

# South Bay Cities Council of Governments

## Steering Committee Minutes Monday, January 11, 2021

Attendees: Olivia Valentine (Chair, Hawthorne), John Cruikshank (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair, Rancho Palos Verdes), Christian Horvath (Redondo Beach), Steve Zuckerman & Britt Huff (Rolling Hills Estates), George Chen (Torrance), Rodney Tanaka (Gardena), Ralph Franklin & Jim Butts (Inglewood), Hildy Stern (Manhattan Beach), Barry Waite (Lomita), Dawn Murdock (Palos Verdes Estates), Stacey Armato (Hermosa Beach), Jacki Bacharach, Kim Fuentes, Steve Lantz, Wally Siembab, Natalie Champion & David Leger (SBCCOG)

### I. QUORUM confirmed

### II. REPORT OF POSTING OF AGENDA

- ACTION: Received and filed

### III. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF ANY CHANGES TO THE AGENDA - NONE

### IV. PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE

### V. CONSENT CALENDAR - ITEM C REMOVED. MOTION TO APPROVE REMAINDER - CRUIKSHANK/TANAKA

- A. Steering Committee – December 14, 2020 meeting minutes attached
  - ACTION: Approved
- B. Contract Amendment with WRD
  - Contract amendment attached
  - ACTION: Recommended board approval
- C. Contract with So Cal Gas Company – REMOVED
- D. Contract renewal with GSE Solutions to achieve gas efficiency measures
  - Contract renewal and scope of work attached
  - ACTION: Recommended board approval
- E. “Office warming” Gifts from cities
  - Still waiting for responses from Inglewood, **Lawndale & Redondo Beach in process**
- F. City Attendance at SBCCOG meetings
  - Matrix attached
- G. South Bay Environmental Services Center Activities Report – attached

### VI. ACTION ITEMS

- H. COVID update – 12:10 pm
  - Report on Health Department SPA research from January 7 meeting – **ROLE OF SPA – DR. PRIETO INVITED. NOT WELL RECEIVED. TOO GENERIC A PRESENTATION. WEBSITE OUT OF DATE.**
  - **MORE INFORMATION NEEDED RE: HOW DOES FUNDING WORK FOR THIS? WOULD SPA MONEY FOLLOW US IF WE DID OUR OWN HEALTH DEPT.?**
  - **AFTER MEETING, CITY MANAGERS SENT SURVEY RE: THEIR CONTACTS WITH SPA 8. AS OF THIS MEETING, 7 RESPONSES – NO CONTACT.**
  - ACTION:
    - **REGULAR REPORT FROM SPA 8 AT BOARD MEETING?? – INVITE HER**
    - **MEETING WITH IVAN FROM SUPERVISOR HAHN’S RE: POSSIBLE BOARD MOTION**

- I. Legislative Issues – **12:20 pm**
    - LCC/SBACC/SBCCOG Meet and Greet—actual date TBD – **MAYBE IN SPRING**
    - SBCCOG Legislative Briefing – January 14 @ 9 am
      - Attending in person – Congressman Barragan, and Assemblymembers Muratsuchi and O'Donnell
    - SBACC Vote from a Chamber – still pending
    - Legislative Matrix – attached
    - Housing legislative ideas
      - Contract Cities Housing Trust proposal update – current version attached – **AFFORDABILITY CRISIS, NOT HOUSING CRISIS PER SAY. REGIONS WOULD HAVE OWN FEE SCHEDULE. CITIES VOLUNTARILY OPT IN – CAP AND TRADE STYLE EFFORT. WORKING WITH SENATOR ALLEN'S STAFF. LOOKING FOR ENDORSEMENT OF THIS PROPOSAL. RETAINS LOCAL CONTROL. ALLEN HASN'T AGREED TO AUTHOR YET.**
      - CHEN – FORWARDED TO CD DIRECTOR. TORRANCE IS NOT ON BOARD YET. MAJOR CONCERN IS LOCAL CONTROL. MAJOR CONCERN – WORKING GROUP OF CDS TO DISCUSS AND BRING BACK TO STEERING COMMITTEE.
      - ARMATO – CONCERNS ADDRESSED.
      - TAKE TO COMMUNITY DEV DIRECTORS AND COME BACK TO STEERING COMM.
      - SBCCOG housing presentation update – WALLY - RHNA AND SCAG – TOUGH SPOT BECAUSE IT'S A ZERO SUM GAME. BETTER IS TO GO AGAINST THE FORMULA
        - i. **TWO COMPETING STATE ISSUES – AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND GHG EMISSIONS. TRUST FUND DOESN'T ADDRESS THE GHG ISSUE. SITING IS IMPORTANT TO DO THAT – EX. TOD.**
        - ii. **WHITE PAPERS WE SUBMITTED TO LEGISLATORS. MADE ALL OF THE POINTS ALREADY. WORKING ON PPT.**
        - iii. **GET THESE POINTS TO OTHER STAKEHOLDERS SUCH AS ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS**
        - iv. **VALENTINE – NEED TO PUT IT INTO PPT.**
        - v. **ARMATO – WALLY PRESENTED THE SENTIMENTS THAT CITIES SHARE AND IS THE PRELUDE FOR THE CCCA PROPOSAL. NEED SOLUTIONS.**
        - vi. **WALLY – HOW DOES TRUST FUND BUILD AFFORDABLE HOUSING – EXAMPLE. LEGISLATION SHOULD INCLUDE SITING ISSUES.**
- J. Planner for the SBCCOG – special assessment - **12:35 pm**
  - The Steering Committee as well as the Community Development Directors have been supportive of the SBCCOG hiring a planner for the SBCCOG to work with cities on land use issues and housing legislation as well as enhancing the SBCCOG's climate action work for our cities. The position would probably be part-time – up to 30 hours/week
  - Proposed special assessment attached
  - **HAWTHORNE CM EMAILED: ALL ASSESSMENTS SHOULD BE THE SAME**
  - **SUAREZ E-MAILED: I would like to submit this response regarding the special assessment for city planner. Although I understand the benefits a shared planner could have for the SBCCOG, at a time like this, our City does not currently support this assessment. For Lawndale, the proposed assessment is \$6,000-\$7,000 per year. After speaking with our planning director, we don't believe this position will be beneficial to the City as we currently monitor and have a good handle on housing issues. Furthermore, our planning director can advocate and/or provide the support the City needs should the COG need input.**
  - **VALENTINE – EACH CITY BENEFITS THE SAME. SHOULD ALL PAY THE SAME AMOUNT.**
  - **MURDOCK – CITIES WOULD NOT HAVE ONE ON ONE CONSULTS.**
  - **HUFF – PROBLEMS WITH DUES PAYING. HAVE EVERYONE PAY THE SAME WOULDN'T FLY. THINKS \$4000 IS TOO HIGH.**
  - **HORVATH – THIS IS NOT PRECEDENT. WE HAVE DONE THIS BEFORE. MOVED THAT WE DO THIS WITH PRICING BREAKDOWN IN THE AGENDA. ARMATO SECONDED**

- CRUIKSHANK SUPPORTS. MAKES SENSE TO SHARE THIS RESOURCE. SHARE THE PROBLEMS. MONEY WELL SPENT.
- HORVATH – WE WILL SEE THE BENEFITS OVER TIME. PERSON’S WORKLOAD WILL INCREASE. COULD START WITH LOWER ONE FOR NOW THOUGH
- CHEN – TO BOARD AND THEN TO COUNCILS? CDD’S IN FAVOR. NO ISSUE RE: WHO PAYS MORE
- HUFF – APPROVING ASSESSMENT AND HOW IT WILL BE APPROPRIATED.
- BUTTS – WHY DO PEOPLE OBJECT
  - VALENTINE – FEE SHOULD BE SAME FOR ALL. NOT AGAINST THE ASSESSMENT
  - HUFF – AGAINST THE WHOLE THING – QUESTIONS NEED FOR THIS PERSON.
  - SIEMBAB – OUR STAFF IS TRANSPORTATION PLANNING HEAVY AND WE DON’T HAVE THE LAND USE POLICY EXPERTISE – VERY COMPLICATED
- TANAKA – LAND USE ATTORNEY DOES THIS FOR THEM. ASSESSMENT WOULD BE FOR WHAT THEY ARE DOING
- STERN – ROOM IN THE COG BUDGET? IS ASSESSMENT ABSOLUTE FOR A CITY?
- WAITE – NOT ADDITIONAL EXPENSE, IS A REPLACEMENT. IF GARDENA IS PAYING AN ATTORNEY TO WORK ON THIS, MAYBE THEY DON’T HAVE TO IF COG HAS THE RESOURCE. A LOT OF WORK FOR THE COST
- ACTION: Recommend Board approval and preparation of invoices – MOTION – APPROVED TO BOARD TO APPROVE ASSESSMENTS BY POPULATION CATEGORY AS LISTED IN THE PACKET.
- YES – WAITE, CHEN, CRUIKSHANK, STERN, ARMATO, HORVATH
- NO – VALENTINE, HUFF, MURDOCK, BUTTS, TANAKA

K. Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission Alternate Vacancy - **12:45 pm**

- By the meeting, Eric Alegria, Mayor of RPV, was the only applicant for the position  
**ALEGRIA RECOMMENDED FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD. TANAKA/HORVATH**

L. Board Meeting agenda development – **1:00 pm**

- January – draft agenda attached
- February - LTN final report, Mid year budget review. **GREEN LINE PRESENTATION AND COMMENTS**
- March – General Assembly
- April –Sanitation District Cleawater Project Update Presentation – **CSUDH TO PROVIDE ECON FORECAST???**

M. Approval of Invoices – available at the meeting – **1:10 pm**

- ACTION: ApproveD invoices for payment **HORVATH/TANAKA**

N. Items from the Transportation Committee, if required – **1:15 pm**

**SBCCOG Draft Letter to Metro Regarding Metro Recovery Task Force Recommendations**

- **LAX EIR COMMENTS – EL SEGUNDO – COMMENT DEADLINE EXTENDED TO MARCH**

**VII. INFORMATION ITEMS**

O. South Bay Fiber Network – **1:20 pm**

- New SBFN 5 minute video about the project available
- Work Order #1: was the construction of the Ring (completed)
- Work Order #2: are the first group of lateral connections to the ring (27 sites); the majority are completed, however, there are 6 sites - located in Manhattan Beach, Inglewood, and Hawthorne – that still need to be connected
- Work Order #3: are the second set of lateral connections (10 sites) that include, for example SBCCOG as well as Lundquist BioMed – est. completion – late May/June
- Work Order #4: will be proposed sites to spend down the balance of the Measure M CapX funds
  - If cities have additional sites/facilities (other than parks) they should make them known asap

- Anticipate presenting Work Order #4 sites to the Steering Committee in February
  - Tech Talk is scheduled for 1/25 – Evoque, Hawthorne POP on the network, is the main presentation
- P. Update on Homeless Program and Innovation Project Funding - **1:25 pm**
- **3 COG LETTER RE: CONCERN OF LACK OF PAYMENT OF INVOICES**
  - **HOMESHARE SOUTH BAY UPDATE**
- Q. Update on Senior Services – **1:30 pm**
- Next meeting of the Senior Services Working Group is on Tuesday, January 26, 2021 from 9:30-11:30am via zoom.
- R. SCAG Regional Early Action Program funds to accelerate housing – **1:35 pm – APPROVED**
- a. **ADUS**
  - b. **COMMERCIAL TO RESIDENTIAL**
  - c. **EDUCATION AND TRAINING**
  - d. **AND SB330 IMPLEMENTATION**
  - e. **CHEN – FUND PLANNER WITH REAP FUNDS? – POSSIBLY SOME**
- S. **CALTRANS GRANT APP FOR DAC COMMUNITIES – INCLUDES BROADBAND LOCALLY. MORE APPLICATIONS FOR SBFN, ZERO EMISSION LTN AND LAND USE. PLANNING PHASE – NO OBLIGATION. DAC CITIES. VALENTINE – HAWTHORNE WOULD BE INTERESTED**
- T. General Assembly Update – March 18, 2021 – **1:40 pm**
- **VIRTUAL PLATFORM – EXCITING – NETWORKING SESSION TOO. SOME GAMIFICATION.**
  - **HUFF – COSTS FOR PLATFORM? KIM - \$15,600 IS BASIC CORE SERVICES. NOT BROKEN DOWN THAT WAY**
- U. Status of 2019-2020 Audit – **1:45 pm – COMPLETED – TO BE SENT SEPARATELY**

## **VIII. STRATEGIC POSITIONING ITEMS/ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES**

- Other updates since agenda distribution – **1:50 pm**

**NEXT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING** – Monday, February 8, 2021 @ 12:00 pm via zoom