

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

Steering Committee FOLLOW-UP AGENDA September 14, 2020

Attendance:

Elected Officials - Olivia Valentine (Chair – Hawthorne); Drew Boyles (1st Vice Chair – El Segundo); John Cruikshank (2nd Vice Chair -Rancho Palos Verdes); Christian Horvath (Redondo Beach); Stacey Armato & Justin Massey (Hermosa Beach); Rodney Tanaka (Gardena); Ralph Franklin & Jim Butts (Inglewood); Bernadette Suarez (Lawndale); Pat Furey & Michael Griffiths (Torrance); Jim Gazeley (Lomita); Hildy Stern (Manhattan Beach); Kenny Kao (Palos Verdes Estates); Britt Huff (Rolling Hills Estates);

Member Agency Staff: Laura Guglielmo (Palos Verdes Estates); Martha Guzman-Hurtado (El Segundo); Pamela Manning (LA County DPW);

SBCCOG – Jacki Bacharach, Kim Fuentes, Steve Lantz, Wally Siembab, Colleen Farrell, David Leger, Natalie Champion;

Metro – Mark Dierking;

Public – Eric Newland

- I. **CONFIRM THE QUORUM – INTRODUCED COLLEEN**
- II. **REPORT OF POSTING OF AGENDA**
 - **ACTION:** Received and filed
- III. **ANNOUNCEMENTS OF ANY CHANGES TO THE AGENDA - ADD 3 MONTH PATH CONTRACT AMENDMENT TO CONSENT CALENDAR**
- IV. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
- V. **CONSENT CALENDAR – action items noted, remainder are receive & file - 12:05 pm TANAKA/BOYLES**
 - A. Steering Committee – August 10, 2020 meeting minutes attached
 - **ACTION:** Approved
 - B. Hawthorne Green Business Assist Program
 - Contract and letter from city attached
 - **ACTION:** Recommended Board approval
 - C. Water Replenishment District Contract Renewal – **12:50 pm**
 - Amendment attached
 - **ACTION:** Recommended Board approve
 - D. Status of 2020 General Assembly Sponsorships
 - 23 sponsorships totalling \$71,000 have agreed that SBCCOG can keep their contribution
 - 7 sponsorships totalling \$17,750 have received refunds or didn't send their payments
 - 1 sponsor at \$2,500 requested their contribution to rollover to 2021
 - E. Dues Outstanding
 - Gardena, Lawndale (**IN THE MAIL**), ~~Manhattan Beach~~ & LA County
 - F. City Attendance at SBCCOG meetings
 - Matrix attached

VII. ACTION ITEMS

G. Legislative Issues – **12:10 pm**

- Legislative Briefing – Friday, October 16, 9 am – 10:30 am – CHANGED DATE
- Legislative Matrix – attached – LETTERS HAVE BEEN SENT TO THE GOVERNOR
- Propositions on the November Ballot – attached
- **ACTION:** Recommended no position on the November 2020 ballot measures – **NO OPPOSITION**
- The HOPE Act – tabled from last Steering Committee meeting - memo attached
- **ACTION:** Recommend no position on the HOPE Act – **FRANKLIN/BOYLES - TABLED UNTIL THE NEXT STEERING COMMITTEE**
- Californians for Local Control – information from Torrance attached
- **ACTION:** **GRIFFITHS ASKED FOR US TO BE AWARE OF THIS EFFORT. HE WILL KEEP US UPDATED. CALIFORNIA ALLIANCE FOR LOCAL ELECTEDS IS A SISTER ORGANIZATION (MORE SPECIFIC RE: RHNA, ETC.)**
- Restaurant Act – memo attached
- **ACTION:** Recommended support of the Restaurant Act – **BOYLES/HORVATH**

H. AQMD Vacancy - **12:25 pm**

- The South Bay's current representative on the AQMD Board is Judy Mitchell and she is not running for re-election. Hermosa Beach Councilman Justin Massey is running to fill this position. Fact sheet attached –
- There appears to be one other candidate – Cudahy Mayor Elizabeth Alcantar.
- **MASSEY SPOKE. FRANKLIN ASKED IF WE HAD INVITED THE MAYOR OF CUDAHY. BACHARACH SAID NO – KEEPING IT IN THE SOUTH BAY IS IMPORTANT. FRANKLIN UNDERSTOOD.**
- **ACTION:** Recommended the Board endorse Justin Massey to fill the seat which will be vacant in December. **FRANKLIN/SUAREZ**

I. Board Meeting agenda development – **12:30 pm**

- September – Dr. Thomas Parham, President, Cal State Dominguez Hills – (draft agenda attached)
- October - Dr. Eric Daar, M.D. re: Coronavirus vaccine development.
- November – Pros & Cons on Balanced Energy? **AND RECOGNITION TO OUR VOLUNTEERS AND HONOR OUR FORMER CHAIRS**
- **JANUARY – LTN REPORT & SCAG PRESIDENT REX RICHARDSON LISTENING SESSION**

TOUR FOR RALPH FRANKLIN OF THE OFFICE – *set for Oct. 8*

J. 3rd Special Board meeting - **12:35 pm**

Subcommittee met and felt it would be helpful to provide elected officials a list of questions to ask their Police Chiefs and then decide from what we learn from that for the agenda for a 3rd special meeting. Butts provided a good list of questions to ask, the subcommittee is finalizing that list. It's important to ask, but how much do you want to share regionally? That is one concern, so responses to SBCCOG would be voluntary.

Butts: Sharing is important because w/no perspective of what you're looking at, you won't know if those numbers are out of line, etc. Looking at it with no insight doesn't give you relevance if they're high/low etc. You'd see year to year changes only.

- **ACTION: DEFINITELY WANT TO GET QUESTIONS OUT. MAYBE JUST GENERAL DISCUSSION WITH THE BOARD.**

K. SCAG Regional Early Action Program funds to accelerate housing – **12:40 pm**

- **RHNA APPEALS – PVE, RPV AND PICO RIVERA, MAYBE EL SEGUNDO**
- Memo attached – **WALLY – EXPLAINED OUR PROPOSAL**
 - **Siembab: This is the state getting really serious about RHNA targets. Housing crisis (pre-covid) has forced them to force cities to meet targets. LEAP (went to cities) and REAP (to COGS). We have to use the money we have been allocated (about \$600,000) or lose it. We polled the cities to see what ideas they have. There is a stringent requirement that proposals must lead directly to housing development (such as rezoning, etc). Ideas from Comm. Dev. Directors are being vetted with SCAG to see if those would qualify before moving forward with them. SBCCOG project - directing attention to identifying commercial parcels that are obsolete/underperforming and looking at what it would take to move those to residential**
 - **Bacharach: We'd like to have somebody like Kosmont to help with the proposal but also pay them to be part of the study to give expert analysis.**
 - **Franklin: re Larry Kosmont being a consultant, if so, do we have a funding source and cost?**
 - **Wally: it'd be covered by the grant, but it'd mainly determined on what help we need to do the proposal.**
- **HORVATH – RESURRECT LEGISLATIVE MEETINGS THAT WE WERE PLANNING TO DO ON SACRAMENTO TRIP – IN THE SOUTH BAY AND AROUND THE STATE**
- **CONTACT TONY RICE AND/OR REDONDO BEACH LOBBYIST TO SET UP MEETINGS – *contacted city managers re: their lobbyists 9/17/20***
- **ACTION: ApproveD approach**

L. Salary Schedule Adjustments Required by State Law - **12:45 pm**

- Memo attached
- Fuentes gave the update. Implementing new increases to the ESA 1 staff and Accountant 1. Staff is going to do a benefits/salary survey with a recommendation to other changes.
- **ACTION: Recommended Board approve increasing salary tier levels that need to be brought into compliance with State law FRANKLIN/TANAKA**

M. Approval of Invoices – available at the meeting – **12:50 pm**

- **ACTION: ApproveD invoices for payment – BOYLES/TANAKA**

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS

N. South Bay Environmental Services Center Activities Report – attached – **12:55 pm**

Fuentes summarized the report

KAO – FUEL MITIGATION AND HARDENING GRANTS AVAILABLE RE: WILDFIRES? FUENTES – POSSIBLE RESILIENCY FUNDING FROM THE STATE. WE WILL WATCH FOR THIS.

O. LA vs. Hate – **1:05 pm**

- Logo attached and uses

P. South Bay Fiber Network – **1:10 pm**

Up and running as of end of August. We are working on a virtual thank you event to thank those people who helped make this happen.

Q. Tech Talks – **1:15 pm**

- Subcommittee being created – Henderson, Kemps, Horvath & **STAFF TO HELP DEVELOP TOPICS**

R. Update on Homeless Program and Innovation Project Funding - **1:20 pm**

- Home Share South Bay (a new regional home sharing pilot program of the SBCCOG) – we are looking for a graduate intern to help with the implementation of this pilot project to help people find each other for home sharing to prevent someone from falling into homelessness or someone who is homeless. Soft launch in October.
 - Pallet Shelters – FEMA funding **FOR CAPITAL – RB POSSIBLY INTERESTED IN 15 UNITS. NEED TO FIND RESTROOM FACILITY. POSSIBLY BY RB PERFORMING ARTS? BCHD PROPERTY? WOULD THERE BY MEASURE H FOR OPERATING COSTS – ELECTRIC HOOKUPS, SECURITY, BATHROOMS, ETC.**
 - a. **FRANKLIN: what about RoomKey folks when hotel re-converts? HORVATH: LAHSA is looking at making sure they all make it into something else and not back on the street.**
 - Safe Parking – working on potential site
- S. Update on Senior Services – **1:25 pm**
- Next meeting of the Senior Services Working Group is on Tuesday, September 22nd from 9:30-11:30am via zoom.
 - An overview of the plans for a stand-alone LA County Dept of Aging, as approved by Board of Supervisors will be presented
- T. Regional Coyote Management – interest from Torrance and possibly Hermosa Beach – **1:30 pm**
POSSIBLE SITINGS FROM HAWTHORNE AND RANCHO PALOS VERDES, LOMITA
- U. General Assembly Update – March 18, 2021 – **1:35 pm**
WILL BE VIRTUAL. WILL BE LOOKING FOR A CONSULTANT TO HANDLE THE LOGISTICS. WILL NEED TO SHOWCASE OUR SPONSORS AND HAVE A VIRTUAL EXHIBIT HALL.
- V. Office Procedures dealing with COVID-19 – **1:40 pm**
- **Includes checklist, visitors will have a procedure to ensure prevention. General procedures to implement, etc. Outbreak procedures should one occur.**
 - **Boyles: are we considering telework on a more permanent basis?**
 - **Fuentes: we’ve always offered it. Right now, only on occasion are we actually in the office. We’ll still have a significant telework program, but not necessarily all the time/everyday.**
 - **Bacharach - we didn’t luckily didn’t get the extra space we wanted. What we have should be fine.**
- W. CSUDH South Bay Economic Forecast will be held on Thursday, October 1, 2020, 2pm to 3:30pm, in a virtual ballroom. **The theme this year is *Adapting to Change: Thriving and Surviving Disruption.* – we are a partnering organization – 1:45 pm**

They are offering our cities discounted registration.

VIII. STRATEGIC POSITIONING ITEMS/ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES

- Other updates since agenda distribution – **1:50 pm**
- **SCAG EEC VACANCY – NOTICE TO GO OUT TOMORROW TO CLOSE SEPT. 30. NEXT MONTH, MAKE APPOINTMENT – e-mail out to elected 9/14/20**
- **CITY OF LAWDALE NAMING SBCCOG IN LAWSUIT RE: CEQA AND THE I-405 AUXILIARY LANES PROJECT**

NEXT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING – Monday, October 12, 2020 @ 12:00 pm via zoom