



**LAS VIRGENES - MALIBU
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, March 21, 2023, 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 be no in-person meeting location. Members of the public have the opportunity to participate electronically via Zoom. To observe the meeting, click on the link or download Zoom on any phone, tablet, or computer device and enter the following meeting link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82064938079?pwd=OWFyS0JBVkg5aCtZcEd4WUE5Z1lRdz09>

Meeting ID: 820 6493 8079 • Passcode: 685638

TELECONFERENCE LOCATIONS

- XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX Agoura Hills, CA 91301
- XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX Calabasas, CA 91302
- XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX Hidden Hills, CA 91302
- XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX Malibu, CA 90265
- XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX Malibu, CA 90265
- XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX Westlake Village, CA 91362
- XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX Westlake Village, CA 91361

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 20, 2023. 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

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 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 21, 2023 Draft Minutes – Attachment (page 4-6)

Recommended Action: Approve Consent Calendar

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Senator Ben Allen – Remarks and Q & A

B. Liability Trust Fund Increase – James Bozajian, Councilmember, Calabasas

6. PUBLIC SAFETY, LEGISLATIVE AND AGENCY PARTNER UPDATES

A. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

B. Los Angeles County Fire Department

C. League of Cities

D. Updates from Legislative Staff and Agency Partners (page 7-10)

7. ACTION ITEMS

A. Letter of Support for Jim Stahl's Reappointment to the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board – Attachment (page 11-12)

B. Appointment of Paul Grisanti as the Las Virgenes-Malibu Council of Governments' Alternate Member to the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission – Attachment (page 13)

C. Hazard Mitigation Plan – Attachment (page 14-15)

8. GENERAL COMMENTS AND REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEM

9. FUTURE MEETING DATES

- Technical Advisory Committee: April 5, 2023, 8:30 AM
- Governing Board: April 18, 2023, 8:30 AM

10. ADJOURNMENT

**Draft Minutes
Governing Board Meeting
VIRTUAL MEETING - VARIOUS LOCATIONS
February 21, 2023**

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: 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, Vice President, Calabasas
Paul Grisanti, Malibu
Kelly Honig, Westlake Village
Penny Sylvester, Agoura Hills

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

Ray Pearl, Westlake Village
Doug Stewart, Malibu
Jeremy Wolf, Agoura Hills

2 – Approval of Agenda:

ACTION: Alicia Weintraub moved to approve the Agenda. Paul Grisanti 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) January 17, 2023 Draft Minutes – corrected to reflect Penny Sylvester, Agoura Hills, not Malibu, B) February 2023 Financial Statement, and C) AB 361 Findings to Continue Teleconference Meetings.

ACTION: Penny Sylvester moved to approve the Consent Calendar. Kelly Honig 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 – Supervisor Lindsey Horvath provided comments and answered questions.

5.B – Senator Ben Allen was unable to participate in the meeting due to a scheduling conflict.

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

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

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

6.C – Cal Cities: Jeff Kiernan, provided an update from the League of Cities.

6.D – Updates from Area Legislators and Agencies: Barri Worth Girvan, district staff to Supervisor Horvath, reintroduced herself. Pamela Manning, Los Angeles County, DPW, provided an update. President Gold noted SCAG’s report was included in the agenda.

7.A – Retaining Grant Writer: The Executive Director provided background and details pertaining to the proposed action to retain California Consulting to do an initial assessment and search for grant opportunities related to stormwater, which will be shared by Las Virgenes Municipal Water District. The total amount is \$1,500.

ACTION: Paul Grisanti moved to approve retaining California Consulting to prepare the initial assessment and grant search. Kelly Honig 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.

7.B – Malibu Measure R Adjustment: The Executive Director provided an overview of the Measure R reallocation for two projects. He noted no additional funding was requested.

ACTION: Paul Grisanti moved to approve Malibu’s Measure R Adjustment. Penny Sylvester 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.

8. – Comments and Request for Future Agenda Items: President Gold asked for the city managers and Governing Board to provide a Covid update from their respective cities.

There were no other comments or requests for future agenda items and no action was taken by the Governing Board.

9. – Future Meeting Dates: President Gold noted the TAC and Governing Board meeting dates for March 2023.

11. – Adjournment: President Gold adjourned the meeting at 9:51 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Dipple
Executive Director

To: LMCOG Executive Director and Governing Board
Subject: SCAG Update March 2023
From: Rachel Wagner, SCAG Senior Government Affairs Officer;
wagner@scag.ca.gov

**HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MARCH 2nd SCAG REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING
ACTION
REGIONAL COUNCIL APPROVES DRAFT COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET FOR
FISCAL YEAR 2024**

The Regional Council has moved to approve SCAG's Draft Comprehensive Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-24, including the [Draft Overall Work Plan \(OWP\)](#). The framework for developing the Draft Comprehensive Budget is SCAG's multi-year Strategic Plan, which focuses on SCAG's vision and priorities to improve the organization and its operations. The Regional Council's vote also authorized the release of the Draft OWP for a 30-day period of public review from March 2 to April 3. Comments may be sent by email to nguyenk@scag.ca.gov or by completing the [comment form](#).

At the close of the public comment period, the Final OWP will be submitted to the Regional Council for approval on May 4. The General Fund Budget and the Membership Assessment will be submitted to the General Assembly for approval, also in May.

**REGIONAL COUNCIL ADOPTS RESOLUTION AND CALL TO ACTION TO
SUPPORT SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA'S CRITICAL LOGISTICS INDUSTRY**

The Transportation Committee recommended on Feb. 2, that the Regional Council approve the [Goods Movement Supply Chain Resolution](#); today, the resolution was adopted.

The SCAG region is home to the largest port complex in the country – the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach (together called the San Pedro Bay Ports)– and has an extensive intermodal freight network that supports the flow of goods throughout the nation. Goods movement significantly contributes to the region's economy and generates more than one-third of jobs in Southern California.

As part of the presentation, experts from the California Trucking Association and Pacific Merchant Shipping Association spoke about recent supply chain disruptions, the regulatory challenges ahead, loss of market share and uncertainty. For instance, the San Pedro Bay Ports had 26 consecutive months of growth from 2019, spurred by the pandemic, with only five months seeing growth below 10 percent; the last four months, however, have shown declines. Overall, container trade volumes through U.S. West Coast ports fell to some of their lowest levels in years. Specifically, January 2023 container traffic at the major U.S. and Canadian ports on the Pacific Coast was uniformly down from pre-pandemic January 2019, while the opposite is true at U.S. East and Gulf Coast ports.

There was uniform agreement and support for the transition to zero emission technologies, with acknowledgement that significant challenges remain that require

collective coordination and support at all levels of government. With heightened volatility and uncertainty, the focus on how to improve goods movement is at an all-time high. In response, SCAG has been working with partners and stakeholders to support a regional call-to-action including [five core principles](#) for addressing critical goods movement supply chain challenges and needs in the region. The [adopted resolution](#) codifies the five principles, including integration with Connect SoCal 2024 – Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy, and reaffirms SCAG’s regional leadership role in addressing current and future goods movement supply chain challenges.

REGIONAL COUNCIL APPROVES PROGRAMS TO ACCELERATE TRANSFORMATIVE HOUSING (PATH) APPLICATION

The Regional Council today approved the [REAP 2.0 PATH Program application](#) and authorized its Calls for Applications. The PATH program, formerly named the Housing Supportive Infrastructure Program, is one of the three major funding areas in SCAG’s [REAP 2.0 Program Development Framework](#). The [program guidelines](#), which the Regional Council adopted on Nov. 3, 2022, outline the program’s components, requirements, eligibility and application process, and staff recommendation to set aside \$88.835 million of SCAG’s REAP 2.0 funding to support the program.

The PATH program supports actions that accelerate infill development that facilitates housing supply, choice and affordability; affirmatively furthers fair housing; and reduces vehicle miles traveled. Funding opportunities in this program are designed to bring housing production to scale in transit-supported infill areas across the Southern California region to meet the 6th Cycle Regional Housing Needs Allocation.

Following state approval of SCAG’s REAP 2.0 application, SCAG anticipates releasing Calls for Applications for the Notice of Funding Availability and Housing Infill on Public and Private Lands programs in April 2023. The Call for Applications for the Regional Utilities Supporting Housing program is anticipated to be released in Summer 2023. For more information on REAP 2.0, visit scag.ca.gov/reap2021

NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT

ANNUAL STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA ESTABLISHED

Last week, under the strategic leadership of Jose Luis Solache, the Legislative/ Communications and Membership Committee discussed legislative priorities for the Sacramento Summit in April. SCAG’s top four legislative priorities will focus on:

1. Protecting transportation budget priorities that the Governor proposed cutting back on in his January budget;
2. Communicating our region’s housing progress, especially the good happening with our REAP funds;
3. Recognizing the important role that regions play in helping the state achieve our shared climate goals;
4. And asking the Legislature to establish a statewide task force to evaluate comprehensive modernization for the California Environmental Quality Act, or CEQA.

NEWS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

REGIONAL CONFERENCE AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

[Register today](#) for SCAG's [58th annual Regional Conference and General Assembly](#) to join Southern California's most influential leaders on May 4–5, 2023, at the JW Marriot Desert Springs Resort & Spa. This two-day event brings together elected officials, policymakers, business and civic leaders, transportation and environmental stakeholders, government staff and others for solution-oriented discussions on crucial challenges facing communities across the SCAG region.

Register by Friday, March 31 to get \$100 off the general admission price. The event is free for elected officials and city managers in the region.

For more information about the event, please visit scaq.ca.gov/ga2023.

UPDATE ON REGIONAL ADVANCE MITIGATION PLANNING AND SOCAL GREENPRINT

The Regional Council approved the [Regional Advanced Mitigation Planning \(RAMP\) Policy Framework](#) in February. RAMP is a process to expedite project delivery by planning for environmental mitigation to reduce environmental impacts earlier in the planning process and at a wider scale.

This decision supports advanced mitigation in the region and directs the creation of the Greenprint Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to ensure the future SoCal Greenprint tool is aligned with policy objectives identified in the framework. Recruitment for the TAC will begin in the next month, with letters to agencies and organizations asking for nominations, as well as outreach to SCAG's advisory groups to help spread the word.

The TAC will convene in Spring 2023 and will advise staff on the development of SoCal Greenprint – a tool to help stakeholders make early and informed decisions about infrastructure, growth and conservation, and to mitigate the environmental impacts of Connect SoCal, the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy.

SCAG staff are currently initiating a competitive procurement process for a consultant to facilitate the TAC and complete the SoCal Greenprint tool.

SURVEY TO SUPPORT PERMIT STREAMLINING FOR BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE NOW OPEN

To support the expansion of broadband access across the region, SCAG and the San Diego Association of Governments are working towards creating a universal permit and model ordinance to expedite the permitting process and have developed a survey seeking input from local jurisdictions in developing a Permit Streamlining Manual to support the rapid deployment of broadband infrastructure.

The survey has two sections, "Planning" and "Public Works," to reflect different roles in permitting broadband infrastructure, and seeks to understand the existing laws, policies and resources affecting conditions in each jurisdiction.

- [Permit Streamlining Survey for Planning](#)
- [Permit Streamlining Survey for Public Works](#)

The surveys are open through March 23. For more details on SCAG's permit streamlining survey efforts, contact Roland Ok at ok@scaq.ca.gov.

GO HUMAN COMMUNITY HUBS GUIDELINES NOW AVAILABLE

The guidelines for the [2023 Go Human Community Hubs Program](#) were released last month. The program offers funding opportunities for community organizations to implement local traffic safety and community engagement strategies that leverage community gatherings, resource sites and networks. The Program will award up to \$40,000 to selected projects; interested applicants are invited to review the [Program Guidelines](#) in anticipation of the Spring 2023 Call for Applications. SCAG expects to host an informational webinar when the Call opens.

The full March Executive Director's Report is available [here](#)

UPCOMING MEETING

MARCH

- 21st Legislative/ Communications and Membership Committee
- 22nd Safe and Active Streets Working Group
- 22nd General Assembly Host Committee
- 23rd Development Streamlining Workshop #1
- 28th Transportation Conformity Working Group
- 29th Regional Transit Technical Advisory Committee

APRIL

- 5th Executive Administration Committee
- 6th Community, Economic and Human Development Committee
- 6th Energy and Environment Committee
- 6th Transportation Committee
- 6th Regional Council
- 13th General Assembly Host Committee
- 13th Development Streamlining Workshop #2
- 18th Housing Working Group
- 25th Transportation Conformity Working Group

Governing Board Agenda Report

DATE: March 21, 2023
TO: Governing Board and Alternates
FROM: Terry Dipple, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Letter of Support for Jim Stahl's Reappointment to the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

OVERVIEW

The purpose of this report is to provide the Governing Board with information regarding the requested Letter of Support for Jim Stahl's Reappointment to the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board.

BACKGROUND

Joe Bellomo of Willdan Engineering, who serves as a stormwater consultant for several of the COG cities, has requested the COG send a Letter of Support for the reappointment of Jim Stahl to the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board. Jim is considered by many as the most technically minded of all the current members, which makes his reappointment critical for cities who are regulated by the Regional Board. As we transition from planning and implementation to enforcement, it is critical to keep moderate voices on the Regional Board. The make-up of this Regional Board has been changing with the last couple of appointments by Governor Newsom, and losing the experience and practicality Jim brings to the Board would not necessarily be good for those regulated by the Regional Board.

Governor Brown appointed Jim Stahl to the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board in 2018. Stahl has been president of JFS Environmental Engineering since 2015. He was vice president at MWH Global, Stantec Engineering from 2007 to 2015 and held several positions at the Sanitation District of Los Angeles County from 1969 to 2007, including chief engineer and general manager, assistant chief engineer and general manager, director of the solid waste division and director of treatment plant design. Jim is a member of the Water Environment Federation, California Water Environment Association, National Academy of Engineering, American Academy of Environmental Engineers and Scientists and the American Society of Civil Engineers. This position requires Senate confirmation and the compensation is \$250 per diem.

ATTACHMENT: Letter of Support

March 21, 2023

Via email: Marina.Gonzales@sen.ca.gov,

Senator Toni G. Atkins
Chair, Senate Rules Committee
State Capitol, Room 400
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: Reappointment of James F. Stahl to the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

Dear Honorable Senator Atkins:

On behalf of the Las Virgenes-Malibu Council of Governments, I am writing you to express our support for the reappointment of Mr. James F. Stahl to the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (LA Regional Board).

Since his appointment to the LA Regional Board in 2018 our cities have found Mr. Stahl to be well educated, and fair to all stakeholders on a wide range of regulatory actions affecting our Malibu Creek Watershed, Malibu Lagoon, and Santa Monica Bay. We believe his years of professional experience as Chief Engineer and General Manager of Los Angeles County Sanitation District, and affiliation with environmental groups, has benefited Region 4 advance challenging issues relating to water quality, water supply and solid waste. We support Mr. Stahl's reappointment to the LA Regional Board for his sound and impartial decisions in a region that must find innovative solutions to complex regulatory issues over the next four years.

We thank you for your consideration and sharing our support for Mr. Stahl's reappointment with the Senate. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our Executive Director, Terry Dipple at (818) 968-9088 or terry@lvmcog.org.

Respectfully,

Eniko Gold
President
Mayor Pro Tem, City of Hidden Hills

CC: Senator Shannon Grove, Vice Chair
Senator John Laird
Senator Rosilicie Ochoa Bogh
Senator Lola Smallwood-Cuevas
Mr. James F. Stahl

Governing Board Agenda Report

DATE: March 21, 2023
TO: Governing Board and Alternates
FROM: Terry Dipple, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Appointment of Paul Grisanti as the Las Virgenes-Malibu Council of Governments' Alternate Member to the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission

OVERVIEW

The purpose of this report is to provide the Governing Board with information regarding the Malibu City Council recommendation of Paul Grisanti as the new alternate member to the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission (Commission).

BACKGROUND

The Commission is a non-regulatory, locally based state entity established by an act of the California Legislature (Sen. Bill No. 1381) in 2002 to monitor, assess, coordinate, and advise the activities of state programs and oversee funding that affects the beneficial uses, restoration and enhancement of Santa Monica Bay and its watersheds. As the Management Conference for the Santa Monica Bay National Estuary Program (SMBNEP), the Commission is responsible for the effective implementation of the Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan and ensuring the success of the SMBNEP.

Malibu Councilmember Steve Uhring is the COG's current appointee to the Commission Governing Board. The alternate member is currently vacant as Mikke Pierson did not seek reelection to the Malibu City Council, last November. Traditionally, the COG appointee to the SMBRC has been a Malibu Councilmember. The COG is the authorized body to make the appointment.

RECOMMENDATION

Appoint Paul Grisanti as the COG's alternate member to the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission.

Governing Board Agenda Report

DATE: March 21, 2023
TO: Governing Board and Alternates
FROM: Terry Dipple, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Update of the COG’s Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan

OVERVIEW

The purpose of this report is to update the Governing Board on the status of COG’s Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan.

BACKGROUND

The COG’s Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) will expire at the end of August 2024. As previously reported, last year I experienced difficulty with the new and extremely complex grant application process, specifically the level of detail requested that was not included in the application I submitted. As a result, we missed the grant deadline. In my subsequent discussions with Cal OES, I was informed there would be additional grant opportunities this year. However, according to the latest from Cal OES, the funds will not be available until early next year. Since the guidelines do not allow us to retain a consultant prior to the grant funds becoming available, the COG would only have six months to prepare the HMP update, which has taken 12-16 months not have sufficient time to prepare the HMP update, have it adopted by the Governing Board and approved by FEMA prior to the expiration date.

The last HMP update was in 2018-19 and cost \$70,000. The consultant said it could be \$70,000-80,000 this time. I have prepared the following as a possible allocation between the cities. The allocation is based upon approximate populations, but also taking into consideration geographic areas:

- Agoura Hills 21,000
 - Calabasas 21,000
 - Hidden Hills 5,000
 - Malibu 21,000
 - Westlake Village 12,000
- \$80,000

Moving forward, I will be sending out a Request for Proposals to qualified consultants within the next two weeks and they will have 30 days to respond with their proposal. Once the proposals are submitted, the COG’s Hazard Mitigation Plan Working Group (staff

member from each city) will review the proposals and recommend the lowest qualified bidder to the Governing Board for approval of a contract to prepare the HMP. I anticipate bring that to the May 2023 COG meeting for approval.

Note: Due to the length of the Request for Proposal (50 pages) it is not attached to the agenda. It will be emailed separately.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Governing Board approve self-funding city allocations to Update of the HMP in order to complete it prior the August 2024.