



**LAS VIRGENES - MALIBU
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, April 18, 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:

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TELECONFERENCE LOCATIONS

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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, April 17, 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 AND WELCOME NEW GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS

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. March 21, 2023 Draft Minutes – Attachment (page 4-6)
- B. April 2023 Financial Statement – Attachment (page 7-8)

Recommended Action: Approve Consent Calendar

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Executive Director’s Report – Attachment (page 9-10)
- B. TreePeople Native Garden Kit Program – Eric Wilson, Native Garden Kit Program Manager, will make the presentation.

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 11-15)

7. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Letter of Opposition to Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors’ Motion to Depopulate and Decarcerate the Los Angeles County Jails – Attachment (page 16-20)

B. Letter of Opposition to Involuntarily Rotating Deputies to Other Stations
Every 5 Years – Attachment 21-23)

8. GENERAL COMMENTS AND REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEM

9. FUTURE MEETING DATES

- Technical Advisory Committee: May 3, 2023, 8:30 AM
- Governing Board: May 16, 2023, 8:30 AM

10. ADJOURNMENT

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

The Governing Board conducted the 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
Doug Stewart, 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
Jeremy Wolf, Agoura Hills

2 – Approval of Agenda:

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

AYES: President Gold and Governing Board members, Honig, Stewart, 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) February 21, 2023 Draft Minutes.

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

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

NOES: None.

5.A – Continued to later in the meeting.

5.B – Liability Trust Fund: James Bozajian, Councilmember, Calabasas and Board Member, Liability Trust Fund, presented his analysis of the proposed increase, and his projections on future increases to the Liability Trust Fund. President Gold thanked Councilmember Bozajian for his presentation. 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: No representative was present.

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

5.A – Senator Ben Allen provided comments on legislation the meeting due to a scheduling conflict.

6.D – Updates from Area Legislators and Agencies: President Gold noted SCAG's report was included in the agenda. There were no other reports.

7.A – Retaining Grant Writer: The Executive Director provided background and details pertaining to the proposed action to send a Letter of Support to the state senate in support of Jim Stahl, who was awaiting confirmation hearings on his reappointed by Governor Newsom to the Los Angeles Region Water Quality Control Board.

ACTION: Penny Sylvester moved to approve the Letter of Support of Jim Stahl. Alicia Weintraub seconded. The Motion carried 5-0, by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None.

7.B – Appointment of Paul Grisanti as the Las Virgenes-Malibu COG Alternate Member to the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission.

ACTION: Doug Stewart moved to approve the appointment of Paul Grisanti as the Las Virgenes-Malibu COG Alternate Member to the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission. Kelly Honig seconded. The Motion carried 5-0, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: President Gold and Governing Board member Honig, Stewart, Sylvester and Weintraub.

NOES: None.

7.C – Hazard Mitigation Plan: The Executive Director provided background and details pertaining to the proposed action to authorize the COG to move forward to issue a

Request for Proposal to review and recommend a consultant to prepare the COG's Multi Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation, including proposed city allocations to self-fund the HMP.

ACTION: Penny Stewart moved to approve issuing a Request for Proposal to update the COG's Multi Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan. Alicia Weintraub seconded. The Motion carried 5-0, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: President Gold and Governing Board member Honig, Stewart, Sylvester and Weintraub.

NOES: None.

8. – Comments and Request for Future Agenda Items: President Gold asked if any of the city managers wanted to provide an update from their city. Joe Toney, Assistant City Manager, Malibu, commented that the three beds the COG has funded using County homeless grant funds are being utilized. 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 April 2023.

11. – Adjournment: President Gold adjourned the meeting at 9:15 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Dipple
Executive Director

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

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Governing Board Agenda Report

DATE: April 18, 2023
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.

Update of the COG's HMP – The RFP for the Update of the COG's HMP was sent out to five disaster mitigation consulting firms:

- A-Tech Consulting, Inc. (currently working with Malibu and expressed interest)
C/O Ralph G. Sbragia, CSP, CHST
1640 N. Batavia St., Orange, CA 92867
- MLC & Associates (prepared the original HMP and subsequent updates)
C/O Bob Takemura
4 Executive Circle, Suite 280
Irvine, California 92614
- Preparative Consulting
PO Box 143,
Vacaville, CA 95696
- Rincon Consultants, Inc.
250 East 1st Street, Suite 1400
Los Angeles, CA 90012
- West Coast Consulting Group, Inc.
C/O Tom Plotts, President/CEO
2512 Camino Avena
Alpine, CA 91901

Proposals are due April 21, 2023. The COG's HMP Working Group will review the proposals with me and make a recommendation to the TAC at the May 3rd meeting. Thereafter, it will be on the agenda of the May 16th COG meeting to award the contract. That would allow 15 months to prepare the HMP and obtain approval from Cal OES and FEMA.

COG Highway Working Group – The COG's Highway Working Group met with Metro on April 12th to discuss current projects and future funding for new or ongoing projects. The Measure M 10th year allocation of \$13,574,070. Consideration will be given to the 2nd Phase of the COG's Regional Fiber Network, along with full allocation of funding for

Malibu. The remainder will be allocated for other projects. I will continue to provide monthly updates to the TAC and Governing Board. The final project list and allocation will be presented to the TAC and Governing Board, in September.

Regional Smart Cities Fiber Network – In February, Metro approved \$300,000 for the broadband design engineering. I expect to have the RPF sent out to various consulting firms by April 14th and have proposals by mid-May. Hopefully, we can quickly review the proposals and make a recommendation to the Governing Board at the June COG meeting. Depending on who we select to prepare the design engineering, it could take 3-6 months. Once we have the design engineering, we can go back to Metro for approval of the remaining phase one funds.

Grant Needs Assessment – The contract with California Consulting has been signed. We will be meeting with the project manager for the needs assessment to go over areas of interest on April 17, 2023. Since LVMWD is sharing the cost, I have invited Dave Pedersen or his staff to participate.

Governing Board Voting – On April 10th I participated in the Westlake Village City Council Administration Committee (Mayor Pearl, Mayor Pro Tem Davis, City Manager and Deputy City Manager) to discuss the proposal to allow the Governing Board to vote without first seeking city approval. It was agreed to schedule the matter for the next City Council meeting.

Homeless Grant Allocation – As reported at the March COG meeting, Malibu is already using the three beds at The People Concern shelter for unhoused individuals TPC is working with in Malibu. This was the homeless grant funding that the Governing Board allocated.

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

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE APRIL 6th SCAG REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

ACTION

REGIONAL COUNCIL ELECTS 2023-24 BOARD OFFICERS AND NAMES CARMEN RAMIREZ PRESIDENT IN MEMORIAM

The Regional Council approved the nominations for the SCAG 2023-24 Board Officers as submitted by the Nominating Committee. Congratulations to Hon. Art Brown (City of Buena Park) who will serve as the new SCAG President; Hon. Curt Hagman (San Bernardino County) who will serve as First Vice President; and Hon. Cindy Allen (City of Long Beach) who will serve as Second Vice President.

Additionally, the Regional Council adopted a [resolution](#) posthumously naming former Vice President Carmen Ramirez as Regional Council President, In Memoriam, for the 2023-24 term.

The slate of new officers and the posthumous title will be presented to the General Assembly for ratification at the May 4 meeting.

ACTION

REGIONAL COUNCIL APPROVES EXPEDITED PROGRAMING FOR CARBON REDUCTION PROGRAM

The Regional Council approved the advance programming of the Fiscal Year 2022 Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) funding in response to the limited time available to spend the funds.

The CRP is a new program established under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and provides funding for transportation projects that reduce carbon dioxide emissions. For Fiscal Year 2022, the first year of available funding, the SCAG region's share is \$33.6 million. SCAG is responsible for selecting projects in the region to be funded by CRP dollars.

SCAG worked closely with county transportation commissions in the region to propose a series of projects that reduce carbon emissions, align with regional transportation goals and objectives, and can be delivered quickly to meet federal timelines.

ACTION

REGIONAL COUNCIL APPROVES PROJECTS FOR THE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

The Regional Council approved a [resolution](#) affirming the 2023 SCAG Regional Active Transportation Program (Regional Program) project list. The Regional Program consists of 73 projects totaling \$361.2 million that support walking and bicycling in the region.

The California Transportation Commission (CTC) adopted the 2023 Active Transportation Program guidelines and announced a call for projects in March 2022. Approximately 60 percent of the total program funding, including 22 projects in the SCAG region, were recommended by the CTC and adopted in December 2022. The remaining 40 percent of the funding is recommended by Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs). SCAG's share of the MPO component, referred to as the Regional Program, is roughly 53 percent.

SCAG staff will submit the Regional Program to the CTC for adoption at their June 28 meeting.

ACTION

REGIONAL COUNCIL APPROVES MULTIPLE INITIATIVES TO SUPPORT BROADBAND

DIGITAL ACTION PLAN

The Regional Council approved the [Digital Action Plan](#), which outlines SCAG's actions to provide digital accessibility and foster an equitable, prosperous and resilient region for all residents.

The growth of the SCAG region has been significantly impacted by technological advancements that revolutionized the way people access information. Despite the benefits of new technologies, a significant population in the region does not have access to these advancements. These disparities became more apparent during the COVID-19 pandemic when impacted communities faced disadvantages accessing services, such as healthcare, food, telework and e-learning. These disparities will widen as our reliance on technology increases.

The Digital Action Plan outlines clear goals and actions on this issue, and is driven by SCAG's commitment to equity, innovation and resilience. With faster broadband speeds and enhanced devices becoming more critical post-COVID-19, the plan aims to bridge the digital divide and ensure all residents in the region have access to the digital world.

\$500,000 in Funding for Affordable Connectivity Program Outreach

The Regional Council accepted grant funding for a minimum of \$500,000 from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to support outreach on the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP). The FCC recently announced \$66 million in outreach grants for projects that expand participation in the ACP, which provides eligible households with a discount on broadband service and connected devices. SCAG will utilize the funds to help bridge the digital divide through implementing innovative strategies to reach historically underserved communities across jurisdictions. SCAG will be working with the state, local jurisdictions, and stakeholders to boost ACP adoption across the region.

NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT

REGIONAL CONFERENCE & GENERAL ASSEMBLY PROGRAM PREVIEW

SCAG's 58th annual Regional Conference & General Assembly is just around the corner on May 4-5.

[Register by Monday, May 1](#) to secure your spot! The event is free for elected officials and city managers in the region.

The event will feature a slate of high-quality presentations and panels on planning and implementing mobility hubs; accelerating clean transportation in Southern California; job growth in an inclusive economy; housing in the region; and Connect SoCal – the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy. There will also be a session showcasing outstanding student work, bringing in bright minds from across the region to share innovative research and planning projects.

The event will also feature the 2023 SCAG Sustainability Awards, the region's highest honors for projects that promote and improve mobility, livability, prosperity and sustainability in Southern California.

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

SCAG KICKS OFF PUBLIC OUTREACH FOR CONNECT SOCIAL 2024

Every four years, SCAG updates its visionary plan for the future of the region, [Connect SoCal](#). This process is now underway, and we want to hear from our stakeholders.

Join us at a public workshop or pop-up event to learn more about the plan, ask questions and provide input. The purpose of these events is to gather input from each community to establish planning priorities for the next 20 to 30 years.

Workshops will be held throughout SCAG's six-county region to provide a variety of opportunities to connect with us. We expect to add more events soon, so please look out for updates.

Find a workshop or pop-up event near you at scag.ca.gov/connect-social-workshops.

In addition to the workshops and pop-ups, you can share your thoughts on important issues affecting our region by [taking a short survey](#).

NEWS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN FOR GO HUMAN COMMUNITY HUBS PROGRAM

Applications are open **now through April 21** for the [Go Human Community Hubs Program](#)! The program awards funding to eligible community organizations to implement local traffic safety and community engagement strategies that leverage community gathering sites or networks. SCAG will award up to \$40,000 to 10 selected traffic safety projects. [Click here to apply!](#)

UPDATE ON SCAG'S COMPLIANCE ACTION PLAN

After completing a joint review and evaluation of SCAG's metropolitan transportation planning process, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) found that SCAG meets federal requirements, with one corrective action.

The corrective action pertains to SCAG's role in the prioritization and selection of projects funded with Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) and Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds. Working closely with county transportation commissions, SCAG developed a Compliance

Action Plan – a high-level framework for how the region plans to address this federal corrective action.

After the Regional Council’s approval in February, SCAG formally submitted the Compliance Action Plan to Caltrans, FHWA and FTA. SCAG recently received confirmation that the Compliance Action Plan will address the corrective action from Caltrans and the federal agencies. SCAG will continue to develop more detailed STBG-CMAQ program guidelines consistent with the Compliance Action Plan for subsequent approval by the Regional Council.

APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN FOR SOCAL GREENPRINT TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SCAG invites those interested in joining the SoCal Greenprint Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to [apply now](#) through April 17.

The Regional Council approved the [Regional Advanced Mitigation Planning \(RAMP\) Policy Framework](#) on Feb. 2. 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. The RAMP Policy Framework directed the creation of the TAC to ensure the future SoCal Greenprint tool is aligned with policy objectives identified in the framework.

Membership of the TAC is designed to represent expected primary user groups of the SoCal Greenprint tool and government agencies who may participate in RAMP. The TAC will be open to the public and seek input from the development community, non-governmental conservation groups, regional conservation agencies, researchers and other stakeholders.

Interested applicants are encouraged to fill out the [application form](#) by April 17.

The full April Executive Director’s Report is available here: <https://scag.ca.gov/edr-apr-23>.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

APRIL

- 18th Housing Working Group
- 18th Connect SoCal Open House – Imperial County
- 18th Toolbox Tuesday: Integrating Equity and Adaptation into the Planning and Environmental Process
- 19th Connect SoCal Open House – Imperial County
- 20th Connect SoCal Open House – Orange County
- 24th SCAG and HIMaC2 Listening Session
- 25th Transportation Conformity Working Group
- 26th Connect SoCal Open House – Orange County
- 28th Regional Utilities Supporting Housing Industry Forum

MAY

- 2nd Aviation Technical Advisory Committee
- 2nd Connect SoCal Open House – Riverside County
- 3rd Connect SoCal Open House – Riverside County
- 3rd Executive Administration Committee

- 4th** Regional Council & General Assembly
- 8th** Connect SoCal Open House – San Bernardino County
- 15th** Connect SoCal Open House – Ventura County
- 16th** Connect SoCal Open House – Ventura County
- 18th** Technical Working Group
- 23rd** Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee
- 23rd** Transportation Conformity Working Group
- 31st** Regional Transit Technical Advisory Committee
- 31st** Executive Administration Committee

Governing Board Agenda Report

DATE: March 21, 2023
TO: Governing Board and Alternates
FROM: Terry Dipple, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Board of Supervisors’ Motion to “Depopulate and Decarcerate Los Angeles County Jails”

OVERVIEW

The purpose of this report is to provide the Governing Board with information regarding the Board of Supervisors’ Motion to “Depopulate and Decarcerate Los Angeles County Jails.”

BACKGROUND

On April 3, 2023, the COG cities became aware of the proposed motion co-authored by Supervisors Horvath and Solis to “Depopulate and Decarcerate Los Angeles County Jails” was scheduled for the April 4th Board of Supervisors meeting. There was a huge outcry from cities and stakeholders in the County, which caused the motion to be pulled from the agenda. Although the motion was pulled, there are indications that it will be brought back at a future meeting.

For your consideration, I have attached the LA County Division of the League of Cities opposition letter and an analysis of the motion that was prepared by Councilmember James Bozajian, Calabasas. I have also attached a letter of opposition to the motion should the Governing Board wish to send the letter.

RECOMMENDATION

Review and provide direction to staff.

ATTACHMENTS: LA Division of the League of Cities Letter
Analysis prepared by James Bozajian
Letter of Opposition

Agenda Item 7.A

Analysis of the 4-4-23 “Decarceration” Motion by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors

By James R. Bozajian, Calabasas City Councilmember

April 12, 2023

With respect to the recent “decarceration” motion appearing on the April 4, 2023, agenda of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors before being temporarily withdrawn:

The Board of Supervisors failed to solicit meaningful public input prior to introducing its initial decarceration proposal. This continues an unfortunate pattern of conduct by the Board in recent years. By excluding a diverse array of stakeholders from contributing their thoughts to this measure before it was agendized for a formal vote, the Board conveys the unmistakable impression that it does not want to hear from those stakeholders and has already pre-determined specific outcomes. This runs counter to an open and democratic process for making key policy decisions. Before any future proposal is brought forward, the Board must solicit input from a broad range of sources, reflecting a broad range of viewpoints. This should include local elected and appointed officials within Los Angeles County.

In addition to the procedural flaws noted above, the Board’s decarceration proposal contains a number of troubling and ill-conceived substantive elements. These include, but are not limited to, the following.

1. Implementation of the “Emergency Bail Schedule” that was in effect only at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic. This short deviation imposed in 2020 represented a drastic departure from the regular bail schedule, and was only adopted as an emergency measure to avoid the spread of a deadly virus. Absent such a true emergency, this change would simply release large numbers of potentially dangerous criminals back into the general population prior to facing any consequences for the actions which resulted in their arrests.

2. “Legislative advocacy,” which is vaguely defined as support for relaxing criminal penalties by the State Legislature. The Board’s statements along these lines provide few specifics as to what statutory changes would be sought, and do not consider any long-term, negative effects of permanently reducing or eliminating penalties for criminal conduct.

3. Early release of convicted inmates before completion of their statutorily imposed sentences.
4. Expansion of pre-trial release programs for inmates, using electronic supervision.
5. Expansion of pre-trial diversion programs to cover a wider range of criminal offenses never before contemplated.
6. Establishment of a mandatory cite-and-release rule for suspects with bail amounts less than \$50,000. This blanket pronouncement ignores the long-standing and well established practice of thoughtfully weighing the facts of individual cases in order to properly assess the risks inherent in releasing suspects back into the community prior to final resolution.
7. Zero bail for most warrants and probation violations. These changes would effectively eliminate any incentives for suspects to appear for scheduled court hearings, or for convicted individuals to work toward becoming productive citizens upon release from custody.

Again, this list is not exhaustive and is only outlined here to provide specific examples of some of the many potentially negative repercussions stemming from the Board's decarceration motion. Before any reforms along these lines are enacted, the Board must study the impacts to our communities associated with pre-trial recidivism and substantial sentence reductions. Any academic statistical analyses must be derived from neutral sources, using raw data that can be verified and not subject to reasonable debate. In summary, the Board should carefully consider all consequences of enacting uniform mandates that do not assess the gravity of individual offenses committed against those who live, work, or visit Los Angeles County.

April 18, 2023

The Honorable Lindsey Horvath
Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street, 8th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Motion to Depopulate and Decarcerate Los Angeles County Jails

Dear Supervisor Horvath:

On behalf of the Las Virgenes-Malibu Council of Governments, I appreciate your willingness to support pulling your joint motion to “Depopulate and Decarcerate Los Angeles County Jails.”

The COG cities, which include Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Hidden Hills, Malibu and Westlake Village recognize the need to address jail overcrowding, especially at Men’s Central Jail and our cities are sensitive to the County’s responsibility to meet mandates set under various federal consent decrees. The costs and impacts related to these decrees impact all communities in Los Angeles County.

However, given the countywide impacts to any changes in our jail system, we believe that all plans to reduce populations in our jails should engage a diversity of stakeholders, including city officials. City partnerships are critical to implementing any meaningful changes in our jail system because many of the solutions proposed to alleviate the stress on county jails involve program and facility placements in our cities.

Our cities are invested in public safety for all members of our communities, and we hope that you will work with us as you discuss how to move forward with your proposal.

We appreciate your consideration of this important issue, and if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me directly or have your staff contact our Executive Director, Terry Dipple at 818-968-9088.

Sincerely,

Eniko Gold
President
Mayor Pro Tem, Hidden Hills

c: Supervisor Janice Hahn, Chair
Supervisor Kathryn Barger
Supervisor Holly Mitchell
Supervisor Hilda Solis
Sheriff Robert Luna

Governing Board Agenda Report

DATE: March 21, 2023
TO: Governing Board and Alternates
FROM: Terry Dipple, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Los Angeles County Sheriff's Civilian Oversight Commission's Recommendation to Involuntarily Rotate Deputies to a Different Patrol Station Every Five Years

OVERVIEW

The purpose of this report is to provide the Governing Board with information regarding the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Civilian Oversight Commission's recommendation to involuntarily rotate deputies to a different patrol station every five years.

BACKGROUND

Last month, the Commission voted to recommend wide-ranging reforms that were detailed in the 70-page report to Sheriff Robert Luna and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. Among the recommendation is to involuntarily rotate deputies to a different patrol station every five years.

The reason behind this recommendation is the report found that at least half a dozen "gangs" or "cliques" of deputies are still active in the Sheriff's Department. Although it was acknowledged the vast majority of the sheriff's department's nearly 10,000 deputies are not involved in the gangs and are at risk of being victimized by them.

The Commission's efforts to prevent the formation of deputy "gangs" and "cliques" within the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department is an important one; however, involuntarily moving deputies every five years may have a negative effect on our communities.

Specifically, Malibu/Lost Hills Station sits in the Santa Monica Mountains Region that is extremely vulnerable to wildfires. The station's patrol deputies receive specialized training on responding to this and other regional natural disasters. The 2018 Woolsey Fire is a prime example to understand the challenges associated with wildfire response and evacuations in the COG's mountainous region. There are countless examples of deputies from other stations who responded to the Woolsey Fire and were unfamiliar with the region and the complicated canyon roads, which resulted in confusion and, in many instances, delayed response.

The COG cities spend considerable time developing relationships with Malibu/Lost Hills Station personnel. The constant turnover of our law enforcement partners will have negatively impact on our communities.

RECOMMENDATION

Send the attached letter to Supervisor Horvath opposing the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Civilian Oversight Commission's recommendation to involuntarily rotate deputies to a different patrol station every five years.

April 18, 2023

The Honorable Lindsey Horvath
Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
500 W. Temple Street, 8th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Opposition to Involuntarily Rotating Deputies to Other Stations Every 5 Years

Dear Supervisor Horvath:

I am writing on behalf of the Las Virgenes-Malibu Council of Governments (COG) comprising of the cities of Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Hidden Hills, Malibu and Westlake Village to express our opposition to the Sheriff's Oversight Commission's recommendation to involuntarily rotate deputies to a different patrol station every five years.

Our COG and the Malibu/Lost Hills Sheriff's Station's personnel have had a collaborative and productive relationship since the station was dedicated in 1991. The Station embraces the tenants of community-based policing, built trust in our communities and accumulated historical and institutional knowledge which would all be lost if deputies are involuntarily rotated every five years.

The COG respectfully requests that as you consider the various recommendations from the Commission designed to prevent the formation of inappropriate cliques within the Department that you will oppose the recommendation of involuntarily rotating deputies to other patrol stations every five years. Imposing these mandatory rotations would be disruptive and negatively impact our communities.

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Every sheriff's station has its own circumstances, advantages and challenges and a 'one size fits all' or 'one approach fits all' strategy would not serve the best interest of any community.

Thank you for your consideration regarding this matter of concern and importance.

Sincerely,

Eniko Gold
President
Mayor Pro Tem, Hidden Hills

c: Supervisor Janice Hahn, Chair
Supervisor Kathryn Barger
Supervisor Holly Mitchell
Supervisor Hilda Solis
Sheriff Robert Luna