

# South Bay Cities Council of Governments

**January 13, 2014**

**TO:            Steering Committee**

**FROM:        Jacki Bacharach, Executive Director**

**SUBJECT:     Reliability of the SCE Infrastructure**

On Monday, December 16, 2013, a delegation of South Bay elected officials, Public Works Directors, Hermosa Beach City Manager Tom Bakaly and Assemblymembers Muratsuchi and Bradford met with CPUC President Peevey and a delegation from SCE headed by President Ron Litzinger. Those in attendance from the South Bay were: Jim Goodhart, Dave Lesser, Jim Knight, Susan Brooks, Peter Tucker, Rob Beste, Tony Olmos, Tom Bakaly, Assemblyman Muratsuchi, Timothy Lippman, Jennifer Zivkovic and Jacki Bacharach. This was a follow-up meeting from the one we had in October. The City Manager and a staff member from Duarte were also present.

At the meeting SCE agreed to prepare a report for each city similar to the ones that I have, which they prepared for Manhattan Beach & Duarte (to be available at the meeting). There are differences between the two city reports and since the meeting, I have communicated to SCE, copying CPUC, to explain which is more thorough for our purposes (Duarte's). SCE also agreed to post information such as what is in these reports on a website, which will be ready some time in the next quarter. It was agreed that we would have another meeting in the March/April timeframe.

One issue that was clarified - the South Bay does have an inordinate amount of outages (as does Duarte). The CPUC agreed to stay in touch with our cities through the SBCCOG to continue to assess the reliability of the system as SCE moves forward with their reporting. The City of Duarte keeps a log of their power outages, which would be very helpful for us to have in the South Bay. I have sent a copy of Duarte's log to all of our cities. I also offered to try to keep such a log if cities sent me the relevant information each time there is an outage, but each city doing such a log from now on is preferable. We have the attention of the CPUC, as well as our legislators. The more we can show that this is important to us with facts and figures, the better.

And finally, after discussing the current status of our work and the continuing interest of the CPUC in monitoring the data on South Bay outages, Tom Bakaly and I agreed that we will not need to solicit contributions for an assessment for a special consultant on this issue. There may be other collaborative opportunities in the future for which the SBCCOG may wish to renew the request, but for now, the checks that were received have been returned.