



SAN FERNANDO VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
A Joint Powers Authority

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, March 17, 2022 — 1:30 p.m.

**DUE TO THE CLOSURE OF CITY BUILDINGS,
MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY CALL IN TO LISTEN TO THE MEETING**

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1) Pre-register to speak: For those wishing to speak on an agenda item, please email john@sfcog.org no later than 11:00 a.m. on the day of the scheduled meeting with the item number you wish to speak on and the phone number you will use when calling or the name you will use when logging into the meeting. You should then call or log into the meeting at least 10 minutes prior to its start time. Staff will unmute you and announce you when it is your time to speak. You will have two (2) minutes to speak, unless that time is adjusted by the Chair. If you do not have access to a computer, please call 818-570-3408 to request public comment.

2) “Raise your hand”: For those members of the public that wish to speak but did not make a request via email as described above, such members of the public may speak by using the “Raise Hand” function during the public comments portion, if on Zoom. Staff will unmute you and announce you when it is your time to speak. If participating via telephone, the Chair will ask anyone participating by telephone if they would like to speak after asking those on Zoom. Staff will unmute telephone callers and you may state you wish to speak.

3) Emailed comments to be read into the record: You can email your comments to the COG Executive Director at john@sfcog.org no later than 11:00 a.m. on the day of the meeting to ensure that Staff has time to organize the emails prior to the beginning of the meeting. Comments will then

be provided to the members when the item is presented. Please include the Agenda Item in your correspondence.

You may also submit public comment by mail to:

SFVCOG
10945 Burbank Blvd
North Hollywood, CA 91601

Written public comment or requests to speak must be received no later than 11:00 a.m. on the day of the scheduled meeting. Please include the Agenda Item in your correspondence.

All correspondence received shall become part of the official record.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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STAFF

SFVCOG Fiscal Agent: Rachele Anema, County of Los Angeles
SFVCOG Secretary: Los Angeles County Commission's Office
John Bwarie, Executive Director, San Fernando Valley COG
Shan Thever, Deputy County Counsel, County of Los Angeles

OPEN SESSION

1. **CALL TO ORDER** — Monica Rodriguez, Chair
2. **ROLL CALL**
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

CONSENT CALENDAR

All items listed under the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and may be enacted by one motion. Prior to the motion to consider any action by the Board, any public comments on any of the

Consent Calendar items will be heard. There will be no separate action unless members of the Board request specific items to be removed from the Consent Calendar

5. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO THE SFVCOG EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE CONTRACT EXTENSIONS WITH LA COUNTY AND LESAR DEVELOPMENT

Recommended Action: Delegate authority to the SFVCOG Executive Director to negotiate the renewal of the agreements with LA County for Measure H coordination funds and with LeSar Development Consultants for homeless coordination for the SFVCOG member cities.

REGULAR CALENDAR

At the discretion of the SFVCOG, all items appearing on this Agenda, whether or not expressly listed for action, may be deliberated and may be subject to action by the SFVCOG.

6. CHAIR REPORT

- a. Chair's Report - Monica Rodriguez, Chairperson of the Board
- b. *Updates, remarks, and recommendations from the Board Chair.*

7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

- a. *Updates, remarks, and recommendations from the Executive Director*

8. MAKING NECESSARY FINDINGS FOR CONTINUED TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS

Recommended Action: Find, in accordance with AB 361 Section 3(e)(3), California Government Code section 54953(e)(3), that the Board of Directors has reconsidered the circumstances of the State of Emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic and that the State of Emergency remains active; and find in accordance with AB 361 Section 3(e)(3), California Government Code section 54953(e)(3), that local officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing.

9. BOARDMEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

10. NEXT MEETINGS:

- a. Set a meeting before April 21, 2022 for compliance with AB361.
- b. Regular Meeting: April 21, 2022 at 1:30pm

11. ADJOURNMENT

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San Fernando Valley Council of Governments

DATE: March 10, 2022

TO:SFVCOG Board of Directors

FROM: John Bwarie, Executive Director

RE: Homeless Coordination Consultant Contract Extension #4

RECOMMENDATION

Delegate authority to the SFVCOG Executive Director to negotiate the renewal of the agreements with LA County for Measure H coordination funds and with LeSar Development Consultants for homeless coordination for the SFVCOG member cities.

BACKGROUND

On November 17, 2017, the SFVCOG Board created an ad hoc Committee to develop, release, and review the responses to an RFP for the selection of a Homelessness Coordinator. The selected contractor, LeSar Development Consultants, began working in March 2018 to perform the scope of work defined in the COG's contract with LA County to coordinate homeless planning and localized issues for the COG's member jurisdictions. The scope and fee (\$30,000) released in the RFP were based and defined directly on the Board-approved contract the SFVCOG has with the County. This contract was extended in March 2019 for an additional 12 months, and subsequently again in March 2020 and 2021.

The County has again allocated \$30,000 to the SFVCOG for local homelessness coordination among COG cities. The current consultant has met the expectations of the agreement, and has brought insight and direct support that has received positive feedback from the cities they are working with. In order to continue this momentum and provide the highest level of service to our member cities, it is recommended that the contract be extended for another 12 months with an updated scope based on a renewed contract with the County.

The Executive Director would have the authority to negotiate a contract extension with both the County and LeSar Development Consultants to continue work beyond March 2022. These new agreements would be then signed by the Chair of the SFVCOG Board.

CURRENT POSITIONS

Since 2018, the SFVCOG entered into a 1-year, \$30,000 contract with Los Angeles County to perform this work and subsequently selected the current consultant to perform this work. This work is part of the SFVCOG's adopted annual work program: "the SFVCOG will work with its cities to coordinate their work to serve the local homeless population and coordinate approaches to engage the region to support these efforts."