following was prepared by Mayor James Bozajian, Calabasas:

1. Statistics. I am going to round off a bit here. We have five incorporated cities in the COG and, when we include the surrounding unincorporated areas, we probably have just under 100,000 residents. California's population is approximately 40,000,000. We have 40 State Senate Districts, which means that each District contains 1,000,000 people. We have 80 State Assembly Districts, which means that each District contains 500,000 people. And we have 53 Congressional Districts (soon to be 52), which means that each District contains just under 800,000 people.

2. The present lines. In 2010-11, the political districts were drawn by an independent commission (California Redistricting Commission) for the first time in State history, pursuant to a voter-approved initiative. After which, our cohesive little area was inexplicably carved up like never before. The COG is divided as follows.

CD26 (Brownley): Westlake Village.

CD27 (Sherman): Hidden Hills.

CD33 (Lieu): Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Malibu.

SD27 (Stern): This is the one District where all area cities are housed within the same unit.

AD44 (Irwin): Westlake Village.

AD45 (Gabriel): Calabasas, Hidden Hills.

AD50 (Bloom): Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Malibu.

Note that the little City of Calabasas (population 25,000), despite pleading 10 years ago to be kept intact, is actually divided between two ADs. As I have noted several times, I believe we are the only municipality of our size in the State so slighted.

3. Conclusions. There is a lot of work to be done, but I think we can be successful if we present a united front to the Redistricting Commission. Here are some principles that we should advocate in our written and verbal testimony.

Given the statistics cited above there is no reasonable excuse for dividing our otherwise cohesive region, with so many commonalities of interest, at all. This is especially true for the cities in the Conejo Valley. The City of Malibu may present a problem here, because the geography could lend itself to some division whereby that one entity is added to another District. But at the very least, the cities of Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Hidden Hills, and Westlake Village should be kept within the same political jurisdictions.

Under no circumstances should any COG city find itself divided between two or more jurisdictions, such as the present situation for the City of Calabasas. This is an absurd outcome, given the fact that our five cities' sizes range from 2,000 to 25,000 people.

Districts should be as compact as possible, with “circles” (such as SD27) strongly favored over “snakes” (such as CD33). CD33 includes areas of the State that have little or nothing in common, meandering nearly from the Orange County line to the Ventura County line.

4. Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. Not a whole lot of attention has been brought to bear about the County redistricting process, but it is occurring simultaneously. I see much less to be concerned about here, because with more than 2,000,000 constituents each it is highly unlikely that our COG cities would be divided between the five Supervisorial Districts. But: We should nonetheless keep on top of this, because there were several very awful proposals floated 10 years ago, when the Board considered changing the lines in drastic fashion. Some of the local electeds back then, including myself, testified at the Board hearings downtown. And we may wish to offer suggestions for altered lines, particularly if population shifts require some tweaks.

To: Terry Dipple, LVMCOG Executive Director

Subject: SCAG March 2021 Update

From: Rachel Wagner, SCAG Regional Affairs Officer; wagner@scag.ca.gov or (805) 276-0429

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MARCH 4th REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

SCAG REGIONAL COUNCIL ADOPTS TWO RESOLUTIONS FOR THE SIXTH CYCLE OF THE REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT

The Regional Council approved the Final Sixth Cycle Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Allocation Plan. The Final RHNA Plan represents the 1.34 million units assigned to the SCAG region by the California Department of Housing and Community Development covering the period from October this year through October 2029. SCAG developed the allocation formula based on input from across the region and an assessment of various methodology options. The Final RHNA Plan also considered data from Connect SoCal, the 2020-2045 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy, and included factors to affirmatively further fair housing, replacing segregated living patterns with integrated and balanced living patterns, transforming racially and ethnically concentrated areas of poverty into areas of opportunity, and complying with civil rights and fair housing laws.

The plan was approved after an extensive appeals process, in which 49 jurisdictions requested revisions to draft RHNA allocations that were distributed in September 2020. Two of those appeals were partially granted by SCAG’s RHNA Appeals Board. SCAG will submit the Final RHNA Allocation Plan to the California Department of Housing and Community Development for approval.

The Regional Council also approved a resolution providing direction for SCAG to work with local jurisdictions and subregional partners in identifying planning resources available to help accommodate need locally and explore ways to improve the RHNA and housing element process. This includes the deployment of \$47 million in funds from the state’s Regional Early Action Plan program, which SCAG is using to support municipalities and community stakeholders toward land use plans and policies that accelerate housing production.

For more information on SCAG’s housing initiatives and the Final Sixth Cycle RHNA Allocation Plan, please visit scag.ca.gov/housing.

REGIONAL COUNCIL ADOPTS 2021 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The Regional Council voted today to approve the 2021 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP), which contains approximately 2,000 projects in the SCAG region, programmed at \$35.3 billion over the next six years. The 2021 FTIP was developed through a bottom-up process by which county transportation commissions presented projects for inclusion, including highway improvements, transit, rail and bus facilities, high occupancy vehicle and toll lanes, and non-motorized projects. These projects will benefit the region and the local economy with 104,000 direct jobs created each year over the six-year period. The program also reflects how the region is moving forward in implementing the policies and goals of Connect SoCal. Learn more about and view the 2021 FTIP at scag.ca.gov/2021-ftip.

NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT, REX RICHARDSON

SCAG RELEASES INCLUSION, EQUITY, DIVERSITY & AWARENESS WEBSITE, BASELINE CONDITIONS REPORT & PUBLIC SURVEY

On July 2, 2020, SCAG's Regional Council adopted a resolution declaring systemic racism a human rights and public health crisis. The resolution affirms SCAG's commitment to work in partnership with others to close the gap of racial injustice and meaningfully advance inclusion, diversity, equity and awareness.

The Special Committee on Equity & Social Justice was formed to advise SCAG's Regional Council on policies and practices to:

- End racial and social disparities internal to the agency.
- Strengthen the way it engages and convenes to protect and expand community voice and power.
- Work in partnership with others to close the gap of racial injustice and better serve communities of color, and in so doing, serve all the people of the region.
- Since September 2020, the Special Committee has focused on helping guide the development of:
 - An agency-wide working definition of "equity."
 - An Equity Inventory Report, which catalogs the existing equity-related activities throughout SCAG's planning departments.
 - An Equity Framework containing indicators of existing inequities and disparities.
 - To bring together SCAG work regarding inclusion, equity, diversity and awareness, SCAG has published a [website](#) that provides a working definition of Racial Equity, Racial Equity: Baseline Conditions Report, Equity Action Plan, and public survey.

SCAG'S INCLUSIVE ECONOMIC RECOVERY STRATEGY UPDATE

As part of President Rex Richardson's 2020-2021 Work Plan, SCAG is developing an Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategy that aims to support an equitable and inclusive economic recovery for the SCAG region. SCAG is hosting 20 small focus groups from late February to early April for various industries to gather feedback and insights into what an inclusive economy would look like in their respective sectors and how SCAG can provide support. SCAG has kicked off the first ten convenings, meeting with community-based organizations, labor unions, incubators and accelerators, financial sector representatives, foundations, workforce development practitioners and commercial developers. In these first set of focus groups, we received invaluable input on the needs of each sector and SCAG's potential role in addressing these needs and narrowing racial disparities in accessing opportunities to economic mobility. SCAG will take the feedback from the convenings, combined with baseline data, to recommend strategies, policies, and programs for increasing our regional competitiveness and accelerating the creation of family-supporting jobs.

NEWS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, KOME AJISE

TWO OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS IN THE SCAG REGION:

2021 STUDENT SHOWCASE: SUBMIT AN ARCGIS STORYMAP

The [2021 Student Showcase](#) is a virtual ArcGIS StoryMap competition with two award categories: Innovation and Planning. Student participants are invited to conceptualize, create and submit ArcGIS StoryMaps using SCAG's open data to illustrate the possibilities of data and highlight the usefulness of open data at the regional level. Students are instructed to submit abstracts of their projects by 10 a.m. on Monday, March 8, and if selected, SCAG will request an ArcGIS StoryMap to be submitted. In all, there will be a total of \$6,000 awarded.

2021 SCAG SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Applications are now available for the [2021 SCAG Scholarship Program](#)! The 2021 SCAG Scholarship Program offers a \$4,000 scholarship award for seven high school seniors or community college students from the SCAG region (and potentially two additional scholarship awards that are not tied to a specific county but may be awarded at the Regional Council's discretion) who may be pursuing careers in public service. All materials for the 2021 SCAG Scholarship Program must be submitted electronically by Friday, April 23.

SCAG LEADERSHIP MEETS WITH CONGRESSIONAL REPS TO DISCUSS REGIONAL PRIORITIES

On Feb. 10, President Rex Richardson, First Vice-President Clint Lorimore, Second Vice-President Jan Harnik, Immediate Past President Alan Wapner and Executive Director Kome Ajise conducted two virtual meetings, respectively, with Congressman Ken Calvert (R-Corona), Member of the House Appropriations Energy and Water Subcommittee, and Congressman Mike Garcia (R-Santa Clarita), Member of the House Appropriations Transportation and Housing & Urban Development Subcommittee. They were joined by Regional Council Members Juan Carrillo, Peggy Huang, David Pollock, Steve Manos and Karen Spiegel.

The meetings provided an opportunity for leadership to advocate for and discuss some of the agency's most critical federal legislative priorities. First, to support direct and flexible federal aid for all cities, regardless of population size, to help with unexpected COVID-19-related expenses and to backfill tax revenues losses. Secondly, to support a long-term federal surface transportation reauthorization bill. The Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act was extended for one year to Sept. 30, which will give Congress more time to work on a new bill. Lastly, against the backdrop of the COVID-19 pandemic that has amplified the need for reliable and affordable broadband services, local governments and the private sector must have a strong federal partner as they deploy broadband infrastructure especially in underserved communities.

CALLS FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2020/2021 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM – SMART CITIES & MOBILITY INNOVATIONS GUIDELINES

SCAG's 2020/2021 Sustainable Communities Program (SCP) - Smart Cities & Mobility Innovations is now accepting applications for funding. The program will provide resources for projects that support the implementation of three Connect SoCal key connections, focusing on smart cities and job centers, go zones, and shared mobility/mobility as a service, to expand upon our mobility ecosystems and advance the region's vision.

Program guidelines and application materials will be available online and applications will be due to SCAG by 5 p.m. on April 23. All SCAG-member jurisdictions, including cities, counties and Councils of Governments are encouraged to apply.

SCAG is hosting two application webinars for the SCP – SMART CITIES & MOBILITY CALL FOR APPS

March 8 and April 5, and one-to-one coaching for potential applicants. After reviewing and ranking applications, staff will seek Regional Council approval for funding recommendations in July 2021.

For more details regarding the SCP - Smart Cities & Mobility Innovations Call for Applications or to register for application support visit scag.ca.gov/scp.

UPCOMING SCAG MEETINGS MARCH 2021

- **16th Legislative/Communications & Membership Committee**
- **18th Joint Meeting of the Environmental Justice & Public Health Working Groups**
- **23rd Transportation Conformity Working Group**
- **24th Modeling Task Force**
- **31st Regional Transit Technical Advisory Committee**