



SAN FERNANDO VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

A Joint Powers Authority

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA**

Thursday, November 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: Rachelle Anema, County of Los Angeles
SFVCOG Secretary: Los Angeles County Commission's Office
John Bwarie, Executive Director, San Fernando Valley COG
Laura Quiñonez, Senior Deputy County Counsel, County of Los Angeles

OPEN SESSION

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** — Marsha McLean, 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.

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.

5. CHAIR REPORT

Marsha McLean, Chairperson of the Board

Updates, remarks, and recommendations from the Board Chair.

6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Updates, remarks, and recommendations from the Executive Director

7. MAKING NECESSARY FINDINGS FOR CONTINUED TELECONFERENCED 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.

HOMELESSNESS CONTRACT AMENDMENT

8. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO THE SFVCOG EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE CONTRACT AND AMENDMENT ONE TO CONTRACT BETWEEN LA COUNTY AND SFVCOG FOR HOMELESS SERVICES AND TO EXECUTE SUB-AGREEMENTS WITH LESAR DEVELOPMENT CONSULTANTS FOR HOMELESS COORDINATION SERVICES FOR THE SFVCOG MEMBER CITIES. ([Page 5](#))

Recommended Action: Delegate authority to the SFVCOG Executive Director to execute contract and Amendment One to contract with LA County for Measure H coordination funds and with LeSar Development Consultants for homeless coordination for the SFVCOG member cities.

9. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

10. NEXT MEETINGS:

- a. Transportation Committee Meeting: December 08, 2022 at 1:30PM
- b. Special Meeting: December 15, 2022 at 1:30PM
- c. Special Meeting: January 12, 2023 at 1:30PM

d. January Board Meeting: January 19, 2023 at 1:30PM

11. ADJOURNMENT

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San Fernando Valley Council of Governments

DATE: November 17, 2022
TO: SFVCOG Board of Directors
FROM: John Bwarie, Executive Director

RE: Homelessness Contract Amendment

RECOMMENDATION

Delegate authority to the SFVCOG Executive Director to work with the Chair to execute the contract and Amendment One to the contract with LA County for Measure H coordination funds; and then, with LeSar Development Consultants for homeless coordination for the SFVCOG member cities.

BACKGROUND

With the passage of LA County's Measure H, funds were allocated to support cities in coordination and access to competitive annual funds. The Board of Supervisors approved allocating and administering funds to be used for regional coordination services at the COG level and homeless planning grants for cities in the Los Angeles Continuum of Care. Funds were allocated in 2017 for 12 months, and the SFVCOG was allocated \$30,000 based on a formula that considered the number of cities in a COG and the LAHSA Homeless Count Numbers for that COG's region. The SFVCOG entered into an agreement on March 18, 2018 for 12 months to provide coordination to our member cities, and again in 2019. This has taken the form of monthly working group meetings for all cities, information dissemination, supporting cities in applying for Measure H funds, and the development of a COG plan for "Regional Values, Goals, and Strategies to Combat and Prevent Homelessness."

The Board of Supervisors has continued each year to allocated \$30,000 (the minimum amount to each COG) to continue this work for an additional 12 months at a time. To access these funds, the SFVCOG must work with the County to approve a scope of work, enter into an agreement, and execute and deliver upon the scope within the year (12 months).

The updated contract is attached and has been vetted by staff and County Counsel. Also attached is Amendment #1 to this contract which extends this work into 2023. This agreement with the County allows the SFVCOG to continue to use our current contractor, LeSar Development Consultants, to deliver the results of the contract, as was previously authorized by the Board in 2021.

The Board can direct staff to work with the Chair to execute this new agreement with the County to continue the service to the member cities.

CURRENT POSITIONS

In March 2018, the SFVCOG Board voted to enter into a 1-year, \$30,000 contract with Los Angeles County to perform this work. This work is specifically called out in the SFVCOG's adopted 2018-19 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."

Attachment: *Contract and Amendment One to contract with LA County for Measure H coordination funds*