



**LAS VIRGENES - MALIBU
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, May 16, 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

- XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX Agoura Hills, CA 91301
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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, May 15, 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
Ray Pearl, 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. April 18, 2023 Draft Minutes – Attachment (page 4-5)
- B. May 2023 Financial Statement – Attachment (page 6-7)

Recommended Action: Approve Consent Calendar

5. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

- A. Sheriff Robert Luna
- B. Executive Director’s Report – Attachment (page 8)

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 9-12)

7. **ACTION ITEMS**

- A. Award Contract to Update the COG’s Hazard Mitigation Plan – Attachment (page 13-14)
- B. Letter of Opposition to Involuntarily Rotating Sheriff’s Deputies to Other Stations Every 5 Years – Continued from April 18, 2023 – Attachment 15-17)

8. GENERAL COMMENTS AND REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEM

9. FUTURE MEETING DATES

- Technical Advisory Committee: June 7, 2023, 8:30 AM
- Governing Board: June 20, 2023, 8:30 AM

10. ADJOURNMENT

**Draft Minutes
Governing Board Meeting
VIRTUAL MEETING - VARIOUS LOCATIONS
April 18, 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
Paul Grisanti, Malibu
Kelly Honig, Westlake Village
Jeremy Wolf, Agoura Hills

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

Ray Pearl, Westlake Village
Doug Stewart, Malibu

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, Grisanti, Weintraub and Wolf.

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) March 21, 2023 Draft Minutes and April 2023 Financial Report.

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

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

NOES: None.

5.A – Executive Director’s Report – The Executive Director highlighted his report.

5.B – TreePeople Native Garden Kit Program. Eric Wilson, Native Garden Kit Program Manager made the 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: Megan Currier provided the 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: Nancy Frawley provided an update from Assemblymember Irwin and Barri Worth Girvan provided an update from Supervisor Horvath’s office. President Gold noted SCAG’s report was included in the agenda.

7.A and 7.B – President Gold continued Letter of Opposition to Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors’ Motion to Depopulate and Decarcerate the Los Angeles County Jails and Letter of Opposition to Involuntarily Rotating Deputies to Other Stations Every 5 Years to the next meeting.

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. 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 May 2023.

11. – Adjournment: President Gold adjourned the meeting at 9:35 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Dipple
Executive Director

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

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Governing Board Agenda Report

DATE: May 16, 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.

Governing Board Voting – On May 10th the Calabasas and Westlake Village City Councils both approved the proposal to allow their respective Governing Board representatives to vote without first seeking city approval.

COG Highway Working Group – The COG's Highway Working Group held a meeting with Metro on May 10th to receive a presentation from the audit team on the audit process for completed projects. HWG members were encouraged to submit any new projects to Metro for informal eligibility review before being added to the COG's Measure M 10th year Project List. Our total allocation is \$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. 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 – I should have the RFP ready to be distributed by the end of the month with responses due July 1st and the Governing Board awarding the contract at the July meeting. Depending on who we select to prepare the design engineering; it could take 3-6 months to complete. Once we have the design engineering, we will go back to Metro for approval of the remaining phase one funds.

Grant Needs Assessment – California Consulting completed the initial grant assessment that includes 12 grants with a focus on stormwater, planning and project grants. There are two additional grants that also might be worth consideration from the California State Water Board Stormwater General app, which is first come first serve. I will be meeting with Dave Pedersen and his staff to review the grants. I will provide details following the meeting.

Homeless Grant Contract and SOW – I have completed the negotiations with the County for the 23-24 homeless grant contract. The SOW contains an cost of living increase for Gabriel as well as reserving an additional bed at The People Concern for unhoused individuals that TPC is working with in Malibu.

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

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MAY 5th SCAG REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

ACTION

GENERAL ASSEMBLY ELECTS 2023-24 BOARD OFFICERS

The General Assembly today approved the nominations for the SCAG 2023-24 Board Officers as recommended by the Regional Council: Hon. Art Brown (City of Buena Park) will serve as the new SCAG President; Hon. Curt Hagman (County of San Bernardino) will serve as First Vice President; and Hon. Cindy Allen (City of Long Beach) will serve as Second Vice President. Leadership also took time to recognize Hon. Jan Harnik (Riverside County Transportation Commission) who served as President for 2022-23 and will continue as a board officer in the role of Immediate Past President.

Additionally, the General Assembly posthumously named former Vice President Carmen Ramirez as Regional Council President, In Memoriam, for the 2023-24 term.

ACTION

GENERAL ASSEMBLY APPROVES FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 BUDGET, MEMBERSHIP ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE

The General Assembly adopted the [General Fund Budget](#) and [Membership Assessment Schedule](#) for Fiscal Year 2023-24. The General Fund is the designated financial resource for the operating budget of the Regional Council and supports SCAG activities that are not funded by, or are not allowable charges to, federal or state grant funds. The Fiscal Year 2023-24 General Fund budget is expected to be 8.86 percent less than the previous year.

ACTION

REGIONAL COUNCIL APPROVES RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2023 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The Regional Council voted to approve the Scholarship Committee recommendations for the 2023 SCAG Scholarship Program Awards. SCAG received 71 applications from students across the region.

Eleven outstanding high school and community college students were chosen for this year's program, representing all six counties in the SCAG region. The SCAG-funded scholarship recipients include Viviana Espino (Imperial), Yuzuna Kudo (Glendale), Vivecka Sanchez (Duarte), Kaylyn Ngo (Anaheim), Gabriela Parra (Anaheim), Nolan Swanson (Hemet), Joleen Bakalova (Redlands), Matthew Walker (Rancho Cucamonga) and Sarah Ziff (Thousand Oaks). Apart from the SCAG-funded awards, the

California Transportation Foundation partnered with us to provide funding for two additional scholarship awards to Angela Delgadillo (Heber) and Gabriela Navarro (Los Angeles).

The SCAG Scholarship Program provides each awardee with a monetary scholarship of \$4,000. SCAG congratulates these future leaders in Southern California's planning and public service community! Learn more about the SCAG Scholarship Program at scag.ca.gov/scholarship.

ACTION

RESOLUTION ADOPTED TO SIGN ONTO NATIONAL ROADWAY SAFETY STRATEGY

The Regional Council adopted a [resolution](#) authorizing SCAG to sign onto the United States Department of Transportation's (USDOT) National Roadway Safety Strategy (NRSS) Call to Action.

USDOT launched the NRSS Call to Action in February 2023 asking agencies to take specific actions in 2023 to reduce roadway serious injuries and deaths. SCAG is signing onto the NRSS Call to Action during National Bike Month to raise awareness of the urgent need for action to reduce death and serious injuries, reaffirm its commitment to roadway safety and promote regional and local best practices at a national level.

NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT

YEAR IN REVIEW: 2022-23

President Jan Harnik closed out her term as SCAG President at the 2023 Regional Conference & General Assembly by sharing a report of SCAG's annual accomplishments for 2022-23. The Year in Review: 2022-23 highlights SCAG's extensive work to identify and address the needs of the region and promote sustainability, prosperity and quality of life improvements for all Southern Californians.

President Harnik's top priority for SCAG this year was the development of Connect SoCal 2024, the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy update. This work has been full steam ahead with the adoption of the plan's Policy Development Framework, new subcommittees and the launch of an extensive outreach program. Additionally, SCAG has had many successes this past year in supporting jurisdictions in addressing their diverse transportation needs and by playing a critical role in addressing the housing crisis with leadership on innovative solutions to overcome barriers to sustainably building more housing.

Watch the [Year in Review video](#) or read the full [President's Report for 2022-23](#) for a look back at the year's accomplishments under the leadership of President Harnik.

SCAG HOSTS SUCCESSFUL SACRAMENTO SUMMIT

SCAG's Sacramento Summit took place on April 17-18 and gathered elected officials from throughout Southern California, along with our private sector partners, to discuss transportation, housing, and greenhouse gas reduction goals with our legislators. Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon kicked off the summit with a powerful message on the importance of advocacy at the local level. Thank you to all who met with us, and we look forward to our continued partnership as we address these key policy issues.

NEWS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR MULTIPLE REAP 2.0 PROGRAMS

SCAG REAP 2.0 Calls for Applications for the [County Transportation Commission Partnership Program](#); [Sustainable Communities Program: Civic Engagement, Equity & Environmental Justice](#); and [Subregional Partnership Program 2.0](#) are now open and will be closing later this month. Between the three programs, SCAG is granting \$108 million dollars to advance work to increase housing and improve transportation, with additional funding calls anticipated to be announced later this month. For more information on all REAP 2.0 programs, visit scag.ca.gov/reap2021.

SCAG'S LOCAL DATA EXCHANGE PROCESS CONCLUDES FOR CONNECT SOCIAL

SCAG facilitated the Local Data Exchange Process from February to December 2022 for the purposes of gathering and sharing planning, land use and growth-related data with our local jurisdictions in preparation for the development Connect SoCal 2024. During this time, SCAG met one-on-one with 167 local jurisdictions and received input from 148 to feed into Connect SoCal.

Since December, SCAG has been analyzing and aggregating the refinements received and following up with individual jurisdictions to ensure that input is appropriately captured. All edits and comments received have been reviewed, integrated into the updated projections and will be recommended to our policy committees and Regional Council in June. SCAG appreciates the support and participation of local jurisdictions in reaching this critical milestone in the planning process.

UPDATE ON CONNECT SOCIAL 2024 OUTREACH

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.

SCAG has been hosting public workshops and pop-up events all over the region for stakeholders to learn more about the plan, ask questions and provide input. These in-person events will continue over the next several weeks. We are pleased to announce the addition of seven virtual workshops in May.

There will be two upcoming workshops in Ventura County on **Monday, May 15, 2023 from 1 pm – 6 pm and Tuesday, May 16, 2023 from 9 am – 11 am** at the Ventura County Office of Education Conference & Education Services Center located at 5100 Adolfo Road; Camarillo, CA 93012.

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](#).

The full May Executive Director's Report is available here:
scag.ca.gov/edr-may-23.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

MAY

8th Connect SoCal Open House – San Bernardino County
9th Connect SoCal Virtual Workshop
10th Connect SoCal Virtual Workshop
11th Connect SoCal Open House – Los Angeles County
15th Connect SoCal Open House – Ventura County
16th Connect SoCal Open House – Ventura County
17th Connect SoCal Virtual Workshop
18th Technical Working Group
18th Connect SoCal Virtual Workshop
22nd Connect SoCal Virtual Workshop
23rd Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee
23rd Connect SoCal Virtual Workshop
23rd Transportation Conformity Working Group
23rd Development Streamlining Workshop #3
24th Connect SoCal Virtual Workshop
25th Connect SoCal Open House – Los Angeles County
31st Regional Transit Technical Advisory Committee
31st Executive Administration Committee

JUNE

1st Community, Economic and Human Development Committee
1st Energy and Environment Committee
1st Transportation Committee
1st Regional Council
20th Development Streamlining Workshop #4
27th Transportation Conformity Working Group

Governing Board Agenda Report

DATE: May 16, 2023
TO: Governing Board and Alternates
FROM: Terry Dipple, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Award Contract to Update Hazard Mitigation Plan

OVERVIEW

The purpose of this report is to provide the Governing Board with information regarding the process that was used to solicit proposals to update the COG’s Hazard Mitigation Plan and to recommend awarding a contract to the firm that was unanimously selected by the COG’s Hazard Mitigation Plan Working Group (HMP Working Group).

BACKGROUND

The COG’s Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan was originally prepared in 2009 and subsequently updated in 2014 and most recently, in 2019. The current HMP will expire in August 2024. The last HMP update was in 2019 and cost \$70,000. I have prepared the following allocation that is based on approximate population and acreage of each city:

- Agoura Hills 20,000
- Calabasas 22,000
- Hidden Hills 4,000
- Malibu 12,000
- Westlake Village 8,000
- \$80,000

The Request for Proposal to 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

Two proposals were submitted to the COG prior to the April 21, 2023 deadline. The COG's HMP Working Group reviewed the two proposals and is unanimously recommending MLC & Associates, which prepared the original HMP and subsequent updates. I also reviewed the proposals and concur with the HMP Working Group.

The estimated cost was \$80,000 and MLC's proposal is not to exceed \$78,000, which includes all updates to the COG's HMP and the city risk assessment maps, public outreach meetings, etc. that ensure approval of the HMP by Cal OES and FEMA. I have sent MLC & Associates' proposal as a separate attachment.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Governing Board authorize the President to sign a contract with MLC & Associates to update the COG's HMP for an amount not to exceed \$78,000.

Governing Board Agenda Report

DATE: May 16, 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.

May 16, 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