

**LAS VIRGENES – MALIBU COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, June 2, 2021, 8:30 A.M.

This will be a Virtual meeting.

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**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order: Rob de Geus, Chair
2. Public Comment: via Zoom, email or phone
3. Executive Director's Report
4. Reopening, Future COG Meetings, and other COVID-19 issues – Discussion
5. DRAFT 21/22 COG Budget – Attachment
6. Public Safety, Legislative and Agency Partners Updates
  - A. Sheriff's Department
  - B. Fire Department
  - C. Cal Cities
  - D. Agency Partners
  - E. Area Legislators
7. Future Agenda Items
8. Adjournment

*Please contact Terry Dipple [terry@lvmcog.org](mailto:terry@lvmcog.org) or 818-968-9088 if have any questions.*

**Technical Advisory Committee Agenda Report**

**DATE:** June 2, 2021  
**TO:** Technical Advisory Committee  
**FROM:** Terry Dipple, Executive Director  
**SUBJECT:** Executive Director's Report

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**OVERVIEW**

The purpose of this memorandum is to update the Technical Advisory Committee on the status of COG projects and other items of interest.

**COG's Highway Working Group Discussing Measure M 8<sup>th</sup> Year Allocation** – The COG's Highway Working Group held its second meeting with Metro on May 24<sup>th</sup> to discuss Measure M 8<sup>th</sup> Year funding and projects. The COG's 8<sup>th</sup> year allocation is \$13,089,543 (\$2,502,521 for Active Transportation and \$10,587,022 for Highway). COG/cities will submit any new projects to Metro in June 2021 for informal eligibility review. Metro will work with the COG/cities over the summer to finalize the project list that will be presented to the TAC and Governing Board in September or October, depending on project feedback and eligibility issues.

**COG Homeless Working Group** – The COG's Homeless Working Group will be meeting on June 3<sup>rd</sup> to review the Los Angeles County Draft 2022 Cities' and COGs' Homelessness Funding Framework (January 2022 - June 2023) and make a recommendation to the TAC and Governing Board. The County HI Team is making a presentation to the COG Executive Directors on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and I expect negotiations with the County HI Team on the six-month grant funding from July 1 – December 31, 2021 to be finalized by the end of June.

**CalFire Fire Prevention Grant Program** – I discussed the Cal Fire grant opportunity with several city managers and looked into the possibility of submitting a grant application on behalf of the COG. Upon investigation and discussions with CalFire, the Fire Prevention Grants Program funds could only be used for three types of activities: hazardous fuels reduction, fire prevention planning, and fire prevention education. After discussing the projects with CalFire that were proposed by the city managers and city representatives, such as EOC construction, utility undergrounding and microgrid feasibility studies, it was determined these projects were not eligible for grant funds. I was also faced with a three-day turnaround to get the grant application, scope of work and budget submitted by the deadline. Therefore, the grant application was not submitted this year.

**Infrastructure LA** – Los Angeles County, Department of Public Works has begun sending out weekly installments of their new initiative, Infrastructure LA. DPW is

attempting to create a regional coalition around infrastructure. The goal is to highlight the aging wastewater infrastructure in an attempt to gain federal funding to modernize and refurbish pumping stations and treatment plants, repair or replace cracked pipes that have reached the end of their service life, and to transform wastewater to meet new needs. Funding for clean water has failed to keep up with inflation and the demands associated with population growth. The American Jobs plan proposes investing \$111 billion to upgrade the country's drinking water, stormwater, and wastewater systems. These investments will achieve an incalculable return-in-investment in the form of protection of the environment and improved public health while also being a catalyst for a robust economy.

**Los Angeles County-wide COG General Assembly** – I proposed to my executive director colleagues from the other LA County COGs about holding a virtual or possibly in person general assembly for all city councilmembers in the county later this summer. I am attempting to get the governor as the featured speaker. The idea being, all of the COGs, together, could be a collective voice on urging the governor to work with the cities on issues such as local control and affordable housing instead of pushing the mandates through the legislature. In addition, we want to address homelessness and other issues of interest to all of the COGs and cities. This is a work-in-progress and I will keep you updated.

**Evacuation Plan** – County OEM is currently reassessing their approach on this project as they have come across a vendor that specializes in development of evacuation zones, particularly for wildland fires. According to OEM, they did not come across them in their earlier research, but is now looking at the services and process, which looks to be right in line with what OEM has been working on and considering developing across the full county. OEM reports the two main benefits would be the specialization this vendor has on the GIS/mapping/zone development side, as well as their increased bandwidth for local stakeholder input gathering. OEM is currently assessing the exact services, costs, and available funding options. I will continue to keep you updated on this process.

**COG's Homeless Outreach Coordinator** – Gabriel continues to provide weekly updates on his assistance to people experiencing homelessness in the region.

**Redistricting** – Letters were sent to the California Redistricting Commission and the Los Angeles County Citizens Redistricting Commission. The executive director of the County commission stated the COG's letter would be posted as part of the public comment for the May 26<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Technical Advisory Committee Agenda Report**

**DATE:** June 2,2021  
**TO:** Technical Advisory Committee  
**FROM:** Terry Dipple, Executive Director  
**SUBJECT:** DRAFT Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Budget

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**OVERVIEW**

The DRAFT Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budget provides detailed information about anticipated revenues and planned expenditures for the upcoming fiscal year. The budget was developed using conservative estimates and account information provided by the City of Agoura Hills Finance Department, which acts as the COG Treasurer.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Technical Advisory Committee review the DRAFT Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Budget and provide a recommendation to the Governing Board.

**DRAFT Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Budget**

Current COG Revenue		320,720
City Dues @ \$20,000	100,000	
Metro for Board Deputy/Consultant	103,470	
Metro Meas. M Planning Reimbursement	57,250	
LA County Homeless Grant (Gabriel)	60,000	
Current COG Expenses		313,565
Executive Director	147,000	
Metro Board Deputy/Consultant	100,365	
Outreach Coordinator	60,000	
Liability Insurance	3,700	
COG Counsel	2,500	

## Budget Notes

- 1) The Executive Director will be requesting a salary adjustment as part of his evaluation with the Governing Board at the June 15<sup>th</sup> COG meeting. If approved, it would require a dues increase. It's been over ten years since the dues was increased.
- 2) Gabriel Graham and I have talked about giving him a 5% increase effective July 1, 2021, which would take his annual compensation to \$63,000. The COG is reimbursed by the County Homeless Grant.
- 3) The COG is reimbursed through a MOU with Metro for Maureen Micheline's position as Board Deputy to Ara Najarian, Metro Board.
- 4) The COG does not allocate any Homeless Grant Funds for COG overhead.