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 X: inactive (missed last 3 in a row)
 Inactive Membership is automatically re-instated by attending a meeting

SBCCOG MEETINGS: ATTENDANCE 2013 - 2014

City	August - 13	September - 13	October - 13	November - 13	January - 14	March -14
Carson				Dear	Dear	
El Segundo	Fuentes	Fuentes		Fuentes		
Gardena	Medina	Medina	Medina	Terauchi	Medina	
Hawthorne		Valentine		Valentine		
Hermosa Beach	Duclos	Duclos			DiVirgillio	
Inglewood		Franklin	Franklin	Franklin	Franklin	
Lawndale	Osborne	Osborne	Osborne	Osborne		
Lomita	Gazeley		Gazeley	Gazeley	Gazeley	
Los Angeles	Buscaino		Buscaino			
Manhattan Beach	Burton	Burton Lesser	Burton	Burton	Burton	
Palos Verdes Estates		Perkins Goodhart		Goodhart Perkins	Goodhart	
Rancho Palos Verdes	Knight		Knight	Knight	Knight	
Redondo Beach	Aust	Aust	Aust	Aust	Aust	
Rolling Hills	Dieringer	Dieringer	Dieringer			
Rolling Hills Estates	Mitchell	Seamans	Seamans	Seamans	Zerunyan	
Torrance	Brewer Weideman	Brewer Weideman	Brewer	Brewer	Brewer Weideman	
County of Los Angeles	Riccitiello Napolitano	Riccitiello	Riccitiello	Napolitano	Napolitano	

Number of Active Agencies	17	16	17	17	17	
Quorum Required (50% +1)	9	8	9	9	9	
Number of Agencies Attending	13	14	12	14	12	

SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 2014
SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS THEATER
20285 S. WESTERN AVENUE, 1ST FLOOR, TORRANCE, CA 90501

I. CALL TO ORDER

2nd Vice Chair Gazeley called the SBCCOG Board of Directors meeting to order at 6:11 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board Member Franklin.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

In attendance were the following voting members:

Jim Dear, Carson	Jim Goodhart, Palos Verdes Estates
Dan Medina, Gardena	Jim Knight, Rancho Palos Verdes
Michael DiVirgilio, Hermosa Beach	Pat Aust, Redondo Beach
Ralph Franklin, Inglewood	Frank Zerunyan, Rolling Hills Estates
Jim Gazeley, Lomita	Tom Brewer, Torrance
Mark Burton, Manhattan Beach	Steve Napolitano, LA County SD4

In attendance were the following non-voting elected officials:

Kurt Weideman, Torrance

Also in attendance were the following persons:

Stan Myles, AQMD	Natalie Champion, SBCCOG
Vijay Kopparam, Caltrans	Suzanne Charles, SBCCOG
Harold Williams, Greater LA Co. Vector Control	Grace Farwell-Granger, SBCCOG
Allie Bussjaeger, Grades of Green	Kim Fuentes, SBCCOG
Jane Fishman, Grades of Green	Marcy Hiratzka, SBCCOG
Stacy Fishman, Grades of Green	Rosemary Lackow, SBCCOG
Mike Bohlke, Metro Director O'Connor	Steve Lantz, SBCCOG Transportation Director
Alan Patashnick, Metro	
Jacki Bacharach, SBCCOG	

Jacki Bacharach announced that this would be the last SBCCOG Board meeting that Metro's Alan Patashnick would be attending before his retirement in February. Ms. Bacharach thanked Mr. Patashnick for over thirty years of dedicated service to the South Bay.

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 introduced the need for a resolution to take apply for grant through the Strategic Growth Council, and stated that the deadline for submission is before the next Board meeting. Therefore it was recommended to be considered an emergency action item that needed to be added to the agenda as Item VIII-E.

MOTION by Board Member Franklin, seconded by Board Member Aust, to **approve** adding Item VIII-E as submitted to the agenda. No objection. So ordered.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT- none

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. November Board Meeting Minutes** (*attachment*) – **Approved**
- B. Modification of Employee Benefit Programs** (*attachments*) – **Approved**
- C. Amended Metro FY 2014-2020 SBHP Funding Request** (*attachment*) – **Approved**
- D. 2012-2013 Financial Audit @ <http://www.southbaycities.org/about-us/financial-documents>** –
Received and filed

MOTION by Board Member Franklin, seconded by Board Member Brewer, to **approve** the Consent Calendar as submitted. No objection. So ordered.

VII. PRESENTATIONS

Zero Waste/Grades of Green- Allie Bussjaeger, Programs and Outreach Manager for Grades of Green, introduced the non-profit organization and its objectives, and then introduced Jane Fishman, a Mira Costa High School student. Ms. Fishman gave a presentation to the Board on how to live a Zero-Waste lifestyle. Ms. Fishman explained that Americans generate exorbitant amounts of trash and emphasized that we need to fill the landfills as slowly as possible. She listed methods and behaviors that reduce the generation of waste. She also listed programs that local jurisdictions have implemented to proactively reduce waste. Board Member Aust commented that Redondo Beach's trash is 81% diverted and 100% is sorted. 2nd Vice Chair Gazeley said that trash will be going to Imperial County soon, with the closing of the Puente Hills landfill.

VIII. TRANSPORTATION REPORTS

- A. Metro Report by Board Member Pam O'Connor-** Mike Bohlke summarized one of the actions that the Metro Board took this morning, regarding the LAX connection to the Crenshaw/Green lines and the revised set of alternatives recommended for advancement to the environmental review process. As noted in the Technical Refinement Study of Alternatives, the options through LAX would route Metro rail under the airport with one or two centrally located stations, which will connect the Metro Green and Crenshaw/LAX Lines directly to the airport. Item 15 on the January 23, 2014 Metro Board Agenda indicated that previously analyzed alternatives are not to be carried forward into the environmental review phase, and Alternatives C3 and C4, were eliminated from further study. Directors Ridley-Thomas and Knabe made a motion to have the Board direct the Metro CEO to carry subway alternatives C3 and C4 into the environmental review phase for further study to the same level of detail as other alternatives. They felt that the subway alternatives need to be studied because there is a lack the ridership models and it was premature for MTA to delete those alternatives. The Board did not support the motion, so Directors Knabe and Ridley-Thomas wrote a substitute motion, requesting a written report from Metro staff that evaluates and presents findings regarding projected ridership, time savings, and cost to Airport and non-airport passengers, as well as feasibility and constructability issues and costs for Alternatives C3 and C4. Jacki Bacharach said that the SBCCOG needs to see ridership numbers, because the SBCCOG is concerned about the future destinations of the users of the line (will LAX be the *main* destination, or will people use the line to get to places north and south of LAX?) Board Member Knight said that he was confused as to whether or not LAWA is proceeding with a people mover, because media reports are contradicting each other. Mr. Bohlke said that LAWA is proceeding with a people mover project. Mr. Bohlke also mentioned that a public hearing on fare restructuring will be held by the Metro Board on Saturday March 29, 2014 at 9:00 am at Metro headquarters. Fare restructuring will finance Metro's bus and rail operations and planned expansions. The two fare options as presented do not create any disparate impacts or disproportionate burdens on minority or low-income riders. The new base fare will include unlimited multidirectional transfers to any Metro rail or bus line within 90 minutes of first boarding when using a TAP card. The last boarding must occur within 90 minutes of the first boarding. Later, the monthly pass will be consolidated with the EZpass, allowing customers to ride Metro vehicles and connect to other local transit operators using a single pass. By 2023, fares will be adjusted by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) every two years to ensure that fares keep pace with inflation. Option 2 includes all of the above changes and introduces reduced off-peak fare for regular riders Monday to Friday from 9am to 3pm and 7pm to 5am. The initial boarding will determine the fare. Off-peak includes all day on the weekends and all federal holidays. This option can possibly shift riders from peak to off peak hours.
- B. Service Council Report by Ralph Franklin, Chair-** Board Member Franklin said that at the last South Bay Service Council meeting, bus riders gave their concerns on the proposed fare restructuring.
 - 1. **Update re: on-time bus services in the South Bay-** Other concerns are: the South Bay Metro bus lines are 73.4% on time, the South Bay has among the highest accident rates of all the MTA service councils, senior citizens' accommodations are not being met by bus drivers, and bicycle theft is

occurring on buses. On January 28, the Service Councils will all meet with the CEO of Metro to discuss these issues.

- C. **Measure R Oversight Committee Report-** Steve Lantz reported that two Measure R projects are in the process of being completed; one in El Segundo, and other in Gardena. A slide show of the El Segundo Measure R ribbon-cutting ceremony was presented. Mr. Lantz also said that he and Marcy Hiratzka will be assuming Iteris' former responsibilities of tracking the progress of the projects. They will also track project studies, feasibility studies of eligible transportation improvements funded by Measure R, and carried out by the SBHP consulting bench. Having Measure R funds pay for project studies spares SBCCOG member agencies from having to contract out themselves, using their own funds. Cities are beginning to submit project study scopes of work and letters of commitment from their City Managers.
- D. **Monthly Transportation Report from Steve Lantz (attachment) – Received and filed**
Steve Lantz highlighted the following excerpts from his report: *Congressman Earl Blumenaur Proposes Federal Gas Tax Increase, OCTA Votes to Widen I-405 Without a Toll Lane, LAX Airport Commission Approves 4 New FlyAway Routes Including One in Torrance, and Metro and LAWA Pursue Parallel Planning Studies for LAX/Crenshaw Connector.* Jacki Bacharach added that the SBCCOG will be sending a third letter to Metro, regarding its request to permanently remove the ExpressLanes maintenance fee, which will be an item on the February Metro Board meeting agenda. Ever since the SBCCOG sent its second letter to Metro about this issue, several parties have requested some of the surplus funds from the program's maintenance fee, be used for redevelopment replacement funds or for operational improvements in various locations. The SBCCOG wishes these funds to be returned to the corridor from which they were generated instead, and encourages cities, Chambers of Commerce, COGs, and other organizations to send letters with the same message to Metro before its February 27 Board meeting. Their Board will most likely have a request for action on this issue in March.
- E. **ADDED TO AGENDA:** Steve Lantz explained that there is an opportunity for a grant from the Strategic Growth Counsel (from the California Department of Conservation) and Metro has already agreed to partner with the SBCCOG in an effort to procure the funding that would help integrate South Bay projects, programs, and strategies into a model sustainable sub-regional mobility and land use strategic plan guide book that local jurisdictions could reference in their transportation, land use, and climate action plans. Grant proposals are due February 28, 2014. Metro will provide the 10% local match of \$100,000 as well. City participation would be needed. Jacki Bacharach emphasized that the SBCCOG will not be competing with the cities for this grant; it is a different pot of money than for what cities may apply. This would help South Bay Cities' Climate Action Plans be completed, and Electric Vehicle programs melded into the South Bay Highway Program. The SBCCOG's Steering Committee considered this opportunity and its final recommendation is for the SBCCOG Board to delegate authority to the Chair, as Metro has done to sign the required resolution indicating that the SBCCOG unanimously approved submittal of the application..

MOTION by Board Member Aust, seconded by Board Member Brewer, to **approve** Emergency Action Item VIII-E, SBCCOG/Metro Strategic Growth Council Grant Opportunity, as submitted. AYES: Medina, DiVirgilio, Franklin, Gazeley, Burton, Knight, Aust, Zerunyan, Brewer, Napolitano; NAYS: 0; ABSTAIN: 0.

IX. SOUTH BAY ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES CENTER UPDATES

- A. **South Bay Environmental Services Center Programs-** Kim Fuentes announced that the resident artists that donate their paintings in the SBCCOG office have rotated. Greg Stevens, the SBESC's energy engineer, has been visiting all of the cities to discuss a municipal direct install opportunity. This is the first time that Edison has performed Direct Install for municipalities, and while it will not prevent power outages, this will add to the cities' energy savings (lighting, weather-stripping, etc). Participating cities include: Carson, Hawthorne, Gardena, Hermosa Beach, Lawndale, Palos Verdes Estates, Redondo Beach, Rancho Palos Verdes, and, Torrance. Ms. Fuentes also mentioned that the Home Energy Renovation Opportunity (HERO) program will now have an office within the SBCCOG office. Starting February 10, local homeowners will have a place to meet with HERO specialists in person. On February 5, HERO will host a lunch and learn session at the SBCCOG office for city staff, who may not be familiar with the program. Propertyowners may not participate in HERO if the city in which they reside has not passed a resolution. Jacki Bacharach added that in an email to the cities today, it was stated that Carson would be able to launch. That was incorrect since they did not pass their resolution in time for the necessary validation hearing by the court. Their launch will therefore be postponed until the next round of validation hearings. Ms. Fuentes went on to report that the SBESC sent memos to local school districts about energy-saving opportunities under Proposition 39 and the deadline by which they may submit their energy plans. Regarding the South Bay Energy Leadership Program, the Cities of Inglewood and

Lawndale have reached the Gold tier, and Lawndale and Manhattan Beach may move to the Platinum tier during the next cycle. Lena Luna was hired to be the new EEMIS Specialist and begins employment with the SBCCOG on February 3. Finally, Ms. Fuentes distributed newspaper press clippings from press releases featuring upcoming workshops.

1. **Consulting Contract for Energy Efficiency Climate Action Plans** (*info sent separately*) – **Approved**
Jacki Bacharach announced that the SBCCOG received five proposals in response to the EECAP Consulting RFP it released, and the selection committee recommends Atkins. Their contract will be fully paid for by the Edison grant that was awarded to the SBCCOG.

MOTION by Board Member Franklin, seconded by Board Member Brewer, to **approve** the authorization of SBCCOG staff to negotiate a contract with Atkins for \$405,000, as submitted. None opposed, so ordered.

- B. General Assembly** (*attachment*)- Jacki Bacharach requested that all SBCCOG member cities use the letter template provided by the SBCCOG and invite their communities to the SBCCOG's 15th Annual General Assembly on February 28, 2014 in Carson. Speaker updates are available in meeting packet page 39. 133 people have confirmed their attendance thus far. All former Chairs of the SBCCOG Board have been invited but the SBCCOG may need help from city staff in procuring their most updated contact information.
- C. SCE Infrastructure Reliability**- Jacki Bacharach stated that on December 16, 2013, the SBCCOG met with the CPUC, who validated that the South Bay does experience frequent power outages. SCE agreed to post power outage information in a way that is easy to understand on their website. A follow-up meeting will occur in March, to monitor the progress. The SBCCOG has the CPUC's ear but the SBCCOG cannot report what cities do not report in the first place. The SBCCOG would like to begin a log of every power outage in the South Bay Edison service territory. City Managers need to let the SBCCOG know of all occurrences. Board Member Goodhart said that Assemblyman Muratsuchi's office sent him an update on this issue (he will forward to Ms. Bacharach for distribution).
- D. Sustainability Programs**- Jacki Bacharach announced that Wally Siembab completed the PEV report with SCAG. It discusses multi-family building and employer-readiness and the SBCCOG Board will be given that presentation in March.
- E. Strategic Plan Process**- (*attachment*). Jacki Bacharach said that on January 9, the Board Members and City Managers met for a full day Strategic Plan workshop, where the consensus was that action was desired, over further data analysis. Jacki Bacharach is still collecting feedback at this time.

X. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Franklin- On January 21, there was a Crenshaw District groundbreaking ceremony, marking the start of construction on Metro's \$2 billion Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project. In other news, the Harbor Gateway Transit Center will host a walk-through, as there have been concerns with signage there.
- Zerunyan- The next Executive Training at the Price School of Public Policy at USC is from February 20-22. The dates were changed, so as not to conflict with the SBCCOG's General Assembly. He encouraged Board Members to attend and said he would send Ms. Bacharach the registration form.
- Knight- The storm water working group of elected officials and City Managers of which he is a member is working through a draft funding proposal for MS4 permits. He will keep the Board posted.
- Medina- His wife was named Citizen of the Year by the Gardena Valley Lions. In other news, the American Red Cross supports the Veteran's History Project, which demonstrates the Red Cross' commitment to veterans and the importance of sharing stories to strengthen one's mental health after a disaster or life changing experience. Those that have a story to tell may call 214-678-4800. Volunteers are also needed to capture the stories.

XI. AGENCY REPORTS

- A. League of California Cities**- Board Member Goodhart announced that Jeff Kiernan was in Sacramento, and gave the report on his behalf. City officials from across the state met in Sacramento Jan. 23–24 for the first policy committees meetings of 2014. The proposed 2014 water bond was the focus of discussion between committee members and speakers Senator Lois Wolk, Alf Brandt on behalf of Assemblyman Anthony Rendon, and Timothy Quinn of the Association of California Water Agencies. The League adopted a resolution to promote the water bond even though the contents of the bond are not yet clear.
- B. South Coast Air Quality Management District**- Stan Myles had nothing to report.
 - 1. **Local Government and Business Advisory Group**- Not present

- C. SCAG & Committees-** 2nd Vice Chair Gazeley announced that his report is on meeting packet page 41. Jacki Bacharach added that SCAG held its annual Economic Summit in December, and provided the program, which contained interesting statistics. (*Attachment*)
1. **Energy and Environment** - *see attachment*
 2. **Transportation**- *see attachment*
 3. **Community, Economic, & Human Development**- *see attachment*
 4. **Regional Council** - *see attachment*
- D. Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission-** Board Member Knight reported that the SMBRC finally passed approved its Restoration Plan.
- E. South Bay Cities City Managers' Association-** Not present
- F. South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce** - Not present
- G. South Bay Workforce Investment Board-** Not present

XII. UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 29 – Legislative Briefing and Breakfast- Jacki Bacharach announced that legislative staff representation should be high. She asked elected officials to brainstorm issues they would like discussed.

XIII. NOVEMBER SBCCOG COMMITTEE MEETINGS & WORKING GROUPS

FEBRUARY/MARCH SBCCOG COMMITTEE MEETINGS & WORKING GROUPS

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

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Medina adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m. to Thursday, March 27, 2014. The Board will not meet in February, due to the SBCCOG's 15th Annual General Assembly on February 28, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcy Hiratzka
Recording Secretary