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**Inactive Membership is automatically re-instated by attending a meeting**

**SBCCOG MEETINGS: ATTENDANCE 2017 - 2018**

City	Sep - 17	Oct - 17	Nov - 17	Jan - 18	Mar - 18	Apr - 18	May - 18
Carson				Hicks			
El Segundo		Fuentes		Brann	Fuentes	Fuentes	
Gardena	Medina	Medina	Medina	Medina	Medina	Medina	
Hawthorne		Valentine	Valentine	Valentine	Awad	Valentine	
Hermosa Beach	Duclos	Fangary	Fangary	Fangary Campbell		Fangary	
Inglewood		Franklin		Franklin Butts	Franklin	Franklin	
Lawndale	Osborne Pullen-Miles	Suarez	Osborne Suarez	Suarez	Osborne	Osborne Suarez	
Lomita	Gazeley		Gazeley	Gazeley	Gazeley	Gazeley	
Los Angeles	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
Manhattan Beach	Lesser	Hersman		Hersman	Hersman	Lesser	
Palos Verdes Estates	Kao	Kao	Kao	Kao	Kao	Kao	
Rancho Palos Verdes	Misetich	Misetich	Misetich	Alegria	Alegria		
Redondo Beach	Horvath	Horvath	Horvath	Horvath	Horvath	Horvath	
Rolling Hills	Dieringer	Dieringer	Dieringer	Dieringer	Dieringer	Dieringer	
Rolling Hills Estates	Huff	Huff	Huff Zerunyan	Huff Zuckerman	Huff	Huff	
Torrance	Weideman	Weideman	Weideman	Weideman	Weideman	Weideman	
County of Los Angeles-2 <sup>nd</sup> District	Riccitiello	Sausedo		Sausedo	Sausedo	Sausedo	
County of Los Angeles- 4 <sup>th</sup> District			Velazquez			Velazquez	

Number of Active Agencies	17	17	17	17	17	17	17
Quorum Required (50% +1)	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
Number of Agencies Attending	12	14	12	16	14	15	

**SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 2018  
SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS THEATER  
20285 S. WESTERN AVENUE, 1ST FLOOR, TORRANCE, CA 90501**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Weideman called the SBCCOG Board of Directors meeting to order at 6:07pm.

**II. INTRODUCTIONS**

**In attendance were the following voting elected officials:**

Suzanne Fuentes, El Segundo	Kenny Kao, Palos Verdes Estates (Arrived at 7pm)
Dan Medina, Gardena	Christian Horvath, Redondo Beach
Olivia Valentine, Hawthorne	Bea Dieringer, Rolling Hills
Hany Fangary, Hermosa Beach	Britt Huff, Rolling Hills Estates
Ralph Franklin, Inglewood	Kurt Weideman, Torrance
Jim Osborne, Lawndale	Robert Sausedo, LA County District 2
Jim Gazeley, Lomita	Erika Velazquez, LA County District 4
David Lesser, Manhattan Beach	

**Other elected officials in attendance:**

Bernadette Suarez, Lawndale

**Also in attendance were the following persons:**

Mike Bohlke, Metro	Natalie Champion, SBCCOG
Jeff Kiernan, League of CA Cities	Rosemary Lackow, SBCCOG
Nate Holmes, Office of Joe Buscaino	Steve Lantz, SBCCOG
Shivaji Deshmukh, West Basin MWD	Jacki Bacharach, SBCCOG
Gregory Farr, Caltrans	Jennifer LaMarque, SBCCOG
Margaret Finlay, SCAG	Stephen Sawyer, Charter Communications
Darin Chidsey, SCAG	Ray Tahir, TECS Environmental
Lt. John Burcher, LA County Sheriff's Dept.	Bruce Szeles, public
Jerry Tucker, Inglewood	Ricardo Aguila, public
David Leger, SBCCOG	

**III. CONFIRM POSTING OF THE AGENDA BY THE CITY OF TORRANCE**

Jacki Bacharach confirmed that the agenda was properly posted in the City of Torrance.

**IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF ANY CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

Jacki Bacharach announced that item VIII.I. will be the first item discussed after the conclusion of the presentations.

Ms. Bacharach took this time to congratulate the cities of Rancho Palos Verdes and Rolling Hills Estates on moving up to the Platinum Level in the Energy Leader Partnership Program.

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ray Tahir gave a brief update on the City of Gardena's litigation against the MS4 Permit. Cities argued procedural and substantive issues, including no discussion of the EWMP's and related costs prior to the permit's adoption. The cities argued that there were procedural mistakes made, such as lack of review period, that should void the permit. Mr. Tahir expects the decision to be made in June.

Chair Weideman also took this time to thank Board Member Fuentes for her service as this will be her last meeting. Board Member Fuentes thanked Chair Weideman and the rest of the Board and noted her enjoyment in serving on the SBCCOG Board.

**VI. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A. March Board Meeting Minutes (*attachment*) – Approved**

- B. Contract Renewal with Dominguez Channel Watershed Management Area Group (attachment) – Approved**
- C. Contract Amendment with Tetra Tech on behalf of Dominguez Channel Watershed Management Area Group (attachment) – Approved**
- D. Appointments Recommendations to South Bay Metro Service Council (attachment) – Approved**
- E. Status of Legislation of Interest to SBCCOG (attachment) – Approved**
- F. 2016-2017 Audit – Received and Filed**
- G. Monthly Reports – Received and Filed**
  - 1. South Bay Environmental Services Center Report (attachment)**
  - 2. Transportation Report (attachment)**

Chair Weideman pulled Item D from the Consent Calendar.

**MOTION** by Board Member Horvath, seconded by Board Member Franklin, to **APPROVE** Items A, B, C, E, F, and G of the Consent Calendar. No objection. So ordered.

Chair Weideman explained that the Steering Committee made recommendations for appointment to the Metro South Bay Service Council to the Board of Directors after hearing testimony from all of the applicants except one. Chair Weideman noted that one candidate, Mr. Bruce Szeles, was unable to attend the Steering Committee meeting and stated that he was in attendance to address the Board at this time. Mr. Szeles then briefly explained why he is interested in serving on the Service Council, noting his extensive residency in the South Bay and his interest in making Metro bus service more enjoyable. Mr. Szeles pointed out that after recent ridership numbers indicated a declining ridership, it might serve Metro to have a non-rider on the Service Council to help identify ways to increase ridership.

Board Member Gazeley pointed out that there was a mistake in the agenda item, noting that the Steering Committee recommendation should indicate the recommended re-appointment of Charles Michel Deemer, Dan Medina, and Don Szerlip, however the agenda item includes Bruce Szeles’s name instead of Don Szerlip. Ms. Bacharach apologized for the error and indicated she will correct the item.

**MOTION** by Board Member Gazeley, seconded by Board Member Franklin, to **APPROVE** Item D of the Consent Calendar, as recommended by the Steering Committee, to nominate Charles Michel Deemer, Dan Medina, and Don Szerlip for re-appointment to the Metro South Bay Service Council. No objection. So ordered.

## **VII. PRESENTATIONS**

### **1. Face of the Program**

Jennifer LaMarque gave her “SBCCOG: Face of the Program” presentation, which introduces SBCCOG staff and their program responsibilities to the Board of Directors. Ms. LaMarque touched on her current responsibilities at the SBCCOG, her prior professional career, as well as personal interests. Her presentation can be viewed on the SBCCOG’s website at:

[http://southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/board\\_directors/meeting/PRESENTATION\\_SBCCOG-Face%20of%20the%20Program\\_CW.pdf](http://southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/board_directors/meeting/PRESENTATION_SBCCOG-Face%20of%20the%20Program_CW.pdf)

### **2. Controlling Illegal Fireworks in Your City**

Lieutenant John Burcher of the LA County Sheriff’s Department gave a brief presentation on efforts made to help control illegal fireworks in Lawndale. Lt. Burcher gave some background information on the types of fireworks commonly encountered in the area, noting that the only legal fireworks are those explicitly labeled “Safe and Sane” by the State Fire Marshall. Lt. Burcher explained that much of the Sheriff Department’s efforts to control illegal fireworks revolve around campaigning, targeting, and directed patrolling. Lt. Burcher informed the Board that around May, officers begin visiting City Council meetings and other events to help educate people on what an illegal firework is and who may have them. They then begin targeting prior offenders who may be likely to re-offend. Finally, they engage in direct patrolling, where Lawndale pays for an additional 16 officers to patrol the city on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Lt. Burcher noted that last year, they confiscated 180 lbs of illegal fireworks and wrote 39 citations.

Board Member Osborne thanked Lt. Burcher for his presentation and efforts, noting that the issue has gotten significantly better over the last couple years.

Board Members asked questions concerning the costs of the efforts and asked how it could be effective if every city did not have the same regulations.

Lt. Burcher noted that he did not know the exact cost, but explained that when citations are handed out, officers will also attend the court proceeding, because otherwise offenders would not care if they were cited. He also explained that the “Safe and Sane” fireworks are not the major noisemakers but can still be dangerous when not properly used. The illegal fireworks are the ones causing noise complaints and are now coming in from Mexico where they are much more loosely regulated and are potentially more dangerous.

For more information, Lt. Burcher’s presentation is available online at:

[http://southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/board\\_directors/meeting/PRESENTATION\\_Adapting%20to%20Changing%20Climate\\_Dr.%20Neil%20Berg%20UCLA.pdf](http://southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/board_directors/meeting/PRESENTATION_Adapting%20to%20Changing%20Climate_Dr.%20Neil%20Berg%20UCLA.pdf)

### **3. West Basin Desalination Project EIR Update**

Shivaji Deshmukh, Assistant General Manager for West Basin Municipal Water District, gave a presentation on West Basin’s Desalination Project EIR. Mr. Deshmukh began by giving a brief background on West Basin Municipal Water District, a historic look at the continued diversification of its water supply portfolio, conservation programs, and recycled water efforts. Mr. Deshmukh noted that West Basin has helped conserve over 167 billion gallons of potable water and has produced nearly 200 billion gallons of recycled water.

Mr. Deshmukh then gave an overview of the Desalination Project, noting that the project will further diversify their water source portfolio to increase reliability in the near, intermediate, and long term while reducing the reliance on imported water. The project will help also improve West Basin’s local control of future water costs and long-term price stability while improving climate resiliency by developing a water source that is less susceptible to hydrologic variability.

Mr. Deshmukh explained that the comment period for the project is through May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and that another public meeting is scheduled for May 12 from 10 am-12 pm at the Richmond Street Elementary School in El Segundo.

Board Members asked if alternatives to a desalination plant were considered, such as increasing the output of the recycled water plant. Mr. Deshmukh explained that there are regulatory requirements that do not allow for recycled water to be used as a potable water source, which is the type of water the desalination plant would produce. He added that another problem that West Basin runs in to is that their partners do not have capacity to be able to distribute more than 40 million gallons per day right now, so even if the recycled water plant could produce more water, their partners must have the capacity to handle that water.

Board Member Franklin expressed his concern about the salinity of the water being pushed back out into the ocean creating a “Salton Sea”. Mr. Deshmukh noted that there are laws governing this issue including one that requires the salinity of the water to reach the ambient salinity within 100 meters. Mr. Deshmukh explained that the design of the diffuser on the project is expected to achieve ambient salinity within 50-60 meters.

For more information and further detail, Mr. Deshmukh’s presentation is available online at:

[http://southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/board\\_directors/meeting/PRESENTATION\\_BOD\\_EE\\_Presentation\\_Muni%20energy\\_3.22.18.pdf](http://southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/board_directors/meeting/PRESENTATION_BOD_EE_Presentation_Muni%20energy_3.22.18.pdf)

## **VIII. SBCCOG PROGRAM ACTION ITEMS, REPORTS AND UPDATES**

### **I. Other**

#### **1. SCAG proposed by-laws amendment**

Margaret Finlay, SCAG President, addressed the Board in response to a letter that was sent to SCAG expressing concerns over a proposed by-laws amendment that would create seats on the Regional Council for past Presidents. Ms. Finlay attempted to allay some of these concerns and explain why she felt the proposed changes were a good idea, including that: past Presidents of SCAG have a lot of institutional knowledge about SCAG as well as relationships with other regional, state, and federal elected officials; representation would not be biased towards any particular region of SCAG, noting that only 4 past Presidents could be eligible to serve, adding that she considers the entire SCAG region when making

decisions; that the amendment was considered in the lens of the conflict of interest language in the SCAG policy manual; the limitation of 5 years of service on the Regional Council as a past President; and limited impact on SCAG's budget.

Ms. Finlay added that SCAG will be voting on the amendment at their General Assembly in May, and if passed, the By-laws Committee will be reconvened to clean up any odds and ends after the meeting.

Several SBCCOG Board Members voiced their concerns with the proposal, such as: unequal representation; uncertainty about how this proposal will actually help the region and specifically the South Bay; and the reliance on institutional memory as opposed to building new relationships.

**A. Contracts for Completion of Projects by the End of the Fiscal Year** (*attachments*)

1. Contracts with the South Bay Workforce Investment Board to extend SBCCOG work on the Regional Broadband Network Development
2. Contract with the South Bay Workforce Investment Board for the SBCCOG to provide research outreach and analysis for telework project

Ms. Bacharach explained that the first contract will allow the SBCCOG to continue with the Broadband RFP process, noting that there was a very well attended meeting earlier in the day. This funding must be spent by the end of the fiscal year. The second contract would allow the SBCCOG to work with the SBWIB on an SB1 telework grant. Ms. Bacharach noted that the contracts are still under review by SBCCOG Legal Counsel and asked that they be approved subject to that legal review.

**MOTION** by Board Member Franklin, seconded by Board Member Horvath, to **APPROVE** the contracts, subject to legal review. No objection. So ordered.

3. Contract Amendment with Siembab Corporation to work on SBWIB Telework project

Ms. Bacharach explained that this amendment would allow Wally Siembab to use his expertise in the telework field to help on the SBWIB Telework contract.

Board Member Franklin asked how the amount of the contract was determined. Kim Fuentes explained that it's a not-to-exceed amount that utilizes Mr. Siembab in an advisory role.

Board Member Lesser asked Ms. Bacharach what the deliverable is for this contract. Ms. Bacharach answered that the project is phase 1 of a SB1 grant that is being done in coordination with CSUDH to help compile a list of businesses and development of a questionnaire to circulate to businesses, residents, etc. The SBCCOG would then consult with these groups and identify possible leads to implement telework options.

**MOTION** by Board Member Franklin, seconded by Board Member Sausedo, to **APPROVE** the amendment. No objection. So ordered.

**B. 2018-2019 Proposed Work Program – Approved**

Ms. Bacharach presented the Annual Work Program to the Board. She began by highlighting current SBCCOG programs and projects and focused on three areas of success over the past year, including the completion of individual city and subregional climate action plans with grant funding; securing funding for coordinated regional broadband network efforts; and the leveraging of dues to raise almost seven times the funding.

Ms. Bacharach then focused on the 2018-19 Work Program. The Program focuses on three areas: Regional Broadband Network Initiative, Sustainable Neighborhood Strategy (formerly the Sustainable South Bay Strategy); and other Special Initiatives. The special initiatives include current programs as well as new programs such as Regional Bike Share and Preparing for Autonomous Vehicles. Ms. Bacharach also touched on possible funding opportunities such as the exploration of a 501c3 to allow for additional grant funding, fee for service agreements to assist public/private sectors with innovative solutions, and additional partnerships with other agencies such as SCAG or SCAQMD.

For more detailed information, the proposed Work Program is available online at:

**MOTION** by Board Member Horvath, seconded by Board Member Sausedo, to **APPROVE** the 2018-2019 Work Program. No objection. So ordered.

**C. June Ballot Propositions** (*attachment*)

Chair Weideman began by proposing support for Proposition 72.

Board Member Dieringer expressed her concerns on acting upon the Steering Committee's recommendation before having additional information.

After further discussion, there was a **MOTION** by Board Member Dieringer, seconded by Board Member Medina, to **TABLE** the item until the next Board meeting when materials have been provided to the best extent possible to provide the pros and cons of each of the measures. *Board Member Horvath made a substitute motion to support Propositions 68 and 69 and table action on Proposition 72 until the May Board of Directors meeting. No second. Motion failed.*

A vote was then taken on the original motion by Board Member Dieringer. All Board Members voted to support the motion except for Chair Weideman and Board Member Horvath who opposed the motion. So ordered.

**D. Homeless Services**

Ms. Bacharach reported that over 70 people attended a homeless services fair in Redondo Beach. Similar events are being considered in other areas of the South Bay.

**E. Regional Broadband Network Initiative**

Ms. Bacharach reported that there was a meeting earlier in the day with city IT Directors and staff to review the draft RFP. Letters of support from cities are important because they will show bidders that there is interest in this proposal. Ms. Bacharach added that she expects the RFP to be before the Board in June for release.

**F. Short Term Rental Task Force**

Ms. Bacharach announced that she was able to coordinate a meeting between the California Coastal Commission Executive Director and South Bay City Managers, as well as the Short Term Rental Task Force. The meetings will be held on June 20<sup>th</sup>.

**G. Grant Opportunities**

Ms. Bacharach reported that the SBCCOG had submitted a grant application for Coyote Management that was accepted by the state commission. They asked for a SBCCOG representative to fly to Dublin, California to give a presentation before their Board. Ms. Bacharach explained that after Ms. LaMarque made the presentation for the SBCCOG, their Board explained that coyote education isn't something that they would fund.

**H. Special Events – General Assembly – THURSDAY, February 28, 2019**

Ms. Bacharach announced that the General Assembly has been officially changed to Thursday, February 28, 2019. She also asked for ideas for GA topic suggestions.

**IX. Transportation Reports**

**A. Metro Report by Board Member James Butts/Mike Bohlke** – No report given.

Steve Lantz reported for Mike Bohlke that the Metro Board has voted to no longer allow clean air vehicles to use the ExpressLanes for free. They will receive a 15% discount. The Metro Board also considered SB1 funding that was earmarked for the Green Line Extension to Torrance. The additional funding would bring the total funding available to \$1.2B which would cover any of the four alignments being considered.

**B. Service Council report by Ralph Franklin, Chair**

Board Member Franklin provided a written update in the agenda packet.

**C. Transportation Committee Report**

**1. Measure R and Measure M Updates**

Board Member Horvath invited Board Members to attend the Transportation Committee meetings.

Ms. Bacharach reported that the SBCCOG sent a letter to Metro with requested amendments to the draft funding agreement to administer Measure M Subregional Programs.

**2. Update on use of ExpressLane revenues from the I-110**

Mr. Lantz reported that Metro is considering implementation of the I-105 and I-605 projects using surplus funds from the I-110 to build the other projects. Mr. Lantz noted that there are crucial capital projects needed on the I-110 but added that he thinks they should be built at the same time.

**X. AGENCY REPORTS**

**A. League of California Cities & LA Division Legislative Committee**

Jeff Kiernan reported that the League's Legislative Action Day was last week. He also announced that SB 827 failed in committee. Mr. Kiernan noted that the League is also monitoring SB 828 and explained that the League is meeting with Senator Weiner to hopefully get amendments made.

The League's Harassment Training Workshop had an underwhelming attendance according to Mr. Kiernan. He noted that City Managers thought the lack of attendance was partially due to the fact that the training is already required and most staff already have it scheduled on their calendars.

Mr. Kiernan also reported on the efforts by the California Business Roundtable ballot proposition that would require all tax measures to be approved by 2/3 of voters. The American Beverage Association and oil industry have put in over \$5M to pass the measure. Mr. Kiernan explained that this would negatively impact a city's ability to raise necessary funds.

Lastly, Mr. Kiernan announced that the League Board is seeking six at large positions if there any councilmembers interested in serving. The terms are for two years.

Board Member Dieringer reported that on April 30th, from 6-8pm, the League's Women's Caucus is holding an event to honor women who have made significant contributions to their communities. Each of the Caucus' Board Members chooses a "woman of persistence" and this year's awardee is Carol Adelkoff, CEO and Executive Director of 1736 Family Crisis Center.

**B. South Coast Air Quality Management District – No report given.**

**C. SCAG & Committees**

1. **Energy and Environment** – No report given.

2. **Transportation**

Board Member Medina reported that Brian Kelly, the Director of the High Speed Rail Authority presented their 2018-2026 plans. There was also a presentation on the City of Inglewood's mobility plan.

3. **Community, Economic, & Human Development** – No report given.

4. **Regional Council** – No report given.

**D. Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission – No report given.**

**E. LA County Community Choice Aggregation Task Force – No report given.**

**F. Stormwater Funding (attachment)**

a. CCCA/LCC Stormwater Funding Options Committee – no report given.

b. LA Flood Control Stormwater Funding Measure Stakeholder Advisory Committee

Board Member Fangary reported that LA County is considering a ballot proposition to help fund stormwater program called "Safe Clean Water Program". There is a May 11<sup>th</sup> deadline to submit comments on the program. The other COGs are actively submitting comments.

Chairman Weideman received the verbal consent of the Board to work with Board Member Fangary on a comment letter for the plan.

c. County Water Resiliency Working Group – No report given.

**G. South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce** – No report given.

**H. South Bay Workforce Investment Board** – No report given.

**I. South Bay Aerospace Alliance**

Board Member Fuentes reported that she, Board Member Valentine, and Redondo Beach Councilmember Laura Emdee were at the LA Air Force Base to sign the MOUs for the agreements to encourage landlords to give flexible rental agreements to service members stationed at the LAAFB, such as not requiring full first and last month deposits.

**J. California Association of Councils of Governments** – No report given.

#### **XI. UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Fuentes (El Segundo): A mural will be dedicated on Saturday. The mural was done by John Van Hamerseveld and is painted on the water tank on Grand Avenue.

Medina (Gardena): The City's annual Cinco de Mayo parade and festivities from 10 am-4 pm with music and food.

Franklin (Inglewood): The Stadium Tour is taking place tomorrow.

Osborne (Lawndale): Lawndale's 68<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Day Parade is taking place Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>.

Sausedo (LA County District 4): LA County is launching an initiative for affordable internet. The County was also victorious in its eminent domain efforts to build a mixed-use housing development and boarding school on the site of currently blighted property.

Weideman (Torrance): The 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Armed Forces Day Parade is taking place May 19<sup>th</sup>.

#### **XII. APRIL SBCCOG COMMITTEE MEETINGS & WORKING GROUPS**

Consult website for specific times and places for other meetings – [www.southbaycities.org](http://www.southbaycities.org)

#### **XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 pm to Thursday, April 26, 2018 at 6:00 pm.

David Leger  
Assistant Board Secretary