

**GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
JOINT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS and  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

*Wednesday, January 7, 2009*

*5:30 p. m. Buffet*

*6:00 p. m. Meeting*

**Gateway Cities Council of Governments**

**16401 Paramount Boulevard**

**Paramount, California**

**AGENDA**

**STAFF REPORTS AND OTHER WRITTEN DOCUMENTS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS OFFICES, 16401 PARAMOUNT BOULEVARD, PARAMOUNT, CALIFORNIA. ANY PERSON HAVING QUESTIONS CONCERNING ANY AGENDA ITEM MAY CALL THE COG STAFF AT (562) 663-6850.**

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION:** The Board of Directors will hear from the public on any item on the agenda or an item of interest that is not on the agenda. The Board of Directors cannot take action on any item not scheduled on the agenda. These items may be referred for administrative action or scheduled on a future agenda. Comments are to be limited to three minutes for each speaker, unless extended by the Board of Directors, and each speaker will only have one opportunity to speak on any one topic. You have the opportunity to address the Board of Directors at the following times:

- A. **AGENDA ITEM:** at this time the Board of Directors considers the agenda item OR during Public Comments, and
- B. **NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** during Public Comments, comments will be received for a maximum 20-minute period; any additional requests will be heard following the completion of the Board of Directors agenda; and
- C. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:** at the time for public hearings.

**Please keep your comments brief and complete a speaker card for the President.**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER**
- II. **ROLL CALL – BY SELF INTRODUCTIONS**
- III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- IV. **AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA** - This is the time and place to change the order of the agenda, delete or add any agenda item(s).
- V. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** - Three minutes for each speaker.

**VI. MATTERS FROM STAFF**

**VII. CONSENT CALENDAR:** All items under the Consent Calendar may be enacted by one motion. Any item may be removed from the Consent Calendar and acted upon separately by the Board of Directors.

- A. Approval of Minutes – Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of December 3, 2008, is presented for approval. Approval receives and files the minutes of December 3<sup>rd</sup>, Board of Directors meeting.
- B. Approval of Warrant Register - Request for Approval of Warrant Register Dated January 7, 2009
- C. November 2008 Local Agency Investment Fund Statement
- D. Status Report from Lobbyist - Government Relations Consultants
- E. Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2007/2008

CONSENT CALENDAR ACTION:

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS A THROUGH E.

**VIII. REPORTS**

- A. Introduction to Los Angeles Stormwater Quality Partnership by Hillary Gross Moglen, Senior Account Executive, Cerrell Associates

15 Min

SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO HEAR REPORT, POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF AND RECEIVE AND FILE

**IX. REPORTS – COMMITTEES/ AGENCIES – ALL COMMITTEE / AGENCY REPORTS ARE LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES UNLESS ADDITIONAL TIME IS GRANTED BY THE BOARD PRESIDENT**

- A. Matters from Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) – Oral Report

3 Min

SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO HEAR REPORT, POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF

3 Min

- B. Matters from the League of California Cities – Oral Report

SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO HEAR REPORT, POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF

C. Matters from California Contract Cities Association – Oral Report

3 Min

SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO HEAR REPORT, POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF

D. Matters from The I-5 Consortium Cities Joint Powers Authority – Oral Report

3 Min

SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO HEAR REPORT, POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF

E. Matters from the Orangeline Development Authority-Maglev – Oral Report

3 Min

SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO HEAR REPORT, POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF

F. Matters from the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) – Oral Report

3 Min

SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO HEAR REPORT, POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF

G. Matters from the Metro Gateway Cities Service Sector – Oral Report

3 Min

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**X. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**

A. Report from the I-710 EIR/EIS Project Committee – Oral Report

3 Min

SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO HEAR REPORT, POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF

B. Report from the SR-91/I-605/I-405 Corridor Cities Committee – Oral Report

3 Min

SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO HEAR REPORT, POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF

C. Report from the Transportation Committee – Oral Report  
1. Gateway Cities Economic Stimulus Projects

3 Min

SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO HEAR REPORT, POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF

**XI. MATTERS FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**XII. MATTERS FROM THE PRESIDENT**

- A. For Informational Purposes, Transmittal of Statement Before the California Air Resources Board Proposed AB-32 Scoping Plan (Greenhouse Gas Emissions) By Councilmember Larry Forester, City of Signal Hill  
December 11, 2008, on Behalf of the Gateway Cities COG

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

NOTICE: New items will not be considered after 9:00 p.m. unless the Board of Directors votes to extend the time limit. Any items on the agenda that are not completed will be forwarded to the next regular Board of Directors meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 4, 2009, 6:00 PM.

IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES ACT, IF YOU NEED SPECIAL ASSISTANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING, PLEASE CONTACT THE COG OFFICE AT (562) 663-6850. NOTIFICATION 48 HOURS PRIOR TO THE MEETING WILL ENABLE THE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS TO MAKE REASONABLE ARRANGEMENT TO ENSURE ACCESSIBILITY TO THIS MEETING.

**VII. CONSENT CALENDAR**  
**Item A**  
**Approval of Minutes**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
AND THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Gateway Cities Council of Governments  
16401 Paramount Boulevard  
Paramount, California  
December 3, 2008**

First Vice President Stefenhagen called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

**PRESENT:** First Vice President Gordon Stefenhagen, City of Norwalk  
Second Vice President Diane DuBois, City of Lakewood  
Immediate Past President Elba Guerrero, City of Huntington Park  
Member Larry R. Nelson, City of Artesia  
Member George Mirabal, City of Bell  
Member Raymond Dunton, City of Bellflower  
Member Jim Edwards, City of Cerritos  
Member Joe Aguilar, City of Commerce  
Member Lillie Dobson, City of Compton  
Member Frank Gurule, City of Cudahy  
Member Victor Farfan, City of Hawaiian Gardens  
Member Stan Carroll, City of La Habra Heights  
Member Pete Dames, City of La Mirada  
Member Patrick O'Donnell, City of Long Beach  
Member Gracie Gallegos-Smith, City of Pico Rivera  
Member Betty Putnam, City of Santa Fe Springs  
Member William Davis, City of Vernon  
Member Greg Nordbak, City of Whittier

**ABSENT:** President Anne M. Bayer, City of Downey  
Member Bob Kennedy, City of Avalon  
Member Mario Beltran, City of Bell Gardens  
Member from the City of Long Beach  
Member Maria Teresa Santillan, City of Lynwood  
Member Felipe Aguirre, City of Maywood  
Member Kathy Salazar, City of Montebello  
Member Gene Daniels, City of Paramount  
Member Edward H. J. Wilson, City of Signal Hill  
Member Gil Hurtado, City of South Gate  
Member Kurt Pederson, Office of Supervisor Don Knabe  
Member Erica Jacquez-Santos, Office of Supervisor Gloria Molina  
Member Ronald Fisher, Office of Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas  
Member Richard Steinke, Ex Officio Member, Port of Long Beach  
**ALSO PRESENT:** La Mirada Director of Public Works Steve Forster; Lakewood

Assistant Director of Community Development Sonia Southwell; Metro Deputy Executive Officer Ernest Morales; Alex Kenefick, Watershed Coordinator, Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council; Derek Alatorre, South Coast AQMD; Frank Osgood, Author, Region Aroused; GCCCOG Executive Director Richard Powers; Deputy Executive Director Jack Joseph; GCCCOG Transportation Deputy Karen Heit; GCCCOG Director of Regional Planning Nancy Pfeffer; GCCCOG Consultant Engineer Jerry Wood.

Roll was taken through self-introductions.

Member Farfan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

There were no public comments.

The Executive Director thanked SCAQMD Board Member Tonia Reyes-Uranga for sponsoring the Air Quality Forum held on November 21 at the COG offices. He said that he and President Bayer had met recently with the Los Angeles Economic Development Corporation and were looking forward to re-partnering with the LAEDC to address the subregion's industry clusters.

It was moved by Member Nordbak, seconded by Member Gurule, to approve the consent calendar as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

There was no report from SCAG.

There was no report from the League of California Cities.

There was no report from the California Contract Cities Association.

There was no report from the I-5 JPA.

There was no report from the Orangeline Development Authority.

Derek Alatorre presented a report from the South Coast Air Quality Management District. He said that about 28 members had attended the November 20 Air Quality Institute briefing. It was moved by Second Vice President DuBois, seconded by Member Gurule, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

There was no report from the Metro Gateway Cities Service Sector.

There was no report from the Conservancy Committee.

Jerry Wood presented a report from the I-710 EIR/EIS Project Committee. He said that the Project Committee had met last month and that the Technical Advisory Committee had

established a regular meeting schedule.

Jerry Wood presented a report from the SR-91/I-605/I-405 Corridor Cities Committee. He said the passage of Measure R will provide substantial funding for the project. He reported that the Technical Advisory Committee would begin meeting monthly.

It was moved by Member Davis, seconded by Member Dobson, to receive and file the I-710 and SR-91/I-605/I-405 reports. The motion was approved unanimously.

Second Vice President DuBois said that it was very important that cities attend the December 8 meeting of the MTA Southeast/Long Beach Sector Subcommittee meeting in Norwalk in order to nominate the sector's member of the MTA Board of Directors. First Vice President Stefenhagen urged people to attend that meeting. He discussed the issues that would be coming before the MTA Board and stressed the importance that the subregion be represented.

**Adjournment:** It was the consensus of the Board to adjourn at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Powers, Secretary



**VII. CONSENT CALENDAR**  
**ITEM B**  
**Approval of Warrant Register**

**VII. CONSENT CALENDAR  
ITEM C**

**November 2008 Local Agency Investment  
Fund Statement**



Local Agency Investment Fund  
 P.O. Box 942809  
 Sacramento, CA 94209-0001  
 (916) 653-3001

[www.treasurer.ca.gov/pmia-laif](http://www.treasurer.ca.gov/pmia-laif)  
 December 29, 2008

GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

PMIA Average Monthly Yields

TREASURER  
 16401 PARAMOUNT BOULEVARD  
 PARAMOUNT, CA 90723

Account Number: 40-19-045

**Transactions**

November 2008 Statement

[Tran Type Definitions](#)

Effective Date	Transaction Date	Tran Type	Confirm Number	Authorized Caller	Amount
11/10/2008	11/7/2008	RW	1198872	JACK JOSEPH	-100,000.00

**Account Summary**

Total Deposit:	0.00	Beginning Balance:	1,283,173.98
Total Withdrawal:	-100,000.00	Ending Balance:	1,183,173.98

**VII. CONSENT CALENDAR  
ITEM D**

**Status Report from Lobbyist,  
Government Relations Consultants**

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS CONSULTANTS

To: Richard Powers  
Gateway Cities Council of Governments

From: Allynn Howe  
Government Relations Consultants

December 30, 2008

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL

Congress is adjourned but staff is still scrambling to gather stimulus requests for January. Representative Ray LaHood (R-IL) has been named Transportation Secretary. The US Conference of Mayors and other coalition groups are meeting to craft responses to overall transportation reauthorization policy.

**VII. CONSENT CALENDAR  
ITEM E**

**Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year  
2007/2008  
(enclosed)**

## **VIII. REPORTS**

### **ITEM A**

**Introduction to Los Angeles  
Stormwater Quality Partnership by  
Hillary Gross Moglen, Senior Account  
Executive, Cerrell Associates**

Los Angeles



Stormwater Quality  
Partnership

**Partner Cities:**

Agoura Hills  
Beverly Hills  
Calabasas  
Hidden Hills  
Monrovia  
Norwalk  
Rancho Palos Verdes  
Westlake Village

Richard Powers  
Executive Director  
Gateway Cities Council of Governments  
16401 Paramount Blvd.  
Paramount, CA 90723

Dear Mr. Powers:

I am writing on behalf of the Los Angeles Stormwater Quality Partnership and am requesting to make a presentation to the Gateway Cities COG Board of Directors Meeting in January.

My presentation will brief the group on what LASQP is, what is its vision, what has it accomplished in its first year of operation, and what are our plans for 2009. I will need no more than 10 minutes, notwithstanding whatever questions your members may have.

I am attaching our group's vision statement for your review, and if you need any additional information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

Hillary Moglen  
Cerrell Associates





**Partner Cities:**

Agoura Hills  
Beverly Hills  
Calabasas  
Hidden Hills  
Monrovia  
Norwalk  
Rancho Palos Verdes  
Westlake Village

## Los Angeles Stormwater Quality Partnership

### I. Context

Because we all depend on clean water, it is critical to find a way to work together to ensure Los Angeles' stormwater is managed properly. Currently, regulators and the permittees/cities do not sufficiently collaborate on the development of stormwater policy and regulations in the Los Angeles basin. This not only frustrates permittees, regulators, and environmental groups, it also does little to improve the quality of Los Angeles' stormwater discharges. This dynamic needs to change. The purpose of the Los Angeles Stormwater Quality Partnership ("LASQP") is to do just that.

### II. Vision

- **Relationships**- LASQP seeks to improve relationships with the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board ("Regional Board"). The goal is to engage the Regional Board, its staff, political leaders, and key environmental groups in a dialogue about developing sensible and effective regulations. Although cultivating a productive relationship will take time and resources, this investment is critical to ensure meaningful, yet prudent, regulations.
- **Coalition**- LASQP plans to expand its membership to include other Los Angeles County cities and then build a coalition that includes water districts, environmental groups, and other key stakeholders who believe in working together to clean up the region's water.
- **Funding** - LASQP will explore options for a sustainable funding stream to facilitate implementation of measures to achieve regulatory compliance. Without new sources of revenue while also committing to implement Best Management Practices ("BMP") to achieve valuable outcome, cities will be faced with difficult trade-offs such as cutting vital services or implementing a fraction of the BMPs which means forgoing sustained improvement to the environment.



**Partner Cities:**

Agoura Hills  
Beverly Hills  
Calabasas  
Hidden Hills  
Monrovia  
Norwalk  
Rancho Palos Verdes  
Westlake Village

**III. Approach**

To achieve this vision, LASQP will adopt a collaborative approach characterized by:

- Engagement
- Constructive interaction and meaningful discussion
- Proactive ideas
- Shared fact-finding
- Self-determined compliance methods
- Propose meaningful and practical policy implementation
- Identification of early successes

LASQP will conduct the following in the coming months:

- Recruit cities who share our vision and purpose
- Inventory current partnership cities' stormwater activities
- Develop a list of "can do" stormwater mitigation actions
- Engage the Regional Board, its staff, political leaders, stakeholders, and key environmental groups in a collaborative effort to develop sound policy and regulations
- Build a coalition, including an expanded LASQP, to explore options for a sustainable funding stream.

**XII. MATTERS FROM THE PRESIDENT  
Item A.**

**For Informational Purposes,  
Transmittal of Statement Before the  
California Air Resources Board  
Proposed AB-32 Scoping Plan  
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of Signal Hill December 11, 2008, on  
Behalf of the Gateway Cities COG**

**Statement Before the California Air Resources Board  
Proposed AB-32 Scoping Plan**

**By**

**Councilmember Larry Forester, City of Signal Hill  
December 11, 2008**

Madam Chair, Members of the Board. I am here on behalf of the Gateway Cities Council of Governments to comment on the Proposed Scoping Plan that is before you for approval. The Gateway Cities COG consists of 27 Cities in the south eastern portion of Los Angeles County, including the City of Long Beach, comprising over 2.2 million residents.

The Gateway COG is deeply concerned about climate change and is eager to assist the Board in achieving necessary reductions in greenhouse gas emissions. With the assistance of CARB, the Gateway Cities COG has been a national leader in reducing greenhouse gas emissions at the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach through several innovative programs, including our truck replacement and retrofit program. This program has resulted in the replacement of more than 600 heavy polluting, old diesel trucks to date. To that end, we believe the activities the Board will mandate under AB 32 should initially be those like the truck replacement program that will yield immediate reduction results in a cost-effective manner.

Given the limited resources that cities, like the state, have to work with in the current troubled economic times, we urge the Board to emphasize cleaner fuels, alternative energy sources and transit funding over long-range and less scientifically understood programs, such as land use regulation. Although you have been urged by the Sierra Club to increase regional greenhouse gas reduction targets from 2 million metric tons statewide to 5 million

metric tons, we ask you to defer this option until you receive input from the Regional Targets Advisory Committee that will help you set reduction targets related to land use. Since an increase from 2 million metric tons to 5 million metric tons is not necessary to reach the 2020 goal, the Sierra Club's request is premature to implement the increase at this stage of the scoping process.

We concur with the Southern California Association of Governments and the League of California Cities, in supporting SB-375, cities and counties are accepting their responsibility for green house gas reductions. The greatest thing that could happen is for all local governments to achieve, and even greatly exceed, the established targets. AB 32 needs to be sensible and successful, so that California can continue to lead the nation in reducing green house gas reductions. Setting the target too high, with out understanding the very real risks to local government, could lead to failure and other states are less likely to follow our lead.

There are always unintended consequences with any regulation. Adequate public transit justifies the higher-density land uses that will cut green house gases. Yet our local transit agencies are under pressure as their budgets have been reduced and they are struggling with operating deficits. Transit services and increases in housing density must be carefully timed in the Gateway Cities, in order to avoid the worse of all possible worlds – increased density and increased traffic congestion. This fact alone argues for a realistic approach on the CARB target. The targets can be revised as we become successful in providing transit near new housing sites.

The members of the Gateway COG join SCAG in asking you to make a strong commitment to including financial incentives in the Scoping Plan and to identify a

permanent source of funding for planning and implementation of regional and local activities. This funding should be based on population or a “fair share” allocated to California’s most populous subregions. We agree with SCAG in asking for direct representation, including sub-regions, on the Regional Targets Advisory Committee. The Committee will not be able to set realistic emission reduction targets without input from local governments across the state. California has the population and complexity that demands that this Committee be truly representative as they help you set targets and requirements that will affect everyone living in the state.

The Gateway Cities COG stands ready to work with the Board and SCAG in implementing effective programs to reduce green house gas reductions. Thank you for your consideration of these requests.