



San Gabriel / Pomona
Regional Center

**SAN GABRIEL/POMONA VALLEYS
DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES, INC.**

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS/ LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF JANUARY 14, 2026**

The following committee members were present at said meeting:

PRESENT

Tris Gonzales,
Chairperson
Karen Zarsadiaz-Ige
Joseph Huang
Adriana Pinedo
Teshia Obi
Tina Wright
Daniela Barrera

STAFF

Jesse Weller, Executive Director
Yvonne Gratianne, Communications
& Public Engagement Officer
Salvador Gonzales, Director of Service Access and
Equity
Erika Gomez, Liaison to the Board of Directors and
the RDDF

ABSENT

Alayna Effinger
Melissa Song

GUESTS

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RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTIONS

The Community Relations/Legislative Committee recommends the following:
None

CALL TO ORDER

Trish Gonzales, called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. A quorum was established.

The agenda was reviewed.

The minutes of the October 8, 2025, meeting were reviewed and approved with one

note: the last sentence of the minutes did not make sense. The statement should have said: There will not be a meeting in November, the next meeting will be on January 14, 2026.

M/S/C (Zarsadiaz-Ige & Wright) The committee approved the minutes with the correction.

PUBLIC INPUT

None

LEGISLATIVE ISSUES & OTHER INFORMATION

Jesse Weller, Executive Director, and Yvonne Gratianne, Communications & Public Engagement Officer presented the following:

- In remembrance of the one year anniversary of the Eaton Fire, a video was produced by SG/PRC staff to acknowledge and express appreciation to those impacted. The video was shown during the meeting.
- A recap was provided of the 94th Annual California Capitol Tree Lighting Ceremony. SG/PRC was selected to participate in the Governor's Tree Lighting, which included 21 trees representing the state's 21 regional centers.
- Staff announced that SG/PRC is now officially live on social media. Planning is underway for the year ahead, with a focus on human interest stories, event highlights, and audience growth.
- Website updates were reviewed, including the launch of a Public Records Act Request Portal and a live social media feed on the website. The portal is accessible through the Transparency section of the website.
- An upcoming SG/PRC Board Information Session was announced for Wednesday, January 21, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. The session is intended to engage the community and encourage participation in Board and committee service.
- An upcoming dental health fair for children ages 0–13, scheduled for Saturday, February 21, 2026 was announced.
- An update was provided on the Sirens of Silence event, noting that the Emergency Preparedness Team is working to enhance the event and the Community Services Department is focused on drowning prevention.
- The upcoming Advocacy Connection meeting will focus on emergency preparedness.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH-UPDATE

Salvador Gonzalez, Director of Service Access and Equity, shared that beginning January 20, 2026, a new format will be launched for the monthly community meetings. The meetings will now be titled “Stay Connected with SG/PRC.”

He also announced the Lunar New Year Event at Hacienda Heights Community Center on February 13, 2026.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT:

The next meeting will be on February 11, 2026.