

SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2012

PALOS VERDES GOLF CLUB  
3301 VIA CAMPESINA, PALOS VERDES ESTATES

**CALL TO ORDER – INTRODUCTIONS**

Following an orientation on the SBCCOG/SBESC's programs for new and returning South Bay Councilmembers, Chair Perkins called the South Bay Cities Council of Governments Board Meeting to order at 6:00 pm. The following new attendees were given special introductions: Rancho Palos Verdes Councilmember, Jim Knight, Lomita Councilmember, Henry Sanchez, and SBESC Deputy Executive Director of Environmental Programs, Catherine Showalter.

In attendance were the following voting members:

Julie Ruiz-Raber, Carson  
Dan Medina, Gardena  
Daniel Juarez, Hawthorne  
Jeff Duclos, Hermosa Beach  
Ralph Franklin, Inglewood  
Jijm Gazeley, Lomita  
David Lesser, Manhattan Beach

Ellen Perkins, Palos Verdes Estates  
Jim Knight, Rancho Palos Verdes  
Pat Aust, Redondo Beach  
Judy Mitchell, Rolling Hills Estates  
Susan Rhilinger, Torrance  
Dan Rosenfeld, Los Angeles County SD2

Other Elected Officials:

Henry Sanchez, Lomita  
Jim Goodhart, Palos Verdes Estates  
Susan Brooks, Rancho Palos Verdes  
Steve Diels, Redondo Beach

Mike Gin, Redondo Beach  
Matt Kilroy, Redondo Beach  
Susan Seamans, Rolling Hills Estates  
Frank Zerunyan Rolling Hills Estates

Also in attendance were the following persons:

Brian Raber, Carson  
Alek Hovsepian, Iteris, Inc  
Pam O'Connor, Metro  
Alan Patashnick, Metro  
Judy Smith, Palos Verdes Estates  
Steve Hockett, Palos Verdes Golf Club  
Jacki Bacharach, SBCCOG  
Suzanne Charles, SBCCOG  
Marcy Hiratzka, SBCCOG

Rosemary Lackow, SBCCOG  
Catherine Showalter, SBCCOG  
Mike Bohlke, SBCCOG consultant  
Steve Lantz, SBCCOG consultant  
Marilyn Lyon, SBESC  
John Parsons, SBWIB  
Matt Horton, SCAG  
Hasan Ikhata, SCAG  
Jim Hodge, Southern Calif. Edison

**FLAG SALUTE - LED BY CHAIR PERKINS**

**CONFIRM POSTING OF THE AGENDA BY THE CITY OF PALOS VERDES ESTATES**

Jacki Bacharach confirmed that the agenda was properly posted in the City of Palos Verdes Estates.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF ANY CHANGES TO THE AGENDA** - None

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

- A. **November Board Meeting Minutes** (*attachment*) – **Approve**
- B. **Revised SBCCOG South Bay Measure R ITS Plan- Task Order #7; Concept of Operations Development Plan for SNHP Implementation Plan Update- Task Order #8** (*attachment*) – **Approve**
- C. **Energy Engineering and Professional Service Contract** (*attachment*) - **Approve**
- D. **Audit for 2010-2011** (can be found @ <http://www.southbaycities.org/node/33>) – **Receive and file**
- E. **1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Financial Report** (*attachment*) – **Receive and file**
- F. **Report of Time Critical Actions Taken by Steering Committee** (*attachments*) –**Receive and file**

**MOTION** by Board Member Seamans (before Mitchell arrived), seconded by Board Member Aust, to **approve** the Consent Calendar as submitted. No objection. So ordered.

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

**A. Steve Hockett, Palos Verdes Golf Club**

Chair Perkins presented Steve Hockett of the Palos Verdes Golf Club with a certificate, recognizing the Golf Club's excellent service to the SBCCOG Board of Directors from July 2011-January 2012.

**B. Jim Hodge, Southern California Edison**

Marilyn Lyon introduced Jim Hodge of Southern California Edison, who presented Chair Perkins (on behalf of the SBCCOG) with a certificate of achievement for reaching an energy savings of 1,384,122 kWh, on which incentives of \$136,121 were paid to South Bay Cities in 2011. Jacki Bacharach acknowledged city staff and Greg Stevens (SBESC engineer) for helping move projects forward to achieve this goal.

#### **GUEST SPEAKER**

**2012-2035 SCAG Regional Transportation Plan**

Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), gave a presentation about the organization's Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). This is a long-range transportation plan that is developed and updated by SCAG every four years. The RTP provides a vision for transportation investments throughout the region. Using growth forecasts and economic trends that project out over a 20-year period, the RTP considers the role of transportation in the broader context of economic, environmental, and quality-of-life goals for the future, identifying regional transportation strategies and demographic shifts to address our mobility needs. SCAG is required by law to maintain current infrastructure before expanding on it. The RTP meets and exceeds both federal and state GHG requirements and will create 168,000 jobs. 11% of the funding is federal, 17% is from the state, and 72% is from local sales tax. SCAG has no land use authority, and cannot mandate cities' General Plans. Mr. Ikhata emphasized the importance of preserving current systems for future generations. He commented on how daunting projects like high-speed rail may sound, but reminded everyone that bold visions and thinking beyond the present are necessary to benefit future generations. Mr. Ikhata also mentioned SCAG's program called Compass Blueprint Growth Vision, which uses regional projects to address the linking of land use and transportation. Driven by key components of mobility, livability, prosperity and sustainability, this process includes a technical analysis of growth options, and also the more subjective, values-based considerations that emerge from continued public participation.

#### **REPORTS FOR ACTION**

**A. Annual Legislative Agenda and Timely Issues** (*attachments*) (6:45 pm) – **Approve**

These documents have been circulating for comment since December 2011. They list the legislative issues that the SBCCOG is concerned about and help to determine the legislation that will be followed this year.

**MOTION** by Board Member Aust, seconded by Board Gazeley, to **approve** the **Annual Legislative Agenda and Timely Issues for 2012**. No objection. So ordered.

Jacki Bacharach announced that Larry Kosmont gave a presentation on Redevelopment Aftermath at the January Livable Communities Working Group Meeting. It can be found on the SBCCOG website.

**TRANSPORTATION REPORT****A. Metro Report by Board member Pam O'Connor**

Director O'Connor announced that today (January 26), one of the approved Consent Calendar items at the Metro Board meeting authorized the CEO to:

- Proceed with proposals to revitalize the Silver Line service corridor (1-1 10 Harbor Transitway and 1-1 0 El Monte Busway) in concept;
- Include additional allocation of \$1,155,000 in operating costs required for the Silver Line Revitalization Program into the FY13 and future budgets.
- Establish a life-of-project (LOP) capital budget for the Silver Line Revitalization Program in the amount of \$7,845,000;
- Amend the FY12 budget to add \$550,000 of revenues and expenditures to be funded with Federal 5307 Bus Operations Subcommittee Transit Enhancements funds to begin implementation of the capital project in FY12.

She also mentioned that the City of LA and Metro are trying to move forward the Caltrans relinquishment process of the Harbor Gateway Transit Center. Also, on Director O'Connor's Motion (joined by Directors Najarian and Huizar) the Metro Board voted to modify the existing contract of the Congestion Mitigation Fee Study with the additional tasks to develop the technical travel demand modeling capability to estimate travel demand by bicycle and, if possible, in conjunction with other active transportation travel such as walking

**B. Service Council report by Ralph Franklin, Chair**

Board member Franklin reported that the Metro South Bay Service Council had a spirited meeting in January, due to public hearing guidelines for civil rights program compliance. In February, each service council will have a hearing regarding possible line changes, to be decided upon by the Metro Board in June. Based on a federal audit, it has been determined that Metro has several lines that are not in compliance with federal laws. This also caused municipal operators of various cities to be concerned, since they have to follow Metro's rules. Board member Franklin also said that on Youtube, there is a video of a woman being assaulted by officers on a train without showing that she provoked them first, by assaulting passengers. He also mentioned that the Crenshaw/LAX rail line still has obstacles (should lines be at grade, above, or below?) West Angeles Church of God in Christ in Inglewood is still separated from its parking lot! A pedestrian bridge may be the answer. Board member Franklin closed by stating that the SBCCOG Board has a legal obligation (by the State of CA) to every two years hold an ethics training. If anyone has yet to renew their training and hasn't taken it, please do so. Anyone who has assumed office within the last 6 months must take the training as well. Each Councilmember must do it for their city. Jacki Bacharach reported that ethics training is provided by each of the cities for their own councilmembers.

**C. SBCCOG report by Steve Lantz, Transportation Consultant**

Mr. Lantz spoke about Metro's Congestion Mitigation Program, and how the SBCCOG co-hosted a workshop with Metro at the beginning of the year to discuss regional fee structure and how it will be calculated and used. The group looked at projects submitted by SB cities and Metro was surprised at how effective the list was. Modeling and bicycling/pedestrians were discussed because they all have a use beyond congestion mitigation. It is difficult for Measure R projects to consider pedestrians and cyclists because a regional nexus connection to operational improvements on the highway is not shown. The transit center in Torrance was allowed Measure R funding because it DID show a regional nexus. Mr. Lantz explained how the SBCCOG needs cities' modeling data in order for more projects to receive funding that incorporate bikes/pedestrians. Measure R funds cannot be used to match in the regular call for projects. Cities who had projects that were funded by Redevelopment Agencies may be asking the SBCCOG to assist them with Measure R funds but they must show that they have exhausted all avenues to retain funds for their projects first. Director O'Connor's is formulating a Metro Board motion which will allow for a reasonable match using Measure R funds in the Call for Projects. That will help us spread sub-regional subfunds further.

**SOUTH BAY ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES CENTER UPDATES****A. Kudos to SBESC for meeting our energy savings goals for 2011!!!**

Marilyn Lyon announced that the City of Lomita is the second South Bay city to reach the Gold tier of the Energy Leader Program, after the City of Hawthorne. The City of Redondo Beach will be moving to Silver. Ms. Lyon commented on how bridge-funding in 2013 from the CA Public Utilities Commission looks promising.

**B. Status of stimulus projects, Energy Leader program & Energy Upgrade Ca., LA County Program**

Ms. Lyon announced that workshops in Spanish are now offered in the South Bay. This includes Spanish-speaking contractors who will be on-hand to answer questions from homeowners. English workshops will be offered monthly at the new SBESC location in Torrance. Ms. Lyon distributed the latest list of events, workshops, and exhibits that the SBESC will be attending. She also mentioned the West Basin Business Recognition program, which highlights local businesses who participate in water-conservation efforts through West Basin Municipal Water District. Ms. Lyon closed with mentioning that Energy Upgrade California information will soon be available via local cable viewings, beginning with the PV Peninsula. Jacki Bacharach reminded all city staff and elected officials to take advantage of the SBESC engineer services, which will help reduce municipal energy and increase incentives for cities.

**BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Chair Perkins announced the SBCCOG/SBESC's new office space, which can accommodate all SBCCOG meetings. The address is 20285 Western Ave, Ste. 100, Torrance, CA 90501.
- Board member Mitchell announced that, today, the CA Air Resources Board (CARB) held a large hearing on zero/low-emission vehicles and new regulations about installing alternate fuel stations. She testified for CARB and mentioned the high interest and success of the SBCCOG's Local Use Vehicle program. She reported that there was not much pushback at the hearing-the regulation will probably pass. This will require phasing-in these vehicles by 2025.
- Board member Rhilinger said that Torrance has access to 3 prototype electric vehicles from American Honda. Each city department gets to try them and elected officials have access on the weekends.
- Board member Ruiz-Raber announced that in the City of Carson, each council member is hosting a separate event with Waste Management, and her event is on March 17.
- Jacki Bacharach reported that at the latest City Managers meeting, Denise Tyrell of the CA Public Utilities Commission attended and got to hear about the multiple problems of power outages in the South Bay. Ms. Tyrell stated that she will work hard to resolve this with high-level executives at the CPUC.
- Jacki Bacharach also promoted an electric vehicle press event that will be held on February 7 at the Enterprise-Rent-A-Car in Torrance. This will be an event to highlight the EVs which are for rent at this Enterprise location as well as the discount on regular vehicles for EV vehicle owners which is meant to address range anxiety for people who are not yet sure if they want to purchase one. Congresswoman Janice Hahn, in particular, inquired about the range options of her new EV. LUV vehicles will also be featured.
- Jacki Bacharach reported that the SBCCOG had a recent meeting with Barry Wallerstein of SCAQMD about extending the LUV program in different areas and with different vehicles. The expansion program is in development, and Dr. Wallerstein appeared enthusiastic about working with the SBCCOG on such a program.

**SBCCOG UPDATE AND COMMITTEE REPORTS****A. Watershed issues and staffing for city representative**

Jacki Bacharach explained that Mary Ann Lutz, the representative of the Los Angeles Region of the Water Quality Control Board, is appointed by Governor Brown. The League of California Cities can no longer pay for her staff support and is asking all COGs within the RWQCB area to help with the cost. The San Gabriel Valley COG is contributing. Ms. Lutz is not actually a city representative but is on the Board to represent the municipal perspective. Additionally it is a regulatory board which adjudicates matters dealing with cities. Because of this situation, the SBCCOG Steering Committee thought that the SBCCOG should not have to contribute. COGs are meeting with the League on January 31 to talk about this (and several of the SBCCOG board members are attending.)

**B. Update on new office**

Jacki Bacharach announced that the SBCCOG/SBESC's open house in Torrance will precede the March Board meeting, as it will be held in the same building.

**C. General Assembly and Public Officials Training update**

Jacki Bacharach reminded everyone that on February 24, the SBCCOG will be hosting its 13<sup>th</sup> Annual General Assembly in Carson. Commissioners, city staff, elected officials, neighborhood watch groups, and the public are invited to attend this free event. She also mentioned the training for elected officials at 2pm, following the event. This will train elected officials on their role in emergencies and how to communicate with the press/media during a natural disaster. All events on February 24 will be held at the Juanita Millender-McDonald Community Center and are free.

**AGENCY REPORTS**

- **League of California Cities (Jim Goodhart)**  
Board member Goodhart reported that newly elected council members (some from the South Bay) attended the LA County Division meeting last week.
- **South Coast Air Quality Management District (Judy Mitchell)**  
Board member Mitchell submitted a written report, which is in the meeting packet
- **SCAG & Committees (Matt Horton)**  
Mr. Horton brought packets of workshop RTP/SCS schedules. Board member Mitchell was the only elected official at the Carson workshop.
  - **Regional Council-** Board member Gazeley said that one topic that was reported on at the January 5 meeting was the proposed policies for Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) transfers due to annexations and incorporations; approval of the distribution of the draft RHNA Allocation Plan to be presented to the Regional Council in February 2012; and that the procedures for addressing RHNA revision requests, appeals, and trade & transfers were reviewed and discussed at the CEHD meeting and will be forwarded to the Regional Council for approval in February. Also addressed the loss of Regional Agencies and affordable housing.
- **Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission (Mike Gin)**  
Council member Gin gave an update from the December meeting. He also announced the new representatives from the other COGs and agencies that make up this Commission. Lastly, he announced that the Watershed Advisory Council meeting (everyone is invited) will be on January 22, and that a research symposium on urban wetlands (Ballona Creek) will be held on March 12.
- **South Bay Workforce Investment Board (John Parsons)**  
Mr. Parsons distributed the SBWIB's 2011 annual report. He announced the South Bay Association of Chamber of Commerce will hold its Annual Installation Luncheon on February 22, 2012 at 11:30 in Torrance. Congresswoman Hahn is the keynote speaker. Mr. Parsons reported that the SBWIB received a grant of \$45 million dollars to serve those who have been laid off all over the state. The SBWIB is the lead agency, in a group of 21 WIBs throughout California. The Department of Labor's latest newsletter highlighted a program of the SBWIB, which puts teachers back to work who lack the required math/science skills. Last year, 116,000 people came to the SBWIB's one-stop facilities. The SBWIB offers business job training programs- funding assistance of a 3-6 month period (50-90% of a salary of a person that has been out of a job for 6 months or more.) The SBWIB is currently applying for grants to help those laid off from Redevelopment Agencies.

**UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Jacki Bacharach announced a new Administrative Assistant job opening at the SBESC and distributed the job posting.
- Jacki Bacharach announced that the next Board Meeting will be on - Thursday, March 22, 2012 @ the NEW SBESC offices (20285 Western Avenue, Ste. 100, Torrance, CA 90501.) Regular starting time of 6 pm with Open House preceding. Details to follow.

**FEBRUARY/MARCH SBCCOG COMMITTEE MEETINGS & WORKING GROUPS**

Consult web site for specific times and places – [www.southbaycities.org](http://www.southbaycities.org)

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was ordered adjourned by Chair Perkins at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marcy Hiratzka