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**SBCCOG MEETINGS: ATTENDANCE 2014 - 2015**

City	June - 15	July - 15	Aug - 15	Sept - 15	Oct - 15	Nov - 15	Jan - 16
<b>Carson</b>			Davis-Holmes		Davis-Holmes		
<b>El Segundo</b>				Fuentes	Fuentes		
<b>Gardena</b>	Medina	Medina	Medina	Medina	Medina	Terauchi	
<b>Hawthorne</b>	Valentine	Valentine				Valentine	
<b>Hermosa Beach</b>	DiVirgilio	Fangary	Fangary		Fangary	Fangary	
<b>Inglewood</b>	Franklin Butts		Butts	Franklin	Franklin Butts	Franklin	
<b>Lawndale</b>	Osborne Pullen-Miles	Osborne	Osborne	Osborne		Osborne Pullen-Miles	
<b>Lomita</b>	Gazeley	Gazeley	Gazeley	Gazeley	Gazeley	Gazeley	
<b>Los Angeles</b>			Buscaino		Buscaino		
<b>Manhattan Beach</b>	Lesser	Howorth	Howorth	Howorth			
<b>Palos Verdes Estates</b>	Goodhart Vandever	Goodhart	Goodhart	Vandever	Goodhart		
<b>Rancho Palos Verdes</b>	Knight	Knight	Duhovic	Knight	Knight	Knight	
<b>Redondo Beach</b>	Horvath		Emdee Horvath	Emdee	Horvath	Emdee	
<b>Rolling Hills</b>		Dieringer	Dieringer		Dieringer		
<b>Rolling Hills Estates</b>	Addleman	Huff	Huff	Huff	Huff	Huff	
<b>Torrance</b>	Weideman	Weideman	Weideman	Weideman	Weideman	Weideman	
<b>County of Los Angeles</b>	Riccitiello		Napolitano				

<b>Number of Active Agencies</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>17</b>	
<b>Quorum Required (50% +1)</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	
<b>Number of Agencies Attending</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>9</b>	

SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2015  
SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS THEATER  
20285 S. WESTERN AVENUE, 1ST FLOOR, TORRANCE, CA 90501

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Gazeley called the SBCCOG Board of Directors meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

**II. INTRODUCTIONS**

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

Terry Terauchi, Gardena	Jim Gazeley, Lomita
Olivia Valentine, Hawthorne	Laura Emdee, Redondo Beach
Hany Fangary, Hermosa Beach	Jim Knight, Rancho Palos Verdes
Ralph Franklin, Inglewood	Britt Huff, Rolling Hills Estates
Jim Osborne, Lawndale	Kurt Weideman, Torrance

**Non-voting elected officials:**

Robert Pullen-Miles, Lawndale  
Harold Williams, West Basin MWD

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

Tom Brewer, Assemblyman Hadley	Martha Segovia, SBCCOG
Tony Olmos, Manhattan Beach	Chris Cagle, SBWIB
Danielle Valentino, Metro	Javiera Cartagena, SCAG
Jacki Bacharach, SBCCOG	Noreen Chambers, SGC
Natalie Champion, SBCCOG	Faviola Ochoa, SGC
Grace Farwell, SBCCOG	Ann Teal, SGC
Kim Fuentes, SBCCOG	E.J. Caldwell, West Basin MWD
Marcy Hiratzka, SBCCOG	Guz Meza, West Basin MWD
Rosemary Lackow, SBCCOG	Fernando Paludi, West Basin MWD
Steve Lantz, SBCCOG	Jeremiah Shea, West Basin MWD

**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 three items on the agenda had been updated since their first electronic release:

- **Item VI-C (Measure R South Bay Highway Program Budget Request to Metro for 2016-2017)** – In the original version that was published, allocations for projects on this list went beyond FY 2017. In the revised version that was distributed at the meeting, only funds for FY 2017 are shown. Metro staff requested annual budget requests in this format (one FY at a time) moving forward. In previous years, the SBCCOG submitted five Fiscal Years in one budget request. The SBCCOG maintains an internal master list with funds allocated to projects out to FY 2022.
- **Item VI-D (2016 Energy Leader Program Extension Amendment for the South Bay with SCE and SoCal Gas)** - incomplete exhibits were removed from the revised version that was provided at the meeting.
- **Item VI-I (Contract with Ride Amigos)** – The version that was distributed at the meeting reflects the agreement of both parties' legal counsels.

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT** – Faviola Ochoa from the Southern California Gas Company presented the SBCCOG with a Certificate of Achievement in recognition of outstanding performance in reaching and exceeding the 2015 energy savings goal of 10,000 therms for a total energy savings of 14,114 therms.

**VI. CONSENT CALENDAR**

- A. October Board Meeting Minutes (attachment) – Approved**
- B. Appointments to Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission and I-710 Policy Advisory Committee – PVE Councilman John Rea as SMBRC delegate; El Segundo Mayor Suzanne Fuentes as SMBRC alternate; RHE Councilmember Judy Mitchell to I-710 Committee – Approved**
- C. Measure R South Bay Highway Program Budget Request to Metro for 2016-2017 (attachments) – Approved**
- D. 2016 Energy Leader Program Extension Amendment for the South Bay with SCE and SoCal Gas - (attachment) – Approved**
- E. Contract Extension with GSE Solutions (attachment) – Approved**
- F. Facilities Use Agreement with SCAG for Video Conferencing Equipment (attachment) – Approved**
- G. EEMIS Website Resource Contract (attachment) – Approved**
- H. Contract with Jennifer Zivkovic (attachment) – Approved**
- I. Contract with RideAmigos (attachments) – Approved**
- J. 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Financial Report (attachment) – Received and Filed**
- K. Monthly Reports – Received and Filed**
  - 1. South Bay Environmental Services Center Report (attachment)
  - 2. Transportation Report (attachment)
  - 3. CARB October Board report from Judy Mitchell (attachment)

**MOTION** by Board Member Knight, seconded by Board Member Terauchi, to **APPROVE** the Consent Calendar as submitted. No objection. So ordered.

**VII. PRESENTATIONS**

**Ocean Water Desalination Program Overview** – West Basin Associate General Manager, Fernando Paludi, prefaced his presentation by stating that West Basin would welcome the opportunity to give this presentation to any city or organization within West Basin territory. Mr. Paludi gave a brief background on West Basin and its partners (MET, wholesalers, member cities.) He described where California’s water supply comes from and the population variance and demand between the northern and southern parts of the state. He explained that even if El Niño happens this winter, it will not stop the drought that the state faces. Mr. Paludi emphasized the recent (first ever) mandatory statewide cut in urban water usage by 25% and said that climate change and lack of snowpack add to the challenges of a reliable water future, especially in the event of a major emergency. Since 1990, West Basin has developed local, drought-proof water supply diversification (ground water, imported water, recycled water, conservation, and desalination.) A lower-risk portfolio is envisioned for the future, which includes ten percent ocean water desalination. New state regulation will allow desalinated ocean water to be a source of drinking water. In response to this need, West Basin has proposed the construction of an ocean water desalination facility that is to provide a drought-proof supply of drinking water by 2023 (20 million gallons per day – MGD - is enough water to meet the needs of roughly 40,000 average households in a year.) The primary location being pursued is the NRG plant in El Segundo. The AES site in Redondo Beach is the alternative location. It will be responsibly designed to protect the marine environment and use renewable energy sources. The facility is currently estimated to cost \$385 million dollars, and may be expanded into a 60 MGD regional facility with an outside partnership. This project would meet all requirements of new state regulations. The EIR process began in September 2015, and a final draft should be available in March 2016. Mr. Paludi gave a history of this program’s development and explained that West Basin had operated a pilot desalination plant in El Segundo and a demonstration plant in Redondo Beach. He then shared the results of a poll that West Basin took of its service area residents regarding their view of the state’s water supply problem. The results showed that the public considers the current drought one of the most serious problems in the state, and when the public was asked to rate ocean desalination as a solution to the drought, this technology ranked as the third most favored solution of combating the

drought. Mr. Paludi explained that West Basin has conducted research that contributed to state regulations on ocean water intake, discharge, and mitigation, and described the process of how ocean water would be withdrawn from certain parts of the ocean, processed, and returned to the ocean. Unfortunately, the technology to do this requires a great amount of energy, so measures to reduce energy usage would be taken. Costs of this technology were projected to match West Basin's other current recycled water program, adding from three to five dollars on residents' monthly water bills. Potential funding sources for this technology were listed.

- Board Member Terauchi asked how the discharging of brine back into the ocean will affect the ocean's ecosystem. Mr. Paludi said that new regulations require that water is returned to natural salinity levels within 100 meters from the point of discharge. West Basin will use technology that will rapidly mix or diffuse the brine to normal salt levels within approximately 20 meters from the point of discharge and minimize high salinity zones in the ocean.

- Chair Gazeley remarked that the City of Lomita blends ground water with West Basin water and asked if there is enough water in the Colorado River to support the South Bay if there was a major earthquake in northern California? Mr. Paludi responded that if, in the event of a catastrophic earthquake, a levee breaks and sea water comes in, it could take up to two years to restore that water supply, and the imported water that we receive from the Colorado river would not be sustained long-term.

- Board Member Osborne asked if there is an agreement in place to displace existing Chevron buildings if the project location in El Segundo is selected. Mr. Paludi said that the NRG location in El Segundo does not impact any Chevron buildings. He added that, should the Redondo Beach site be selected, existing intake and outfall infrastructure would be used, so as not to impact bike paths or beach access. Board Osborne also asked if a product will be blended for households to consume. Mr. Paludi said that there will be a new blended potable drinking source introduced into local drinking systems, and, depending on hydraulics, it could be predominantly composed of desalinated water.

- Board Member Fangary asked whether imported water is the cheapest source. Mr. Paludi said that, over time, the option of importing will be vulnerable to climate change and earthquakes. Local sources of water are the most ideal.

- Alternate Board Member Pullen-Miles commented that he is aware of this controversial technology as a solution to the drought, and wishes to be an advocate of desalination, but has seen more cons from environmentalists than pros from West Basin. He feels that the lack of data to show that this is a safe method will not earn the support of local elected officials who have to guide their constituents. Mr. Paludi stated that through Phase II of the EIR process, West Basin will have to prove that it can mitigate impacts, so data supporting this program's safety will become available.

- Board Member Knight said that some companies use raw brine and asked if West Basin has looked into selling it, rather than putting it back in the ocean. Mr. Paludi said that West Basin has not yet considered the benefits of brine.

- Board Member Valentine asked for the status of the efforts to conserve the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, which has stretched its resources as far as possible and whose ecosystem is in deep decline. Mr. Paludi said that this issue is still being advocated for by the Governor and it is addressed in the EIR as well. The preferred option of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan is building two massive tunnels under the delta that would carry Sacramento River water from a new diversion point to existing pumping facilities that fill southbound aqueducts. West Basin staff distributed information packets on this program.

After Mr. Paludi concluded his presentation, Chair Gazeley presented Board Members Knight and Valentine Certificates of Appreciation for their service on the SBCCOG Board, as they are both leaving elected office. Both have served on the SBCCOG Board since July 2013.

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

**A. Homeless Initiative** (*attachment*) – **Approved** – Jacki Bacharach reported that PATH and SBCCOG contract's scope of work was submitted to Supervisors Ridley-Thomas and Knabe and it should be approved by the SBCCOG at either the December Steering Committee meeting or January Board meeting. Board Member Buscaino has volunteered to chair the SBCCOG's new Homeless Services Committee, which will meet quarterly. Elected officials, first-responders, and city staff are to be involved. The Committee will hold its first meeting in January 2016. Voting members of this Committee will include Board Members Buscaino, Fangary, Huff, Osborne, and Horvath.

**MOTION** by Board Member Franklin, seconded by Board Member Knight, to **APPROVE** the formation of a Homeless Services Committee, to be chaired by Los Angeles City Councilman Joe Buscaino, as submitted. No objection. So ordered.

- B. Green Building Challenge** – Kim Fuentes reported that the South Bay Green Building Challenge now has 44 participating businesses. She also reported the result of the SBESC’s annual holiday light exchange. Thanks to sponsors who donated a total of \$3,500, the SBESC was able to purchase 300 boxes of both multi-colored and white LED holiday lights. 239 boxes were exchanged. The number of households that participated from each SBCCOG member city was listed. This event was covered by local media stations, including CBS news. Ms. Fuentes also reported that ten City Councils have approved the Energy Efficiency Chapter of their Climate Action Plan thus far, and the remaining City Councils will consider this item before the end of the year.
- C. Election to Fill Officer Vacancy in January** – Jacki Bacharach announced that, as Board Member Knight will no longer hold the title of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair to the SBCCOG Board, Board Member Osborne has agreed to move from 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair to 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair, which means that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair seat is now vacant. Additionally, as Board Member Valentine will no longer represent the SBCCOG on SCAG’s Transportation Committee. Board Member Gazeley will be moving from SCAG’s Community, Economic & Human Development Committee to SCAG’s Transportation Committee, which means that the SBCCOG’s seat on SCAG’s Community, Economic & Human Development Committee is now vacant. Ms. Bacharach will send a notice to the Board about these vacancies, requesting nominations. Nominations for all of these positions close on January 8, 2016. There will be a Nominating Committee of Jim Goodhart and Jim Gazeley to make a recommendation for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair.
- D. General Assembly** – Ms. Bacharach announced that State Treasurer, John Chiang, has confirmed his attendance as a speaker. The SBCCOG is still looking for exhibitors and demonstrations of “disruptive” technologies.

#### **IX. TRANSPORTATION REPORTS**

- A. Metro Report by Board member** – Steve Lantz reported that the Metro Board was dark this month but on November 18 the Planning and Programming Committee was asked to approve the 2017 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update Proposed Performance Metrics Framework to be used in analyzing all proposed major transit and highway projects (including Measure R projects not yet under construction) in order to develop a Potential Ballot Measure Expenditure Plan. Based on stakeholder input, Metro has altered the structure of the proposed Performance Metrics Framework by changing the percentage weight of the performance measure of mobility from 35% to 45%. The performance measures are organized under various themes, including accessibility, economy, mobility, safety, and sustainability/quality of life. Each of these theme groupings has been assigned percentage weights for the purpose of evaluating project performance of new highway and transit corridors. SBCCOG is pleased with this increase to mobility’s importance, since that is the mission of Metro! Jacki Bacharach reported that she and Mr. Lantz attended a sub-regional stakeholder meeting sponsored by Investing in Place on November 16<sup>th</sup> at which the Councils of Governments within LA County were able to give Metro their input on the LRTP planning efforts and potential 2016 Transportation Ballot Measure. COG staff and elected officials were invited to discuss their vision and strategies for the sales tax ballot measure. Topics of discussion included: vision for local return, performance metrics, active transportation, slow streets, transit and defining social equity. Ms. Bacharach explained that the SBCCOG has not taken a position on moving forward with the proposed sales tax, but did express the SBCCOG’s concern about have at least a 25% local return, and opposing the potential earmarks that some cities want to impose on the local return program for active transportation projects.
- B. South Bay Service Council Report** – Board Member Franklin reported that on November 13, the South Bay Service Council received a presentation called “Metro Safe Space and Sexual Harassment – Policy, Statistics, and Safety Measures” from Metro’s Chief Executive Office. Metro created a companywide Sexual Harassment Awareness Campaign in spring of 2015 to address passengers’ complaints of sexual harassment while using Metro services. From January to October 2015, 180 incidents of sexual harassment and battery were reported and 28 arrests were made. The presentation described short-term and long-term solutions to preventing these incidents in the

future. Board Member Franklin also reported that Metro staff gave a presentation on the new Metro Parking Ordinance that became effective on November 1, 2015. The ordinance establishes parking rates and permit fees at all Metro operated parking facilities and proposed new parking fees at Los Angeles Union Station.

- C. South Bay Measure R Highway Program Quarterly Report** – Steve Lantz reported that all cities with active Measure R projects have submitted their latest monthly and quarterly reports by their due dates as of this afternoon. He added that reminding the cities that the SBCCOG Board would be alerted of late reports was a helpful incentive. Consulting firm, Iteris, and Marcy Hiratzka were acknowledged for gathering the data and new project requests and producing the FY 2016-17 Metro Budget Request. Mr. Lantz explained that the cost to complete the new study and project requests that were submitted in this budget request alone greatly exceeds funding available through FY 2022 and starting in FY 17-18, difficult decisions regarding project prioritization will need to be made. Mr. Lantz also mentioned that the South Bay Infrastructure Working Group (IWG) had a presentation from the California Infrastructure & Economic Development Bank regarding funding opportunities for a variety of projects. He suggested that the Board Members ask their PW directors about it. Marcy Hiratzka said that she had also sent the presentation, flyers, and contact information to the Public Works staff that did not attend the IWG meeting.

## **X. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **Knight** – Board Member Knight remarked that he enjoyed working with the SBCCOG staff and elected officials on the SBCCOG Board, as well as getting back in touch with his urban planning background, during his time on the SBCCOG Board and other committees.
- **Huff** – The City of Rolling Hills Estates will hold its 17<sup>th</sup> Annual PVP Holiday Parade of Lights on December 5 at 6 pm along Silver Spur Road and Deep Valley Drive.
- **Franklin** – The Inglewood City Council and Snoop Dogg gave away 1,000 turkey dinners to needy families at the Forum on November 19.
- **Emdee** - The draft EIR for the proposed \$300 million Redondo Beach waterfront redevelopment was presented to the Redondo Beach City Council yesterday. Three public workshops will be held to discuss the eight alternatives within the EIR. At the same time, AES is selecting a broker for its property just north of the waterfront site.
- **Bacharach** – On November 4, the SBCCOG hosted a town hall meeting for Assemblyman Hadley at which transportation for seniors was the main topic. Over 100 people attended and the panel consisted of several local transit operators and an Uber representative. Board Members received discount cards from Uber that offered \$20 off their first Uber ride.
- **Bacharach** - The SBCCOG has invited elected officials and city staff to attend a tour of AQMD's labs and operations facilities on December 10 at 9:30 am. Please let her know if you wish to attend and carpool.
- **Bacharach** - On January 11, SCAG Executive Director Hasan Ikhata will give a workshop on the RTP/SCS directly after the Steering Committee meeting, at 1:30pm at the SBCCOG office.

## **XI. AGENCY REPORTS**

- A. League of California Cities & LA Division Legislative Committee** – Jacki Bacharach announced that Board Member Goodhart, Board Member Dieringer, and Jeff Kiernan were attending a League Leaders workshop, but that Mr. Kiernan had sent her some flyers to distribute: *Senate Transportation Funding Proposal Contains Important Revenues for California's Local Streets and Roads*, 2015 League Hot and Priority Bill List, 5<sup>th</sup> Annual All Cities Holiday Reception event flyer, and *Medical Marijuana Regulation and Safety Act: What Cities Need to Know About the New Law*.
- B. South Coast Air Quality Management District** – Not present
- C. SCAG & Committees (attachment)** - Javiera Cartagena, SCAG's new regional affairs officer for the South Bay, introduced herself and distributed two event flyers. One was for SCAG's 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Economic Summit on January 7, 2016 at the L.A. Hotel Downtown, and the other was for cap and trade forum called California Gold, which is to be held on December 8 at SCAG headquarters (videoconferencing option available.)
1. **Energy and Environment** – no oral report

2. **Transportation** – Board Member Valentine read notes that she had taken at the November 5<sup>th</sup> Joint Policy Committee meeting, at which the Proposed Major Components and Program EIR of the Draft 2016-2040 RTP/SCS were discussed. It was recommend that the Regional Council at its December 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting authorize release of the Draft 2016 RTP/SCS PEIR and RTP/SCS for a 55-day public review and comment period. Board member Valentine spoke of funding challenges, investing opportunities, Goods Movement strategies, the need to reduce the number of drive-alone trips from peak-demand periods, and the feasibility of regionalization.

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

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

**D. Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission** – Board member Knight reported that the Governing Board was asked to consider rescinding of two resolutions recommending Proposition 84 funding.

**E. South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce** – Board Member Valentine had nothing to report.

**F. South Bay Workforce Investment Board** - Chris Cagle delivered the SBWIB's 2015 Q1 report, containing a summary of the SBWIB's activities from July to September. Also included was information on [www.southbaybusiness.org](http://www.southbaybusiness.org), the SBWIB's new business portal. Images of individual city pages and commercial real estate data were included. Mr. Cagle also announced that the SBWIB also created a page for all of LA County and specifically the South Bay. Webinar training opportunities will be available soon.

## **XII. UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**December 10**                      **Tour of AQMD Laboratory**

**January 11**                      **RTP/SCS Workshop with SCAG CEO Hasan Ikhata**

## **XIII. DECEMBER SBCCOG COMMITTEE MEETINGS & WORKING GROUPS**

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

## **XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Gazeley adjourned the meeting at 7:28 pm to Thursday, January 28, 2016 at 6:00 pm.

Marcy Hiratzka  
Recording Secretary