

SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2013  
SOUTH BAY ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES CENTER THEATER  
20285 S. WESTERN AVENUE, 1ST FLOOR, TORRANCE, CA 90501

**CALL TO ORDER – INTRODUCTIONS**

Chair Franklin called the SBCCOG Board of Directors meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

**In attendance were the following voting members:**

Suzanne Fuentes, El Segundo  
Dan Medina, Gardena  
Olivia Valentine, Hawthorne  
Michael DiVirgilio, Hermosa Beach  
Ralph Franklin, Inglewood  
Jim Gazeley, Lomita

Mark Burton, Manhattan Beach  
Ellen Perkins, Palos Verdes Estates  
Jim Knight, Rancho Palos Verdes  
Pat Aust, Redondo Beach  
Judy Mitchell, Rolling Hills Estates  
Susan Rhilinger, Torrance

**Other Elected Officials:**

Jim Goodhart, Palos Verdes Estates  
Steve Diels, Redondo Beach  
Susan Seamans, Rolling Hills Estates

**Also in attendance were the following persons:**

Stan Myles, AQMD  
Heidi Sanborn, CPSC  
Greg Stevens, GSE Solutions LLC  
Jeff Kiernan, League of CA Cities  
Bahman Hajjaliakbar, Los Angeles County DPW  
Natalie Jimenez, Los Angeles County DPW  
Mike Bohlke, Metro Director O'Connor  
Isidro Panuco, Metro  
Alan Patashnick, Metro  
David Yale, Metro  
Jacki Bacharach, SBCCOG

Sabrina Bornstein, SBCCOG  
Marcy Hiratzka, SBCCOG  
Rosemary Lackow, SBCCOG  
Marilyn Lyon, SBCCOG  
Lisa Rodriguez, SBCCOG  
Catherine Showalter, SBCCOG  
Steve Lantz, SBCCOG Consultant  
Matt Horton, SCAG  
Jim Hodge, SCE  
Larry Sutton, SCE  
Elizabeth Diels

**CONFIRM POSTING OF THE AGENDA BY THE CITY OF TORRANCE**

Jacki Bacharach confirmed that the agenda was properly posted in the City of Torrance.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS OF ANY CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

Jacki Bacharach announced that the agenda incorrectly listed June 27, 2013 as the next meeting date. The correct date is May 23, 2013.

**PUBLIC COMMENT-** none

## CONSENT CALENDAR

Matters listed under Consent Calendar are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion and one vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered separately.

- A. **March Board Meeting Minutes** (*attachment*) – **Approved**
- B. **Website Hosting & Training** (*attachment*) – **Approved**
- C. **Iteris Contract Reallocation** (*attachment*) – **Approved**

**MOTION** by Board Member Knight, seconded by Board Member Aust, to **approve** the Consent Calendar as submitted. No objection. So ordered. Board Member Mitchell abstained on approval of March minutes.

## PRESENTATIONS

### Recognitions

- a) **Past SBCCOG Chair (2008-2009) Steve Diels** – Mr. Diels was recognized for his service to the SBCCOG as a past Chairman of the Board of Directors, since he is termed out of his city council seat in May 2013. Gifts from the SBCCOG, Cities of Redondo Beach, Palos Verdes Estates, Los Angeles, and Supervisor Knabe's office were presented.
- b) **SCE and SCG Representatives Who Have Been Transferred from the South Bay-** Larry Sutton and Jim Hodge accepted certificates of appreciation for their dedicated service to the South Bay 2010-2012 Energy Efficiency Program. Mr. Sutton said that, as a South Bay native, he truly enjoyed working as an account executive of energy efficiency in local government. Mr. Hodge encouraged city council members to become familiar with EE initiatives for their constituents and municipal facilities. Amy Vulin from the Gas Company was also acknowledged, but as she was not present to accept her certificate, it was accepted on her behalf by Chair Franklin.

### **Measure R Acceleration Proposal – David Yale**

Measure J, the ballot initiative that would have extended the life of the Measure R sales tax increase to provide money to accelerate the schedule for transit and freeway projects, did not pass in the November 2012 election. David Yale, Metro Executive Officer of Countywide Planning and Programming, reported that at today's Metro Board meeting, the Board approved a notice to enable an amendment to the Measure R Expenditure Plan. This would advance "funds available beginning" dates for transit corridor projects. The Metro memo on this subject is on file with these minutes for reference.

This item will be brought back to the Metro Board in June, and will require a 2/3<sup>rd</sup> vote for approval. In this proposal, there is no need for voter approval and Metro will not be seeking voter approval. The South Bay Highway Program will also be accelerated which will mean that it will be allocated \$750 million over ten years instead of \$906 million over 30 years. Board Member Rhilinger stated that some cities cannot finish their Measure R projects on-schedule as it is, and to accelerate the process is not practical. Jacki Bacharach stated that this item would be brought back to next month's Board meeting for further discussion.

### **CA Product Stewardship Council on Extended Producer Responsibility**

Heidi Sanborn, Executive Director of the California Product Stewardship Council, gave a presentation on Producer Responsibility. This is about managing hazardous waste during the whole lifespan of a product (cradle to grave.) Companies should take back the products after they expire. Closed-looped systems are the goal. When a person takes expired products back to the producer, they pay a small fee in order to keep those collection systems working. The Council's goals will help governments and businesses reduce lifecycle, environmental, public health, and economic impacts caused by product waste through development and implementation of product stewardship and producer responsibility policies. Ms. Sanborn's approach is to find win/win solutions that create private sector jobs and increase profits. She listed the cities throughout California (63%) that have already passed resolutions supporting this effort. Lomita was the 133<sup>rd</sup> city in CA to join. The South Bay Cities are encouraged to also support these efforts. Ms. Sanborn spoke of 2013 legislative bills that need support and listed household products that can cause the most damage to the environment and public health (if not properly disposed of by the manufacturer.) The Council wants the cost of its efforts to be taken off of taxpayers and local government. The Legislation they sponsor is about shifting the costs to the companies and making them accountable.

Private-sector competition is needed to lower prices. Councilmember Fuentes said that these efforts are probably designed for local controls, but asked who is responsible regarding online purchases. Ms. Sanborn said that importers and then brand owners are the first two parties held responsible since many manufacturers are not in California. This goes for both domestic and International. Anything that is sold here can be traced back to the producer worldwide and held accountable there. Jacki Bacharach said that she would share the Lomita resolution with the Board. Jeff Kiernan added that the League of California Cities supports all of the aforementioned legislation.

#### **Climate Action Planning Status report – Sabrina Bornstein**

Sabrina Bornstein, Environmental Program Specialist, gave a presentation on her progress in working with the cities on their climate-action plans. The data for this presentation did not include the unincorporated LA County or LA City sections of the SBCCOG territory, but reflected the rest of South Bay cities. Municipal electricity trends show that emissions have been going down but electricity costs are increasing. Natural Gas trends show that emissions increased but costs decreased. Ten best-practice framework areas were listed, and next steps will involve collecting data from each city for a Phase 1 Report (energy usage, emission trends, best practices.) Board Member Knight said that years ago, ICLEI did not have a way to calculate the benefits of preserving open space, and wanted to know if they do now. Ms. Bornstein said that there are ways to calculate that (planting trees.) Board Member Rhilinger reported that she has been seeing many constituents give public comment at city council meetings, regarding increases in utility bills, despite conscientious efforts to conserve resources (electricity, gas, and water.) Greg Stevens, energy engineer for the SBESC, said that utility companies must make a certain amount of revenue to maintain existing infrastructure. This is inevitable. Catherine Showalter said that she would bring this up as an item on the agenda of the SBESC Partnership Meeting, which SCE, SCG, and West Basin MWD attend.

#### **TRANSPORTATION REPORTS**

- A. Metro Report -** Mike Bohlke, on behalf of Director O'Connor, said that Metro's Planning And Programming Committee recommended (as Amended by Wilson) approving the funding category amounts and the preliminary fund estimate of \$150 million for the 2013 Countywide Call for Projects. They also reprogrammed \$49.3 million from deobligations for projects not completed *from the 2012 Countywide Call for Projects (Call) Deobligations to the 2013 Call. There was an amendment: Any reserve remaining subsequent to TAC appeals could be used for Crenshaw Project pedestrian uses.* The Pedestrian Improvements project category went from 7.5% to 10% of the project. Director O'Connor voted against it but was outvoted (4-0).  
The Yaroslavsky Motion to eliminate the monthly maintenance fee for transponders on the ExpressLanes program passed for LA County residents for the next 6 months. Supervisor Yaroslavsky attributed the support of the SBCCOG, whose member cities and chambers also submitted multiple support letters, as being important to the success of this motion. The waiver will be effective April 25, 2013.
- B. Service Council report by Ralph Franklin-** Chair Franklin reported a safety tip at the last Service Council meeting was to be sensitive to one's surroundings when on transit and to refrain from talking on the phone or using electronic devices that can make a person vulnerable if they are not paying attention. The Crenshaw Bl. Corridor Study was also reviewed (overview of existing Metro Bus Lines 210 & 710 route and schedules, ridership trends, alternate service options.) The Service Council was also presented with a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Groups Disparity Study Briefing. This was meant to determine if such groups exist in Metro contracting, assess the effectiveness of race and gender-neutral programs, identify all prime and subcontract awards and payments and identify race and gender-neutral remedies to improve the Metro program. Chair Franklin concluded by stating that the Service Council is meeting with Art Leahy on Monday, where the issue of color coding to distinguish rapid buses from regular buses will be discussed (among other things.)
- C. Measure R Oversight Committee Report-** Board Member Goodhart (Measure R Oversight Committee Chair) reported that the draft final Implementation Plan was presented for review at the MRO Committee and Infrastructure Working Group. He said that he firmly feels that the SBCCOG and MRO Committee finally have the South Bay Highway/Measure R Program under control. Steve Lantz added that the Implementation Plan is updated every two years. Jacki Bacharach said that this document is the manual for the next few years and is meant to explain

the SBHP/Measure R program to new city staff and elected officials. The Infrastructure Working Group has been very involved in recommending policies to the MRO Committee.

### **1. 2013 Measure R South Bay Highway Program Implementation Plan Update – Approve**

**MOTION** by Board Member Rhilinger, seconded by Board Member Medina, to **approve** the 2013 Measure R South Bay Highway Program Implementation Plan as submitted. No objection. So ordered.

#### **D. Monthly Transportation Report from Steve Lantz (*attachment*) – Received and filed**

Steve Lantz's highlights from this report included the increase of gas prices (starting in July, CA will be paying the highest prices in the country) and the success of the "Connecting the Dots on the I-405" event that the IWG held on April 23. This involved city/agency presentations on the progress of infrastructure projects along the I-405 from Sepulveda Pass to the Orange County line.

### **SOUTH BAY ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES CENTER UPDATES**

Update on programs and activities – Catherine Showalter reported that the videoconferencing equipment donated by SCAG has been put to use for one meeting; the Environmental Service Analysts have been all over the community for Earth Month (promoting water and energy conservation); and the SBESC has established a multicultural working group, which will identify ethnic enclaves in the South Bay and proper outreach methods, based on the data. The list of community events in which the SBESC will be participating was also distributed.

#### **A. 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter report on Energy Savings – Greg Stevens, Engineer**

Mr. Stevens distributed individual "at a glance" summary sheets to each city, listing the cities' individual numbers. City Managers are sent this report on a quarterly basis. Mr. Stevens said that Carson, Hermosa Beach, Rancho Palos Verdes, and Torrance are all in the process of municipal energy audits. He also touched on the SCE streetlights initiative and the efforts of the Coalition for Affordable Street Lights. The SBCCOG would like to assist cities in buying back their street lights from SCE so the proper energy efficient retrofits can be done at a lower rate.

### **SBCCOG ISSUES AND REPORTS** – Jacki Bacharach gave the following reports:

- A. LUV, BEV and other EV issues-** A LUV debrief will be held in the next coming months. The BEV program is very successful and test drivers are enjoying the program.
- B. Update on car2go-** 5 cities have approved the program. Hawthorne is waiting for preparation of documents. Torrance is preparing a franchise versus an ordinance. Lawndale and Manhattan Beach have yet to schedule this as an item on their City Council Agendas.
- C. Economic Development activities-** The SBCCOG is pleased by how many public agencies want to attend these meetings. The nominations for the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission close tomorrow.
- D. Legislative Briefing Report-** These briefings are usually well-attended, but City Managers and elected officials who are not attending need to be reminded that they are important events, not to be missed. The Board of Equalization was represented at the April 11 Legislative Briefing. The SBCCOG is open to suggestions for improvements at these events. We've been asked to have specific topics for each briefing and would like the cities' input.
- E. Annual Work Program and Role of Board Members – Discussion and Direction**

Jacki Bacharach gave a presentation on what services and opportunities the SBCCOG offers its member-cities and elected officials. A list of continuing SBCCOG programs and activities was shown. The SBESC and current special programs were also featured. Board Participation was broken down by standing meetings and their frequencies, as were opportunities for city staff participation (for anyone who was not yet involved but interested.)

### **BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Medina: The City of Gardena's 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Cinco de Mayo Celebrate boasts the South Bay's only Cinco de Mayo parade this year. It will be held on May 4 at 11:30 at the downtown Gardena Boulevard area.
- Knight: The City of Rancho Palos Verdes celebrates its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary on May 5. The city has

finally reached the gold tier of energy leader program and is considering the process of procuring its streetlights from SCE and retrofitting them.

- **Seamans:** The Peninsula Shopping Center at Silver Spur Road and Hawthorne Boulevard has been bought by a new management company. The new manager is a peninsula resident who understands the location and the need for economic development in the area. The city looks forward to the shopping center becoming more prosperous.
- **Rhilinger:** Councilmember Susan Rhilinger announced her resignation from Torrance City Council tendered on Tuesday, April 23, 2013, effective June 30, 2013. Her current term expires June 2016. Councilmember Cliff Numark announced that he would seek the District 5 seat on the El Camino Community College Board in November 2013. He is currently eligible to seek a second and final four year term on the Torrance City Council in June 2014. Councilmember Rhilinger hopes that Councilmember Tom Brewer will be able to take her place as SBCCOG Board Delegate and become involved with the Measure R Oversight Committee.
- **Fuentes:** A private memorial service will be held for Charlie Porter, an influential figure in the El Segundo Community. Mr. Porter worked for the El Segundo Police Department 27 years, working as Juvenile officer and Community Service officer. He also worked for several years at Hughes Aircraft's Radar Systems Group. Councilmember Fuentes invites anyone who wished to attend as her guest at this private event.
- **Valentine:** The City of Hawthorne's first "Taste of Hawthorne Food Festival" will be held on May 19<sup>th</sup> at the Hawthorne Airport from 10am – 6pm.
- **Franklin:** The Mayor and several of the Councilmembers just returned from a lobbying trip to Washington, DC, where they met with the Department of Transportation, FAA, Congresswoman Waters, the Director of Urban Initiatives, Office of Community Oriented Policing, and others. They told the story of Inglewood's progress in economic development and how the city has fixed its RSI program. The FAA, based upon our accomplishments promised the City an additional \$6 million for RSI with an option for \$6 million more when that grant is exhausted. The City sought support for applications it will make shortly for transportation grants and police officer hiring grants. The officials were very impressed with Inglewood's progress. The City's lobbying efforts in Washington have brought over \$33 million in FAA and Policing grants to Inglewood since 2011. The City continues to provide essential core services to the community, and there is citywide progress on a number of fronts.

## **AGENCY REPORTS**

- A. League of California Cities-** Jeff Kiernan distributed the League's *2013 Hot Bills List* and *Major Post RDA-Dissolution/Economic Development Bills Fact Sheet*. The 2013 Annual Conference on September 18 will be a lunch again for the LA Division. The League's 2013 Action Day took place yesterday; participants had the opportunity to lobby their legislators. This webinar provided participants with the information on priority bills needed to successfully advocate on behalf of their cities. Today, Governor Brown spoke to the League's Board of Directors about criminal justice realignment, local control, economic development, the roles of the various levels of government, his commitment to building new infrastructure in the state and his philosophy on government.
- B. South Coast Air Quality Management District-** Stan Myles said that a prohibition of open-burning in beach areas will be considered at the June 7 Board Meeting. In conjunction with the Governing Board's consideration of a prohibition on burning of wood and other biomass fuels at beaches, SCAQMD is conducting air monitoring and sampling in areas adjacent to beaches with fire rings. Given the health effects related to wood smoke exposure, the purpose of this effort is to assess the potential for human exposure to wood smoke from beach fires. SCAQMD plans to continue air monitoring at fixed sites near beaches in the near term, and will report results to the public as they are available. Mr. Myles also distributed more lawnmower exchange flyers.
  - 1. Local Government and Business Advisory Group-** Not Present
- C. SCAG & Committees-** Matt Horton reminded everyone that SCAG's Annual General Assembly will take place next week. Mr. Horton also coordinates the Southern California Clean Cities coalition, which works with vehicle fleets, fuel providers, community leaders, and other stakeholders to reduce petroleum use in transportation. Those who are interested in participating or learning more should let him know.
  - 1. Energy and Environment-** Not Present

2. **Transportation-** Board Member Medina reported that he and Steve Diels advocated for the position of the sub-regions that RTP subcommittee policy recommendations be stated as “preliminary.” There were six votes on separate recommendations to add the word “preliminary.” Four out of the six passed. Councilman Diels and Board Member Medina were commended for their advocacy on the SBCCOG’s behalf.
  3. **Community, Economic, & Human Development-** Board Member Gazeley reported that the Committee was given presentations on (Cal/EPA) California Communities Environmental Health Screening Tool, Administration Draft Cap-and-Trade Auction Proceeds Investment Plan, and from the Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG), a presentation on the Home Energy Renovation Opportunity (HERO) Program.
  4. **Regional Council-** Board Member Gazeley reported (among other things) that the 2013 Regional Council and Policy Committees Meeting Schedule was released. Jacki Bacharach added that sub-regions have been concerned because SCAG committee members (elected officials) do not feel that the high frequency of subcommittee meetings is the appropriate way to make policy, but they are not being heard by SCAG. Next week, Ms. Bacharach will meet with other COG Executive Directors and will continue to discuss this issue on a regular basis, independently from SCAG.
- D. Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission- Board Member** Perkins reported that last Thursday the SMBRC discussed the Draft Bay Restoration Plan Update. PowerPoint presentations are available on their website and the Commission is accepting input from the public. This will not be adopted until August 2013.
- E. South Bay Cities City Managers’ Association-** Jacki Bacharach reported that the City Managers Association has been discussing joint-procurement options and utility reliability issues with the Public Works Directors. More flushed-out ideas will be presented to the Board later.
- F. South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce** Board Member Rhilinger said that the Association is developing its mission statement.
- G. South Bay Workforce Investment Board-** Not Present

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Bacharach: May 1- Water 101 Class for Councilmembers and City Staff (*attachment*)
- Bacharach: May 2- California Manufacturing Technology Consulting and the Governor’s Office of Business and Economic Development is hosting a brown bag seminar for small businesses (\$25 at holiday inn in Torrance on Vermont at 11:30am.) The SBCCOG is co-sponsoring this event. (*attachment*)
- Franklin: The SBCCOG Ad Hoc Committee is accepting nominations for Board Positions. Applications are for one-year terms.
- Lantz: On May 13, 2013 the Measure R Oversight Committee is going to review the scope of work for the consultant bench RFP/current consultant bench contract. A quorum will be needed, and there are not many elected officials that attend this meeting on a regular basis.

#### **MAY 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, Chair Franklin adjourned the meeting at 8:36 p.m. to Thursday, May 23, 2013, at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marcy Hiratzka  
Recording Secretary