

SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 2011  
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**CALL TO ORDER – INTRODUCTIONS**

Chair Mitchell convened the meeting with less than a quorum present at 6:06pm. A quorum was established at 6:15pm with the arrival of Dan Rosenfeld.

In the interim, Dr. Barry Wallerstein, Executive Officer of the South Coast Air Quality Management District, explained AQMD Governing Board's co-authored (with SCAG and CA Air Resources Board) brochure called "Powering the Future." This is to be the first brochure in a series of brochures. The Governing Board's intent is to stimulate discussion amongst stakeholders in the region about future public health issues, mobility, climate change, and create an infrastructure to support all of these things. This series of brochures envisions these issues twenty to thirty years from now. Dr. Wallerstein then gave a presentation called, "Powering Clean Air, Transportation, and Economic Growth." He said that five percent of the American population lives within SCAQMD jurisdiction. South Coast Air Basin has 17 million residents and contains the largest containered-goods gateway for the nation. He identified key air pollutants, described evolving federal ambient air standards, and listed long-term health consequences as the result of Southern California having the worst air quality in the nation. Dr. Wallerstein emphasized that there are risk levels in Southern California that should not be permissible. He explained some challenges of meeting federal clean air act standards and also mentioned zero and near zero emission technologies that currently exist and those that are on the horizon. He also explained how to avoid adverse consequences for failure to comply with Federal Clean Air Act (sanctions, federal implementation plan, conformity findings prohibited.) He thanked Judy Mitchell for her contributions to the AQMD Governing Board. Chair Mitchell thanked SCAQMD for assisting the SBCCOG with the LUV Program. Jacki Bacharach stated that there are fuel cell stations per capita in the South Bay, and also thanked Judy for introducing the SBCCOG to the California Fuel Cell Partnership. The South Bay is an area targeted for fuel cell charging stations and should be a pilot area for fuel cell vehicle development.

In attendance were the following voting members:

Bill Fisher, El Segundo  
Dan Medina, Gardena  
Dan Rosenfeld, LA County SD2  
Daniel Juarez, Hawthorne  
Ellen Perkins, Palos Verdes Estates  
Jim Gazeley, Lomita

Jim Goodhart, Palos Verdes Estates  
Judy Mitchell, Rolling Hills Estates  
Pat Aust, Redondo Beach  
Robert Pullen-Miles, Lawndale  
Susan Rhlinger, Torrance

Other Elected Officials:

Anthony Misetich, Rancho Palos Verdes  
Frank Zerunyan, Rolling Hills Estates  
Jim Dear, Carson  
Jim Osborne, Lawndale  
John Addleman, Rolling Hills Estates  
Steven Zuckerman, Rolling Hills Estates  
Susan Seamans, Rolling Hills Estates

Also in attendance were the following persons:

Alan Patashnick, Metro  
Barry Wallerstein, SCAQMD  
Bill Workman, Redondo Beach  
Blanca Jimenez, Congresswoman Waters  
Carolyn Lehr, RPV

Ed Caprielian, Resident of Manhattan Beach  
Greg Grammer, Rolling Hills Estates  
Jack Gabig, Gardena Municipal Bus Lines  
Jacki Bacharach, SBCCOG  
Jeff Kiernan, League of CA Cities

John Parsons, SBWIB  
Judy Smith, PVE  
Leeor Alpern, SCAQMD  
Marcy Hiratzka, SBCCOG  
Marilyn Lyon, SBESC  
Matt Horton, SCAG  
Mike Bohlke, Metro

Nicki Coronado, SBCCOG  
Paulo Morais, SCG  
Qiuana Williams, Assemblymember Furutani  
Rebecca Bernal, Senator Price  
Steve Lantz, SBCCOG consultant  
Tina McKinnor, Assemblymember Bradford  
Wally Siembab, SBCCOG

**FLAG SALUTE - LED BY CHAIR JUDY MITCHELL**

Upon confirming a quorum, the following actions were taken:

**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**

There was one change to the agenda. Chair Mitchell changed the order of two items and announced that Public Comment would follow the SBCCOG Election of Officers).

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

- A. May Board Meeting Minutes (attachment) – Approve**
- B. 2011-2012 Operating Budget (attachments) – Approve**
- C. Agreement with City of Torrance for Promotion of Water Conservation Programs (attachment) - Approve**
- D. Agreement with City of Torrance to Define Roles & Responsibilities in Submission of Grant for South Bay Web-Based Multi-Modal Journey Planner (attachment) – Approve**
- E. Extension to Agreement with Metro for Services Related to Vanpool Marketing (attachment) – Approve contract subject to review by SBCCOG legal counsel**
- F. Letter to South Bay Bicycle Coalition Expressing Willingness to Work With them on South Bay Bicycle Coordinator through outside funding (attachment) - Approve**
- G. Support for AB 1303 & HR 1123 & Oppose SB 469 and Legislative status (attachment) – Approve**

**ACTION ITEMS**

- A. Election of Officers (attachment) – Approve**

**MOTION** by Board Member **(MALE VOICE)**, seconded by Board Member Medina, to **approve** the Nominating Committee's Recommendations for the Election of Officers. No objection. So ordered.

Certificates for Chair Mitchell were presented from the SBCCOG, Legislative representatives, and multiple South Bay Cities. Vice-Chair Perkins began the presentation by thanking Chair Mitchell for serving her term as SBCCOG Board of Directors Chair, establishing the Measure R Oversight Committee, and for her contributions to previous SBCCOG General Assemblies. Judy Mitchell announced that she will remain on the Board as Immediate Past President.

## **B. Measure R South Bay Highway Program**

### **1. Torrance Request to Accelerate 1<sup>st</sup> Funding for Torrance Transit Center from Deferral of Other Projects and Task Order Request (*attachment*) - *Approve***

**MOTION** by Board Member Juarez, seconded by Board Member Mistch, to **approve** the recommended actions to be submitted for Metro Board consideration. No objection. So ordered.

Steve Lantz reported that the SBCCOG is deep in preparation of the Funding Agreements between Metro and individual projects being drafted. Next month, the Implementation Plan will be completed. Mr. Lantz said that Metro has a new Highway Programs Executive Officer, Lan Saadatnejadi, who would like to look at this program and possibly make a few revisions. As a separate item, Mr. Lantz also mentioned the request for a change of fund allocations from one project to another (from the City of Torrance.) The City requested the delay and transfer of funds from one of its highway projects in order to its transit center project, which has become a priority. Mr. Lantz said that the Measure R Oversight Committee will recommend the request to the SBCCOG Board, who will recommend it to the MTA Board. Mr. Lantz anticipates that other cities will be submitting change requests over the next few months as they take a closer look at their projects and reprioritize. Board Member Juarez asked Mr. Lantz about allocating money for different fiscal years. Mr. Lantz answered that cities have to sign two funding agreements: one for the design and one for the construction. Both funding agreements will be delayed in this case. Jacki Bacharach added that the cash flow for the total plan is not affected.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

The Board received one public comment from Edwin Caprielian, PHD, resident of Manhattan Beach. Mr. Caprielian commented on a report from Los Angeles County, regarding alcohol- related harms in the South Bay. He said that drug and alcohol use is a major problem with youth and needs to be stopped. Mr. Caprielian was concerned that cities do not take alcohol-related incidents within their jurisdiction of citizens from other cities into consideration. He concluded by stating his opposition of a request to LA County Supervisor Knabe from the City of Manhattan Beach regarding the selling of alcohol on the beach for the City's Centennial Gala in 2012.

### **MONTHLY METRO REPORT**

#### **Board member Report**

Mike Bohkle gave the report on behalf of Metro Director Pam O'Connor. He reported that LA County Supervisor Knabe's term ended as Metro Chair, and that Mayor Villaraigosa will assume this position in July. Mr. Bohkle said that the Metro Board approved the proposed Strategic Positioning (Category 2 and 3) Projects amounting to \$3.2 million for project development and \$18.2 million in reserve funds for future stages of these projects to complete the first six year funding allocation for the South Bay Measure R Highway Program. The Board also approved programming of \$2.2 million to the (SBCCOG) for program administration and \$4.4 million for program contingency. Steve Lantz added that the South Bay region applied for 19 projects and got recommendations for 7 of them. Preliminary recommendations for the 2011 Call are commonly referred to as the "Rainbow Report". In order to maintain scoring consistency across all modes, projects assigned a score of 70 points or higher are eligible for funding. Those projects are indicated in the Rainbow Report by a solid, "qualifying" line. Mr. Lantz reported that several projects are just below the line in their categories (i.e. 68 points). Appeals will be held in August for cities who wish to contest the allocations of call for projects. Both Mr. Bohkle and Mr. Lantz agreed that since there was money reserved beyond what was originally allocated to fund more projects, cities should not be disheartened; they only need make a strong case for their appeals if they are close enough for consideration. After appeals, the Metro Board will return with final recommendations in September. Board Member Juarez requested an update of approved Measure R projects in order to brief the appropriate city staff prior to the posting. Jacki Bacharach specified that the matrix passed out at the May Board meeting was for Measure R projects, but the call project updates are distributed to the cities' Public Works Department Directors. She said that she would send out a memo to the Public Works Directors in the South Bay Cities regarding this. Mr. Bohkle went on to discuss a Green Construction Policy which, if adopted, **would** require zero-emission off- road vehicles for construction. Mr. Bohkle said that the Board is recommended to approve this in July. Jacki Bacharach further explained that cities do not have accessibility to these vehicles so, although the SBCCOG

does not oppose Metro's policy, it cannot carry out the policy at this time, due to a lack of qualifying vehicles. Steve Lantz said that trucks are going to have to be retrofitted by 2015, and that the registration of the use of the vehicles will be needed. If there are no qualifying vehicles to be had, the project will require an exemption. He emphasized that the issue is finding a compromise between staying green and a realistic administrative approach. Alan Patashnick of Metro reminded everyone of the 405 closure and when Board Member Goodhart asked if it was guaranteed that the freeway would reopen at 5am on July 18, he responded that Caltrans will be standing by with extra crews to assist if the work is not getting done efficiently enough to reopen on Monday at 5am. Mr. Bohlke said that he anticipates that Metro will meet the deadline and reopen the 405 at 5am on July 18. Steve Lantz reminded everyone that this closure is the first half of the project- the second bridge will be torn down next year.

### **Governance Council Report**

Board Member Goodhart spoke on behalf of Board Member Franklin, Metro's South Bay Service Council Chair. He said that the South Bay Service Council Meetings, previously held in Carson, will now be held in Inglewood, and the next meeting is on July 5, 2011. Board Member Goodhart reported that on June 26, service changes will take effect in the region. Jacki Bacharach added that on June 26, Silver Line buses will double, due to the congestion pricing demonstration program on the El Monte Busway and Harbor Transitway. Board Member Medina also said that Gardena service changes will go into effect in September of 2011.

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

Marilyn Lyon distributed the SBESC's updated list of events as well as the brochure listing limited-time increased rebates for LA County's Energy Upgrade California Program. She spoke of training programs, presentations to non-profit organizations, and exhibits at local Farmer's Markets, which all promote Energy Upgrade California. She also plans to attend future City Council meetings for all 15 cities in the South Bay in order to promote Energy Upgrade California and its limited-time increased rebates. Board Member Goodhart reported that he attended a function in Sacramento, where an elected official of Northern California inferred that nowhere else in the state of California is Energy Upgrade California being implemented. He was surprised that Northern California was unaware of the EUC activity occurring in Los Angeles County. Jacki Bacharach spoke of the Energy Partnership Workshop and Luncheon that is being held on June 30, 2011 for participating cities and their staff. She listed a few of the cities who are advancing to the program's next tiers, and said that certain cities will now qualify for membership in the California Climate Registry.

### **BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS - NONE**

### **SBCCOG UPDATE AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Jacki Bacharach reported that Wally Siembab accepted the Planning Excellence in Implementation Award on behalf of the SBCCOG from the LA Section of the American Planning Association. The SBCCOG's South Bay Sustainable Strategy earned this Large Jurisdiction 'Award of Merit' on June 22, 2011. Ms. Bacharach also mentioned the SBCCOG's Local Use Vehicle Program and reported that there are 200 interested test-drivers on the waiting list. She explained that there are islands on South Bay surface streets where the LUVs cannot be driven due to the increased speed regulations and narrow lanes. She said that these obstacles need to be eliminated so that surface streets do not limit the test-drivers' routes. Ms. Bacharach mentioned that the SBCCOG's 13<sup>th</sup> Annual General Assembly will take place on February 24, 2012, at the Carson Community Center. Topics are being considered by the Steering Committee include disaster/emergency preparedness and climate change, and further suggestions may be submitted to Jacki.

### **AGENCY REPORTS**

#### **League of California Cities**

Jeff Kiernan relayed that the California budget bill was vetoed by Governor Brown, and that he has not yet acted on the various trailer bills that contain policy changes to implement the budget's spending directives. Legislators' salaries are being withheld (Proposition 25) until a balanced budget is produced. Mr. Kiernan also said that the Legislature wants to take the elimination of Redevelopment up again for another vote, as the Governor has not given direction on the future of these agencies. Mr. Kiernan spoke of two bills coming up for Committee Hearings on July 6, 2011: AB 438 (oppose) and AB 506 (oppose.) AB 46 (the bill that

would disincorporate the City of Vernon since it has less than 150 residents) was opposed by the League. Chair Mitchell explained that the Executive Committee of the League opposed AB46 because of time constraints, and Mr. Kiernan concluded by stating that there is now a trailer bill for AB 46. Mr. Kiernan also spoke of the Pension Reform Proposal prepared by the League's City Managers Working Group and that this proposal will be brought to the Executive Board in July. New policies for the League will come from this meeting. The last thing that Mr. Kiernan announced was the League's Annual Conference in September in San Francisco. Please make reservations as soon as possible, as space is limited.

### **SCAG & Communities**

Matt Horton announced that SCAG's Regional Council will be dark throughout July and August (retreat in July.) Both a Regional Transportation Plan and a Sustainability Strategy have SCAG engaged right now. Chair Mitchell announced two outreach meeting sets (FOR WHAT?) which will happen in September through October: general community and elected.

### **South Bay Cities City Managers' Association**

Greg Grammar had nothing to report on the City Managers Working Group.

### **South Bay Workforce Investment Board**

John Parsons acknowledged Senator Rod Wright for trying to keep Redevelopment alive, and also for opposing SB 776. Mr. Parsons encouraged the opposition of this bill, which mandates 40% of the SBWIB's General Fund to be directed towards training. He argued that mandating a statewide training threshold on a locally driven system could cause One-Stop Career Centers to close and eliminate employment services and programs that put unemployed Californians into jobs. Mr. Parsons explained that the SBWIB was chastised for spending time on high school programs when time should have been spent on training workers. Mr. Parsons said that the Workforce Investment Boards and Unions opposing this bill lost unanimously because of the SB776's sponsors (California Labor Federation, State Building and Construction Trades Council, and Communication Workers of America.) Vice-Chair Perkins asked if a position taken by the Board next month would be too late for the Senate's consideration. Mr. Parsons said that there is time for the Board to take a position before it is brought to the Senate.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Jacki Bacharach reminded everyone of the Breakfast Briefing for Legislative Staff that will occur on July 14 at 7:30am in Manhattan Beach. Elected Officials and Legislative district staff are invited to attend.

Jacki Bacharach announced that copies of the most current *South Bay Watch* newsletter (Summer 2011 edition) were available at the front table of the Board Meeting room.

Jacki Bacharach said that *The Daily Breeze* will publish an article about Measure R on June 24, 2011.

Board Member Juarez announced the Hawthorne Historical Society's "Good Neighbors Day" event on Saturday, July 16, 2011 - 11am to 9pm at Hawthorne High School. 7pm - Legends Of Surf Music Concert featuring original Beach Boys Member, David Marks, and his Surf Band.

Jacki Bacharach reminded everyone of the location change for the next Board meeting on July 28, 2011 (Palos Verdes Golf Club 3301 Via Campesina, Palos Verdes Estates 90274.)

### **JULY 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 Mitchell at 8:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marcy Hiratzka