

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

Steering Committee

Minutes

Monday, July 12, 2021

12:00 pm

ATTENDEES: Drew Boyles, Rodney Tanaka, Britt Huff, Mike Griffiths, John Cruikshank, Cedric Hicks, Barry Waite, Stacy Armato, George Chen, Christian Horvath Hildy Stern, Jim Butts, David Leger, Wally Siembab, Kim Fuentes, , Natalie Champion, Steve Lantz, Jacki Bacharach, Mike Bohlke

I. CONFIRM THE QUORUM – 12:01

II. REPORT OF POSTING OF AGENDA

- ACTION: Receive and file

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF ANY CHANGES TO THE AGENDA - ADD E-OCEANS to ITEM VIII

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

V. CONSENT CALENDAR – action items noted, remainder are receive & file - 12:05 pm – HORVATH/HUFF

A. Steering Committee – June 14, 2021 meeting minutes attached – ADD HORVATH TO ATTENDANCE

- ACTION: Approved

B. Contract Renewal with Mike Bohlke as Metro Deputy to Director Butts

- Contract attached
- ACTION: Recommended Board approval of 2 year contract

C. Contract Extension for Magellan Advisors for work on the SBFN

- Staff is still evaluating the scope of work for Magellan Advisors. Therefore, an additional contract extension is being requested through August 31 not to exceed \$6,000.
- ACTION: Recommended Board approval of an additional contract extension for Magellan Advisors in an amount not to exceed \$6,000 for the period of August 1 to August 31, 2021

D. Contract with LA DWP

- Attached
- ACTION: Recommended Board adoption of 3 year agreement at same amount of \$40,000/year

E. Contract Extension with Silvernest for Home Share South Bay

- Extension amendment attached
- ACTION: Recommended Board adoption to extend agreement to December 31, 2021

F. Chamber of Commerce Memberships for FY 21-22

- Memo attached
- ACTION: Recommended Board adoption

G. Calendar of Board and Steering Committee meetings for the coming year

- Memo attached
- ACTION: Approved 21-22 meeting calendar

- H. Purchase Order with LA Sanitation District
 - Accomplishment memo and scope of work attached
 - **ACTION:** ReceiveD and fileD \$49,000 purchase order to continue SBCCOG work with the LA Sanitation District and report this to the Board
- I. Dues and Assessment Received
 - Dues and Assessments received and paid in full: El Segundo, Torrance
 - Dues paid in full with partial assessment (\$1000): Rolling Hills
 - Lawndale just notified us that they are not paying assessment
- J. City Attendance at SBCCOG meetings - attached
- K. South Bay Environmental Services Center Activities Report – attached
NOTE: MEDIA COVERAGE IS BEING ASSESSED FOR QUALITY, RELEVANCE & SENTIMENT

VII. ACTION ITEMS

- L. Metro Service Council Vacancy – 12:10 pm
 - Memo attached
 - **ACTION:** RecommendED to the Board that Charles Michel Deemer be re-appointed for the three year term and Bob Wolfe be appointed to the unexpired two year term **TANAKA/HUFF – STERN ABSTAINED**
- M. Legislative Issues – 12:15 pm
 - Legislative Matrix attached – AB 68 vs. AB 989 mix-up - **ADD OPPOSE AB 500**
 - Op-Ed re: SB 9 status
 - a. **TY DREW RE: LA TIMES CONNECTION. MORPHED BUT IT GOT PUBLISHED**
 - b. **HORVATH GOTTEN NASTY TWEETS, OTHERS HAVEN'T. POSITIVE RESPONSE FROM ELECTEDS. WIENER – CONDESCENDING TWEET.**
 - c. **SEND OUT LETTER TO ASM APPROPS WITH ENDORSEMENTS**
 - d. **TRY TO SET UP MEETINGS WITH ASM APPROP MEMBERS – HORVATH, DREW, ARMATO, CRUIKSHANK**
 - e. **COORDINATION WITH OTHER COG'S**
 - f. **STOP SB9.ORG – ACT NOW BUTTON WILL DO AUTOMATIC LETTER – SEND E-MAIL TO DO THIS AND REACH OUT TO ASM MEMBERS**
 - County Supervisorial Redistricting – **ADVOCATE FOR HAHN – AUGUST 19 IS MEETING FOR THIS AREA**
 - a. **TANAKA – DO TWO SUPERVISORS BENEFIT US? WHAT DO WE WANT?**
 - b. **HORVATH – NO STRONG FEELINGS. PUBLIC COMMENT WAS REDONDO RESIDENT. HER CONCERN IS WHERE SPLIT IS SPLIT'S ASIAN AMERICANS NOW**
 - c. **CHEN – TORRANCE DISCUSSED THIS. SOMETIMES SPLITTING AREAS IS CONFUSING.**
 - d. **GRIFFTHS – 2 VOICES COULD CONFLICT.**
 - e. **CHEN – STATE SENATORS AND CONGRESS SHOULD BE ONE. TORRANCE WAS SILENT ON SUPERVISORS BUT PHILOSOPHICALLY SIMILAR**
 - f. **WAITE – HE IS ON REDISTRICTING COMMISSION FOR LA UNIFIED. USING SAME CONSULTANT. NO DATA YET AND DON'T EXPECT ANY FOR ABOUT 1 MONTH. CONFLICT IS COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST. SOUTH BAY CITIES ARE COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST AS ARE ETHNIC COMMUNITIES, NEIGHBORHOODS AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC GROUPS. WILL NEED SOME COMPROMISES. CAN'T DILUTE POWER OF GROUPS. HE AGREES TWO SUPERVISORS ARE BETTER. WE ARE LARGE ENOUGH THAT WE COULD GET SBCCOG INTO ONE DISTRICT – ALMOST 1 MILLION. NEW DISTRICTS WILL BE DIFFERENT.**
 - g. **CRUIKSHANK – 2 VOTES MAKE MORE SENSE – MORE INFLUENCE.**
 - h. **HICKS – ONLY 1 SUPERVISOR – LESS LEVERAGE. WHAT DO WE WANT TO SEE?**
 - i. **HORVATH – PRO 2. WILL THIS EFFECT SPA AREAS? – PROBABLY NOT.**
 - j. **BOYLES – WILL COMMISSION CARE WHAT WE THINK?**

k. WAITE – WE CAN COMMENT THAT WE ARE A COMMUNITY OF INTEREST BUT LET’S WAIT UNTIL WE SEE THE DRAFT MAPS KEEP THIS ON AGENDA AND MONITOR. CENSUS BUREAU DATA AROUND AUGUST 15.

■ OCCOG lawsuit – participate? - \$5000-\$15,000 for each participant – **CMs and Jenkins recommend against joining**

■ **REDONDO BEACH SIGNED ON TO THE LAWSUIT. EL SEGUNDO – DIDN’T**

■ **KEEP MONITORING – BOYLES AGAINST SIGNING ON TO LAWSUIT. TANAKA CONCERNED RE: RETALIATION**

■ **Formation of Legislative Committee – BOYLES, HORVATH, HICKS, TANAKA. ARMATO CHAIR**

■ **LA County COGs General Assembly planning – no update**

■ **ACTION:** Recommended that the Board neutral position on AB 68 from Oppose –
- **OPPOSE AB 500 – HORVATH/CRUIKSHANK**

■ **AB 68 - CHEN SAYS TORRANCE IS STILL OPPOSED TO AB 68. HE VOTES NO**

■ **AB 500 – OPPOSED – NO OPPOSITION**

N. Board Meeting agenda development – 12:30 pm

■ **July – draft attached**

■ **Speaker? - Kamlager/Gipson re: police reform issues??? LA Olympic speaker? City priorities**

■ **CHEN – PRO OLYMPICS COMMITTEE UPDATE**

■ **TANAKA – BRING IN 2 OR 3 SOUTH BAY CHIEFS – WHAT THEY ARE DOING WITH POLICE FUNDS AND HOW THEY ARE CHANGING – GARDENA, REDONDO.**

■ **BUTTS – GASCON SEES THINGS DIFFERENTLY. UNFETTERED POWER OF PROSECUTORS. PROSECUTORS HAVE THEIR OWN BIAS. NOT AS SIMPLE AS WHAT CHIEFS HAVE TO SAY. CHIEFS BELIEVE THAT THEY ARE ALWAYS RIGHT. ORIENTATION TOWARDS CHARGING IS GASCON’S IDEA. TALKING ABOUT PEOPLE WHO’S LIVES ARE DESTROYED BY PROSECUTORS WHO ARE ACCOUNTABLE TO NO ONE.. BUTTS WOULD BE CHALLENGE. INVITE CECIL RHAMBO.**

■ **WAITE – 5 OLYMPIC EVENTS IN CARSON (ONLY VELODROME IN SO CAL) CARSON CHAMBER PUTTING ON EVENT WITH DIGNITY HEALTH – NOT JULY BUT YES THIS YEAR**

■ **ARMATO – SHE’LL ASK US WATER POLO COACH. – NOT FOR JULY, MAYBE SEPTEMBER**

■ **August – Chief Deputy for DA; Stephanie Wiggins, Metro CEO or possible speaker on Pensions and City Liability – DAVID CRANE OF GOVERN FOR CALIFORNIA**

O. Approval of Invoices – available at the meeting – 12:40 pm

■ **ACTION:** Approved invoices for payment – **BUTTS/TANAKA**

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Strategic Planning Process - 12:45 pm

■ **SURVEY – PRIORITIES THAT ARE DRIVING OUR WORK PLAN.**

B. Coyote Coordination Follow-up – 12:55 pm

■ **Rancho Palos Verdes has agreed to take the lead and will be discussing it with the city managers to get their commitment to allocate resources to help RPV do a comprehensive management plan with strategies and deterrents that each city would implement. RPV will reformat and update their plan and conform it for the other cities.**

■ **SGV HAS A REGIONAL PLAN TO LOOK AT**

C. Update on Homeless Program and Innovation Project Funding - 1:00 pm

■ **Call for Projects is being circulated with projects due August 10, 2021. All SBCCOG**

members are encouraged to submit an application (s) for this round of competitive funding.
The funding is for projects from January 1, 2022-June 30, 2023

- Client Aid – only being used by Torrance
- **HOME SHARE SOUTH BAY – A MATCH!**

D. South Bay Fiber Network – **1:10 pm**
■ The SBCCOG office is now connected

E. SCAG Regional Early Action Program funds to accelerate housing – **1:15 pm**
■ **STILL LOOKING FOR PLANNER, RFPS BEING PREPARED FOR SPECIFIC PROJECTS**

F. Update on Senior Services – **1:20 pm**
TUESDAY, JULY 27 – REVIEW OF WHAT CITIES ARE DOING

VIII. STRATEGIC POSITIONING ITEMS/ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES

- **E OCEANS FROM CRUIKSHANK – WHAT DOES HE WANT TO TRACK? NO FUNDING FOR THIS**
 - **DR. CHRISTINE WARD PAGE – MARINE SCIENTIST. SHE HAS COMPANY WITH APP. TO UNDERSTAND INFORMATION THAT COMES OUT OF THE OCEAN. BEACHES SAFER, ETC. DIVERS AND OCEAN EXPLORERS. WOULD ALLOW DECISION MAKERS TO HAVE REAL TIME INFO FROM WHAT THEY ARE GATHERING IN THE OCEANS.**
 - **KIM – SEA GRANT ALSO DOES THIS KIND OF WORK**
 - **WOULD BE GOOD FOR WHOLE BOARD**
 - **TABLED AND STAFF WILL LOOK INTO THIS FURTHER**
- **NEED DATE FOR SPA 8 INITIAL MEETING**
- **OUR TWO TOP CANDIDATES FOR CIVIC SPARK FELLOWSHIPS HAVE ACCEPTED POSITIONS WITH OUR TEAM. THEY ARE:**
 - **SHAWN FUJIOKA FOR THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY**
 - **ANNE YUGDAHL FOR CLIMATE ACTION –**
- **THEY WILL BE STARTING WORK IN SEPT.**

NEXT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING – Monday, August 9, 2021 @ 12:00 pm in person