**Gateway Cities 2019 Regional**

**Conference & Retreat**

**June 20-22, 2019**

**Catalina Island at the Metropole Hotel**

205 Crescent Ave., Avalon, CA 90704

**Thursday, June 20, 2019**

9:50 – 11:30 Catalina Express – ferry travel and arrival to hotel

11:30 – 12:30 Lunch

12:30 – 1:30 Welcome Session – Overview of COG Accomplishments

1:30 – 3:00 Public-Private Partnerships (P3) as a Tool for Development

*Moderator: Ed Wilson, Councilmember, City of Signal Hill*

* *Yousef Salama, MTA Office of Extraordinary Innovation*
* *Dr. Julie Kim, Principal P3 Advisor, Morgner Technology*
* *Matthew Gerard, Executive Vice President, Solutions International*

3:00 – 4:00 Break

4:00 – 6:00 Tour of Catalina Airport Runway P3 Project

* *Tony Budrovich, Catalina Island Conservancy*

6:30 – 7:30 Barbecue dinner at airport – spouses/families welcome

**Friday, June 21, 2019**

8:00 – 8:30 Breakfast

8:30 – 9:30 Update on Economic Development and Finance Issues

* *Gerald Caton, City Manager, City of Downey (retired) – Chair, COG Economic Development Working Group*

9:30 – 12:00 The Challenge of Providing Housing in the Gateway Cities

*Moderator: Maria Davila, Councilmember, City of South Gate*

* *Jennifer Hernandez, Equity Partner, Holland & Knight*
* *Gary Painter, Professor, USC Sol Price School of Public Policy*
* *Woodie Tescher, Principal, Placeworks*
* *Ma’Ayn Johnson, Principal Planner, Housing & Land Use Planner, Southern California Association of Governments*

12:00 – 1:00 Lunch

1:00 – 2:30 Stormwater Activities and Issues in Los Angeles County

*Moderator (both panels): Lisa Rapp, Gateway Water Management Authority, Board Chair*

Panel #1: LA County Stormwater MS4 Permit (Current and Future) and Stormwater Funding

* *John Hunter, Watershed Technical Consultant (MS4 Permit Implementation in the Gateway Region)*
* *Matt Frary, LA County Public Works (Safe Clean Water Program [Measure W] Status and Implementation)*

Panel #2: LA County Stormwater MS4 Permit Litigation

* *Howard Gest, Burhenn & Gest LLP (MS4 Permit Litigation: General Overview)*
* *Bruce Lindsay, Jones & Mayer (MS4 Permit Litigation: Plaintiff Perspective)*

2:30 – 3:00 Break

3:00 – 5:00 Gateway Cities COG: Vision and Goals

* *Review of COG Goal-Setting Process to Date*
* *Building unity to ensure equity in funding for the Gateway Cities*
* *Session for COG Member Jurisdictions only (elected officials and city staff)*

5:00 – 7:30 Social Time/Dinner

**Saturday, June 22, 2019**

Before 8:30 Breakfast on your own

8:30 – 10:30 Visioning Current and Future Gateway Cities Corridors

*Moderator: Fernando Dutra, Councilmember, City of Whittier*

* *Gerhard Mayer, Principal, GGLO*
* *Woodie Tescher, Principal, Placeworks*
* *Michael Kodama, MK Planners and Eco-Rapid Joint Powers Authority*
* *Joseph Dieguez, Senior Vice President, Kosmont Companies*

10:30 – 11:30 Wrap-Up Plenary Session (all remaining speakers)

*Moderator: Thaddeus McCormack, City Manager, City of Lakewood*

11:30 Closing Remarks/Adjournment

Travel back to mainland