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SBCCOG MEETINGS: ATTENDANCE 2016 - 2017

City	Oct - 16	Nov - 16 NO QUORUM	Jan - 17	Mar - 17	Apr - 17	May - 17	June - 17
Carson	Davis-Holmes					Davis-Holmes	
El Segundo	Fuentes		Fuentes	Fuentes	Fuentes	Fuentes	
Gardena	Medina		Medina	Medina	Medina	Medina	
Hawthorne	Valentine	Valentine	Valentine		Valentine	Valentine	
Hermosa Beach			Fangary	Fangary		Duclos	
Inglewood	Franklin			Franklin	Franklin		
Lawndale	Osborne	Osborne Suarez	Osborne	Osborne	Osborne	Osborne Suarez	
Lomita	Gazeley	Gazeley	Gazeley	Gazeley	Gazeley	Gazeley	
Los Angeles	Buscaino				Buscaino		
Manhattan Beach	Howorth	Howorth	Powell			Lesser	
Palos Verdes Estates	Goodhart	Vandever	Goodhart	Vandever		Kao	
Rancho Palos Verdes	Misetich				Misetich	Misetich	
Redondo Beach	Horvath	Horvath	Emdee	Horvath	Horvath	Horvath	
Rolling Hills	Dieringer	Mirsch	Mirsch		Dieringer	Dieringer	
Rolling Hills Estates	Huff	Huff	Huff	Huff	Huff	Huff Zerunyan	
Torrance	Weideman		Weideman	Ashcraft	Weideman	Weideman	
County of Los Angeles-2nd District	Riccitiello		Riccitiello	Riccitiello		Riccitiello	
County of Los Angeles- 4th District			Velazquez			Velazquez	

Number of Active Agencies	18	18	18	18	18	18	18
Quorum Required (50% +1)	10	10	10	10	10	9	10
Number of Agencies Attending	16	8	14	11	12	16	

**SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2017
SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS THEATER
20285 S. WESTERN AVENUE, 1ST FLOOR, TORRANCE, CA 90501**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Osborne called the SBCCOG Board of Directors meeting to order at 6:06pm.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

In attendance were the following voting elected officials:

Lula Davis-Holmes, Carson	Kenneth Kao, Palos Verdes Estates
Suzanne Fuentes, El Segundo	Anthony Misetich, Rancho Palos Verdes
Dan Medina, Gardena	Christian Horvath, Redondo Beach
Olivia Valentine, Hawthorne	Bea Dieringer, Rolling Hills
Jeff Duclos, Hermosa Beach	Britt Huff, Rolling Hills Estates
Jim Osborne, Lawndale	Kurt Weideman, Torrance
Jim Gazeley, Lomita	David Riccitiello, LA County District 2
David Lesser, Manhattan Beach	Erika Velazquez, LA County District 4

Other elected officials in attendance:

Bernadette Suarez, Lawndale	Frank Zerunyan, Rolling Hills Estates
Dan Reid, Lawndale	Jim McDonnell, LA County Sheriff

Also in attendance were the following persons:

Tina Cox, SCAQMD	Jim Goodhart, Public
Bryan Haynes, LA County Sheriff's Department	Natalie Champion, SBCCOG
Tony Dahlerbruch, Palos Verdes Estates	David Leger, SBCCOG
Josie Gutierrez, LA County Dep. of Public Works	Rosemary Lackow, SBCCOG
Joe Eyen, Cerrell Associates	Steve Lantz, SBCCOG
Jacob Haik, Office of Councilman Buscaino	Jacki Bacharach, SBCCOG
Jeff Kiernan, League of California Cities	Brooke Heri, SBCCOG
Chris Cagle, SBWIB	Jory Wolf, Magellan Advisors
Jan Vogel, SBWIB	Mike Bohlke, Metro
Gregory Farr, Caltrans	

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 the City of Palos Verdes Estates moved up to the Platinum level and the City of Rolling Hills moved up to the Gold level in the SoCal Edison Energy Leader Partnership program.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was received.

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. April Board Meeting Minutes (attachment) – Approved**
- B. Contract Amendment with Mike Bohlke (attachment) – Approved**
- C. Appointments to Outside Agencies (attachment) – Approved**
- D. Metro Service Council appointment (attachments) – Approved**
- E. Status of Legislation of Interest to SBCCOG (attachment) – Approved**
 - 1. Recommend Support – AB 1274, SB 242, AB 27, SB 75; Recommend Oppose – SB 649
 - 2. Added since Steering Committee meeting: SB 231, SB 268 & SB 10 to monitor; SB 649 to oppose
- F. Actions Approved by the Steering Committee – Received and Filed**
- G. Monthly Reports – Received and Filed**

1. **South Bay Environmental Services Center Report** (*attachment*)
2. **Transportation Report** (*attachment*)

MOTION by Board Member Weideman, seconded by Board Member Horvath, to **PULL** item E from the Consent Calendar for further discussion and **APPROVE** items A, B, C, D, F, and G. No objection. So ordered.

Jacki Bacharach wanted to bring to the attention of the Board that the League of California Cities (League) had changed positions on SB 618, moving to Neutral from their previously Opposed position. Jeff Kiernan from the League informed the Board that the bill was amended to make it more of a study and would no longer impact CCAs as it was originally written. Ms. Bacharach asked the Board if they would like to change their previously opposed position to monitor to be in line with the League's new position.

MOTION by Board Member Gazeley, seconded by Board Member Misetich to **CHANGE** the Board's position to monitor and take no position on SB 618. Board Member Medina voted to **OPPOSE** the motion. Motion passed. So ordered.

Councilman Zerunyan asked for the Board of Directors to oppose AB 1250 and emphatically engage with their State Assembly Member to urge them oppose the bill. Councilman Zerunyan explained that this legislation would negatively affect hundreds of cities throughout the State of California that contract for services.

MOTION by Board Member Weideman, seconded by Board Member Gazeley to **ADOPT** the remaining legislative positions recommended by the Steering Committee. Board Member Riccitiello **ABSTAINED** from the vote on AB252. Motion Passed. So ordered.

VII. PRESENTATIONS

A. Recognition of Jim Goodhart – Former SBCCOG Chair & Palos Verdes Estates Councilman

Chair Osborne presented Jim Goodhart with a certificate of recognition as well as other tokens of appreciation for his dedication to the SBCCOG and public service in general. Chair Osborne briefly spoke on the impacts Mr. Goodhart has made on the SBCCOG. Board Members from other cities and the members of the audience also presented Mr. Goodhart with certificates of recognition from their respective agencies. Mr. Goodhart then said a few words and thanked the SBCCOG and Board of Directors for everything they do and stated he had thoroughly enjoyed his service to the South Bay.

B. Update from Los Angeles County Sheriff Jim McDonnell

Sheriff McDonnell addressed the Board of Directors and discussed current crime-related issues facing Los Angeles County. Sheriff McDonnell began by explaining the impacts of AB109 and Propositions 47 and 57 on local county/city jails. The Sheriff generalized these changes as voters being sold on something that wasn't reality on the streets. Sheriff McDonnell explained that prior to these changes in the law, the LA County jail system usually housed non-violent offenders and people prior to their trials. However, after AB 109, more prisoners who would have previously served their time in State prisoners were now serving their sentences in the County's jail system. These prisoners are serving sentences from 5-40 years, which has overwhelmed the system because it was not designed to house inmates for long-term sentences. These inmates tend to be more dangerous, increasing the risk not only for the officers policing the jail, but also for other non-violent inmates.

Sheriff McDonnell pointed out that many inmates currently in custody are mentally ill and need assistance that is not possible through a prison term. As assistance for the homeless and mentally ill increases in LA County, there is hope that these individuals will no longer fall into the arrest and release cycle. The Sheriff also added that they are currently training their officers on ways to better deal with individuals suffering from mental illness.

Sheriff McDonnell also touched on the issues that the LA County Sheriff Department (LASD) faces regarding hiring new officers. For every 100 applications, only 4 of those individuals make it to the Academy, and only three graduate from the Academy.

Chairman Osborne thanked the Sheriff for attending the meeting and opened discussion to the Board.

Board Member Dieringer asked Sheriff McDonnell what local elected officials could do to partner with the LASD and partner together more often, especially when it comes to legislation and Propositions. Sheriff

McDonnell answered that a powerful tool is rallying their positions locally, then regionally, and then state-wide.

Board Member Valentine asked if there was a breakdown in the recruiting system after hearing the Academy graduation rates. Sheriff McDonnell explained that many candidates remove themselves from consideration before they even get to the Academy. Other issues could be their credit history, drug use, or untruthfulness. He added that police-community relations in today's political climate are not helping the situation.

Board Member Fuentes stated that in El Segundo, many applicants to their police department are denied based on prior drug use, and asked Sheriff McDonnell what impacts the legalization of marijuana might have on the recruiting process for LASD. Sheriff McDonnell explained that no person is eliminated from consideration solely because they had used a drug in the past, but that other factors such as when that drug use occurred, the type/quantity of drugs used, and their employment status leading up to their application with LASD all play a role.

Board Member Medina suggested that based on his experience with constituents and those in the immigrant community, more needs to be done to clarify that LASD and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) are not related. Board Member Medina suggested literature in Spanish informing the immigrant communities that LASD is not working with ICE to deport illegal immigrants. Sheriff McDonnell thanked Board Member Medina for the suggestions and agreed that ICE raids can jeopardize the work LASD does within the immigrant community to build a relationship based on trust, explaining that some immigrants may fear reporting crimes or observances because they are afraid of being turned over to ICE for deportation.

C. South Bay Broadband Feasibility Report

Jacki Bacharach introduced Jan Vogel from the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) and Jory Wolf of Magellan Advisors, and reminded the Board of Directors that for the last year, the SBCCOG has been working with Magellan Advisors to produce this report through grant funding the SBWIB had received.

Mr. Vogel said a few brief remarks before Mr. Wolf presented, thanking Ms. Bacharach for taking the lead and organizing the South Bay elected officials and city staff around this issue.

Mr. Wolf began his presentation by briefly reviewing some of the other California cities that are considering Broadband networks. Mr. Wolf then moved into an overview of the data collection process and the strategy development that has led to the Broadband Feasibility Report. Mr. Wolf highlighted the top 3 regional factors driving technology utilization in the region, which include "cost cutting efficiency", "customer expectations", and "regulatory requirements, and market foresight and leadership". Mr. Wolf noted that businesses tend to grow better when they have reliable highspeed internet access. Mr. Wolf continued by highlighting other findings and recommendations from the broadband study.

Mr. Wolf explained that this study proposes connecting city buildings to a regional fiber-optic network, upon which the city could then extend service out to their residents and businesses. He then highlighted the suggested next steps over the next 12 months which include: preparation of a letter of interest for SBCCOG member cities regarding a resource commitment to a South Bay Innovation or SMART-NET Taskforce and participation in workshops/presentations; identifying and securing funding sources for Phase 1 of the South Bay Regional Network; the establishment of an agreement of understanding among the cities to jointly purchase network services; development of a calendar of activities and initiatives; a series of education seminars for the region; adoption of broadband-friendly policies across the South Bay (such as a "dig once" policy); a request for competitive bids to build out and run the network; the build out of a provider delivered network; collaboration with private sector to launch smart community applications and identify potential municipal revenue opportunities; and the integration of municipal infrastructure into the network and the expansion of the network's reach.

Mr. Wolf concluded his presentation by stating that economic attraction and retention comes down to a simple reality that a digitally skilled workforce and an extensive network infrastructure attract technically savvy people and businesses. The availability of bandwidth and easy connectivity are current economic drivers. A regional network could be developed by using a collaborative forum to further government services and efficiencies that enable improved bandwidth within the region, stimulating economic

development. Mr. Wolf summed this up by reminding the Board that Broadband has become a utility that is necessary for economic development and quality of life.

Before opening the discussion to Board Member questions, Ms. Bacharach added that in order to move forward on this network, there must be a “commitment to be interested” in the project from the South Bay cities. Additionally, the SBCCOG is currently working with the SBWIB, Supervisor Janice Hahn’s office, and the State through Assembly Member Muratsuchi’s office, to locate funding to help launch to network.

Board Member Fuentes asked Mr. Wolf if utility taxes were imposed on broadband service since it is considered a utility. Mr. Wolf answered that with the proposed network, there would be no utility taxes. He added that there is a LA County tax on dark fiber.

Board Member Medina asked Mr. Wolf if this network would facilitate city-wide WiFi networks. Mr. Wolf informed him that the broadband network would lay the foundation for such a network, but that each city would have to build out its own WiFi network.

Board Alternate Zerunyan asked Mr. Wolf to explain the value added from City Halls being connected to the network and how this benefit would reach a city’s business district. Mr. Wolf explained that the internet service providers would not only connect City Halls for the prices in his presentation, but would also be able to connect businesses at the same rates. Businesses would have access to faster internet speeds for a fraction of the price they currently pay.

Board Member Riccitiello, as a representative for LA County, asked Mr. Wolf about the feasibility of connecting Harbor UCLA Medical Center to the network since they do not have a city hall. Mr. Wolf said that he thought it would be a great idea.

For more detailed information, you can view Mr. Wolf’s entire presentation online at:
http://www.southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/board_directors/meeting/PRESENTATION_South%20Bay%20Broadband%20Feasibility%20Report.pdf

VIII. SBCCOG Action Items

A. 2017-2018 Dues

Ms. Bacharach reminded the Board that the dues increase is the 3rd year of a 5-year plan proposed by the ad-hoc Finance Committee 3 years ago to help build a reserve fund for the SBCCOG. The plan entails a \$20,000 increase every year for 5 years.

Board Member Dieringer stated that she would like to see some reasoning and justification for the increase besides building reserves and that a committee three years ago voted for it. She additionally asked for an opportunity for City Managers to review the increase. Ms. Bacharach explained that City Managers get the agendas for the Board Meetings and the SBCCOG budget, so they should have already had an opportunity to do such a review, adding that she has not received any calls or emails from any City Manager asking for more information.

Ms. Bacharach and Brooke Heri both explained that the dues increase goes into a special fund that does not get accessed for routine SBCCOG costs.

Board Member Weideman began by stating he has sat on the SBCCOG Steering Committee for three years and informed the other Board Members that the dues increase was not only passed to help create a reserve fund, but also serves to solve a cash flow issue since payments made to the SBCCOG are not always received when the SBCCOG’s bills are due.

Board Members Medina and Davis-Holmes agreed with Board Member Dieringer that their cities should have more time to review the proposed increase.

Board Member Horvath added that in his view, tonight’s dues increase should not be considered a surprise and that the Board should be executing a yearly plan that had been previously agreed upon.

Board Members Medina, Dieringer, and Lesser agreed that the invoices sent out to cities in May should have stated that the amount due was contingent upon the adoption of tonight's dues increase in a clearer manner.

MOTION by Board Member Dieringer, seconded by Board Member Medina, to **POSTPONE** the approval of the dues increase until the June 2017 Board of Directors meeting. Ayes: Dieringer, Medina, Davis-Holmes, Missetich, and Duclos. Nays: Fuentes, Valentine, Osborne, Gazeley, Lesser, Horvath, Huff, Weideman, Riccitiello, Velazquez. Motion **DOES NOT PASS**.

MOTION by Board Member Weideman, seconded by Board Member Valentine, to **APPROVE** the dues increase – 2/3 vote required (12) Ayes: Fuentes, Valentine, Osborne, Gazeley, Lesser, Missetich, Horvath, Huff, Weideman, Riccitiello, Velazquez. Nays: Dieringer, Davis-Holmes, Duclos, Medina. Motion **DOES NOT PASS**.

Due to lack of a 2/3 vote, the item will return on the June Board of Directors agenda.

B. Draft 2017-2018 Budget

Brooke Heri presented and briefly reviewed the draft SBCCOG 2017-2018 budget.

Board Member Horvath asked Ms. Heri and Ms. Bacharach if the dues increase funds go into a restricted fund on an annual basis, which they confirmed.

Board Member Dieringer asked for what reasons the reserves could be accessed. Not wanting to provide misinformation, Ms. Bacharach informed Board Member Dieringer that she will get her the specific reasons, but clarified that they are not used for operating costs and that the Board would have to approve use of those restricted funds.

For more detail, the draft SBCCOG Budget can be viewed online at:

http://www.southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/board_directors/meeting/11_SBCCOG%20FY17-18%20Budget%20PROPOSED%20v6.pdf

C. Nominating Committee Report

1. Nominations from the floor

MOTION by Board Member Medina to **OPEN** nominations and there being no objection and no additional nominees, this item will return on the June Board of Directors meeting agenda where the election of new officers will occur.

IX. SBCCOG PROGRAM REPORTS AND UPDATES

A. Homeless Initiative

1. Letter to Board of Supervisors re: Measure H Homeless Services Funding

Board Member Huff gave an update on the Homeless Initiative meeting held prior to the Board of Directors meeting. She informed the Board that there was a report by Redondo Beach City Manager Joe Hoefgen regarding the Measure H funding plan.

MOTION by Board Member Gazeley, seconded by Board Member Medina, to **APPROVE** transmittal of the letter to the Board of Supervisors. No objection. So ordered.

B. Broadband/Brown Bag Lunches

Ms. Bacharach announced that the first brown bag lunch will take place on May 24th and should be very informative.

C. Short Term Rental Task Force

Ms. Bacharach announced that the June meeting was canceled.

D. Coyote Management

Ms. Bacharach announced that the next meeting will take place June 7th, and that a representative of the Culver City Police will be presenting on their efforts. She added that she would like each city to invite their neighborhood watch captains.

E. Other

Board Member Huff reported that the Senior Services Working Group met on Tuesday and heard from the Affordable Living for the Aging, which is a non-profit that provides home-sharing between seniors who have homes and those who need homes.

Ms. Bacharach announced that she invited Richard Bruckner, Director of LA County Regional Planning, who has looked into possible marijuana regulations for LA County, to the SBCCOG Planning Directors meeting and it was a very informative meeting.

IX. TRANSPORTATION REPORTS

A. Metro Report by Board member James Butts/Mike Bohlke

Steve Lantz reported for Mike Bohlke, announcing that the Metro Board voted to eliminate the subway alternative for the 710-Freeway extension project, and to move forward with the TSM alternative, using Measure R funds for local improvements to improve the flow of traffic. The Metro Board also reviewed a brief presentation by the Measure M Policy Advisory Committee.

B. Service Council report by Ralph Franklin, Chair

No report given.

C. Transportation Committee by Christian Horvath

1. Possible Additional Measure M Comments on the Guidelines.

Board Member Horvath reported on items discussed at the Transportation Committee. He announced that Governor Brown recently signed SB1; that the Transportation Committee will receive quarterly reports on the status of Measure R South Bay Highway Program Projects and their progress against their Annual Performance Evaluation; and that Steve Lantz and South Bay public works directors met with Caltrans District 7 Director Carrie Bowen and her staff. The meeting produced an understanding that an EIR could be done when undertaking a corridor improvement, in which all design exceptions would be agreed upon by Caltrans in that document, theoretically eliminating permitting delays that would have been experienced later in the process.

Board Member Horvath stated that the Board may want to authorize the submittal of a follow-up letter to Metro clarifying positions on the first Measure M Guidelines letter sent to Metro in May.

Motion by Board Member Gazeley, seconded by Board Member Medina, to **APPROVE** the transmittal of a follow-up letter clarifying positions on the Measure M Guidelines to Metro. No objection. So ordered.

X. BOARD MEMEBR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Huff (Rolling Hills Estates): Palos Verdes Street Fair is taking place the weekend of June 10th.

Duclos (Hermosa Beach): Fiesta Hermosa is taking place Memorial Day weekend.

Medina (Gardena): The City will be holding an Ice Cream Social on June 24th.

XI. AGENCY REPORTS

A. League of California Cities & LA Division Legislative Committee

Jeff Kiernan reported that Senate Appropriations passed many bills today that will now go to the full Senate to be voted on by next Friday. Mr. Kiernan also reported that Governor Brown's office has proposed a trailer bill to the budget that reconciles issues with Proposition 64 and the Medical Marijuana Regulation and Safety Act. The bill would effectively rule out the ability for local cities to tax marijuana if they choose to.

Mr. Kiernan reported a Crisis Communications workshop at Cal Poly Pomona coming up on May 31st and a June 21st Economic Development conference.

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

C. SCAG & Committees

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

Board Member Horvath reported that Palos Verdes Estates is going to be studying possibly joining the County's CCA.

F. Stormwater Funding Options Committee – No report given.

G. County Water Resilience Working Group

Ms. Bacharach reported that Councilmember Schmitz of Rolling Hills Estates provided a great report on the last meeting.

H. South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce

Board Member Huff reported that the SBACC is sponsoring a BRAC (Base Realignment and Closure) meeting on Friday, May 26th.

I. South Bay Workforce Investment Board

Chris Cagle delivered the 3rd Quarterly Report and announced that the SBWIB is producing posters of their flyers now. If anybody is interested in a poster, they can contact Mr. Cagle.

J. Base Retention Advisory Council

Board Member Fuentes reported that there will be a meeting at the Redondo Beach Chamber of Commerce office regarding BRAC.

XII. UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

XIII. APRIL SBCCOG COMMITTEE MEETINGS & WORKING GROUPS

Consult website for specific times and places for other meetings – www.southbaycities.org

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Osborne adjourned the meeting at 9:30 pm to Thursday, June 22, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

David Leger

Assistant Board Secretary