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SBCCOG MEETINGS: ATTENDANCE 2014 - 2015

City	Oct - 14	Nov - 14	Jan - 15	March - 15	April - 15	May - 15
Carson	Dear	Dear	Dear		Davis-Holmes	
El Segundo	Fuentes	Fuentes	Fuentes	Fuentes	Fuentes	
Gardena	Medina	Medina	Medina		Medina	
Hawthorne		Valentine		Valentine	Valentine	
Hermosa Beach			DiVirgilio		Fangary	
Inglewood	Franklin		Franklin	Franklin	Franklin	
Lawndale	Osborne Pullen-Miles	Osborne	Osborne	Osborne Pullen-Miles	Osborne	
Lomita	Gazeley		Gazeley	Gazeley	Gazeley	
Los Angeles	X	X	X	X	Buscaino	
Manhattan Beach	Lesser	Lesser	Burton	Burton	Lesser	
Palos Verdes Estates	Goodhart Perkins	Goodhart	Perkins	Goodhart	Goodhart	
Rancho Palos Verdes	Knight	Knight	Knight	Knight	Knight	
Redondo Beach	Aust	Aust			Aust	
Rolling Hills	Dieringer	Dieringer		Dieringer	Dieringer	
Rolling Hills Estates	Huff	Huff	Huff	Huff	Huff	
Torrance	Weideman	Weideman	Ashcraft	Weideman	Weideman	
County of Los Angeles	Riccitiello		Napolitano			

Number of Active Agencies	16	16	16	16	17	
Quorum Required (50% +1)	9	9	9	9	9	
Number of Agencies Attending	14	12	13	11	16	

SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2015
SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS THEATER
20285 S. WESTERN AVENUE, 1ST FLOOR, TORRANCE, CA 90501

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Goodhart called the SBCCOG Board of Directors meeting to order at 6:03 pm and acknowledged the SBCCOG's 20th Anniversary logo, which will be used until March 2016.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

In attendance were the following voting elected officials:

Lula Davis-Holmes, Carson	Joe Buscaino, Los Angeles
Suzanne Fuentes, El Segundo	David Lesser, Manhattan Beach
Dan Medina, Gardena	Jim Goodhart, Palos Verdes Estates
Olivia Valentine, Hawthorne	Pat Aust, Redondo Beach
Hany Fangary, Hermosa Beach	Jim Knight, Rancho Palos Verdes
Ralph Franklin, Inglewood	Bea Dieringer, Rolling Hills
Jim Osborne, Lawndale	Britt Huff, Rolling Hills Estates
Jim Gazeley, Lomita	Kurt Weideman, Torrance

Non-voting elected officials:

Laura Emdee, Redondo Beach
Harold Williams, West Basin MWD

Also in attendance were the following persons:

Chris Wilson, Assemblyman Gipson	Jacki Bacharach, SBCCOG
Tom Brewer, Assemblyman Hadley	Natalie Champion, SBCCOG
Stan Myles, AQMD	Suzanne Charles, SBCCOG
Greg Stevens, GSE Solutions	Kim Fuentes, SBCCOG
Jeff Kiernan, League of CA Cities	Marcy Hiratzka, SBCCOG
Jacob Haik, Los Angeles	Steve Lantz, SBCCOG
Jody Litvak, Metro	Marilyn Lyon, SBCCOG
Karen Swift, Metro	Noreen Chambers, SCG
Mike Bohlke, Metro Director Butts	Ann Teall, SCG
Ellen Perkins, Palos Verdes Estates	

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 IX.A (Letter to Metro Board re: Prioritizing Mobility Matrix Projects) had been removed from the agenda, and Item IX.D (Subcontract with Bevilacqua-Knight, Inc. to increase awareness of Home Upgrade in SBCCOG member cities) had been added to the agenda.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. March Board Meeting Minutes** (*attachment*) – **Approved**
- B. Second Amendment to Lease Agreement with Maritz Holdings, Inc. for SBCCOG office** (*attachments*) – **Approved**
- C. Monthly Transportation Report** (*attachment*) – **Received and filed**
- D. South Bay Environmental Services Center Report** (*attachment*) – **Received and filed**

MOTION by Board Member Knight, seconded by Board Member Osborne, to **approve** the Consent Calendar as amended. No objection. So ordered.

VII. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Recognition of Past SBCCOG Chair (2011-2012) Ellen Perkins** – Chair Goodhart acknowledged Former City Councilmember and SBCCOG Board Member, Ellen Perkins, for her dedication to the South Bay while in public office for eight years. Gifts from the SBCCOG, Councilman Buscaino's Office, and the City of Palos Verdes Estates were given to Ms. Perkins, who thanked Chair Goodhart for assigning her as an alternate to the SBCCOG Board when she was first elected.
- B. Recognition of Marcella Low, Gas Company Public Affairs Representative** – Chair Goodhart received word that Ms. Low was unable to attend the meeting, where she was to be acknowledged for her thirty-seven years of service at the Gas Company.
- C. SBCCOG 3rd Quarter Strategic Plan & Annual Work Program – Successful Collaborations and Plans for 2015-2016** (*Strategic Plan included in meeting packet, Annual Work Program distributed at the meeting.*) – **Approved – Regarding the Strategic Plan**, Jacki Bacharach asked if there were any changes in strategy or presentation frequency of this report that the Board would like to discuss. Seeing none, Ms. Bacharach moved to the Annual Work Plan, which was distributed for the first time at the meeting. Contents included 2014-2015 SBCCOG Revenue by Income Source, advocacy collaborations, partnership incentive programs, research grants, major initiatives, and city staff testimonials which validated the SBCCOG's local efforts. Board Member Knight remarked that Rancho Palos Verdes residents have been inquiring about using recycling greywater in their homes asked if the SBCCOG has been corresponding with the LA County Sanitation Districts regarding groundwater recycling. West Basin MWD Director, Harold Williams, responded that West Basin has not yet extensively addressed this issue, but management is aware that the community is asking about this expensive technique (greywater residential use and distribution.) He listed the five designer waters that West Basin offers its customers: Tertiary (irrigation), nitrified (cooling tower), indirect potable (groundwater recharge), reverse-osmosis single pass, and reverse-osmosis double pass. Board Member Weideman suggested that the SBCCOG give these updates twice a year, versus quarterly.

MOTION by Board Member Knight, seconded by Board Member Osborne, to **approve** the SBCCOG 2015-2016 3rd Quarter Strategic Plan & Annual Work Program as submitted. No objection. Board Member Franklin abstained. So ordered.

- D. Energy Efficiency Quarterly Report** - Greg Stevens, Energy Engineer to the SBCCOG, and Ms. Bacharach congratulated the City of Carson for reaching the Gold level of the Energy Leader Program. Regarding 2015 savings, Mr. Stevens said that the South Bay Cities have currently saved 1,795,692 kWh, and are expected to exceed Edison's goal by 5%. 18,399 therms have been saved thus far in 2015, and the Gas Company's goal for the South Bay Cities is expected to be exceeded by 84%. Anticipated results include: \$2.9 million in cost savings, 10,648 tons GHG reduced, and \$2.4 million in cash incentives. Cities anticipated to advance to the next level of the Energy Leader Program in 2015 include: Gardena to Silver, Redondo Beach and Torrance to Gold, and Hermosa Beach, Hawthorne, and Rancho Palos Verdes to Platinum. Board Member Knight asked about recent Coalition for Affordable Street Lights (CASL) activity, and what Edison may charge a city that wishes to purchase Edison street lights in its own jurisdiction. Mr. Stevens said that Edison will be converting all of their utility-owned street lights to LED lights. Details have not yet been released. Edison also has a pole evaluation study, resulting in cities being able to purchase their street lights from Edison for a pre-determined price. Once a city owns its own street lights, it will be able to convert the poles to a lower rate schedule and converting the lights to LED. The deadline by which cities must submit a request for their pole evaluations is August 1, 2015. The Torrance City Council recently approved \$10,000 from its streetlight fund to initiate this Edison study. To close, Mr. Stevens announced that the SBCCOG is supporting Gas Company incentive programs and gas audits in LA City District 15, and hopes to be able to partner with LADWP there as well.

VIII. METRO TRANSPORTATION REPORTS

- A. Metro Report** - Mike Bohlke announced that the Metro Board will meet on April 30, due to the Board of Supervisors' return from Washington DC. The issue of prematurely prioritizing Mobility Matrix projects will be dealt with at the Metro Board meeting in June. The connection to LAX is experiencing schedule delays. The 96th St Station will require moving the tracks west and this could be a six-month delay. If the Crenshaw rail line is built at the same time, the two contractors may conflict with each other since they would be working on the same area.
- B. South Bay Service Council** – Board Member Franklin reported that the Service Council was given a presentation on Gardena Bus “G-Trans” Service Rebranding. Communities served by this line include: Gardena, Hawthorne, Torrance, Redondo Beach, Carson, Compton, City of LA, and LA County. The line share is being increased to reach the Harbor Gateway Transit Center. There is currently a rebrand launch campaign, promoting the new electric fleet and new signage that has been posted along the routes. Other issues that were discussed at the meeting included a new Metro parking ordinance and the Director's Report on South Bay Service Performance. Gary Spivack is the new Deputy Executive Officer of the Metro Service Councils, and Metro's new CEO, Phil Washington, begins work on May 11. Jacki Bacharach briefly mentioned the new South Bay Service Council applicants and repeated the nominations deadline of April 24, 2015 at 5pm.

IX. SBCCOG ACTION ITEMS, REPORTS & UPDATES –

- A. Letter to Metro Board re: Prioritizing Mobility Matrix Projects - *ITEM IX.A WAS REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA*** – The discussion that ensued was led by Jacki Bacharach, who summarized that, in response to a potential new ballot measure for a new sales tax to fund transportation projects and programs for Los Angeles County, Metro compiled seven sub-regional Mobility Matrices, project/program/strategy lists whose projects total \$300 billion dollars. The SBCCOG was concerned about Metro's request that subregions prioritize the projects on their sub-regions' lists. Upon receiving the SBCCOG's first letter regarding its concerns about how Metro was approaching the development of the Mobility Matrices, Metro did not follow through with its original plan of prioritizing the projects, so a second letter to Metro was no longer required. The ballot measure will not go before voters until the presidential election in November 2016 at the earliest. The tax will require a two-thirds threshold in order to pass. LA County residents are currently being polled by Metro, with a final Metro board vote anticipated in June 2016, but results are not yet public. Mr. Bohlke said that Metro just conducted the second round of polling, and he thinks that, as this is a bottoms-up planning approach, and the COGs are part of the planning process, the polling should be visible to the COGs. Board Member Knight thought that if public funds are used to carry out the polling, the results should be visible to the public and Board Members Lesser and Buscaino said that the SBCCOG should request the polling results from Metro be shared with the COGs. Steve Lantz said that the SBCCOG requested a comprehensive overview of the numbers, and that the new ballot measure should be nothing like Measure R, but vastly different, partly based on what was learned from the first five years of Measure R. Mr. Bohlke said that the Metro Board will have to execute an “augmentation”, which will extend Measure R in perpetuity, and then implement Measure X (new sales tax) in order to fund existing commitments.
- B. Legislation of South Bay Interest (*attachment*) – **Approved**** – Jacki Bacharach announced that three of the bills on the Legislative Matrix have moved farther through the Legislature since the Board packet was electronically distributed. Regarding AB 347, the City Selection Committee confirmed a hearing date of May 6, SB 485 is now being considered at the Senate Governance & Finance Committee, and SB 767 has been passed by both the Transportation and Governance & Finance Committees and has gone to the Senate Appropriations Committee. The matrix recommends the SBCCOG's support of AB 306, AJR #11, AB 347, and SB, and the monitoring of SB 767, HR 935, and HR 1697. Board Member Knight asked if any feedback from school districts has been received regarding AB306 (Public schools: attendance alternatives: children of military personnel). Tom Brewer said that Assemblyman Hadley's office has met with some of the local school districts (including LAUSD), and while the Assemblyman has yet to meet with all of the South Bay school districts, El Segundo USD and Palos Verdes USD will be supporting AB 306.

MOTION by Board Member Valentine, seconded by Board Member Medina, to **approve** the Legislation Matrix as submitted. No objection. So ordered.

- C. Modify Policy for Re-appointments to SBCCOG representatives for Outside Agencies (*attachment*) – **Approved**** – Jacki Bacharach explained that an issue arose regarding the SBCCOG's existing policy on appointments to outside agencies. Recently, there was a vacant seat for a SCAG committee and the Steering Committee voted to appoint Board Member Osborne. The Steering Committee has been

appointing Board Members to various outside agency committees but has not been required to bring them to the Board for approval. It was discovered that the timing for appointments that the SBCCOG had previously adopted was not followed. The existing policy says that an absolute two-year term was to start in January 2013 and end in January 2015 with nominations to open in October 2014. Therefore, the Steering Committee recommends that SCAG Committee, League of California Cities Executive Committee, and South Bay Chambers of Commerce appointments need to be extended to July 2015, with nominations being opened in May and vacancies filled in June to start in July. The current policy needs to be updated to reflect a fixed term of two years, from the date that the appointment was made by the Board. Also, the recommendation includes bringing the appointments to the Board for their ratification of the Steering Committee's recommendations.

MOTION by Board Member Dieringer, seconded by Board Member Lesser, to **approve** the recommendation to change the existing policy as amended and ratifying the Steering Committee's decision. No objection. Board Member Aust abstained. So ordered.

D. Subcontract with Bevilacqua-Knight, Inc. to Increase Awareness of Home Upgrade in SBCCOG Member Cities (*attachment*) – **THIS ITEM WAS ADDED TO THE AGENDA** - **Approved** – Jacki Bacharach explained that the SBCCOG's outreach assistance was sought out by Bevilacqua-Knight, Inc. because of the successful partnership of both organizations in rolling out the Energy Upgrade California Program in 2010. Home Upgrade is a state priority program, utilizing a whole-house approach to home energy efficiency. Rather than focusing on individual energy efficiency upgrades, the program addresses a home's energy needs as a complete system. Kim Fuentes went on to say that there is no liability to the SBCCOG for this program as Bevilacqua-Knight, Inc. will be held liable. Board Member Dieringer asked if this contract was vetted. Ms. Fuentes answered that Bevilacqua-Knight, Inc. is approved through the state and the SBCCOG has contracted with the company before. Board Member Dieringer asked what kind of projects qualify for this funding and Ms. Fuentes explained that there are two Home Upgrade categories. *Home Upgrade* focuses on the building shell to help maintain a warmer or cooler indoor environment and can improve a home's energy efficiency by at least 10%. Upgrades may include insulation, whole house air sealing, duct sealing, and furnace and AC replacements. *Advanced Home Upgrade* includes these same improvements, as well as other upgrades and equipment replacement. A Participating Contractor works with the homeowner to develop a customized plan to achieve energy reductions of up to 45%. Additional upgrades may include a whole house fan, cool roof, hardwire lighting, tankless water heater system, and energy-efficient windows. These upgrades may also qualify for HERO, which is a separate financing program.

MOTION by Board Member Osborne, seconded by Board Member Knight, to **approve** the Subcontract with Bevilacqua-Knight, Inc. to Increase Awareness of Home Upgrade in SBCCOG Member Cities as submitted. No objection. So ordered.

E. Additional Updates to the SBCCOG Reports – Jacki Bacharach reported that the Nominating Committee has been formed, and consists of Board Members Goodhart, Franklin, Medina, and Lesser. Nominations will take place at the May Board meeting.

X. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Medina** - The 29th annual Gardena Cinco de Mayo Celebration is planned for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 2. The parade begins at 10am, starting at Gardena Boulevard and New Hampshire Avenue. The parade will end at Fukai Park at Normandie Avenue and 158th Street.
- **Aust**- City of Redondo Beach's 123rd Birthday Celebration will take place on April 25, 2015 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at Heritage Court. Historical displays and exhibits will be featured, as well as vintage automobiles and refreshments. Chair Goodhart announced that Board Member Aust terms out of Redondo Beach City Council office soon and the May Board meeting will be his last as a Board Member.
- **Davis-Holmes** - Carson's 15th annual Cinco de Mayo celebration will be held Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Carson Park, 21411 Orrick St.
- **Osborne** - The annual City of Lawndale Youth Day 'Pirate Days' Parade will take place on Saturday, April 25 at 10:30am. Please be aware of street closures!
- **Lesser** - The City of Manhattan Beach is holding its 23rd Annual Earth Day Celebration and Concert at Polliwog Park, Saturday, April 25, 2015 from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

- **Lesser** – Los Angeles County, in partnership with the City of Manhattan Beach, is constructing a brand new Public Library at its current location, 1320 Highland Avenue. The new \$26 million dollar library is a two-story facility with a panoramic ocean view, designed to achieve LEED Gold level certification.
- **Franklin** – There will be an Inglewood District 4 Town Hall meeting on Saturday, April 25, from 10am-noon at the Hollywood Park Casino.
- **Franklin** – Armenian Genocide Centennial March for Justice will be taking place on April 24.
- **Bacharach** – Thanks to Board Member Buscaino's office for arranging the private tour of Lake Machado. As the site is muddy, participants will now be meeting at the Harbor Golf Course. Please let Jacki know if you plan to carpool. Thanks to Board Member Knight, a representative from the LA City Sanitation Department will be present to talk about storm water.

XI. AGENCY REPORTS

- A. League of California Cities** – Chair Goodhart reminded everyone that the League's Action Day will be held in Sacramento on April 29 at 10am. May 7 is the next Los Angeles Division Board meeting, and from three to six pm, a workshop for newly-elected Councilmembers will be held. Jeff Kiernan has been reaching out to City Managers about this. Mr. Kiernan distributed an updated League Hot Bills list, a flyer on how to join the League Advocacy Team, and information on the Senate Transportation Funding Proposal, regarding SB16. The League supports this bill and helped shape the proposal, which would provide much needed funding to the state and local roadway system over a period of five years to address the overwhelming backlog of preservation and maintenance. Board Member Knight asked if SB 16 can guarantee that this funding will not be raided like the gas tax was. Mr. Kiernan said that the proposal includes language to deter that situation. The proposal is designed to get the Republican vote, and would not go on the ballot. Steve Lantz asked if there is a distribution chart that shows what Caltrans would receive for local roads, and if so, how much of those funds would be allocated to the Los Angeles South Bay. Mr. Kiernan said that fifty percent would go to the state roads, and the other fifty percent goes to the cities. Steve Lantz wondered if there may be some opportunity for directing those funds and Mr. Kiernan said he would look into it. Regarding the drought, Mr. Kiernan mentioned the case of *Capistrano Taxpayers Association Inc. v. City of San Juan Capistrano*. On April 20, 2015, the Fourth District Court of Appeal ruled that tiered rate structures designed to encourage water conservation, requiring high users pay a higher fee, violate Proposition 218 if the fees are not tied to actual costs of service. Proposition 218 imposes certain procedures, requirements and voter approval mechanisms for local government assessments, fees and charges. This outcome will impact water suppliers attempting to comply with the Governor's Executive Order, and the draft mandatory regulations restricting water use in California that are to be released by the State Water Resources Control Board on April 28. Chair Goodhart added that private water retailers are not restricted to Prop 218.
- B. South Coast Air Quality Management District** – Board Member Buscaino reported that AQMD will be beginning the contractor procurement process for assistance with CEQA-related activities, in preparation of the 2016 AQMP Program EIR. Grants for the Cap and Trade program are available. Stan Myles distributed Electric Lawnmower Exchange Program flyers, as well as entry forms for AQMD's 27th Annual Clean Air Awards.
- C. SCAG & Committees**
- 1. Energy and Environment** – Board Member Osborne has not yet attended this Committee's meetings, so had nothing to report.
 - 2. Transportation** – Board Member Medina reported that Orange and Riverside Counties' transit centers were acknowledged for their design to include all types of transit and multi-modal transportation.
 - 3. Community, Economic, & Human Development** – Not Present (Board Member Gazeley had left.)
 - 4. Regional Council** – Board Member Medina had nothing to report.
- D. Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission** – Board Member Knight reported that the Executive Committee was given a presentation on the Topanga Source Identification Study. The purpose of the study was to examine the various locations where bacterial exceedances of fecal indicator bacteria are occurring and to use state-of-the-art methods to identify the possible sources of fecal contamination (human, gull, dog, horse) in lower Topanga Creek and at Topanga Beach. Based on the information gathered, several best management practices that could potentially reduce, mitigate or eliminate these inputs and thus improve water quality at Topanga Beach were suggested.
- E. South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce** – Board member Valentine reported that she did not attend the last meeting.
- F. South Bay Workforce Investment Board** – Not Present

XII. UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 27 Tour of Lake Machado (*attachment*)

Meeting on South Bay Homelessness @ Redondo Beach Library

May 7/8 SCAG General Assembly – 50th Anniversary – Desert Hot Springs

May 18 Understanding Community Choice Energy: A Forum for California Local Governments – LA Biltmore
(*attachment*)

XIII. MAY SBCCOG COMMITTEE MEETINGS & WORKING GROUPS

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

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Jacki Bacharach announced that the May 28 meeting is extremely important because the Board will be discussing nominations, the 2015-2016 budget, and dues increase. There is a League conference at the same time as the June Board meeting, but a quorum will be vital that day as well, as the Board will be voting on new officers. There being no further business, Chair Goodhart adjourned the meeting at 8:04 pm to Thursday, May 28, 2015 at 6:00 pm.

Marcy Hiratzka
Recording Secretary