## SG Valley Governance Council Holds Orientation Session

- Council members set first public meeting date.

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(March 20, 2003) The San Gabriel Valley Governance Council conducted an orientation meeting this week and set the date for its first public meeting.

At the initial meeting, newly appointed council members learned about service sector governance policies and by-laws, as well as the MTA's ethics policy and code of conduct.

Staff members presented overviews of MTA transit services and service sector operations, the state's open meetings law and Consent Decree requirements.

Governance councils oversee the planning and implementation of bus service within their service sector area. They are responsible for, among other things, strengthening customer service, conducting public hearings for sector bus line changes and implementing those service changes.

## Public meeting scheduled

The San Gabriel Valley council scheduled its first public meeting for 5 p.m., Tuesday, April 1, at a location to be announced later. Regular governance council meetings will be held at 5 p.m., the first Tuesday of every month.

The nine-member governance council includes two newly appointed members: Dave Spence and Rosie Vasquez.

Other members Councilman Harry Baldwin of San Gabriel, representing the cities of San Gabriel and Rosemead, Councilman Sid Tyler of Pasadena, representing Pasadena, La Canada-Flintridge and Sierra Madre and Mayor Emile Bayle of San Marino, representing San Marino, Alhambra and South Pasadena.

Also, Councilwoman Sharon Martinez of Monterey Park, representing Monterey Park and Montebello and Mayor Bart Doyle of Sierra Madre, representing the other cities in the San Gabriel Valley.

The San Gabriel Valley Council of Government's (SGVCOG) will nominate two additional members, who will be non-elected officials, to serve on the governance council.
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