

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

Steering Committee MINUTES May 13, 2019

Attendees: Britt Huff (Chair, Rolling Hills Estates), Christian Horvath (1st Vice Chair, Redondo Beach), Olivia Valentine (2nd Vice Chair, Hawthorne), Drew Boyles (El Segundo), Ralph Franklin (Inglewood), Jim Osborne (Lawndale), Cedric Hicks (Carson), Jim Gazeley (Lomita), Jacki Bacharach, Kim Fuentes, Wally Siembab & Steve Lantz (SBCCOG) and Marilyn Lyon

I. INTRODUCTIONS

II. REPORT OF POSTING OF AGENDA

- **ACTION:** Received and filed

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF ANY CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

V. CONSENT CALENDAR – action items noted, remainder are receive & file - 12:05 pm

A. Steering Committee – March 11, 2019 meeting minutes attached

- **ACTION:** Approved

B. Contract Extension for Metro Board Deputy – Mike Bohlke

- Attached

- **ACTION:** Recommended Board approve contract extension to July 31, 2021

C. Water Replenishment District (WRD) Contract Renewal

- **ACTION:** Recommended Board approve a contract extension with WRD for an amount not to exceed \$65,000 and through September 30, 2020. Chair to sign contract document subject to legal review.

D. Solsmart Sub-Regional Agency Designation and Recognition

- Memo and letter attached

- **ACTION:** Recommended Board approve letter and commitment to receive SolSmart Solar Gold Designation

E. South Bay Environmental Services Center Activities Report – attached

- **NOTE:** most projects in the pipeline are scheduled for the end of the year. It is critical that they be finished this year as we expect this program to be ending at the end of the year.

F. Special Purpose Grants

- Currently funded not including the SBESC specific projects
 - i. Regional Broadband network – SBWIB and County and Measure M
 - ii. Homeless Services coordination – County and PATH
 - iii. SCE/SCG Strategic Plan funds – for energy benchmarking for cities
 - iv. Solsmart for participating cities of Carson, El Segundo, Gardena, Hawthorne, Manhattan Beach, Palos Verdes Estates, Rancho Palos Verdes, & Torrance
 - v. Green Business Network for City of Torrance and Hawthorne
 - vi. Measure R & M administration
 - vii. Transportation Grid Blueprint for LA County – SBCCOG is sub-recipient to LA County

- viii. Caltrans Slow Speed Network Network Feasibility Study – Inglewood is lead agency for purposes of accepting federal funds included in this grant
 - Application Submitted.
 - i. Caltrans Adaptation Planning Study

VII. ACTION ITEMS

G. Appointment to Outside Agencies – 12:25 pm Memo attached

- **ALEX MONTEIRO WITHDREW HIS NOMINATION**
 - **CHRIS PIMENTEL SPOKE FOR HIS NOMINATION**
 - **GAZELEY SPOKE FOR FRANK ZERUNYAN SAYING HE IS HIGHLY RESPECTED.**
 - **FRANKLIN –WOULD LIKE MONTHLY REPORTS OR SOME KIND OF REPORT THAT OUR REPRESENTATIVE IS ATTENDING.**
 - **THERE WAS DISCUSSION ON THE VALUE OF EXPERIENCE VS. A NEW PERSPECTIVE AND THE IMPORTANCE OF ROTATING THE POSITIONS TO GIVE OTHERS A CHANCE**
 - **ACTION: Recommended that the Board re-appoint those positions which are uncontested and CONCERNING SCAG CEHD nominees BRING TO BOARD WITH NO RECOMMENDATION FOR THE SCAG CEHD - HORVATH/FRANKLIN**
- PIMENTEL AND ZERUNYAN TO BE INVITED TO BOARD MEETING**

H. Counter Offer from Marilyn Lyon re: Severance – 12:10 pm

- Memo attached
- SBCCOG legal counsel, Mike Jenkins, on the phone
- **LYON - HER ATTORNEY ADVISED HER THAT THIS WAS AN OPENING TO NEGOTIATE. SHE'S IN HER LATE 60'S – VERY HARD TO FIND ANOTHER JOB. SHE IS THE MAJOR BREADWINNER AND HER HUSBAND HAS CANCER AND IS UNDERGOING CHEMO**
- **JENKINS - OUR OFFER WASN'T AN OFFER TO OPEN NEGOTIATIONS. THE SEVERANCE THAT WE OFFERED WASN'T REQUIRED.**
- **LYON - SEPARATION AGREEMENT SAYS THAT THE AGREEMENT HAD BEEN NEGOTIATED AND IT WASN'T**
- **FRANKLIN – THERE IS NO POLICY THAT WE HAVE SEVERANCE. KNEW RE: MEDICAL PROBLEMS BUT OUR PROBLEM IS WE DON'T HAVE THE FUNDS. THIS IS OUR WAY OF SAYING THANK YOU. HE IS NOT HERE TO DEBATE BUT TO OFFER WHAT WE DID. IF \$15,500 IS NOT ACCEPTABLE, THEN NOTHING.**
- **ACTION: Denied counter proposal AND OFFER 7 MORE CALENDAR DAYS – FRANKLIN/GAZELEY**

I. Legislative Matrix – 12:35 pm

- Matrix attached
- **ACTION: Recommended that the Board support AB 1672 , AB 740 (MONITOR), AB 1530, AB 659, SB 400 (MONITOR) and oppose AB 68, AB 881**

J. Contract for Technical Services for LTN – 12:50 pm

- Memo attached
- **ACTION: Approved a contract with Fehr and Peers to provide technical services for the Local Travel Network project for an amount not to exceed \$150,000 for the period of May 15, 2019 to April 30, 2020. FRANKLIN/HICKS**

K. Contract with Jacki Bacharach and Associates for Management Services – to be presented by Ralph Franklin, Contract Renewal Subcommittee Chair – 12:55 pm

- Memo, contract with scope of work attached
- **FRANKLIN THANKED THE AD HOC COMMITTEE – JIM GAZELEY, JIM OSBORNE, DAVID LESSER, OLIVIA VALENTINE, BRITT HUFF.**

■ **IMPORTANT THAT SUCCESSION PLANNING BE PROVIDED FOR – BIGGEST CONCERN**

■ **HIGHLIGHTED SOME OF THE CHANGES – 3 YEAR CONTRACT WITH ANNUAL RENEWALS AFTER THAT. ANNUAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION AND DISCUSSION OF SUCCESSION PLAN AND COMPENSATION CONSIDERED. FRANKLIN SUGGESTED BOARD SEE MY INSURANCE WHEN EVALUATION IS DONE.**

■ **GAZELEY – LONG TEDIOUS PROCESS – RALPH FANTASTIC.**

- **ACTION:** Approved Subcommittee's recommendation that the Board renew the contract with Jacki Bacharach and Associates for the term of July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2022 subject to annual renewal after that period **AND THAT A BUDGET ALLOCATION** for Mike Jenkins, SBCCOG legal counsel **OR ANOTHER ATTORNEY**, be included this year or referred to the Ad Hoc Finance Committee as well as the inclusion of additional funding to secure grants. **VALENTINE/GAZELEY**

L. Office Issues – 1:05 pm

- Memo and matrix attached
- **ACTION:** Review ED responses that have been received and direct ED staff to conduct negotiations with Colliers broker to secure the best office space to meet current needs and potential program growth & return with a final contract for approval & execution. **AUTHORIZED CONTINUED NEGOTIATIONS - FRANKLIN/HORVATH**

M. Board Meeting agenda development – 1:15 pm

- May 23 - attached
 - a. Face of the Program – Wally Siembab
 - b. Presentation on cannabis – **EAZE NOT INVITED – NOT ENOUGH TIME AND A SINGLE VENDOR. CAN SCHEDULE A FOLLOW-UP SPEAKER IF THERE IS INTEREST**
 - c. **DUES INCREASE**
 - d. Nominating Committee report
 - e. Presentation of 2019-2020 budget
- June
 - a. Face of the Program
 - b. Election of Officers
 - c. Adoption of the 2019-2020 budget
 - d. **REGIONAL BROADBAND AGREEMENT**
 - d. Update on Water Issues in the South Bay or July
- July/August
 - a. Face of the Program
 - b. **Report on Adaptation Plans**

BUDGET – HORVATH/FRANKLIN = ADDED TO AGENDA

- **FRANKLIN – BUDGET IS A LIVING ORGAN.**
- **SENT TO BOARD FOR FURTHER REVIEW**

N. Approval of Invoices – available at the meeting – 1:25 pm

- **ACTION:** Approved invoices for payment **HORVATH/GAZELEY**

VII. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

O. Regional Broadband Network Initiative – 1:30 pm

DISCUSSED GETTING CITIES TO COMMIT TO HOW MANY SITES THEY WILL PAY FOR WITH THE NEW AND MORE FINAL PRICES WE HAVE

P. Adaptation Plan Update – providing coastal cities with a vulnerability assessment that will help them meet Coastal Commission requirements.– **ALMOST DONE WITH VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT. SECTIONS TO CITIES START THIS MONTH.**

Q. May 10 Housing Forum **1:40 pm** –

- **HORVATH – REALLY GOOD. BOTH SIDES PRESENTED. SOME CONTROVERSY. WALLY’S PRESENTATION WENT VERY WELL.**
- **VALENTINE – APPRECIATED THE BALANCE. NEEDED MORE TIME FOR Q & A. LIKED WALLY’S PRESENTATION VERY MUCH. WOULD LIKE TO SEE IT MORE DISSEMINATED AND ADVERTISED AS SBCCOG’S POSITION. – METRO OR SCAG PRESENTATION.**
- **AGREED THAT WALLY’S POSITION SHOULD BE DISSEMINATED MORE WIDELY.**
- **WALLY – PROPOSE WHAT WE ARE FOR – NOT WHAT WE ARE AGAINST. HORVATH AGREES.**
- **POPULATION DENSITY OF EACH CITY – DISCUSSED**
- **WORK ON A LOBBYING STRATEGY**
 - **DREW – SEE LEGISLATORS IN SACRAMENTO & PERSONAL MEETING IS BEST**
 - **POLL CITIES AND SEE WHO THEY USE AS THEIR SACRAMENTO LOBBYIST**

R. Update on Homeless Program – **1:45 pm**

S. City Attendance at SBCCOG meetings for April - **1:50 pm** – **LAST NAMES AND MONTHLY**

T. **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

VIII. STRATEGIC POSITIONING ITEMS/ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES

S. Other updates since agenda distribution – **1:55 pm**

**TOURS – ANOTHER STADIUM TOUR HAS BEEN REQUESTED – NO MORE TOURS
LAWA IN SEPT – SUMMER BLACKOUT.**

NEXT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING – Monday, June 10, 2019 @ 12:00 pm

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