

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

October 26, 2017

TO: SBCCOG Board of Directors

FROM: SBCCOG Steering Committee

RE: Actions of Steering Committee since last Board meeting

The Steering Committee has been delegated the authority by the Board of Directors to take action on time critical and administrative items.

In keeping with the policy approved by the Board for delegating authority to the Steering committee, the following item was approved by the Steering Committee with the requirement that the Board be informed at their next meeting. Governing Board members can ask for review and possible reconsideration of the item at the Board meeting.

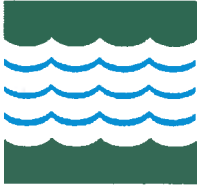
In October, the Steering Committee took the following action to approve:

- The City Council of Rolling Hills Estates asked the SBCCOG board to review the dues formula. The Steering Committee discussed the issue and agreed to appoint an Ad Hoc Committee to review the dues formula at the conclusion of the five-year dues adjustment that we are currently going through. We are currently in year 3. The response to the Rolling Hills Estates City Council is in the attached letter.

More information on each of this action is available on request.

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and file



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October 12, 2017

Mayor Frank Zerunyan and Members of the City Council
City of Rolling Hills Estates
4045 Palos Verdes Drive North
Rolling Hills Estates, CA 90274

Dear Mayor Zerunyan and Members of the City Council:

We received your letter requesting that the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) review the dues formula. At the Steering Committee meeting on October 9, we had this item on the agenda. Besides reviewing our current dues formula, we received information on what other Councils of Governments are charging their cities.

Some of the discussion focused on:

- The importance of the SBCCOG in providing a regional perspective that a city wouldn't otherwise have – how information affects your city as well as other cities.
- The value of the relationships has led to recent accomplishments such as reversing the lane closures in Los Angeles because our cities worked together.
- There is no weighted vote so the small cities are getting the same vote as the larger cities.
- A review of other COGs showed that minimum dues for the Gateway COG are \$13,000; the five cities in the Las Virgenes/Malibu COG which range from 1,800 to 24,000 population are \$20,000 each; and the five cities in the Westside COG pay \$23,000 each.
- The SBCCOG is the only COG that has grants that pay for 89% of the organizational expenses.

After discussion, the Steering Committee agreed that while it is important to review the formula which is the basis of our current dues, we are in the third year of a five-year budget adjustment that was recommended by a Finance Committee of Board members and City Managers and for which several of our cities have already budgeted. Until the five-year adjustment is completed, the dues formula should remain as it is.

Therefore, the decision of the group was to create an Ad Hoc Committee to review the dues formula to coincide with the completion of five-year budget adjustment, at which time a revised formula can be evaluated.

LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN ACTION

Carson El Segundo Gardena Hawthorne Hermosa Beach Inglewood Lawndale Lomita
Manhattan Beach Palos Verdes Estates Rancho Palos Verdes Redondo Beach Rolling Hills
Rolling Hills Estates Torrance Los Angeles District #15 Los Angeles County

Thank you for bringing your concerns to our attention. It is important that all of our members understand how the dues are established.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kurt Weideman', with a large, stylized flourish above the name.

Kurt Weideman, SBCCOG Chair
Mayor Pro Tem, Torrance

cc: Doug Prichard, City Manager