



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

Tuesday, March 19, 2024, 8:30 AM

MEETING INFORMATION AND ACCOMMODATION

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

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Meeting ID: 889 6248 9358 - Passcode: 453086

TELECONFERENCE LOCATIONS

- 29045 Old Carriage Ct, Agoura Hills, CA 91301
- 4241 Balcony Drive, Calabasas, CA 91302
- 6165 Spring Valley Road, Hidden Hills, CA 91302
- 23733 Pacific Coast Highway, Suite 500, Malibu, CA 90265
- 30612 Sicomoro Drive, Malibu, CA 90265
- 2432 Kristen Lee Way, Westlake Village, CA 91362
- 30832 Oakrim Drive, Westlake Village, CA 91362
- 30141 Agoura Rd. Suite 107, Agoura Hills, CA 91301

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**LAS VIRGENES-MALIBU COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
March 19, 2024, 8:30 AM**

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

Governing Board Roll Call:

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

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

3. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

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

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- A. February 20, 2024 Draft Minutes – Attachment (page 4-6)
- B. March 2024 Financial Statement – Attachment (page 7-8)

Recommended Action: Approve Consent Calendar

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. The Emerging Role of Law Enforcement Chaplaincy 2024. Chaplain Phil Reeves, Lost Hills Station, will make the presentation.
- B. Executive Director's Report – Attachment (page 9-10)
- C. City Updates: Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Hidden Hills, Malibu, and Westlake Village

6. PUBLIC SAFETY, LEGISLATIVE AND AGENCY PARTNER UPDATES

- A. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department – Captain Jenn Seetoo
- B. Los Angeles County Fire Department – Chief Drew Smith
- C. Los Angeles County – Supervisor Horvath's office
- D. California Highway Patrol – Casey Ramstead, PIO, West Valley Station
- E. Cal Cities – Jeff Kiernan (page 16-19)
- F. Updates from Legislative Staff and Agency Partners (page 20-23)

7. ACTION ITEMS

- A. AB 1999 (Irwin) Electricity: Fixed Charges – Attachment (page 17-18)
- B. Los Angeles County Homeless Grant, 2024/25 Statement of Work – Attachment (page 19-27)

8. GENERAL COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

9. FUTURE MEETING DATES

- Technical Advisory Committee: Wednesday, April 3, 2024, 8:30 AM.
- Governing Board: Tuesday, April 16, 2024, 8:30 AM, Agoura Hills City Hall with Wildlife Crossing Tour from 9:00-10:00 AM.
- Governing Board: Monday, April 22, 2024, 10:00 AM, Malibu City Hall, Special meeting with Supervisor Horvath to discuss homelessness.

10. ADJOURNMENT

**Draft Minutes
Governing Board Meeting
VIRTUAL MEETING - VARIOUS LOCATIONS
February 20, 2024**

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

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

Roll Call of Governing Board members/alternates present:

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

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

Ray Pearl, Westlake Village
Doug Stewart, Malibu

2 – Approval of the Agenda:

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

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

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 16, 2024, Draft Minutes; and B) February 2024 Financial Report.

ACTION: Penny Sylvester moved to approve the Consent Calendar. Paul Grisanti seconded. The Motion carried 5-0, by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None.

5.A – Tax Protection and Government Accountability Act. The Executive Director highlighted the staff report. Jeff Kiernan provided additional information from Cal Cities. President Weintraub asked the Governing Board to take the matter back to their respective city councils for consideration and said she would schedule for a future COG meeting following action by member cities. 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 – City Updates: President Weintraub called upon each city manager to provide an update. No action was taken by the Governing Board.

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

6.B – Los Angeles County Fire Department: County Fire was not represented at the meeting.

6.C – Los Angeles County: Sophia Soudani presented an update from Supervisor Horvath’s office.

6.D – California Highway Patrol: Highway Patrol was not represented at the meeting.

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

6.F – Updates from Area Legislators and Agencies: Stephanie Molen provided an update from Metro. Nancy Frawley provided an update from Assemblymember Irwin’s office.

7.A – AT&T Application with California Public Utilities Commission: President Weintraub asked the Executive Director to present the item. President Weintraub introduced Hope Christman, Government Liaison, CPUC, who provided an overview of the process and timeline and Dan Revetto who presented information from AT&T.

ACTION: Eniko Gold moved to send the letter of opposition to AT&T’s applications before the California Public Utilities Commission to be relieved of its obligation as Carrier of Last Resort. Kelly Honig seconded. Penny Sylvester stated that she would have to abstain as the Agoura Hills City Council has not considered the matter. It was the consensus of the Governing Board to vote on the matter and send the letter following the February 28 Agoura Hills City Council meeting to have unanimous opposition from all five cities. The Motion carried 4-0-1, by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: Penny Sylvester

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

10. – President Weintraub announced the next meeting dates: Technical Advisory Committee meeting is February 7, 2024, 8:30 AM and the Governing Board meeting is February 20, 2024, 8:30 AM. She also noted the 2024 meeting calendar was included in the agenda.

11. – Adjournment: President Weintraub adjourned the meeting at 10:21 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Dipple
Executive Director



Agoura Hills, CA

Detail Report Account Detail

Date Range: 01/01/2024 - 01/31/2024

Account	Post Date	Packet Number	Source Transaction	Pmt Number	Description	Vendor	Beginning Balance	Total Activity	Ending Balance
Fund: 096 - COG Fund									
096-4190-552000									
	01/25/2024	APPKT02995	012524	115035	COG Services for January 2024	06798 - Gabriel M. Graham	357,407.32	35,332.05	392,739.37
	01/25/2024	APPKT02995	012524	115057	COG January 2024	04965 - Terry Dipple		6,600.00	364,007.32
	01/25/2024	APPKT02995	012524	115040	COG Admin Support for January 2024	07352 - Jessica Flores		15,470.00	379,477.32
	01/25/2024	APPKT02995	012524	115060	COG Services for January 2024	07404 - Vivian Rescalvo		1,000.00	380,477.32
								12,262.05	392,739.37
							Project Account	Amount	Running Balance
								35,332.05	392,739.37
								6,600.00	364,007.32
								15,470.00	379,477.32
								1,000.00	380,477.32
								12,262.05	392,739.37
							Total Activity:	35,332.05	Ending Balance: 392,739.37
							Grand Totals:	Beginning Balance: 357,407.32	Ending Balance: 392,739.37

Agenda Item 4.B
(Consent Calendar)

Fund Summary

Fund	Beginning Balance	Total Activity	Ending Balance
096 - COG Fund	357,407.32	35,332.05	392,739.37
Grand Total:	357,407.32	35,332.05	392,739.37

*Agenda Item 4.B
(Consent Calendar)*

Governing Board Agenda Report

DATE: March 19, 2024
TO: Governing Board and Alternates
FROM: Terry Dipple, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Executive Director's Project Update

OVERVIEW

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

Homeless Working Group – The COG's Homeless Working Group held its regular meeting on Monday, March 18 to discuss regional issues and hear updates from our agency partners. The HWG has been discussing our 2024-25 Statement of Work for our County grant. This item is on the COG agenda for approval by the Governing Board.

Homeowners' Insurance Town Hall – The virtual event is scheduled for Thursday, April 4th, 5:30-6:30 PM via Zoom. There will not be an in-person location. The Insurance Commissioner's staff is preparing an electronic flyer that was sent out to member cities to post on their websites, share with City Council, social media, etc. The event will be promoted on the commissioner's Facebook to attract a larger audience. His Zoom account can accommodate up to 3,000 participants. The COG will be a sponsor and it will be cohosted by the Commissioner Lara and Assemblymember Irwin.

Special Meeting with Supervisor Horvath to Discuss Homelessness – The Governing Board will be holding a special meeting with Supervisor Horvath on Monday, April 22, 2024, 10:00 AM, at Malibu City Hall.

Hazard Mitigation Plan – The COG's HMP was submitted to Cal OES, who subsequently responded with a request for information. The consultant has resubmitted the requested information to Cal OES. Following the approval by Cal OES, the HMP will be forward to FEMA for final approval, which is expected later this summer. I will be reaching out to Congresswoman Brownley's office to help the review process move along with FEMA.

Wildlife Crossing Tour – The Governing Board will hold a brief 30-minute in-person business session at Agoura Hills City Hall on April 16 from 8:30-9:00 AM that will be followed by a tour of the Wildlife Crossing. After the business meeting, the Governing Board will take a shuttle to the site for a tour of the Wildlife Crossing, which will conclude by 10:00 AM.

Measure M and R Projects – The COG's Highway Working Group recently held its quarterly meeting with Metro to discuss on-going and projected funding for new projects. Once we have the final design engineering numbers for the fiber project, I will provide an updated Measure M funding schedule.

Regional Smart Cities Fiber Network Project – The design engineering portion is moving forward as planned and the consultant and cities continue to meet every other week. We held a meeting with Malibu on February 28 to go over alternatives for the tunnels on Las Virgenes/Malibu Canyon Road. The initial response from CalTrans and LA County DPW is that we are not able to underground new conduit adjacent to the tunnel or attach the conduit to the tunnel or retaining walls. Sophia Soudani has scheduled a meeting on March 21 for us to further discuss the situation with DPW. Fieldwork has begun and it is expected to take 30 days to complete. The consultant informed the cities at our recent meeting that they may need access to each city hall. City reps agreed to coordinate access, if needed. We anticipate the final design engineering and bid package to be completed in time for the COG to go out to bid in June 2024. The Governing Board and Metro allocated \$5 million in Measure M funding for 24/25 and I anticipate construction beginning in the fall of 2024.

TO: LAS VIRGENES MALIBU COG GOVERNING BOARD
FR: JEFF KIERNAN, LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES
RE: CAL CITIES UPDATE FOR 3/19/2024 MEETING (AS PREPARED MARCH 12)

DIVISION LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY

Legislature: The Legislature is beginning policy committee hearings for the 2nd year of the two-year session which ends on August 31st. Budget hearings also begin soon to settle how the Legislature and Governor will resolve the states projected \$39-68 billion deficit.

The Division Board received updates from 2 Legislators:

- **Assembly Member Zbur, Chair of the Assembly Select Committee on Retail Theft.** The Assembly Member provided the Division's Board with information on the goal of the committee to introduce a package of legislation to curtail retail theft crime by addressing aggregation, increasing law enforcement tools and increasing penalties for operations to sell stolen products online.
- **Assemblymember Tina McKinnor newly appointed Chair of the Legislature's Los Angeles County Delegation.** We heard about her priorities for the delegation and her invitation to work with cities going forward.

The Division took action on several pieces of legislation and regulatory matters:

- **Developed a Working Group to develop legislative principles on Organized Retail Theft and Fentanyl.**
- **Support AB 761 (Friedman)** to match the terms of Enhanced Infrastructure Financing Districts (EIFD's) and federal Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) loans for zero-emission transit projects in Los Angeles County. This will help relieve stress on city General Fund budgets for the lifetime loans connected to transit-oriented developments. [Division Letter](#)
- **Oppose AT&T's application to remove its designation as a Carrier of Last Resort (COLR)** without an equivalently reliable copper wire replacement or carrier. [Division Letter](#)
- **Oppose HR 6859 (Kamlager Dove)** which circumvents the current Tribal Government Federal Recognition process, bypassing requirements for the review of impacts to local governments and eliminating opportunities for local jurisdictions to provide comments on any positive or negative impacts to their communities. [Division Letter](#)

CAL CITIES SPONSORS 12 BILLS IN 2024

Cal Cities is proactively working with lawmakers on a series of bills that advance cities' interests. The sponsored measures focus on wildfire preparedness, addiction treatment, emergency medical services, autonomous vehicle services, the Brown Act, and unfunded state mandates.

- [AB 2330 \(Holden\)](#): This bill would make it easier for cities to remove vegetation in fire-risk areas next to urban communities by expediting environmental permits.
- [SB 972 \(Min\)](#): This bill would support local jurisdictions by further defining the state's existing assistance efforts in reducing organic waste from landfills to reduce methane emissions.
- Recovery Housing:
 - [AB 2081 \(Davies\)](#): This bill would require licensed sober living treatment facilities to publicly disclose any violations by the facility or program on their website.
 - [AB 2574 \(Valencia\)](#): This bill would codify existing case law from 2019, which determined that unlicensed recovery homes operating as part of a licensed treatment facility located elsewhere may be considered unlawful business use within a residential zone.
 - [SB 913 \(Umberg\)](#) & [AB 2121 \(Dixon\)](#): The language for these two proposals will be amended into these existing bills to address overconcentration of recovery homes in certain areas, as well as the misuse of residential homes by profit-driven treatment centers.
- [AB 1168 \(Bennett\)](#): This bill would clarify that a city or fire district has authority over emergency ambulance services even if it enters into an agreement with a county for the joint exercise of powers for emergency ambulance services.
- [SB 916 \(Cortese\)](#): The bill would allow local officials to determine how and when autonomous vehicle services should be deployed in their communities, not the state.
- [AB 817 \(Pacheco\)](#): This bill would allow members of local non-decision making legislative bodies to participate in online public meetings without posting their location and without allowing the public into a private location — just like members of state advisory bodies.
- [AB 2631 \(Fong\)](#): This bill would help ensure that a state-mandated ethics course remains available online for local officials by requiring the FPPC to provide this resource.
- [ACR 137 \(Pacheco\)](#): This resolution would proclaim April 14-20 as Cities Week and encourage all Californians to get involved in their communities and engage with their local government. Cal Cities is sponsoring the resolution, which would coincide with this year's [City Leaders Summit](#).

CITY LEADERS SUMMIT

If your city is concerned about the issues being discussed in Sacramento, Cal Cities wants you to join us at **City Leaders Summit on April 17 – 19**. This event is our biggest advocacy event of the year and we need your help to make it successful. During this

three-day event, you will have a chance to hear from Cal Cities lobbyists and others about the key topics being discussed at the Capitol this year and then we encourage you to meet with your legislators and speak to them directly about the issues you are most concerned about. Details and registration for the City Leaders Summit can be found [HERE](#).

[MOUNTAIN HOUSE – CALIFORNIA’S NEWEST CITY](#)

Residents in a community located in San Joaquin County have voted overwhelmingly to incorporate as California's first new city in over a decade and brings the total number of cities in the state to 483. The community, located about an hour east of San Francisco and near the city of Tracy, was first settled about 30 years ago and the population has since exploded to about 27,000 residents. The [Mountain House Community Service District](#) staff will work to shift to a city government over the next three months with the first ever Mountain House city council scheduled to be sworn in on July 1.

[NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS](#)

[March 18 from 2 – 3 PM: Women in Public Works Roundtable Discussion](#)

[March 19 at 10:30 AM: Webinar – How to Be an Effective Advocate](#)

[March 21 from 3 – 4 PM: Women in Fire Services Roundtable Discussion](#)

[April 17 - 19: City Leaders Summit – Registration Now Open! \(Sacramento\)](#)

[May 8 - 10: City Attorneys Spring Conference -- Save the date! \(Rancho Mirage\)](#)

[October 16 - 18: Annual Conference and Expo -- Save the date! \(Long Beach\)](#)

Subject: SCAG Update March 2024
To: LVMCOG Governing Board & Executive Director
From: Rachel Wagner, SCAG Senior Government Affairs Officer wagner@scag.ca.gov
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Highlights from the March 4th, 2023, SCAG Regional Council Meeting

ACTION

SCAG JOINT POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS CONNECT SOCAL 2024 FOR APPROVAL

On March 7, SCAG's Joint Policy Committee recommended the proposed final Connect SoCal 2024 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS), including the associated proposed final transportation conformity analysis and the Connect SoCal 2024 proposed Final Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR), to the Regional Council for approval and certification.

This decision followed a staff presentation summarizing comments from the public review periods. During public review, SCAG hosted 15 elected official briefings and three public hearings on the draft RTP/SCS, receiving 53 comment letters on the draft RTP/SCS and 33 comment letters on the Draft PEIR. A direct response to each RTP/SCS comment will be included in the proposed final Connect SoCal 2024" Public Participation & Consultation Technical Report." Response to PEIR comments will be included in the proposed Final PEIR.

The Regional Council will consider certification of the Final PEIR and adoption of the final RTP/SCS, including the associated final transportation conformity analysis, in April 2024.

ACTION

REGIONAL COUNCIL APPROVES DRAFT COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025

On March 7, SCAG's Regional Council moved to approve SCAG's Draft Comprehensive Budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25, including the Draft Overall Work Program (OWP). SCAG's multi-year Strategic Plan, which focuses on the agency's vision for improving the organization and its operations, provides the framework for the FY 2024-25 Draft Comprehensive Budget.

The Regional Council also authorized the release of the FY 2024-25 Draft OWP for a 30-day public review period from March 7 to April 8. Comments may be submitted by completing the comment form or emailing nguyenk@scag.ca.gov.

At the close of the public comment period, the FY 2024-25 Final OWP will be submitted to the Regional Council for approval on May 2. The General Fund Budget and the Membership Assessment will also be submitted to the General Assembly for approval in May.

News from the President

RESIDENTIAL PRIORITIES DISCUSSION: GOODS MOVEMENT

The March 7 Regional Council meeting featured a panel discussion on key issues and opportunities for goods movement in Southern California. Participants included Lena Kent, general director of public affairs for BNSF Railway; Ross Lane, government affairs leader for the Arizona & California Railroad Company; Salim Youssefzadeh, chief executive officer for WattEV; and Stephane Fosso, director, fleet technology and electrification for Sysco Corporation. Video of the panel discussion will be available on the Regional Council video archive.

SCAG MOBILE WORKSHOP TOURS ESRI AND METROLINK ARROW SERVICE

SCAG Regional Council President Art Brown led a delegation for a tour in Redlands on March 1. Immediate Past President Jan Harnik and Regional Council members Damon Alexander, Clint Lorimore, Marisela Nava and Frank Yokoyama, as well as policy member Daniel Ramos, joined the delegation.

The tour kicked off at the Esri headquarters with an introduction by chief executive officer and founder Jack Dangermond. Esri is the global market leader in geographic information system (GIS) software, location intelligence and mapping, and is a partner in SCAG's Regional Data Platform.

The mobile workshop concluded with a stop at the Metrolink Arrow Service Downtown Station, where the delegation learned about the new Arrow passenger rail service, its impact on the region and how it models the future of zero-emissions rail in the United States.

News from the Executive Director

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY PROPOSED DISAPPROVAL OF SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT'S 2019 CONTINGENCY MEASURE PLAN

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) is required to take action by July 1 on the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) 2019 Contingency Measure Plan for the 1997 federal ozone standard.

The U.S. EPA published a notice of proposed disapproval of the air plan on Feb. 2, which will set in motion a 24-month highway sanction clock for SCAQMD to address underlying issues in the plan. If the issue is not addressed within the 24-month period, highway sanctions and a federal air plan would be imposed in the South Coast Air Basin, impacting the ability of nonexempt highway capacity projects in the region to receive federal approval or funding. SCAG and county transportation commissions are preparing a letter outlining significant implications of the disapproval and recommending that U.S. EPA consider full approval, conditional approval or partial approval of the plan.

U.S. EPA and SCAQMD representatives have been asked to provide a status report on the proposed disapproval at SCAG's monthly Transportation Conformity Working Group meetings. SCAG will continue to evaluate potential impacts of highway sanctions.

REGIONAL EARLY ACTION PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM OF 2021 ADVOCACY UPDATES

Governor Gavin Newsom's proposed budget announced on Jan. 16 includes \$300 million in cuts to the Regional Early Action Planning program of 2021 (REAP 2.0) that will result in approximately \$123 million in cuts from SCAG's \$246 million REAP 2.0 program.

SCAG issued a hold on sub-allocation projects while working to assess impacts of the proposed cuts. Given the delays and impact caused by the proposed budget, adjustments will need to be made to SCAG's REAP 2.0 program. SCAG staff plans

to bring an informational item to the Executive/Administration Committee in April to discuss priorities and processes for reshaping the program.

In the meantime, SCAG encouraged Gov. Newsom to reconsider these cuts and submitted an official letter to state legislators and the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee. SCAG will continue to advocate to preserve REAP 2.0 at the 2024 Legislative Summit in Sacramento and during the state budget process. SCAG has also prepared a grantee toolkit, with template letters and other shareable information, for partners to assist in this advocacy.

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR THE SCAG REGIONAL CONFERENCE AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Early bird registration is open for SCAG's 59th Annual Regional Conference and General Assembly at the JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort & Spa in Palm Desert on May 2-3. Don't miss this event, which brings together elected officials and policymakers, as well as business, community and civic leaders from across Southern California to collaborate on the future of mobility, communities, the environment and the economy. Early bird registration saves \$150 on the price of admission. Register online before March 29 to lock in the savings. Hotel rooms at conference rates are also available on a limited basis. Rooms can be booked directly from the registration page. For additional details about the event, visit the 2024 Regional Conference and General Assembly website.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

MARCH

21st Nominating Committee
21st Technical Working Group
26th Toolbox Tuesday 26th Transportation Conformity Working Group
27th Regional Transit Technical Advisory Committee
27th Modeling Task Force

APRIL

3rd Executive/Administration Committee
4th Transportation Committee
4th Energy and Environment Committee
4th Community, Economic and Human Development Committee
4th Regional Council
15th Scholarship Committee
16th Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee
16th Housing Working Group
23rd Transportation Conformity Working Group

Governing Board Agenda Report

DATE: March 19, 2024
TO: Governing Board and Alternates
FROM: Terry Dipple, Executive Director
SUBJECT: AB 1999 (Irwin) Electricity: Fixed Charges

OVERVIEW

The purpose of this report is to provide the Governing Board with information on AB 1999 (Irwin) Electricity: Fixed Charges.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Governing Board support AB 1999 (Irwin) Electricity: Fixed Charges and send a letter of support for the bill.

BACKGROUND

In July 2022, the state Legislature hastily voted on AB205, which included language that was submitted at the last minute which eliminated the \$10 cap on fixed charges that have been in place on electric utility bills since 2013. There were no public hearings, no debates and the fixed charge was voted on and signed by the governor. Afterwards many legislators claimed they were unaware of the last-minute language when they voted for the bill. As a result, Assemblymember Irwin has introduced AB 1999.

Existing law vests the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) with regulatory authority over public utilities, including electrical corporations. Existing law authorizes the commission to adopt new, or expand existing, fixed charges, as defined, for the purpose of collecting a reasonable portion of the fixed costs of providing electrical service to residential customers. Under existing law, the commission may authorize fixed charges for any rate schedule applicable to a residential customer account. Existing law requires the commission, no later than July 1, 2024, to authorize a fixed charge for default residential rates. Existing law requires these fixed charges to be established on an income-graduated basis, with no fewer than 3 income thresholds, so that low-income ratepayers in each baseline territory would realize a lower average monthly bill without making any changes in usage.

This bill would repeal the provisions described in the preceding paragraph. The bill would instead permit the commission to authorize fixed charges that, as of January 1, 2015, do not exceed \$5 per residential customer account per month for low-income customers enrolled in the California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) program and that do not exceed \$10 per residential customer account per month for customers not enrolled in the CARE program. The bill would authorize these maximum allowable fixed charges to be adjusted by no more than the annual percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for the prior calendar year, beginning January 1, 2016.

Assemblymember Irwin has obtained the support of 19 other assemblymembers and submitted a letter to the PUC stating the current proposals being considered by the PUC are unreasonable and the Commission must ensure that any fixed rate being considered be in line with national rates.

Governing Board Agenda Report

DATE: March 19, 2024

TO: Governing Board and Alternates

FROM: Terry Dipple, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Statement of Work for the COG's 2024/25 County Homeless Grant

OVERVIEW

The purpose of this report is to provide the Governing Board with information on the 2024-25 County Local Solution Fund grant for Regional Homelessness Coordination.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the proposed Statement of Work (SOW) and funding for the 2024-25 County Local Solution Fund grant for Regional Homelessness Coordination and delegate authority to the Executive Director to execute the final contract with the County.

BACKGROUND

Homelessness is a regional crisis. As such, one of the top priorities of the Chief Executive Office's Homeless Initiative (CEO-HI) is to continue strengthening the collaboration between the County and diverse stakeholders, including the 88 cities in Los Angeles County. The County continues to utilize the Councils of Governments to coordinate and facilitate funding to assist cities in addressing homelessness.

In aiming to increase participation of cities in the County's New Framework to End Homelessness, the emphasis of the strategies is to create opportunities for co-investment that lead to an increase in the cities' ability to respond at a local level to community members' greatest concerns in alignment with the New Framework, while leveraging cities' unique capabilities to increase access to housing.

The County makes an annual investment of Measure H funding to the COGs for Regional Homelessness Coordination. The County is currently in the process of programming additional funding for 2024-25. Over the past few months, the COG and our Homeless Working Group have worked with the County to provide revisions to the SOW for the new funding.

The SOW includes continued funding for the COG's outreach coordinator (5% annual increase), administrative assistant (increase from \$1,000 to \$1,500/month), flex funds (\$20,000) that can be used to help unhoused individuals and interim housing (reserved beds) with The People Concern for individuals they are working with in Malibu.

ATTACHMENT: Statement of Work

STATEMENT OF WORK
LAS VIRGENES-MALIBU COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
LOCAL SOLUTIONS FUND

I. Overview

Homelessness is a regional crisis. As such, one of the top priorities of the Chief Executive Office's Homeless Initiative (CEO-HI) is to continue strengthening the collaboration between the County and diverse stakeholders, including the 88 cities in Los Angeles County. Since cities have jurisdiction over planning/land use activities and have the insight to support locally specific solutions, cities play a unique role in our countywide efforts to prevent and combat homelessness. The Councils of Governments (COGs) have a unique and important role in facilitating a regional approach with their member cities to address homelessness.

The Las Virgenes-Malibu Council of Governments (LVMCOG) is a joint powers authority created by the member cities of Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Hidden Hills, Malibu and Westlake Village (located in County Supervisorial District 3). The LVMCOG Governing Board is comprised of elected officials from each of the LVMCOG's member cities and serves as the primary governing body taking actions to support endeavors aimed at maximizing the quality of life and productivity of the region.

In aiming to increase participation of cities in the County's New Framework to End Homelessness, the emphasis of the strategies is to create opportunities for co-investment that lead to an increase in the cities' ability to respond at a local level to community members' greatest concerns in alignment with the New Framework, while leveraging cities' unique capabilities to increase access to housing.

Information on the required deliverables for the Local Solutions Funds (LSF). COGs shall use LSF to support cities to implement activities that align with the County's New Framework to End Homelessness. The New Framework to End Homelessness outlines the following strategies for cities and COGs.

New Framework to End Homelessness Strategies		
1	Coordinate	Regional and Local Annual Planning
2	Prevent	Infuse Problem Solving into Local Services
3	Connect	Outreach and Navigation Linked to Local Rehousing Services
4	House	Co-Investment in Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) and Interim Housing
		Locally Sited Time Limited Subsidies (TLS)

5	Stabilize	Local Eviction and Prevention Prioritized and Linked to Formerly Homeless Residents
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II. Objective

The LVMCOG will use this funding to manage the tasks described below, including coordinating with its cities to participate in interjurisdictional activities and advancing regional solutions and approaches that align with the New Framework to End Homelessness.

III. Tasks

Task 1: Regional Homelessness Coordination			
Task 1A: Regional Homelessness Coordination			
<p>Task 1A Description: LVMCOG Executive Director will facilitate collaboration between the County, member cities and communities to work together to address homelessness in the Las Virgenes-Malibu region. LVMCOG Executive Director, Administrative Assistant and Outreach Coordinator will work with member cities and non-profit service providers to ensure effective coordination of homeless services within the continuum of care, consistent with policies adopted by the cities. LVMCOG will attend local stakeholder coalition meetings, as needed, to ensure there is effective collaboration across the entire region.</p>			
<p>Alignment with New Framework To End Homelessness (Check all that apply)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Coordinate- Regional and Local Annual Planning <input type="checkbox"/> Prevent- Infuse Problem Solving into Local Services <input type="checkbox"/> Connect- Outreach and Navigation linked to Local Rehousing Services <input type="checkbox"/> House- Co-Investment in Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) and Interim Housing; Locally Sited Time Limited Subsidies (TLS) <input type="checkbox"/> Stabilize- Local Eviction and Prevention prioritized and linked to formerly homeless residents <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supporting Activities- <i>(Please list supporting activities that apply below)</i> Regional Planning and Data Sharing 			
Regional Planning and Implementation Coordination			
	Key Performance Indicators/Metrics	Targets (Anticipated Impact)	Timeline
1A.i.	Communicate with designated city staff from member cities who report instances where unhoused individuals and families may need assistance and/or resources. Provide connection to Outreach Coordinator as needed for requests received.	At least 2 check-ins with each member city	Weekly
1A.ii.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Participate in LVMCOG Governing Board and provide follow up, as needed. b. Participate in Technical Advisory Committee and provide follow up, as needed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Approximately 10 meetings total b. Approximately 8 meetings total 	Annually
1A.iii.	Convene COG Homeless Working Group meetings to discuss emerging issues and opportunities.	6 meetings total	Annually

1A.iv.	Update regional homelessness plan.	1 update	Annually
1A.v.	Update database synthesizing the programs offered by the County, LAHSA, and local Service Planning Area (SPA) resources.	1 update	Annually

Task 2: Local Homeless Services and Housing Programs

Task 2A: Flexible Funds

Task 2A Description: The LVMCOG will retain St. Joseph’s Center to implement Flexible Funds program to provide direct assistance to individuals and families who are homeless or are at risk of becoming homeless to secure and retain housing. Assistance may include, but not be limited to, transportation, public storage, family reunification, crisis and emergency housing, move-in and utility assistance, landlord incentives, car repair and other auto related expenses, and minor medical fees/supplies, etc. LVMCOG will maintain records to track the utilization of funds by category.

Alignment with New Framework To End Homelessness (Check all that apply)

- Coordinate-** Regional and Local Annual Planning
- Prevent-** Infuse Problem Solving into Local Services
- Connect-** Outreach and Navigation linked to Local Rehousing Services
- House-** Co-Investment in Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) and Interim Housing; Locally Sited Time Limited Subsidies (TLS)
- Stabilize-** Local Eviction and Prevention prioritized and linked to formerly homeless residents
- Supporting Activity-** *(Please list supporting activities that apply below)*

	Key Performance Indicators/Metrics	Targets (Anticipated Impact)	Timeline
2A.i.	Execute subcontract with service provider	Executed agreement	60 days from contract execution
2A.ii.	Provide funding to participants who are experiencing homelessness or are at risk of experiencing homelessness.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. 3 participants served (with approximately \$500 utilized per participant) b. Provide flexible funding for housing stabilization to at least 1 participant at-risk of homelessness c. Provide flexible funding for housing acquisition to at 	a. Quarterly

		<p>least 1 participant experiencing homelessness</p> <p>d. Total amount utilized by category (e.g., storage fees, utility arrears, rental assistance, etc.)</p>	
2A.iii.	Create and update program guidelines and procedures to ensure alignment with best practices and Coordinated Entry System.	Program guidelines and procedures	<p>a. 60 days from contract execution</p> <p>b. Changes to be reflected in quarterly report</p>

Task 2B: Outreach Coordinator

Task 2B Description: The LVMCOG will retain one full time Outreach Coordinator who will provide outreach services to member cities. The Outreach Coordinator will provide street-based outreach to people experiencing homelessness or at-risk of homelessness 5 days a week. The Outreach Coordinator will coordinate outreach efforts to respond to member cities’ concerns, ensuring that coordination is occurring with LAHSA, DMH, law enforcement, and homeless service providers, as well as City Departments such as Public Works or Code Enforcement as needed. The Outreach Coordinator will attend various regional coordination meetings including, Coordinated Entry System (CES), regional case conferencing meetings, Service Planning Area (SPA) 2 and 5 meetings. Additionally, the Outreach Coordinator will participate in LVMCOG Governing Board, Technical Advisory Committee, and Homeless Working Group meetings as needed.

Alignment with New Framework To End Homelessness (Check all that apply)

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	Key Performance Indicators/Metrics	Targets (Anticipated Impact)	Timeline
2B.i.	<p>Provide street-based outreach to people experiencing homelessness or at-risk of homelessness 5 days a week, from Monday-Friday.</p> <p>Outreach Coordinator to submit quarterly reports to LVMCOG on the following targets.</p>	<p>a. Scheduled city canvassing/ outreach coordination</p> <p>b. 2-5 of participants engaged</p> <p>c. 2-3 of participants assessed for services (e.g. public benefits, housing, etc.)</p> <p>d. 1-3 of participants enrolled in public benefits</p>	<p>a. Ongoing</p> <p>b. To be provided in quarterly report</p>

		<p>e. 1-2 of housing referrals</p> <p>f. 1-2 of referrals to mental health or substance use disorder services</p> <p>g. 1-2 of participants receiving case management services/care coordination</p> <p>h. 5% of participants placed into interim housing</p> <p>i. 5% of participants placed into permanent housing</p>	
2B.ii.	Follow-up on requests from designated city staff from member cities who report instances where unhoused individuals and families may need assistance and/or resources.	Respond to request from member cities within 1-hour time period	<p>a. Ongoing</p> <p>b. To be provided in quarterly report</p>
2B.iii.	Provide recommendations to enhance regional outreach coordination serving the COG catchment area	Monthly recommendations provided in LVMCOG coordination meetings	To be provided in quarterly report
2B.iv.	Attend regional coordination meetings including Coordinated Entry System (CES), regional case conferencing meetings, Service Planning Area (SPA) 2 and 5 meetings, among others.	As needed regional coordination meetings attended	<p>a. Monthly</p> <p>b. To be provided in quarterly report</p>
2B.v.	Attend LVMCOG coordination meetings including LVMCOG Governing Board, Technical Advisory Committee, and Homeless Working Group.	Monthly LVMCOG coordination meetings attended	<p>a. Quarterly</p> <p>b. To be provided in quarterly report</p>

Task 2C: Interim Housing - Malibu/The People Concern

Task 2C Description: The LVMCOG will retain a sub-contractor to provide three (3) beds that will be available to accept referrals from unhoused individuals that The People Concern is working with in Malibu.

Alignment with New Framework To End Homelessness (Check all that apply)

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Supporting Activity- *(Please list supporting activities that apply below)*

	Key Performance Indicators/Metrics	Targets (Anticipated Impact)	Timeline
2C.i.	Execute subcontract with service provider	Executed agreement	30 days from contract execution
2C.ii.	Three (3) interim housing beds retained through sub-contract agreement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. 3 individuals enrolled in interim housing b. Maintain 100% bed utilization rate c. 5% of participants that exited interim housing into permanent housing d. 50% of participants that returned to homelessness 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Ongoing b. To be provided in quarterly report

PRICING SCHEDULE
LAS VIRGENES-MALIBU COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
LOCAL SOLUTIONS FUND

Maximum Contract Amount Not to Exceed: \$249,375

The following shall constitute the maximum Measure H funding that Local Jurisdiction may be allocated for each Fiscal Year that this Agreement is in effect and as approved by the County Board of Supervisors (Board) annually:

- Year One: July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, contract amount shall not exceed **\$249,375**
 - \$30,000 in Regional Homelessness Coordination
 - \$202,500 in Local Solutions Fund (LSF) - Local Homeless Services and Housing Programs
 - \$16,875 in One-Time Quarter 4 LSF - Local Homeless Services and Housing Programs
- Year Two: July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, To Be Determined.
- Year Three: July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, To Be Determined.
- Year Four: July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, To Be Determined.

Any increase in funding to each Fiscal Year shall be at the County's sole discretion and implemented through a written amendment to this Agreement. All Board approved allocations in this agreement are made available throughout the term of the agreement.

REGIONAL HOMELESSNESS COORDINATION PROGRAM BUDGET*		
STAFFING COSTS		
Position	FTE	Total
Administrative Assistant	.5	\$24,000
COG programming		\$6,000
	STAFFING COSTS	\$30,000
OPERATIONS COSTS		
		\$ 0
	OPERATION COSTS	\$ 0

REGIONAL HOMELESSNESS COORDINATION SUBTOTAL	\$30,000
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LOCAL HOMELESS SERVICES AND HOUSING PROGRAMS BUDGET*		
STAFFING COSTS		
Position	FTE	Total
Outreach Coordinator	1.0	\$72,000
STAFFING COSTS		\$72,000
PROGRAM OPERATIONS COSTS		
Outreach Coordinator – Mileage (\$500/mo)		\$6,000
Outreach Coordinator – Cellular Phone Services Cost (100/mo)		\$1,200
Flexible Funds		\$20,000
Interim Housing - Malibu/The People Concern		\$120,175
OPERATIONS COSTS		\$ 147,375
LOCAL HOMELESS SERVICES AND HOUSING PROGRAMS SUBTOTAL		\$219,375
REGIONAL HOMELESSNESS COORDINATION & LOCAL HOMELESS SERVICES AND HOUSING PROGRAMS GRAND TOTAL		\$249,375

*Changes within line items and/or categories require written authorization from the County Project Manager. Written authorization may be defined to include letter, email, and fax. A contract amendment is not required for changes within line items of a funding category, not to exceed the maximum contract amount.