

SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 2011
PENINSULA CENTER LIBRARY

CALL TO ORDER – INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Mitchell convened the meeting with less than a quorum present at 6:10pm. A quorum was established at 7:20pm with the arrival of Dan Medina at which time a MOTION by Chair Mitchell, seconded by Ellen Perkins, to approve all prior recommendations. No objection. So ordered.

In the interim, Rob Beste, IRWMP South Bay Steering Committee member and Torrance Public Works Director, presented an update on the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan for the Greater Los Angeles County Region. The strategies and goals provided in this plan provide opportunities for cost effective solutions in order to address the water resource needs of Los Angeles County and how they tie together.

In attendance were the following voting members:

Pat Aust, Redondo Beach
Judy Mitchell, Rolling Hills Estates
Susan Rhlinger, Torrance
Dan Medina, Gardena
Julie Ruiz-Raber, Carson

Ellen Perkins, Palos Verdes Estates
Ken Blackwood, Lomita
Anthony Misetich, Rancho Palos Verdes
Steve Napolitano, LA County SD4
Dan Rosenfeld, LA County SD2

Other Elected Officials:

Susan Seamans, Rolling Hills Estates
Jim Gazeley, Lomita

Also in attendance were the following persons:

Alan Patashnick, Metro
Marilyn Lyon, SBESC
Marcy Hiratzka, SBCCOG
Stan Myles, AQMD
Matt Horton, SCAG
Greg Grammer, Rolling Hills Estates
Nicki Coronado, SBCCOG
Steve Lantz, SBCCOG consultant
Leighanne Kirk, West Basin MWD
Jacki Bacharach, SBCCOG

Rosemary Lackow, SBCCOG
Jeff Kiernan, League of CA Cities
Rob Beste, Torrance
Viggen Davidian, Iteris
Mike Bohlke, Metro
Jack Gabig, Gardena Municipal Bus Lines
Brian Raber

Upon confirming a quorum, the following actions were taken:

FLAG SALUTE - LED BY CHAIR JUDY MITCHELL

CONFIRM POSTING OF THE AGENDA BY THE CITY OF ROLLING HILLS ESTATES

Jacki Bacharach confirmed that the agenda was properly posted in the City of Rolling Hills Estates.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ANY CHANGES TO THE AGENDA - None

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

CONSENT CALENDAR**A. March Board Meeting Minutes (attachment) – Approve****B. Procedure for Determining Conflict of Interest for SBCCOG Consultants (attachment) - Approve**

MOTION by Board Member Blackwood, seconded by Board Member Aust, to **approve** the Consent Calendar as submitted. No objection. So ordered.

REPORTS FOR ACTION**A. Measure R Highway Program (6 attachments)****1. 1st Six-year Funding Allocation Plan – Approve**

Mr. Lantz reported that three (Caltrans) strategic positioning projects were identified in order to reserve their funding while state and federal funds are available. One large project is a new connector ramp for the northbound 405 to the southbound 110. The second project is the addition of an auxiliary lane near the 405/110 junction, down to Del Amo Boulevard. The third project is ramp improvements in Torrance on 182nd Street. Mr. Lantz said that these three projects are high priority projects and are all part of Caltrans' Project Study Report. \$175 million was given to the SBCCOG by Metro for the next 6 years. A Strategic Positioning Reserve Account was created in order to preserve the balance of funds that will be needed for the next five years. The SBCCOG will be reviewing the entire plan annually. Mr. Lantz requested approval of the recommendation for this First Six-Year Funding Allocation Plan so that it can be submitted for Metro's consideration. Official recommendation and funding charts are attached. Jacki Bacharach reviewed the SBCCOG oversight of the allocation of Measure R funds before any recommendations come to the Board. After Metro approval, cities will start receiving funding agreements, and construction agreements for approval from Metro. The SBCCOG's role will be to monitor the cities' progress after the funds have been allocated to the cities, and assure that projects are completed within five years of the allocation. Ms. Bacharach said that she anticipates the agreements being sent to cities by mid May of 2011, and having Metro approve funding and allocate funds by July. Friendly competition between South Bay Cities is encouraged in order to start the first project! (a free lunch at the Infrastructure Working Group) Mr. Rosenfeld commended Ms. Bacharach and the SBCCOG for being so much further along in this process than any of the other COGs in the county.

MOTION by Board Member Rhilinger, seconded by Board Member Ruiz-Raber, to **approve** the recommended actions to be submitted for Metro Board consideration. No objection. So ordered.

B. Legislation for consideration (Page 27 of attachments)**1. AB 723 (Bradford) – Renewal of Public Goods Charge – Support**

AB 723 is scheduled for a hearing on May 2, 2011. Jacki Bacharach reported that the South Bay Environmental Services Center would be very much affected if the Public Goods Charge was not renewed since the bulk of the Center's funding comes from this source. She asked for elected officials to alert their city staff and to rally support for the passing of this bill.

2. AB 954 (Calderon) & SB 701 (Calderon) – re: Water Districts - Oppose

These two bills concern changing the allocation of assessments for water districts. West Basin MWD has opposed these bills for the last two years, and they asked the Board to oppose the bills this year.

MOTION by Board Member Rhilinger, seconded by Vice Chair Perkins, to **approve** the support of AB 723 and opposition of AB 954 and SB 701. No objection. So ordered.

Jacki Bacharach added that the SBCCOG's Legislative Committee is no longer meeting. Instead the SBCCOG's subject matter groups and city staff are encouraged to bring any legislation to her for the Board's consideration. Chair Mitchell said that the Board will also be monitoring the League of California Cities as a way to remain informed of legislative updates. Board Member Rhilinger also added that she sits on the LA County Division League of CA Cities Legislative Committee, and people are welcome to bring her bills for the Committee's consideration. Ms. Bacharach briefly talked about the City of Manhattan Beach's Plastic Bag Ban hearing before the Supreme Court on May 4, 2011 and the request that she received to

sign on in support of the city's position. Steve Napolitano explained that the issue is compliance with CEQA. The general consensus was for the SBCCOG to not take any action but watch for the results of the hearing.

TRANSPORTATION REPORT

A. Metro Board member report by Pam O'Connor

Mike Bohlke gave the report on behalf of Pam O'Connor. He said that following the second public hearing for the location of the new maintenance yard, which will accommodate the Green Line, Crenshaw, and LAX expansions, the Metro Board approved the Los Angeles site. He said that the decision was met with optimism from the affected cities. Mr. Bohlke said that Director O'Connor drafted a motion on *Health and Active Transportation*, instructing Metro to create an active transportation agenda by November of 2011. The Metro Ad Hoc Sustainability Committee is designing environments that promote walking and bicycling in conjunction with the construction of new rail lines and transit initiatives, to promote public health improvements. The Board also passed the *Bike on Rail Restrictions*, which will remove enough seats in the cars to dedicate space for bicycles and other bulk items. Bicycles will now be allowed on rail cars during peak hours, and this will also improve foot traffic for riders when entering and exiting the rail lines. Mr. Bohlke also reported that a presentation to the South Bay Governance Council on the Artesia Transit Center (ATC), noting that the temporary portable restrooms are in but will require custodial maintenance at least three times a week. He said that the art work has been commissioned for the ATC but is at the conceptual stage, and that the Governance Council may have input. Metro is also following up for the ATC's Multi-Jurisdictional Policing Strategy and is procuring the contract for permanent self-cleaning restrooms at the Center (the units have an automatic interior chemical spray cleaning cycle after each use.) Dan Rosenfeld added that the cost of the new maintenance yard in Los Angeles is \$285 million. Preliminary construction will begin this fall.

B. Gardena Transit Report of Proposed Service Changes, Gardena Transit

Jack Gabig, Director of Transportation at Gardena Municipal Bus Lines (GMBL), gave a presentation on the service changes that the City of Gardena is considering. There are five fixed routes operated in and around Gardena and into Downtown LA. GMBL has a current fleet of 53 hybrid electric buses and carries 10,000 passengers per day. Last year, the GMBL underwent a full system review and found that improvements to service quality and efficiency were needed. Financial pressures were arising as well. Mr. Gabig said that a study was completed in February to address these issues and now Gardena is in the outreach process. The new goal is to focus on service where there is a growing demand and to break away from where ridership would not justify service. Recommendations include bringing two major lines onto the Artesia Transit Center, to cancel Lines 1 and 4 or at least restrict service to weekdays, make enhancements to Lines 2 and 3, and to cancel weekend service for Line 5. Mr. Gabig anticipates that recommendations will be implemented by August. Board Member Blackwood asked if the GMBL uses tap cards, as some other municipal bus lines do. Mr. Gabig answered that GMBL is implementing the smart card system this fall.

SOUTH BAY ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES CENTER UPDATES

A. Update on current programs and activities ML

Ms. Lyon submitted her report on the last page of attachments. She said that currently eleven cities are at value level for Southern California Edison and The Gas Company's Energy Leader Program for Q1. A future workshop and lunch to acknowledge cities' kWh and therm-saving achievements was announced (date and time TBD). Ms. Lyon also reminded city staff that Greg Stevens, David Magarian, and Jeremy Hyde are available to assist in identifying opportunities for projects and additional savings. Jacki Bacharach explained the basic concept of LA County's Enterprise Energy System (EEMIS.) Cities can opt-in to use the County's software and monitor energy usage in their facilities. This will allow cities to strategize cost-effective measures that significantly impact building efficiency. Cities will be able to procure this program through the SBCCOG for free until December 2013. For larger cities, there is a Phase 2 which involves special meters so that real-time data can be obtained. Ms. Bacharach said that this is also free for cities until Dec. 2013. Ms. Lyon added that facility managers and finance directors would both find this of value. Comparisons with like-facilities will be available for saving money.

Ms. Lyon then spoke about the recent Energy-Makeover Contest that the County was holding in conjunction with Energy Upgrade California. She said that the winners are to be announced May 12 by Senator Ted

Lieu. Ms. Lyon also mentioned West Basin MWD's Water and Energy Smart Expo in EL Segundo on May 21, 2011. In an effort to introduce homeowners to contractors, there will be a table promoting Energy Upgrade California with SBESC staff and participating contractors. Lastly, Ms. Lyon mentioned a sub-program of Energy Upgrade California, called Energy Champions, which will begin in June. The program is designed to reward nonprofit organizations that help encourage homeowners to learn about and take advantage of substantial rebates and incentives for participating in Energy Upgrade California. Rolling Hills Estates Councilmember Seamans requested a presentation for the City's Environmental Advisory Committee.

BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (Ruiz-Raber) April 30- First Annual Children's Day at the South Bay Pavilion in Carson from 11am-2pm
- (Ruiz-Raber) May 7- Cinco de Mayo Celebration at the South Bay Pavilion in Carson from 1-5pm
- (Ruiz-Raber) April 30- Free High-Efficiency Toilet Exchange in Carson from 10am-1pm. Location disclosed to qualifying residents only.
- (Mitchell) May 14- Mayor's Ride in Chandler Park and Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast in RHE
- (Aust) April 29- The City of Redondo Beach's 119th birthday
- (Medina) April 30- Cinco de Mayo Parade and the City's 25th Cinco de Mayo Celebration. 10am-4pm from Downtown Gardena Bl to Fukai Park.
- (Rhilinger) The City of Torrance applied as a contestant for the All-American City contest and was selected as a finalist. Next year will be the City of Torrance's centennial birthday.

SBCCOG UPDATE AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. SB 375 status

Jacki Bacharach said that SCAG will be sending out growth forecast data request to city planners next week. She also said that Wally Siembab, Special Projects Manager for the SBCCOG, attended a recent Gardena Planning Commission meeting and made a presentation about the South Bay Sustainable Strategy, and that a good discussion resulted from the presentation. Inglewood Planning Director, Linda Tatum, gave presentation to the SBCCOG's Livable Communities group about the new Hollywood Park development.

B. LUV update

Ms. Bacharach stated that the SBCCOG is preparing an interim report for the LUV Program. She reported that the SBCCOG receives at least 3 applications every day. She hopes to use the waiting list to show funding sources that there is a demand for this program.

C. Other

Ms. Bacharach said that in July of 2011, the SBCCOG will host a planning breakfast, inviting legislative district staff, city managers and, elected officials. Ms. Bacharach also reminded everyone that invoices are out for the SBCCOG's 2012 dues and spoke of a very successful quarterly Park & Recreation Directors Meeting in Hermosa Beach on April 27th.

AGENCY REPORTS

A. League of California Cities (Jeffrey Kiernan)

Mr. Kiernan gave a brief report on the budget for Redevelopment, and said that nothing has moved forward. He spoke of Senate Bill 286 by Senator Rod Wright. This bill is sponsored by the California Redevelopment Association and League of California Cities, and acts as an alternative to the Governor's proposal to eliminate redevelopment agencies. The League's LA County Division Board of Directors will discuss this on Monday, May 2, 2011. Mr. Kiernan also said that the League's Legislative Action Days event is happening on May 18 & 19 in Sacramento. Legislative briefings and up-to-date information on the State budget will be presented during this two-day event.

Jacki Bacharach asked about the status of the "Vernon" Bill. Mr. Kiernan answered that AB 46 (by Speaker Perez) provides that a city with a population of less than 150 residents, as of Jan. 1, 2010, would be disincorporated.. This bill has passed the State Assembly and next needs to pass the California Senate. Mr. Kiernan added that the League has not yet taken a position and is monitoring the bill.

B. South Coast Air Quality Management District (Stan Myles)

Stan Myles of AQMD promoted the lawnmower exchange program that will be passing through various LA County cities. New this year is the Go Green! Lawn and Garden Expo. Beginning May 14, a free expo will be held at each exchange event to showcase eco-friendly lawn-care equipment and related green products and services available that save energy, conserve water and help the public maintain the garden they want. The expos are open to the public and no pre-registration is required. Participation in a lawn mower exchange event is not required to attend the Expos.

C. SCAG & Committees (Matt Horton)

Mr. Horton reported that on May 5, SCAG will be holding their Annual General Assembly, where economic strategy will be discussed. Mr. Horton said that comments may be submitted without having to be present at the event. He also mentioned that Pam O'Connor will be instituted as the Incoming SCAG President.

D. South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce (Susan Rhilinger)

Board Member Rhilinger commented that the last meeting was interesting; the group went through a legislative package.

E. South Bay Workforce Investment Board (John Parsons)

Marilyn Lyon said that the SBESC selected one of the SBWIB's student interns to work at the Center 5 days a week for 4 hours per day until he goes to college in the fall.

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Mitchell reminded everyone of the Climate Adaptation Workshop that will be held at 8am on May 2, 2011 at the Northrop Grumman Presentation Facility in El Segundo.

MAY SBCCOG COMMITTEE MEETINGS & WORKING GROUPS

Consult web site for specific times and places – www.southbaycities.org

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was ordered adjourned by Chair Mitchell at 7:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcy Hiratzka