

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

Tuesday, April 20, 2021, 8:30 AM

MEETING INFORMATION AND ACCOMMODATION

Pursuant to the Governor’s Executive Orders, which waived certain Brown Act meeting requirements, including any requirements to make a physical meeting location available to the public; and, most recently, the March 19, 2020 Executive Order, which ordered all residents to stay at home. As such, the Las Virgenes-Malibu Council of Governments will provide Members of the Public the opportunity to view and participate in the meeting remotely using Zoom:

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AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call of Governing Board Members:

Kelly Honig, Westlake Village, President
Karen Farrer, Malibu, Vice President
Stuart Siegel, Hidden Hills
Denis Weber, Agoura Hills
Alicia Weintraub, Calabasas

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 16, 2021 Draft Meeting Notes – Attachment (page 3-5)

B. April 2021 Financial Statement – Attachment (page 6)

Recommended Action: Approve Consent Calendar

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Executive Director’s Report – Attachment (page 7-10)

B. ReCoverCA Wildfire Assistance Program. Maureen Richey, on behalf of California Housing and Community Development, will be making the presentation – Attachment (page 11)

C. Reports from Member Cities on COVID-19

- Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Hidden Hills, Malibu, and Westlake Village

6. ACTION ITEMS

A. State Legislation – Attachment (page 12)

Recommended Action: Discuss and provide direction to COG staff.

B. Support for a State Audit of Sexual Harassment Allegations at Metropolitan Water District of Southern California – Attachment (page 13-23)

Recommended Action: Discuss and provide direction to COG staff.

C. Measure R and M Adjustments – Attachment (page 24 and 25)

Recommended Action: Approve the Measure R and Measure M Adjustments, as requested by Los Angeles County and Calabasas.

7. PUBLIC SAFETY, LEGISLATIVE AND AGENCY PARTNER UPDATES

A. Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department

B. Los Angeles County Fire Department

C. Cal Cities

D. Updates from Legislative Staff and Agency Partners (page 26-29)

8. GENERAL COMMENTS AND REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

9. FUTURE MEETING DATES

Technical Advisory Committee Meeting: Wednesday, May 5th at 8:30 AM

Governing Board Meeting: Tuesday, May 18th at 8:30 AM

10. ADJOURNMENT

**Draft Meeting Notes
Governing Board Meeting
VIRTUAL MEETING - VARIOUS LOCATIONS
March 16, 2021**

The Governing Board conducted the virtual meeting, via Zoom, and in accordance with California Governor Newsom’s Executive Orders N-20-20 and N-35-20 and COVID-19 pandemic protocols.

1 – Call to Order: Vice President Kelly Honig called the meeting to order at 8:34 AM.

Roll Call of Governing Board members present:

Kelly Honig, Westlake Village, President
Karen Farrer, Malibu, Vice President
Laura McCorkindale, Hidden Hills
Denis Weber, Agoura Hills
Alicia Weintraub, Calabasas

The following non-voting city elected officials participated in the meeting:

Chris Anstead, Councilmember, Agoura Hills
James Bozajian, Calabasas
Ned Davis, Councilmember, Westlake Village
Eniko Gold, Hidden Hills

2 – Approval of Agenda:

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

AYES: President Honig, Vice President Farrer and Governing Board members McCorkindale, Weber and Weintraub.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

3 – Public Comment Period: None

4 – Consent Calendar: 4.A Meeting Notes from February 16, 2021; 4.B March 2021 Financial Statement.

ACTION: Denis Weber moved to approve the Consent Calendar. Karen Farrer seconded. The Motion carried 5-0, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: President Honig, Vice President Farrer and Governing Board members McCorkindale, Weber and Weintraub.

NOES: None.
ABSENT: None.

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

5.B. – State Legislation: The Executive Director highlighted some of the bills that have been introduced in the 2021 legislative session. Following the presentation, President Honig asked the Governing Board to review the bills with their respective city councils, take action, as appropriate, and be prepared to vote on the bills at the April COG meeting. No action was taken by the Governing Board.

5.C. – Reports from Member Cities on COVID-19: City Managers and Governing Board commented on COVID-19-related issues in their respective cities. No action was taken by the Governing Board.

6.A – SB 765 (Stern): The Executive Director presented an overview of the bill that is authored by Senator Stern, which is a technical change pertaining to rear and side yard setbacks for accessory dwelling units that was not taken into consideration when the ADU law was passed and became law, last year. He noted that Assemblymember Laura Friedman authored the original bill and has agreed to be a coauthor of SB 765. Jeremy Wolf, from Senator Stern’s office, noted that letters of support should be submitted prior to April 9, 2021.

ACTION: Alicia Weintraub moved to support SB 765 (Stern). Denis Weber seconded. The Motion carried 5-0, by the following roll call vote:
AYES: President Honig, Vice President Farrer and Governing Board members McCorkindale, Weber and Weintraub.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: None

6.B – 2021 Redistricting: The Executive Director reviewed the process of redistricting legislative districts in California, following the 2020 Census. Mayor Bozajian, Calabasas, provided background and requested the Governing Board submit letters to the State Redistricting Commission and County Redistricting Commission supporting the COG cities being included in the same state legislative districts and in the same Supervisorial District.

ACTION: Laura McCorkindale moved to sponsor the redistricting proposal and send letters. Denis Weber seconded. The Motion carried 5-0, by the following roll call vote:
AYES: President Honig, Vice President Farrer and Governing Board members McCorkindale, Weber and Weintraub.

NOES: None.
ABSENT: None.

7.A – Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department: Captain Becerra provided an update from the Lost Hills/Malibu Station.

7.B – Los Angeles County Fire Department: Chief Smith and Megan Currier provided an update.

7.C – Cal Cities: Jeff Kiernan provided an update from Cal Cities.

7.D – Updates from Area Legislators and Agencies. Tessa Charnofsky provided an update from Supervisor Kuehl, Aurelia Friedman provided an update from Congressman Lieu and Jeremy Wolf provided an update from Senator Stern.

8. – Comments and Request for Future Agenda Items: None

9. – Future Meeting Dates: President Honig noted the next meeting dates for the Technical Advisory Committee and Governing Board.

10. – Adjournment: President Honig asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:52 AM.

ACTION: Dennis Weber moved to adjourn the meeting. Alicia Weintraub seconded. The Motion carried 5-0, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: President Honig, Vice President Farrer and Governing Board members McCorkindale, Weber and Weintraub

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Dipple
Executive Director

Governing Board Agenda Report

DATE: April 20, 2021
TO: Governing Board and Alternates
FROM: Terry Dipple, Executive Director
SUBJECT: April 2021 COG Financial Statement

SUMMARY

All of the revenue and expenditures are in accordance with the COG's 20/21 adopted budget.

20/21 Expected Revenue

Dues	100,000
Metro (admin & planning)	57,250
Metro (for consultant)	103,470
LA County Homeless Grant	<u>69,133</u>
Total Expected Revenue	329,853

20/21 Expenditures to Date -233,647

Terry Dipple – 7/20 Ex. Dir.	-12,250
M. Micheline 7/20 Metro	-8,283
G. Graham 7/20	-5,000
Terry Dipple – 8/20 Ex. Dir.	-12,250
M. Micheline 8/20 Metro	-8,283
G. Graham 8/20	-5,000
COG Liability Insurance	-3,607
Terry Dipple – 9/20 Ex. Dir.	-12,250
M. Micheline 9/20 Metro	-8,283
G. Graham 9/20	-5,000
Terry Dipple – 10/20 Ex. Dir.	-12,250
M. Micheline 10/20 Metro	-8,283
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M. Micheline 12/20 Metro	-8,283
G. Graham 12/20	-5,000
Terry Dipple – 1/21 Ex. Dir.	-12,250
M. Micheline 1/21 Metro	-8,364
G. Graham 1/21	-5,000
Terry Dipple – 2/21 Ex. Dir.	-12,250
M. Micheline 2/21 Metro	-8,364
G. Graham 2/21	-5,000
Terry Dipple – 3/21 Ex. Dir.	-12,250
M. Micheline 3/21 Metro	-8,364
G. Graham 3/21	<u>-5,000</u>
Total	233,647

Governing Board Agenda Report

DATE: April 20, 2021
TO: Governing Board and Alternates
FROM: Terry Dipple, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Executive Director's Report

OVERVIEW

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

Advanced Planning for Measure M 8th Year Allocation – The COG's Highway Working Group held a meeting on April 8, 2021 with Metro highway and active transportation staff to kick-off the Measure M 8th Year funding and project discussion. The COG's 8th year allocation is \$13,089,543 (\$2,502,521 for Active Transportation and \$10,587,022 for Highway). Cities will begin internal discussions about future projects. The COG will submit any new projects to Metro by June 2021 for informal eligibility review. The Highway Working Group meet in mid-May, to make sure everything is on schedule. 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 held a meeting on April 6th to discuss issues, hear from Gabriel Graham and have a short training presentation, which is required in the Scope of Work of our LA County grant. The County Homeless Initiative Team has advised the COGs that the County will no longer provide city grants. All grant funds will be distributed to the COGs. This will require the COG to divide the funds with Malibu, which has been receiving an individual city grant from the County. There will be sufficient funds to continue Gabriel Graham's position as Outreach Coordinator. I am currently in negotiations with the County HI Team and will keep the Governing Board posted as we finalize the contract and Scope of Work for FY 21/22.

Metro Highway Program Update – During their March 25th meeting, the Metro Board approved the public release of revised Metro Highway Program guidelines. The revised guidelines, which are consistent with the COG's Active Transportation and Highway projects, would enhance the flexibility and sustainability of Highway Program funding. Metro is now seeking public input on the revised guidelines.

Metro Fareless System Initiative (FSI) Update – During their March 25th meeting, the Metro Board approved a motion for further study of the Metro Fareless System Initiative (FSI). Metro staff and the broader FSI Taskforce will return to the Metro Board in April

with a report on various FSI considerations. These include a federal funding request for a pilot project, operational impacts, coordination with municipal operators, customer feedback, and cost savings opportunities.

2020 Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA) and the March 2021 American Rescue Plan (ARP) – At the request of Metro, staff submitted a letter (see attached) to the SCAG Regional Council supporting the staff-recommended allocations of regional funds from the December 2020 CRRSA and the March 2021 ARP. During the April 1st SCAG meeting, the Regional Council approved the SCAG staff-recommended fund allocations, ensuring that Los Angeles County received its fair share of CRRSA and ARP funds.

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

Governor Announced additional \$50 million in Community Power Resiliency grants to mitigate the impacts of Public Safety Power Shutoffs. – The purpose of the Community Power Resiliency Allocation to Cities Program is to support California cities in preparing for and responding to power outage events. Subrecipients are encouraged to support one or more of the Community Power Resiliency areas: schools, food storage reserves, and/or COVID-19 testing sites. As a condition of funding, cities will be required to collaborate with their county to support critical infrastructure and resiliency with a particular focus on public safety, vulnerable communities, and individuals with access and functional needs.

Funds may be used for the procurement of: 1) Generators and generator connections for essential facilities, with an emphasis on clean energy and green solutions, where possible, or other alternative backup sources. 2) Generator fuel and fuel storage. 3) Redundant emergency communications (e.g., battery powered radios). 4) Portable vehicle-mounted charging stations. 5) Portable battery-powered and rechargeable radio repeater and transmission equipment.

Plans Funds may be used for the development/update of: 1) Continuity plans. 2) Contingency plans for electrical disruptions that include considerations such as protecting individuals with access and functional needs, medical baseline and socially vulnerable populations, transportation, emergency public information, and preservation of essential functions. 3) Risk assessments for critical infrastructure and lifelines. 4) Post-event reports that identify lessons learned and corrective actions.

Public Education Funds may be used to: 1) Develop public education materials. 2) Purchase supplies focused on individual and family preparedness for electric disruptions.

Evacuation Plan – Supporting ongoing vaccine operations and adjusting to the state/county reopening is taking a lot of Office of Emergency Management's focus right now, but they are still working on evacuation mapping and alert warning. OEM met virtually with Westlake Village, County Fire, and Lost Hills Station. After trying a few ways

to draft out areas virtually, Fire's strong preference was to find a way to safely draft these zones in-person. OEM has been working with those stakeholders to identify a time to get everyone in the same location, (though socially distanced) and see if that's more conducive. Lots of people out of the area the last few weeks, so OEM is aiming for next week. From the discussions OEM had on the virtual meeting, it's not sounding like there would be too many zones for Westlake Village. Once OEM irons out the process for Westlake Village, they think it will be smoother for the other COG cities. I will continue to keep you updated on this process.

Metro Traffic Reduction Study – The study seeks to explore the feasibility of various congestion pricing concepts to reduce traffic in Los Angeles County. Metro staff are examining corridor pricing, cordon pricing, and Vehicle Miles Traveled pricing as potential strategies for managing transportation demand. Staff has launched their stakeholder and public engagement process with a focus on potential geographic locations for a pilot program, potential support and opposition to a pilot program, and potential tradeoffs they should consider.

Form 700 – All Governing Board members and the Executive Director filed the necessary forms with Los Angeles County.

North Santa Monica Bay Watershed Area Committee – I participated in the NSMBWAC meeting on April 14, 2021, 10:00 AM.

SCAG Subregional Executive Directors – I participated in the April 14th meeting with SCAG and all of the COG executive directors from the SCAG region.

Las Virgenes-Malibu Council of Governments

Member Cities: Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Hidden Hills, Malibu & Westlake Village
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March 25, 2021

The Honorable Rex Richardson
President, Regional Council
Southern California Association of Governments
900 Wilshire Blvd., Ste. 1700
Los Angeles, CA 90017

**RE: SUPPORT FOR SCAG STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOR THE CORONAVIRUS
RESPONSE AND RELIEF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2021 (CRRSAA)
INTER-COUNTY APPORTIONMENTS – REGIONAL COUNCIL ITEM #7**

Dear President Richardson:

On behalf of the Las Virgenes-Malibu Council of Governments, I am pleased to submit this letter of support for the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) staff recommendation for the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 (CRRSAA) and American Rescue Plan (ARP) inter-county apportionments. We support SCAG's inter-county funding allocation methodology as it is fair, transparent, and implements the intent of CRRSAA and ARP to address the fiscal impacts to transit agencies related to the response to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

The CRRSAA and ARP funding allocations are much needed for transit operators and agencies in Los Angeles County to continue to respond to and offset the impacts of COVID-19. Collectively, Metro and other transit operators in Los Angeles County have spent and received reimbursement from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for over 98% of our region's share of the original Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act inter-county funding allocations from SCAG. The SCAG staff recommendation reflects the operating expenses in each county and the total resources apportioned to each county as a result of both federal transit stimulus relief acts. This methodology appropriately directs CRRSAA and ARP funding to the demonstrated need for transit operating assistance in Los Angeles County compared to other counties in the SCAG region. The alternative proportionate allocation would result in a loss of over \$230 million to Los Angeles County transit operators that generated the CRRSAA and ARP funds and desperately need these additional funds to maintain critical transit services to Los Angeles County's 10 million residents.

Metro and other transit operators in Los Angeles County are ready to obligate, spend and seek reimbursement for eligible operating expenses from the CRRSAA and ARP funds. Thank you for your continued partnership with Los Angeles County and for the leadership and professionalism exhibited by you and your staff in working through the CRRSAA inter-county apportionment process.

Respectfully yours,


Terry Dipple
Executive Director



Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation & Reconstruction Program



This program provides grants to eligible homeowners whose primary residence was impacted by eligible 2017 and 2018 wildfires, mudflows, and debris flows. (See eligible disasters)

Program Highlights:

- Expected program launch is Spring 2021, but HCD will launch sooner if possible.
- Grants for eligible homeowners based on recovery need: up to \$150,000 for 2017 disasters and up to \$200,000 for 2018 disasters.
- Applicants will be prioritized according to impacted area and by applicant income.

Disaster Housing Assistance Survey

Homeowners whose residential property was damaged by the eligible 2017 or 2018 disasters listed below are encouraged to fill out the **Disaster Housing Assistance Survey**. The survey is the first step for those seeking Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation and Reconstruction (OOR) program funding. The program will only invite survey respondents to submit applications. The survey itself is not an application and does not determine eligibility.

Eligible Participants Must:

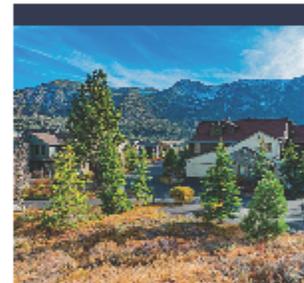
- Be a U.S. citizen or a qualified alien.
- Have legally owned and occupied a single-family dwelling in an affected county as their primary residence during the disasters.
- Have sustained damages directly linked to one of the eligible disasters.
- Be current on property taxes or have an approved payment plan or tax exemption.

Eligible Program Costs Include:

- Permitting, design, and planning.
- Replacement of damaged or destroyed necessary equipment, such as HVAC units.
- Standard grade repairs to disaster-damaged primary structures.
- Upgrades required to meet code in disaster-damaged areas of the home.
- Accessibility features in disaster-damaged areas of the home.
- Lead-based paint and asbestos abatement in disaster-damaged areas of the home.

Required Eligibility Documentation Includes Proof of:

- Identity (photo ID, passport, etc.)
- Ownership (tax records, title/deed etc.)
- Occupancy (utility bill, voter registration, insurance policy, etc.)
- Federal benefits eligibility (e.g., passport, birth certificate, qualified alien status)
- Current property taxes/payment plan
- Income (paystubs, pension/social security income statements, etc.)
- Damage from the disaster (insurance claims, FEMA or SBA documents, pictures)



**Take the first step:
Complete the
survey.**

Go to:
recover.hcd.ca.gov

Eligible Disasters Include:

October 2017 wildfires: Atlas, Canyon II, Cascade, LaPorte, Lobo, McCourtney, Nuns, Patrick, Pocket, Redwood Valley, Sulphur, and Tubbs Fires. **December 2017 wildfires, mudflows, and debris flows:** Creek, Liberty, Lilac, Little Mountain, Skirball, Rye, and Thomas Fires. **July through September 2018 wildfires and high winds:** Carr and Mendocino Complex Fires. **November 2018 wildfires:** Camp, Hill, and Woolsey Fires.

For assistance completing the survey or to receive this flyer in additional languages, please email your contact information to ReCoverCA@hcd.ca.gov.

Assistance is available for individuals with disabilities, including access and functional needs.



Governing Board Agenda Report

DATE: April 20, 2021
TO: Governing Board and Alternates
FROM: Terry Dipple, Executive Director
SUBJECT: State Legislation

OVERVIEW

The purpose of this report is to provide the Governing Board with a summary of previous legislation that was discussed at the February and March COG meetings and any action that was subsequently taken by member cities to support or oppose any of these bills.

RECOMMENDATION

Discuss and take action to support or oppose any of the bills listed below and provide direction to staff.

BACKGROUND

The following is a list of bills that were reviewed by the Governing Board at the February and March 2021 COG meetings:

- SB 9 (Atkins) Statewide Rezoning of Single-Family Neighborhoods & Urban Parcel Splits
- SB 10 (Weiner) Planning and zoning: housing development: density
- SB 12 (McGuire) Local Government: planning and zoning: wildfires
- SB 52 (Dodd) State of Emergency. Local Emergency. Sudden and Severe Energy Shortage. Planned Power Outage
- SB 55 (Stern) Very high fire hazard severity zone: state responsibility area: development prohibition
- SB 99 (Dodd) Community Energy Resilience Act of 2021
- SB 278 (Leyva) Public Employees' Retirement System: disallowed compensation: benefit adjustments
- AB 339 (Lee) State & Local Government: Open meetings.
- AB 361 (R. Rivas) Open Meetings: local agencies: teleconferences.
- AB 377 (R. Rivas) Water quality: impaired waters.

Governing Board Agenda Report

DATE: April 20, 2021
TO: Governing Board and Alternates
FROM: Terry Dipple, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Support for a State Audit of Sexual Harassment Allegations at Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

OVERVIEW

The purpose of this report is to provide the Governing Board with background information on this issue that Karen Farrer requested to be considered by the COG.

RECOMMENDATION

Discuss and provide direction to staff.

BACKGROUND

The attached article from the Los Angeles Times provides background on this item. It details the recent reports that female and LGBTQIA+ employees (working in nontraditional female jobs) of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California have been harmed by substantiated allegations of harassment and disparate treatment. Unfortunately, Sexual Harassment in the workplace, and especially the construction and building trade environments is a well-known and oft-reported reality. This reality is particularly detrimental for female employees who are already operating in male dominated professional settings but also for those seeking to enter jobs in these specific trade sectors.

The Los Angeles City Council, members of the Board of Supervisors, and numerous other agencies and groups have joined the demand for a thorough and independent investigations to determine whether such allegations have merit, and if so, what employer-directed efforts are necessary to mitigate further harm to the reporting party or others.

This agenda item does not seek to interfere in any manner with the operations of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. Nor does this item seek to pre-judge the veracity of allegations of sexual harassment or workplace discrimination. This item does not serve to render an opinion on whether wrongdoing has occurred. This item seeks to demonstrate that the COG is supportive of and with the women and LGBTQIA+ employees who work in these non-traditional roles and serve the public through their

service, in their desire to receive a fair process and thorough consideration of their allegations and concerns.

To date, the following California lawmakers and others have joined Metropolitan Water District workers in calling for a state audit into the MWD:

- State Senator Ben Allen
- State Senator Bob Archuleta
- State Senator Maria Elena Durazo
- State Senator Connie Leyva
- State Senator Dave Min
- State Senator Josh Newman
- State Senator Nancy Skinner
- State Senator Tom Umberg
- Assemblymember Autumn Burke
- Assemblymember Lisa Calderon
- Assemblymember Wendy Carrillo
- Assistant Speaker Pro Tem Laura Friedman
- Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel
- Assemblymember Mike Gipson
- Assemblymember Eloise Gómez Reyes
- Assemblymember Lorena Gonzalez
- Assemblymember Chris Holden
- Assemblymember Reggie Jones-Sawyer
- Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi
- Assemblymember Luz Rivas
- Assemblymember Blanca Rubio
- Assemblymember Miguel Santiago
- LA County Board of Supervisors
- LA City Council
- LA County Democratic Party

- LA County Federation of Labor
- Inland Empire Labor Council
- Orange County Labor Federation
- International Union of Painters Allied Trades District Council 36 · National Association of Women in Construction LA
- CA Legislative Women's Caucus
- Fund Her
- CA Chapter of National Organization for Women:

“The horrifying allegations are unacceptable and quite frankly, criminal.”

Los Angeles Times article, February 12, 2021

‘They thought I was so low’: Women say they were harassed, bullied, ignored at powerful water agency

By ADAM ELMAHREK, LOS ANGELES TIMES STAFF WRITER

FEB. 12, 2021 **UPDATED** 8:10 AM PT

Miranda Grow loves the challenge of working with her hands. She'd had experience in carpentry and construction, and fulfilled a career dream when she was accepted as a mechanic apprentice at a large water district, relishing the behind-the-scenes work to deliver clean water to faucets and shower heads across Southern California.

But she said that dream shattered one day on a van ride with a group of co-workers — all men — traveling home from a water treatment plant operated by the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

A man in the next row turned to Grow and asked her for a piece of chewing gum. She said he pointed and whispered, “I want the one that's in your mouth.”

She said she felt his fingers brush across her lips and alleged that an invading hand groped her breast and arm. She froze, feeling trapped with nowhere to escape, she said. The other men didn't seem to notice what was occurring behind them.

The man Grow accused, Ricardo Montes, denied touching her, according to MWD records reviewed by The Times. An investigation of her complaint backed her claims, and Montes was suspended for 50 hours.

But Grow would not learn of that discipline for years. And in the aftermath of the van incident, it was Grow who ultimately transferred to another worksite to avoid Montes. Years later, Montes would transfer to her new workplace without warning from the agency, prompting her to take a leave of absence.

Grow and other women accuse MWD leadership of tolerating sexual harassment and abuse of women, particularly those in the trades apprenticeship program.

In interviews with 20 current and former staffers and reviews of hundreds of pages of district records, court documents and audio recordings, The Times found a pattern of complaints alleging harassment and bullying of women who enrolled in the apprentice program, which trains workers who operate and repair the water pumping stations and treatment plants of the Colorado River Aqueduct and other district facilities. It is a crucial pathway into higher-paying, skilled jobs.

Only nine of the 218 apprentices hired between 2003 and 2019 were women, according to agency records. Four of them have filed equal employment opportunity complaints with the district, a spokeswoman said.

Overall, 18 women worked in trades positions for the district between 2005 and 2019, records show. Six of those filed formal EEO complaints.

The women said they were ignored or dismissed by agency officials as they complained and pleaded for help. Three said they were pressured to continue working around men they accused of abusive behavior or to seek lower-paying positions.

In one case, a woman was transferred to a facility more than 100 miles from her home, a move that split up her family. Two of her children soon left because there was no high school at the remote desert location.

Much of the alleged harassment occurred in areas where housing and worksites are separated by miles of barren landscape. Women described being subjected to unwanted touching, sexual slurs, ridicule for taking “a man’s job” and physical intimidation.

“I endured men who were mad I was there, men who wanted me sexually, men who straight up would not even make eye contact with me ’cause they thought I was so low,” Gina Chavez, 36, a water pump plant mechanic, told the district’s board of directors at a meeting.

Chavez grew up in the desert as a child of an MWD employee. Her father, a retired auto mechanic, made waves when he helped found a Chicano employees association in the 1970s that fought against discrimination. Her children have expressed interest in working for the district, and Chavez said she’s going public so they won’t have to endure similar treatment.

District leaders have promised to thoroughly investigate the MWD's workplace culture and response to allegations of sexual harassment.

Initially, an outside review was set to report to the MWD's legal department. However, three board members, all former district employees, questioned its independence, and the investigation will now be overseen by the board directly.

The outside firm will "conduct an independent review of allegations of systemic Equal Employment Opportunity-related discrimination, harassment, and retaliation, and related concerns," board Chairwoman Gloria Gray said in a statement to The Times.

"Metropolitan takes all allegations of harassment, discrimination, retaliation, and other misconduct very seriously," the statement said. "That review is proceeding and we await the results."

Critics have alleged that management and some among the the 38-member board have not moved quickly to address complaints and have retaliated against those who have spoken out. Two of the directors who called for an independent investigation were recently ousted from the board, and Chavez has been notified that she's under investigation for unspecified allegations, a move she also alleges is retribution for speaking out.

The Times requested interviews with MWD General Manager Jeffrey Kightlinger and the district's head of human resources, Diane Pitman. The district declined to make them available, instead answering questions by email and without attribution.

The Metropolitan Water District is known among some officials as the "silent giant"; it's of vital importance to the Southern California way of life but relatively obscure. With approximately 1,800 employees, the agency operates hydroelectric facilities, reservoirs, water treatment plants and other engineering wonders that carry water 240 miles west from the California-Arizona border and across mountain ranges and deserts to help supply the needs of nearly 19 million people in six counties.

The district's apprentice program is a gateway to lucrative trades jobs that don't require a college degree, positions that often pay well over \$100,000 a year.

Ariane Hegewisch, senior research fellow for the Institute for Women's Policy Research in Washington, D.C., said that although sexual harassment in the trades is common, the number of complaints filed by women in the MWD's apprentice program indicates a serious problem.

"Clearly something is wrong in the workplace," Hegewisch said.

The district's internal investigation of the 2010 incident involving Grow and Montes concluded that her allegation was true. Cellphone records indicated he was pestering her

with frequent phone calls, and he left vague apologies for her in voicemails that pointed to his guilt without explicitly admitting to touching her, documents show.

He was allowed to spread out his 50-hour suspension over several pay periods, according to district records.

Grow, meanwhile, said she was denied a transfer from the Robert B. Diemer facility in Yorba Linda where Montes worked. She continued looking for a way to leave the facility for three years until she applied and was accepted to a position at another treatment plant. But it meant significantly less pay and leaving the apprentice program.

Then, several years later, as she was descending a staircase in the lobby of her new workplace, she came face-to-face with Montes, who abruptly turned away. No one told Grow that he had transferred to her facility, she said.

She passed him again late at night while driving out of the plant's parking lot. Grow emailed her supervisors that night saying she feared for her safety. The next day, supervisors told her to continue her duties "as required," emails reviewed by The Times show.

Grow replied that those instructions "put her in harm's way" and that she was still waiting for someone to address her concerns.

In response to questions from The Times, the water district said "steps were taken to communicate with Ms. Grow" upon receipt of her first email but didn't elaborate. It also said her concerns were referred to the MWD security staff.

Montes could not be reached for comment. A woman at his home shut the door on a Times reporter who requested to speak with him.

Ultimately, Montes' presence and what Grow said was bullying behavior from co-workers became too much to bear, and Grow walked off the job several months ago, she said. She's since been on voluntary administrative leave.

"It was always me who got displaced," Grow, 36, said. "They've never moved him from me."

Asked about Montes' transfer, the MWD said the human resources staffers who approved it were not aware of "any investigation or personnel action that could impact the transfer request." The district said managers at the plant where Grow was stationed were kept in the dark about Montes' history because "all investigations are confidential to the fullest extent possible."

In an Oct. 20 email to staffers after Grow told her story at a board meeting, Kightlinger said her 2010 complaint was handled "appropriately" but didn't address her recent

complaints about being pressured into working at the same facility as Montes. Grow said she viewed Kightlinger's email as inadequate and retaliation for speaking out.

When Chavez and Lee King became among the first tradeswomen in the desert, they described the world they entered as a highly sexualized environment where women were harassed without consequence.

Employees say it is a hardscrabble culture. Managers treat the camps as "colonial possessions" because they are "out of sight and out of mind," said Ellen Mackey, a longtime ecologist with the district.

King, then 19, became an electrician apprentice in 2005 and was stationed at the Iron Mountain plant, an outpost between Lake Havasu and Joshua Tree National Park. King, who grew up in the desert as the daughter of district employees, is transgender but at the time identified as a woman.

Men regularly spammed everyone's email boxes with pornography, King said. Rape jokes were used in training, and equipment was referred to using derogatory terms for lesbians and pubic hair. One mnemonic to remember the resistance value of differently colored electrical wires went, "Bad boys rape our young girls but Violet goes willingly," King and Chavez said in interviews with The Times.

The journeyman first assigned as a mentor scolded King for taking what he considered a man's job and preventing a man from being able to provide for his family, King said.

The same journeyman made King walk in front of him and frequently touched King's back and shoulders, King said.

"I told him to stop; I told him all the time I don't like to be touched," King said. "Nobody thought it was inappropriate; nobody ever helped me. I was alone."

Despite requests, King's union never filed a grievance or EEO complaint, King said.

After becoming pregnant, King tried to negotiate a less strenuous work detail in the same job but reluctantly accepted a lower-paying administrative position at Gene Camp near Lake Havasu.

In 2018, King wrote a nine-page letter to the district's board of directors, recounting being touched inappropriately and forced into a long daily commute that no male apprentice had to take. In the letter reviewed by The Times, King pleaded for help and warned that the desert camps were rife with sexism and run by a hard-partying manager who intimidated employees.

Meanwhile, King said, the harassment continued, including on one occasion in 2019 when a manager made a sexually suggestive comment, King alleged in an EEO complaint.

King filed the EEO complaint about the incident with the help of Chavez, King's new union representative. The human resources department in a letter said it found the supervisor, Hector Enriquez, was present in King's office, but it did not substantiate the sexual innuendo allegation, according to a copy of the letter reviewed by The Times.

Reached by The Times, Enriquez said he didn't have time to speak and hung up the phone. He didn't respond to follow-up messages.

In April 2020, an investigator met with King and a union representative to discuss King's 2018 letter, and after that, King decided not to cooperate, the water district said in an email to The Times.

King and the union representative, Jeffrey Froehlich, dispute the district's contention. King said there was no contact about the letter and no refusal to cooperate. Froehlich said he told the district that he was caught off guard after waiting so long for a response to King's letter. He told the investigator King needed time to prepare for an interview.

"Why is this coming across my desk now almost two years later?" Froehlich asked.

The district said the letter was "referred for investigation" to an outside law firm in February 2019. The law firm decided to first investigate a number of individual complaints and to delay looking into allegations of "systemic discrimination" raised in King's letter, the district said.

King, Chavez and other employees said they were particularly alarmed by the behavior of unit manager Donald Nash, an MWD veteran who had a reputation for erratic behavior and flying into angry outbursts, especially around women.

District manager Jolene Fuentes filed a civil lawsuit in May 2019 alleging that Nash subjected to her to "unwanted sexual slurs, epithets and commenting on her Victoria Secret perfume," and texted her repeatedly to have drinks with him.

In a complaint filed earlier that year with the state Department of Fair Employment and Housing, Fuentes said Nash physically intimidated her and harassed her between 2015 and 2018. She complained to district management, which failed to remedy the situation, according to the complaint.

The documents say Fuentes sought and accepted a lower-paying job at another facility to get away from Nash, only to then be harassed by her supervisor at that location. She took a stress leave of absence and sought medical treatment as a result, she wrote.

As part of its legal settlement, the district agreed to provide her back pay to cover the difference in compensation, according to a copy of the settlement agreement obtained by The Times.

Reached by The Times, Fuentes declined to comment, citing a nondisparagement clause in the settlement agreement.

The district launched an investigation of misconduct allegations against Nash and notified him in May 2019 that he would be fired.

In July, Nash, 52, shot and killed himself in the camp near Lake Havasu.

Grow, King and Chavez said the culture in which Nash thrived extended to every workplace where they were stationed.

Chavez said she was made to fetch food and coffee for the men on the first day of her apprenticeship, which no male apprentices were required to do.

She said Enriquez, her supervisor at the time, scolded her for getting pregnant close to her graduation from the apprentice program.

When she was eight months pregnant, she alleges, the same manager assigned her to work in a tin shed where the temperature was 115 degrees, with no air conditioning. She complained to him but said she was told she would have to take time off because other light-duty jobs were occupied by men who had injuries or were too old for heavy lifting.

The conditions prompted her doctor to write a note that described Chavez as “tough” and “determined” but said the stress of working with her supervisor threatened her health, according to the note reviewed by The Times.

Chavez filed an EEO complaint, which was reviewed by The Times, and the district’s solution was to move her to the Eagle Mountain pumping plant, a facility so isolated the nearest grocery store was more than an hour away.

Eventually, her two older children moved back in with her husband near the Arizona border, where she was previously stationed, because Eagle Mountain had no high school.

She transferred in 2013, and she’s been “trying to get home ever since,” she said.

In 2018, the district asked her to participate in a promotional video for the apprentice program, hoping to attract more female recruits.

The video featured Chavez playing soccer with her children and promoting the MWD as a place where she’s been able to live at the worksite with her family.

Chavez said she justified her role in the video by telling herself that increasing the ranks of women would lessen her sense of solitude.

But she also felt guilty, saying, “I just felt so false.”

Chavez, King and Grow formed a women's caucus of their union with Mackey to demand that the district hold managers and human resources officials accountable for allowing harassment and other misconduct to fester.

They allege that the human resources department often doesn't thoroughly investigate claims. One complaint Chavez filed against her former supervisor, alleging that he cornered her and commented on her looks, was dismissed as lacking evidence, Chavez said.

Later, an investigator hired by the human resources department acknowledged that Chavez's primary witness, who was present during the confrontation, wasn't interviewed, a recording of a phone call she made with the permission of the investigator showed.

The district said a subsequent interview with that witness did not change the findings.

Chavez, who has been outspoken at board meetings about her experience, was on voluntary administrative leave pending an investigation into concerns she raised that a male co-worker posed a physical danger to her. The district notified Chavez on Feb. 3 that the man was deemed a low risk and, the same day, notified her that she would remain on administrative leave because she is under investigation for potential misconduct. The letter, reviewed by The Times, did not provide details.

The Metropolitan Water District is made up of 26 member agencies and cities, with board directors who represent the various entities. In late January, the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District's board of directors in a 3-2 vote decided to replace Charles Treviño, one of three directors to call for an independent investigation, as its representative.

Upper San Gabriel Valley board members did not return calls from The Times seeking comment.

On Feb. 2, the Fullerton City Council voted to remove its representative to the MWD board, Adán Ortega, who had also pushed for the independent investigation into sexual harassment complaints.

All three directors who called for an investigation to report to the board — Treviño, Ortega and San Fernando Mayor Sylvia Ballin — allege the removals are retaliation for their request.

"These actions encourage a culture of fear and retribution," Ballin told the Fullerton council during the meeting.

Fullerton Mayor Bruce Whitaker, who supported Ortega's removal, said he preferred that the MWD representative be a council member accountable to the voters. He acknowledged that the timing of the removal was "unfortunate" and could be interpreted as retaliation, but he denied that was the case, at least for his vote.

Although Grow, King and Chavez shattered gender barriers, they said their achievements came at a high price. Grow said she spent hours of unpaid time gathering evidence for her complaint, but the district refused to tell her what discipline, if any, Montes faced.

Only recently a Times reporter informed her of Montes' suspension, which she said was woefully inadequate.

"There's nothing in it for you to file an EEO complaint, except a chance to have your dignity," Grow said. "And it's a long shot."

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Governing Board Agenda Report

DATE: April 20, 2021
TO: Governing Board and Alternates
FROM: Terry Dipple, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Measure R and M Adjustments

OVERVIEW

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide the Governing Board with information regarding the COG's Measure R and M Adjustments.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the Measure R Adjustment request by Los Angeles County to allocate \$1,125,000 from the County's share of Measure R funds to Agoura Hills to complete the projects listed below. Approve the revenue neutral Measure M Adjustment requested by Calabasas. Advise Metro of the Measure R and Measure M Adjustments.

BACKGROUND

Agoura Hills

- Agoura Road Widening:

Requires an additional \$550,000 to cover the cost of oak tree mitigation that was included in the project's CEQA document. The funding would, in combination with project funding that is currently in place, cover the estimated costs of \$700,000 estimated tree installations/irrigation, staff time, contract City Attorney's legal time to put into place agreement with property owners where the trees may be installed and the direct and indirect costs associated with mitigation and monitoring.

- Kanan/Agoura Intersection:

Requires an additional \$575,000 to cover the cost of final design to include expansion of project area (approx. 11,000 SF), to include an undergrounding of overhead utility lines on Kanan Road, additional survey for aesthetic project features, expansion of project area and features to be included in the CEQA document and additional technical studies, Right-of-way documentation, and SWPP. The estimated costs of \$575,000 will cover the design consultant's

amended contract, staff time, contract city oak tree and landscape consultant's time and direct costs associated with design printing and public meeting.

Supervisor Kuehl has agreed to allocate \$1,125,000 of the County's remaining Measure R funds to Agoura Hills to complete the above described projects.

Calabasas

- Reallocate \$1,987,335 programmed for MM4401.04 – Old Town Parkway Improvements project to MM4401.11 – Mulholland Highway Phase II project. The City will be using a different funding source to fund construction of MM4401.04 improvements, allowing added funds to MM4401.11 to be used for construction of additional high priority safety improvements which were identified by the Mulholland Highway Feasibility Study.

This Measure M Adjustment is revenue neutral, as no additional funding is being requested by the City of Calabasas.

To: LVMCOG Governing Board

Subject: SCAG Update April 2021

From: Rachel Wagner, SCAG Regional Affairs Officer; wagner@scag.ca.gov

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE APRIL 1, 2021 REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

ACTION

REGIONAL COUNCIL ELECTS 2021-22 BOARD OFFICERS

The Regional Council today approved the nominations for the SCAG 2021-22 Board Officers as submitted by the Nominating Committee. Congratulations to Hon. Clint Lorimore (City of Eastvale), who will serve as the new SCAG President; Hon. Jan Harnik (Riverside County Transportation Commission), who will serve as First Vice President; and Hon. Carmen Ramirez (County of Ventura), who will serve as Second Vice President. The slate of new officers will be presented to the General Assembly for ratification at its meeting on May 6.

ACTION

REGIONAL COUNCIL APPROVES THE ALLOCATION OF FEDERAL STIMULUS FUNDING TO TRANSIT OPERATORS

To address the severe impact of the global pandemic on our nation, state and regions' transit systems, the federal government has approved three stimulus bills since the beginning of the pandemic that provide direct assistance to the transit operators. In the urbanized areas, these funds are being passed through Federal Transit Administration's existing 5307 formula program to the eligible Urbanized Zone Areas (UZAs). Between these three rounds of stimulus funding, urbanized areas in the SCAG region will receive in excess of \$4 billion to support our transit operators. As the designated recipient for six UZAs in the SCAG region, two of which are multi-county UZAs, SCAG is responsible for allocating the funds apportioned to multi-county UZAs to each of the eligible county transportation commissions.

The Regional Council approved the staff recommendation to allocate the second and third rounds of stimulus funds to the eligible counties in each of the multi-county UZAs using operating costs as reported in the 2018 National Transit Database as a proxy for operators needs as specified in the respective appropriations bills. In the Los Angeles – Long Beach – Anaheim UZA, which is by far the largest UZA in the region, this Regional Council action will result in each of the eligible counties in this UZA, namely, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties, receiving exactly 132 percent of their transit operators costs when all three rounds of stimulus funds are combined.

ACTION

REGIONAL COUNCIL APPROVES 26 HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

The Regional Council today approved 26 local proposals that promote sustainable housing development as part of the 2020-21 Sustainable Communities Program.

The 26 proposals – spread from Santa Monica to Coachella – are designed to promote diverse housing types in communities served by multiple transportation options and create dynamic, built environments that support multimodal mobility and reduce reliance on single-occupancy vehicles.

SCAG staff will work closely with the applicants to further define the scopes of work and develop a project initiation schedule and budgets. Approximately \$4.8 million in state planning resources are expected to be available to cover anticipated project expenses. Read more about the Sustainable Communities Program at scag.ca.gov/scp.

NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT

CALL FOR COLLABORATION GRANTEES SELECTED

Last July, the Regional Council approved \$1 million of the Regional Early Action Planning grant funds to establish the Call for Collaboration program in partnership with the California Community Foundation, Irvine Foundation, and Chan Zuckerberg Initiative. The program aims to seed and uplift diverse, community-driven approaches and strategic coalitions that address the tremendous challenge in meeting housing needs while addressing historic racial inequities.

SCAG received an overwhelming response of 47 applications to the program. A panel of housing and funding experts selected 15 recipients to receive nearly \$1.3 million in funding available. Many of the grantee's projects will cover a range of activities related to housing policy and land use, including deeper community engagement with low-income and communities of color. For a full list of approved grantees visit the Call for Collaboration webpage.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON EQUITY & SOCIAL JUSTICE UPDATE

The Special Committee on Equity & Social Justice spent the past nine months exploring how SCAG can help advance equity, diversity and inclusion in our region. These efforts were driven both internally within SCAG's process and procedures as well as outwardly in the region through the expertise of its committee members. The work of the committee was guided by the Regional Council's July 2020 resolution acknowledging systemic racism as a human rights and public health crisis.

The final committee meeting on March 30 focused on reviewing the Racial Equity Early Action Plan and how SCAG can ensure it is initiating work across the agency on equity and increasing representation from low-income and communities of color on the Regional Council and supporting planning efforts in environmental justice communities to name a few. The Racial Equity Early Action Plan will be presented to the Regional Council for final approval at the General Assembly on May 6.

SCAG HOSTS "VIRTUAL FLY-IN" WITH D.C. LEADERSHIP

SCAG hosted a "virtual fly-in" to Washington, D.C. on March 17 – 18, where SCAG's executive officers, several Regional Council members, and staff met with Representative Norma Torres (D-Pomona),

member of the House Appropriations Committee and Rules Committee, and Representative Maxine Waters (D-Gardena), chair of the House Financial Services Committee. The delegation also met with key members of the U.S. Department of Transportation leadership, including Acting Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy, Christopher Coes and Deputy Assistant Secretary of Intergovernmental Affairs, Charles Small. The following week, the delegation virtually met with Representative Pete Aguilar (D-San Bernardino) who is also a member of the House Appropriations Committee. The focus was to develop relationships with SCAG's congressional delegation and incoming staff and to engage them on our legislative priorities for the upcoming infrastructure stimulus package and surface transportation reauthorization. Read more about SCAG's legislative priorities [here](#).

NEWS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT UPDATE

On March 22, 2021, the California Department of Housing and Community development (HCD) approved SCAG's 6th Cycle Final Regional Housing Needs Assessment Allocation Plan, which was adopted by the Regional Council at its meeting on March 5. SCAG will also be meeting with HCD's Director, Gustavo Velasquez, in the coming month to discuss local challenges in preparing housing element updates and next steps as outlined in the resolution adopted by the Regional Council. Learn more about SCAG's housing program at scag.ca.gov/housing.

SCAG & USC PRICE TO HOST 32ND ANNUAL DEMOGRAPHIC WORKSHOP

SCAG and the University of Southern California, Sol Price School of Public Policy are pleased to invite you to the 32nd Annual Demographic Workshop. Join us on Tuesday, June 8, and Tuesday, June 15 for this year's program focused on planning for "the post-pandemic city." A demographic check-up panel will cover the latest trends in migration, fertility and vaccination, as well as the new 2020 census counts due for release. Additional panels will focus on myths and realities of California's mass exodus and declining mobility, and the new trends in workplace, travel and residential locations. For more information about the event, visit scag.ca.gov/demographics.

SCAG SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATIONS DUE APRIL 23

The SCAG Scholarship Program offers a \$4,000 scholarship award for seven high school seniors or community college students from the SCAG region (and potentially two additional scholarship awards that are not tied to a specific county but may be awarded at the Regional Council's discretion) who may be pursuing careers in public service.

To be eligible for the scholarship, students must be a resident within the SCAG region (i.e. Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino or Ventura County), enrolled as a high school senior or community college student, have at least a 3.0 Grade Point Average and be eligible to work in the United States. In addition, graduating students must be able to provide proof of enrollment in higher

education. Applicants must complete an application form and submit an essay, two letters of recommendation, and a current transcript.

All materials for the 2021 SCAG Scholarship Program must be submitted by Friday, April 23. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, only online application submissions will be accepted at this time. For more information or to access the online application, please visit our website at scag.ca.gov/scholarship.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

APRIL

20th Legislative/Communications & Membership Committee

27th Transportation Conformity Working Group

29th Emerging Technologies Committee

MAY

4th Aviation Technical Advisory Committee

5th Executive Administration Committee

6th General Assembly

18th Legislative/Communications & Membership Committee

25th Transportation Conformity Working Group

26th Modeling Task Force