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SBCCOG MEETINGS: ATTENDANCE 2013 - 2014

City	April - 14	May - 14	June - 14	July - 14	Aug - 14	Sept - 14
Carson			Dear	Dear		
El Segundo	Fuentes		Fuentes	Fuentes	Fuentes	
Gardena	Medina	Medina	Medina Terauchi			
Hawthorne	Valentine	Valentine	Valentine	Valentine	Valentine	
Hermosa Beach	DiVirgilio		DiVirgilio	DiVirgilio	DiVirgilio	
Inglewood		Franklin		Franklin		
Lawndale	Osborne	Osborne	Osborne Reid	Osborne	Osborne	
Lomita	Gazeley	Gazeley	Gazeley	Gazeley	Gazeley	
Los Angeles	Buscaino				X	
Manhattan Beach			Burton			
Palos Verdes Estates	Goodhart	Goodhart Perkins	Goodhart Perkins	Goodhart	Goodhart	
Rancho Palos Verdes	Duhovic	Knight	Knight	Knight	Duhovic	
Redondo Beach	Aust	Aust	Aust	Aust	Aust	
Rolling Hills	Dieringer	Dieringer		Dieringer	Dieringer	
Rolling Hills Estates		Huff	Huff		Huff	
Torrance			Weideman	Weideman	Weideman	
County of Los Angeles		Riccitiello		Riccitiello	Riccitiello Napolitano	

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

SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
THURSDAY, AUGUST 28, 2014
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 6:00 pm.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

In attendance were the following voting members:

Suzanne Fuentes, El Segundo	Pat Aust, Redondo Beach
Olivia Valentine, Hawthorne	Bea Dieringer, Rolling Hills
Michael DiVirgilio, Hermosa Beach	Britt Huff, Rolling Hills Estates
Jim Osborne, Lawndale	Kurt Weideman, Torrance
Jim Gazeley, Lomita	David Riccitiello, LA County SD2
Jim Goodhart, Palos Verdes Estates	Steve Napolitano, LA County SD4
Jerry Duhovic, Rancho Palos Verdes	

In attendance were the following non-voting elected officials:

Gloria Gray, West Basin Municipal Water District Director
Pam O'Connor, Santa Monica & Metro Board Director

Also in attendance were the following persons:

Steve Forster, APA Engineering Inc	Grace Farwell, SBCCOG
Stan Myles, AQMD	Marcy Hiratzka, SBCCOG
Bill Stracker, DR Consultants	Rosemary Lackow, SBCCOG
Greg Stevens, GSE Solutions	Steve Lantz, SBCCOG
Jeff Kiernan, League of CA Cities	Chris Cagle, SBWIB
Michael Rock, Lomita	Michael Gougler, SCG
Gail Koretz, Los Angeles City	Michael Harriel, SCG
Jolene Guerrero, Los Angeles County	Faviola Ochoa, SCG
Bill Johnson, Los Angeles County	Krista Phipps, SCG
Isidro Panuco, Metro	Frances Spivy-Weber, SWRCB
Everett Chavez, Panama Financial	EJ Caldwell, West Basin
Natalie Champion, SBCCOG	Fernando Paludi, West Basin
Jacki Bacharach, SBCCOG	

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 VI.F-1 on the consent calendar has been updated since the meeting packet's electronic release. She had planned to recommend that the Board support AB 2711 (Muratsuchi), which sought to allow Hermosa Beach to borrow \$11.5 million from the State Tidelands Funds in order to help the city keep its ban on oil drilling. The bill was passed by the appropriations committee in May and was headed for a vote in the Assembly but it died in committee.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. July Board Meeting Minutes (attachment) – Approve (Pages 5-9)

B. Contract Amendment with Atkins North America, Inc. for Integration of Natural Gas Strategies into Climate Action Plans (attachments) – Approve (Pages 11-16)

- C. **Contract with Metro for ExpressLane Outreach Services** (*attachment*) – **Approve (Pages 17-33)**
- D. **2014-15 Contract with West Basin Municipal Water District** (*attachment*) – **Approve (Pages 35-43)**
- E. **Measure R Items**
 - 1. **Metro Measure R South Bay Highway Program (SBHP) Arterial Baseline Performance Analysis Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Study** (*attachments*) – **Approve (Pages 45-56)**
 - 2. **Status of Measure R South Bay Highway Program (SBHP) Technical Assistance Funding Agreements for Metro 2015 Call for Projects Applications & Approval of Funding Agreement with Torrance** (*attachments*) – **Approve (Pages 57-61)**
- F. **Legislation Recommended for Action** (*attachment*) – **Approve (Pages 63-65)**
 - 1. **AB 2711 - support**
- G. **Monthly Transportation Report** (*attachment*) – **Receive and file (Pages 67-72)**
- H. **South Bay Environmental Services Center Report** (*attachment*) – **Receive and file (Pages 73-81)**

MOTION by Board Member Gazeley, seconded by Board Member Osborne, to **approve** the Consent Calendar (Item F) as amended. No objection. So ordered.

VII. PRESENTATIONS

A. THE DROUGHT!

- 1. **State Water Resources Control Board** – SWRCB Board Vice-Chairwoman, Fran Spivy-Webber, announced that 2014 is actually the third year of the current drought, which is likely to continue well into 2015. She acknowledged the efforts of Southern California partnerships, agencies, and residents that are conserving water, but said that Southern California (as a region) does not show much progress in water conservation. She showed reservoir conditions, declining groundwater levels, and listed emergency conservation measures that the State is implementing. Board Member Gazeley asked about general groundwater replenishment. Ms. Spivy-Webber said that the State Water Board may be called upon to adjudicate water for entire systems or to act as a “referee” or fact-finder in court cases involving water rights. In most areas of California, overlying land owners may extract percolating ground water and put it to beneficial use without approval from the State Board or a court. California does not have a permit process for regulation of ground water use. In Southern California, groundwater use is subject to regulation in accordance with court decrees adjudicating the ground water rights within the basins. Southern California regulations will not permit aquifers to become so over drafted that it becomes a problem.
- 2. **West Basin Municipal Water District** – Director Gloria Gray provided information on how West Basin assists South Bay cities in responding to the State’s water regulations. These methods include providing weekly updates to the community, and increasing West Basin’s outreach strategy to include customer agencies (not just limited to the West Basin Board.) Space on several billboards educating the public about water conservation in the home has been purchased throughout the South Bay. West Basin’s turf-removal rebate program is temporarily increased from \$1 to \$3 per square foot. West Basin is happy to give a conservation presentation to any community group that requests one. On August 25, 2014, the West Basin Board of Directors voted to adopt a formal “support” position on the \$7.12 billion water bond measure set for the November 2014 ballot. Entitled the “Water Quality, Supply and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014,” the bond will appear as Proposition 1 on the ballot. Board Member Valentine thanked West Basin for the conservation presentation that the Hawthorne City Council Members were given recently and remarked that the City has replaced grass with native plants in various areas. Chair Goodhart acknowledged the local water agencies that went to Sacramento to ensure that the Water Bond would be on the November ballot.

- B. **Southern California Gas Company’s Natural Gas Pipeline Installation on Crenshaw Blvd** – At the July 24th SBCCOG Board Meeting, Board Member Franklin had mentioned that the Inglewood City Council was given a presentation by the Southern California Gas Company on the activities, timeline, community outreach, and safety precautions of new natural gas pipeline that is being installed in segments along Crenshaw Blvd. The South Bay Cities that are primarily affected by this include: Carson, Torrance, Hawthorne, Gardena, Inglewood, and Los Angeles. The SCG representatives giving the presentation ensured the elected officials present that even if they themselves were unfamiliar with this CPUC-

mandated program, their Public Works Directors had definitely been informed. The SCG was directed to develop a plan to test and/or replace all natural gas pipe segments to modern standards and improve shut-off valves. SCG speculates that traffic control will be needed that city permitting offices will slow down the process (as their permit specialists are overwhelmed) but hopes to minimize the impact as much as possible. It was emphasized that SCG is willing to work during the evenings and whenever is most convenient to the communities that will be impacted. SCG has identified the customers that are affected by the new lines and are receiving temporary gas until the new pipe is tested and ready. SCG anticipates that this project will be finished by the end of December 2014.

C. Quarterly City Energy Project Reports - Greg Stevens, Energy Engineer to the SBCEC, reported current project activity from the 2-year program cycle: 1,946,461 kWh savings (goal should be exceeded by 10%), 52,634 therms savings (goal has already been exceeded), \$2,202,569 cost savings per year, 9,741 tons GHG reduced per year, \$2,568,772 cash incentives. Mr. Stevens also talked about Southern California Edison's Direct Install program that the cities have taken advantage of over the summer (free equipment and installation for Qualified Measures.) Because of the savings generated by this program, this is the first time ever that every South Bay City is actively achieving measurable energy savings. On-bill financing was explained (cities may fund qualified energy efficiency projects (gas / electric) at zero interest and with no fees.) This program is offered for a limited time only at no interest. 3 South Bay Cities are participating. Chair Goodhart asked if the South Bay City Managers are aware of these savings and Jacki Bacharach said that the City Managers are aware.

D. Jacki Bacharach also made the following announcements:

- Edison will be offering its Direct Install program for middle-income residents who qualify
- The SBESC is hosting a free, day-long energy workshop focusing on solar power on Oct 6
- A reception for Beacon Award Cities will be held at the League's Annual Conference on September 4
- The SBESC is hosting a Spanish-language workshop on October 1 in Lennox
- The SBCCOG is looking for sponsors for its 2014 light exchange, which will be held on November 13 and 14. Sponsorships will help provide more lights for the exchange.
- If you sign up for a SBCCOG tour or field trip, and you know that you cannot attend later, please let us know as soon as possible. For the SpaceX tour, 6 people who had confirmed their attendance did not show up, and there was a waiting list of people who could have attended.
- On September 8, the Steering Committee will be hearing a presentation from PATH and a representative of the Gateway COG regarding a proposal to provide services for the homeless which would be funded by the county.
- El Camino College invited Jacki Bacharach to serve in a mock job fair at the Federal Correctional Institution on Terminal Island. She remarked that it was an interesting experience and that there are prisoners coming out who need a chance in the job market.

VIII. SBCCOG ACTION ITEMS, REPORTS & UPDATES

- 1. Status of Funding for SoCal Regional Occupational Center** – Jacki Bacharach announced that the bill that would have been able to help fund the Center did not pass legislature. SoCal ROC is now without a permanent funding source. Its Board of Directors will discuss funding options and opportunities and the SBCCOG will be active in those pursuits.
- 2. Contract Administration for Dominguez Water Channel Coordinated Integrated Monitoring Program** (*attachment*) – **Possible Action (Pages 83-84)** – Bill Johnson from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works reported that the Dominguez Channel Watershed Management Area Group (DCWMAG) has requested a partnership with the SBCCOG in which the SBCCOG would act as a contract administrator in regards to an Integrated Monitoring Program for a watershed plan. There are opportunities to enter into agreements with different industries and the SBCCOG would process MOUs and handle boilerplate contracts. The Cities of Inglewood, Hawthorne, El Segundo, Lomita, and LA city & County are participating and the more industries that participate, the more funds go in the pot. Board Member Dieringer asked why the City of Los Angeles will not be the contract administrator and Mr. Johnson said that the City would review the contracts, but the execution of agreements is already a long process and it would take even longer if the City took on that responsibility. Jacki Bacharach clarified that the Board was being asked to allow the SBCCOG to be *considered* as the contract administrator and that even after a SBCCOG Board decision is made, the DCWMAG still has to have a final vote. The draft agreement of the SBCCOG's involvement will be sent to the SBCCOG Board members and reviewed by the SBCCOG's legal counsel.

MOTION by Board Member Gazeley, seconded by Board Member Osborne, to **approve** the recommendation of

the SBCCOG agreeing to be the contract administrator for the Dominguez Channel Coordinated Integrated Monitoring Program should they ask. No objection. So ordered.

IX. TRANSPORTATION REPORTS

- A. Metro Report** – Metro Board Director O’Connor reported that the Metro Board of Directors was dark this month. However, Metro is been conducting their Mobility Matrix “Kickoff” meetings in the respective COGS and sub-regions. These studies will contribute to the updating of the 2009 Long Range Transportation Plan and possibly to a potential new Ballot Initiative being considered for as early as 2016. Some Metro Board Members remain skeptical that a well thought out, comprehensive Ballot Measure can be ready by the assorted deadlines to qualify for the November 2016 election. Additionally, the LRTP is not being scheduled for completion until sometime in 2017, and this is another cause for reservation with advocating for a Ballot Measure that does not emerge from the updated LRTP. Director O’Connor also mentioned the \$221 million statewide competitive Active Transportation Program (ATP) that the California Transportation Commission (CTC) adopted in August. The program funds projects and plans that encourage increased use of active modes of transportation, such as bicycling and walking. Jacki Bacharach added that she would like to change “active” transportation to “slow speed” transportation. \$71 million is programmed to projects in Los Angeles County, including \$2.6 million in the South Bay Cities subregion. The CTC is also expected to adopt the regional ATP for Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) area funding on November 12, 2014. The SCAG program will total \$78 million, and is expected to include over \$40 million for projects in Los Angeles County. These two actions combined will partially resolve a shortfall in the Metro call for Projects, allowing \$48 million in active transportation projects to be funded by Metro, including \$2.2 million in South Bay Cities’ projects. Finally, Director O’Connor said that in September, the Metro Board will be considering the 2015 Call for Projects Application package and the Measure R Highway Subregional Program for the proposed revised project list and recertify previously programmed Measure R Highway Subfunds for the Highway Operational Improvements in the South Bay Subregion and SR-138 Capacity Enhancement.
- B. Service Council Report** – Chair Goodhart reported that the South Bay Service Council continued the discussion of the recent fare restructuring, which goes into effect on September 15, 2014 for a period of one year. While senior and disabled fares have increased, student fares remain the same.
- C. Measure R Oversight Committee Report** – Steve Lantz reported that the Measure R Oversight Committee meeting scheduled for September 3 is important, as the City of Manhattan Beach will be formally requesting a budget increase for its westbound left –turn lane project on Sepulveda Blvd at Marine Ave. It is also the time to update the Annual Metro Budget Request with changes, additions, or deletions of projects. SBCCOG staff will be contacting the lead agencies to update the list so that in November, the SBCCOG Board may vote on the final list to be submitted to Metro. Chair Goodhart also mentioned that the SBCCOG had a meeting with Metro Board Member Dupont-Walker during which the SBCCOG was able to demonstrate its involvement with Metro and outreach in the South Bay.

X. CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

XI. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Fuentes: The Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation announced the finalists for its 2014 *Most Business-Friendly City in Los Angeles County Award*, and the City of El Segundo is a finalist for the population 65,000 and over category. One winner from this category will be announced at the 19th Annual Eddy Awards on Thursday, November 13th, at the Beverly Hilton.

XII. AGENCY REPORTS

- A. League of California Cities** – Chair Goodhart reminded everyone that the League’s 2015 Annual Conference will be in Los Angeles starting September 3, and getting there by public transportation is encouraged and would cost less than parking a car. Jeff Kiernan circulated copies of a presentation that was given at the “Legislative Sign and Veto” webinar that took place this afternoon. He said that the Legislature will adjourn no later than the 31st for the rest of the year. AB 1147 (massage therapy) status - a final procedural committee hearing and should pass and go to the Governor. AB 1839 (film/tv tax credit) status - the Governor is allowing a \$330 million tax credit moving forward from 2015-2020. The credit will be based on how many jobs a production creates. SB 556 (Providers of health and safety labor or services: identification): The bill is moving. A similar bill was vetoed last year. The League has a sample letter requesting a veto and it will be sent to the Board members. AB 2188 (solar energy permits): this would create an “express lane” for solar panel permits. Every other permit could not be considered for processing until the solar panel permits are considered. This needs to be vetoed. SB 270 (plastic bag ban): This passed the Assembly and will most likely pass at the Senate as well. This bill is specific to

grocery and convenience stores, not big box retailers. SB 388 (The League has not yet taken a position on the Water bond, although, it is viewed as a good bill. Mr. Kiernan has a breakdown of the water bill, should anyone wish to review it. SB 388 (Public safety officers and firefighters: investigations and interrogations): this bill should be opposed.

1. **LA Division Legislative Committee** – Board Member Dieringer reported that 3 bills were officially opposed by the League: SB 556 (Providers of health and safety labor or services: identification), AB 2052 (Presumption of Industrial Causation: Expansion), and AB 2126 (Meyers-Milias-Brown Act).
- B. South Coast Air Quality Management District** - Stan Myles distributed fliers for AQMD's one-day-only Electric Lawnmower Exchange Program, to be held on September 6 in San Pedro. He clarified that this event offers a discount, not a free exchange. Board Member Gazeley said that he received the same offer from AQMD for a cheaper price in the mail. Mr. Myles said he would look into the difference of prices advertised in the mail versus on the flier.
- C. SCAG & Committees**
 1. **Energy and Environment** – Not present
 2. **Transportation** – Not present
 3. **Community, Economic, & Human Development** – Board Member Gazeley had nothing to report
 4. **Regional Council** – Board Member Gazeley reported that Mayor Lutz provided a presentation on "Stormwater / Runoff Water MS4," in which she discussed the background of the regulation under the MS4 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination Program (NPDES), compliance alternatives, funding sources, drafting legislation and completion of a survey to present to legislators and the EPA. Regional Council members were encouraged to complete the survey for their respective cities. Regional Council approved recommendation to urge every city within the SCAG region to participate in the Water Affordability Survey organized by the U.S. Conference of Mayors.
- D. Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission** – Not present
- E. South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce** – Board Member Valentine reported that the SBACC was given a tour of the Los Angeles Air Force Base in El Segundo. She commented on the sustainable measures that have been implemented on the property and encouraged the SBCCOG to schedule a field trip for the SBCCOG Board.
- F. South Bay Workforce Investment Board** - Chris Cagle reported that the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act that President Obama signed in July reauthorizes and amends the Workforce Investment Act. This Act applies one set of accountability metrics to every federal workforce program under the bill; requires states to produce one strategic plan on how they will provide training, employment services, adult education & vocational rehabilitation through a coordinated, comprehensive system; and strengthens evaluation and data reporting requirements. Mr. Cagle also reported that the SBWIB was recently asked if its Transitional Subsidized Employment program can fund crossing guard positions and he confirmed that crossing guard positions qualify under the TSE program. He encouraged cities to take advantage of this program and cut crossing guard wages out of their upcoming city budgets, as the SBWIB can pay for that work (through program enrollment). Crossing guards must work for minimum of 32 hours in 6 months. Board Member Valentine asked if Park Ranger positions also apply to the TSE program and Mr. Cagle confirmed that those positions also qualify. Mr. Cagle said that the SBWIB has education and training funds that it can offer SoCal ROC.

XIII. UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Jacki Bacharach showed the Board placemats with statistics on poverty in the SCAG region which were distributed at SCAG's Conference on the Anniversary of the War on Poverty.

XIV. SEPTEMBER SBCCOG COMMITTEE MEETINGS & WORKING GROUPS

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

XV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Goodhart adjourned the meeting at 7:53 pm to Thursday, September 25, 2014 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcy Hiratzka
Recording Secretary