

SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
THURSDAY, JUNE 28, 2012
SBESC THEATER
20285 S. WESTERN AVE, TORRANCE, CA 90501

SELF-INTRODUCTIONS

FLAG SALUTE - LED BY CHAIR ELLEN PERKINS

Chair Perkins called the South Bay Cities Council of Governments to order at 6:03 p.m. In attendance were the following voting members:

Suzanne Fuentes, El Segundo
Dan Medina, Gardena
Daniel Juarez, Hawthorne
Ralph Franklin, Inglewood
Jim Osborne, Lawndale
Jim Gazeley, Lomita
Amy Howorth, 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, LA County SD2
Steve Napolitano, LA County SD4

Other Elected Officials

Jim Dear, Carson
James Butts, Inglewood
George Bird, Palos Verdes Estates
Jim Goodhart, Palos Verdes Estates
Matt Kilroy, Redondo Beach
Rosemary Humphrey, Palos Verdes Estates
Susan Seamans, Rolling Hills Estates

Also in attendance were the following persons:

Stan Myles, AQMD
Bill Orton, California Senator Wright
Hamilton Cloud, Congresswoman Waters
Lisa Rodriguez, SBCCOG.
Jeffrey Kiernan, League of California Cities
Jacob Haik, Los Angeles
Robert Calix, Metro
Pam O'Connor, Metro
Brad McAllister, Metro
Alan Patashnick, Metro
Mike Bohlke, Metro Director O'Connor
Jessica Hernandez, MuniServices
Fran Mancia, MuniServices
Judy Smith, Palos Verdes Estates
Eric Brown, Parsons Brinckerhoff

Jacki Bacharach, SBCCOG
Nicki Coronado, SBCCOG
Marcy Hiratzka, SBCCOG
Rosemary Lackow, SBCCOG
Catherine Showalter, SBCCOG
Steve Lantz, SBCCOG Transp. Consultant
John Parsons, SBWIB
Matt Horton, SCAG
Rob Beste, Torrance Public Works
Ryder Todd Smith, Tripepi, Smith & Assoc.
Rob Katherman, Water Replenishment Dist.
EJ Caldwell, West Basin MWD
Fernando Paludi, West Basin MWD
Bart Doyle, Attorney at Law (with Metro)

CONFIRM POSTING OF THE AGENDA BY THE CITY OF TORRANCE

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

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ANY CHANGES TO THE AGENDA - None

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

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. May Board Meeting Minutes (attachment) – Approve

B. Master Agreement with Siembab Corporation (attachment) – Approve

C. Agreement with Jacobs Engineering (attachment) – Approve

D. Contract Extension with Torrance Water Company (attachment) – Approve

E. Only You Can Save Energy Contract Extension (attachment) – Approve

F. SBCCOG Participation in the Beacon Award Champion Program (attachment) – Approve

The following motion was passed

The South Bay Cities Council of Governments, along with its Environmental Services Center, has been a leader in promoting and supporting energy efficiency and sustainability activities among its member agencies. Two members, Manhattan Beach and Rolling Hills Estates, already participate in the Beacon Award program and several more cities have expressed interest. Becoming a Beacon Award Champion is a way for the SBCCOG to support and recognize the leadership of our member agencies as they participate in the Beacon Award program. Because of limited staff resources of our member agencies and the opportunities to highlight the creativity and leadership of our member agencies, the SBCCOG can play a role to help our members. Move that the South Bay Cities Council of Governments request to be designated a Beacon Award Program Champion and to undertake the activities outlined in the staff report in the agenda.

G. Legislation which SBCCOG is monitoring (attachment) – Receive and file

PRESENTATION

Congestion Mitigation Program Update

Metro's Robert Calix gave a presentation on this program's progress. Metro has been working with the cities of LA County for several years regarding the feasibility of a one-time Congestion Mitigation Fee on all land uses. Each jurisdiction would select and build capital transportation projects, adopt a fee ordinance, and collect fees/control revenue. No funds are due to Metro, but Metro would oversee cities' compliance with the CMP. Fee revenue could leverage other funding (call for projects). Cities receive credit for existing mitigation fee programs. Program adoption requires approval by MTA and jurisdictions. Fees do not apply to home remodeling, would only apply to net new construction on commercial and industrial space and additional residential units. Metro has completed six of eight pilot studies with preliminary nexus results, one of which involved the SBCCOG. In the South Bay, 169 projects and programs were identified at a \$444 million estimate cost (not including the City of LA.) Mr. Calix stated that according to the South Bay Cities pilot study, if all of the identified projects in the South Bay were completed over the next 20 years, approximately 38% of the forecasted congestion would be reduced. Metro's Nexus Analysis Findings show that the unfunded cost-per-trip minimum break point would be \$300 for the South Bay region. The next step is to share the results collected with the neighboring COGs and make a recommendation to proceed at the MTA Board in the fall of 2012. Board Member Kilroy asked if Metro has considered exceptions for TOD development and Mr. Calix answered that there are a series of exemptions, like low-income housing. Chair Perkins requested that Jacki Bacharach obtain the study report for distribution. Board Member Fuentes asked Mr. Calix to clarify the preliminary nexus study results summary by sub-region, which states that the cost per Trip Minimum Break Point for South Bay Cities will be \$300. Mr. Calix responded that the cost of the project divided by the number of trips. The \$300 range is the result of the nexus process, which will help determine what the minimum should be once each city submits their list of projects.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Resolution 2012-1 Opposing San Diego County Water Authority Cost-Shift–(attachment)- Approve
 Rob Beste, Torrance Public Works and IWG Chair explained this issue. Imperial Irrigation District sold the San Diego County Water Authority expensive water but SDCWA does not have the infrastructure to bring the water to San Diego. They filed a lawsuit to challenge the rate structure. \$3 billion dollars is what the SDCWA must pay to transport their water, and they are requesting that the member agencies of the MWD share this financial responsibility. The City of Torrance and West Basin Municipal Water District are parties to the lawsuit and are seeking general support from COGs to show that the rate structure is fair, and that member agencies of the MWD should not have to pay for this. Chair Perkins asked how the resolution would be used, should the SBCCOG take a position. Mr. Beste said that the City of Torrance and WBMWD will return to address the SBCCOG Board for an official letter of opposition, in case this goes to legislation. Board Member Juarez asked if any financial commitment is required from the SBCCOG. Mr. Beste said no, and added that if the SBCCOG opposes this, it will not be held liable to pay.

MOTION by Board Member Medina, seconded by Board Member Aust, to **approve** a resolution of support. No objection. So ordered.

Jacki Bacharach also asked Mr. Beste to speak about the new MS4 permit. The Regional Water Board allotted a comment period of 45 days for cities to review this long document, and the City of Torrance sent the Regional Water Board a letter to say that 45 days is not adequate time to comment on this. The City requested six months and requests that other cities send letters to that effect.

B. Election of Officers (attachment)– Approve

Chair Perkins gave the official results from the Nominating Committee (Mitchell, Rhilinger, and Perkins), which by unanimous consent, presents the following slate of officers for the 2012-2013 fiscal year:

Chairman Ralph Franklin Councilmember, Inglewood
 1st Vice Chair Dan Medina Councilmember, Gardena
 2nd Vice Chair Jeff Duclos Mayor, Hermosa Beach

Last year the Board approved nominating 4 additional at large members to the Steering Committee in order to more deeply engage city council members in the work of the SBCCOG and to better prepare members to serve as future SBCCOG officers.

The recommended at large nominees to the Steering Committee are:

Pat Aust, Councilmember, Redondo Beach (continuing)
 Matt Kilroy, Councilmember, Redondo Beach
 Jim Knight, Councilmember, Rancho Palos Verdes
 David Lesser, Manhattan Beach

All candidates have agreed to serve if elected.

MOTION by Board Member Juarez, seconded by Board Member Aust, to **accept** nominations for all offices from the floor, **close** nominations, and elect the slate of officers as presented.

. The vote was unanimously in favor.

Chair Perkins then spoke about her term as Chair, acknowledging the SBCCOG's ability to run smoothly and efficiently. She thanked her fellow City Council Members and city staff. She especially thanked PVE Council Member/SBCCOG Board Member Jim Goodhart for getting her involved with the SBCCOG. Incoming Chair Franklin presented Chair Perkins with a scrapbook and a plaque from all of the SBCCOG's member cities, and then proceeded to acknowledge her major accomplishments during her term as Chair. The following Offices made individual presentations to Chair Perkins: Cities of Carson, El Segundo, Gardena, Hawthorne, Inglewood, Lawndale, Lomita, Los Angeles, Manhattan Beach, Palos Verdes Estates, Rancho Palos Verdes, Redondo Beach, Rolling Hills Estates, Torrance, LA County Supervisors Ridley-Thomas and Knabe, Congresswoman Waters, Assemblymember Bradford, and Congresswoman Hahn. Offices not present to present their scrolls included the Cities of Hermosa Beach and Rolling Hills, Senator Feinstein, Assemblymember Butler, Assemblymember Lowenthal, Senator Lieu, and Senator Wright.

C. 2012-2013 Operating Budget Adoption (attachments)– Approve

Jacki Bacharach reminded everyone that this item was brought before the Board in May but there is a proposed change to the special assessment. This year, we did not reduce the assessment on the original invoices, and now the SBCCOG feels confident that some of its partnership funds can help finance climate action planning. SBCCOG's Steering Committee has voted to reduce the assessment by 25%. See Line item 7 of the attachment. No questions or discussion. Jacki explained that, should the Board vote for this revised budget, on June 29, invoices will be mailed to the cities reflecting the amount.

MOTION by Chair Perkins, seconded by Board Member Franklin, to **approve** the adoption of the revised 2012-2013 Operating Budget. No objection. So ordered.

D. Mission, Vision & Guiding Principles (attachments)– Approve

Chair Perkins explained that this item was originally presented at the April Board meeting, and was since been developed with by Board Member Goodhart and after discussion at the Steering Committee are being recommended for approval.

MOTION by Board Member Mitchell, seconded by Board Member Franklin, to **adopt** the new Mission, Vision, and Guiding Principles as submitted. No objection. So ordered.

E. Measure R Extension Update (attachment)– Reconsider Support

Jacki explained that in May, the Board heard a presentation on proposed legislation which would authorize Metro to put a ballot measure on the ballot to remove the sunset clause from Measure R. The SBCCOG sent a letter of support to Metro but expressed several concerns. Metro has listed the SBCCOG's support of the legislation without mentioning those concerns. The SBCCOG had requested an explanation of Metro's Operating and Maintenance budget, and did not think it appropriate of Metro to list the SBCCOG's support without first addressing our issues.. Jacki said that it would be premature to take action on the measure on the ballot that evening because there needs to be a full discussion first. Metro Director O'Connor said that the Measure R Extension was approved at the MTA Board meeting earlier this afternoon, and that there were three votes of opposition. The proposed extension is a thirty-year continuance that would enable MTA to accelerate projects identified in the original Measure. She brought up a new motion that was also approved, called the Fasana Motion. It is tied to Section 11 and concerns the restriction regarding the amendment of the ordinance once every ten years to reprogram funds. The proposed amendment would allow flexibility for subregions to amend the ordinance at a time that is advantageous to address the subregion's project specific needs. Any amendment to transfer funds from one capital subfund to another would rely on the discretion of the particular subregion to petition to the MTA Board. A public hearing 30 days after today must occur. Then the LA County Board of Supervisors will vote to put it on the ballot. More discussion at subregion level is occurring now. Jacki Bacharach said that the South Bay benefits from the Measure R sales tax being extended: local return program for the streets and highways component, \$640 million over the next thirty years, and the Green Line extension from Redondo Beach to Torrance receives environmental clearance. However, no new funds will be available until 2055. Fare increases and other increases will still be necessary for the acceleration of projects to work. Municipal operators will be benefitting as a result. Board Member Rosenfeld said that Supervisors Knabe, Ridley-Thomas, and Antonovich voted against the extension because they think that it is premature to extend a new program by \$36 billion when the program has not yet deployed even a fraction of its money, and no evaluations have been completed to show that the funds are being used in the way they were intended. It is also not clear what the extension will be funding. The original motion for Measure R was very clear, but the extension does not clarify the distribution of funds. Board Member Napolitano added that Supervisor Knabe is wary of mortgaging the future with future money when voters will not know what they will be extending. The money will not be available by 2039 like we assume it will be. Projects are not being completed on time or on budget. Board Member Rosenfeld added that the Supervisors who opposed the extension think that the issue is distracting from the three initiatives already on the ballot regarding tax increases, and this motion could affect the voters' perception of priorities. Board Member Knight asked if Measure R is not extended, and cities cannot complete the projects as originally planned, where would the funding from? Director O'Connor said that regional connector and subway are the 2 projects that are guaranteed federal funding, but federal-level participation for local projects is unknown at this time. Jacki explained what the regional connector is (connecting the new lines running through downtown to handle the increased ridership projected.)

Jacki said this is now a receive and file item.

TRANSPORTATION REPORTS**A. Metro Report**

Director O'Connor announced that at the Metro Board meeting earlier today, the reappointments for the Service Sectors were approved. The MTA Board also voted to include all the transit corridors in the latest TOD grant (this includes the entire Green Line Corridor) and cities related to that corridor's activities.

B. Service Council report by Ralph Franklin, Chair

Board Member Franklin reported that the Expo Line to Culver City was opened on June 20, and rides were free that day. He reiterated that he and John Addleman were reelected as the Chair and Vice Chair for the South Bay Service Council. The service council concluded its last meeting in honor of Alan Thomas, bus driver.

C. SBCCOG report by Steve Lantz, Transportation Consultant

Steve Lantz announced that the SBCCOG's cooperative agreement with Metro has finally been executed (it was approved in concept by the Board a few months ago.) He also promoted the Measure R Agency Briefing and Best Practices Workshop, which will be held at the SBESC Office on July 12.

SOUTH BAY ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES CENTER UPDATES

Catherine Showalter and Jacki Bacharach gave the following updates:

- The new dual signage for the Center has been mounted in the front of the building.
- Program Implementation Plans for utilities are due on Monday. Local energy networks are due two weeks from Monday.
- We may offer workshops to contractors, in the same vein as our Spanish-language workshops.
- EUC call center reached 179 calls; KTLA 5 segment was broadcasted in early June.
- Introduced new hires, Sabrina Bornstein and Chandler Sheilds (not present.)
- Art display changes every three months. New artist on Monday from the Torrance artist guild.
- The SBESC will be providing gas saving information in LA Council District 15 for the first time.
- E newsletter Olympics theme highlights London's activities concerning sustainability.

BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Medina: On the 4th of July he will be providing music for the Carson Independence Day Show. On July 21 in Gardena, the City of Gardena is hosting a car show fundraiser. Board Member Medina also added that if cities unite, they can purchase things from Edison at a cheaper rate.
- Aust: Fireworks demonstration on July 4th at 9 pm.
- Franklin: Thanked SBCCOG for prompting him to organize a town hall meeting about the 2012 General Assembly topic of Emergency Preparedness. It was standing room only!!
- Butts: The City of Inglewood has \$100 million in bond proceeds backed up by Redevelopment money. The City has created a set of obligations of what to do with that money. He acknowledged Jeff Kiernan of the League of California Cities, as Mr. Kiernan has been advocating for Redevelopment Successor Agencies.
- Rosenfeld: The Expo line has been extended to Culver City and is finally open to the public.
- Seamans: The City of Rolling Hills Estates is holding its Annual Tracy Austin Tennis Tournament in mid-July, and in August, the City will hold its annual Cross Country Run. A skate park will be built for the PVP area, once the money is raised.
- Rhilinger: The Santa Monica airport plans to incentivize pilots at its flight school to do their touch-and-go trainings at neighboring airports on weekends and holidays, in order to spare Santa Monica residents noise and other disturbances. This will affect the airports in the South Bay. Please visit www.SMDP.com for more information.
- Fuentes: The City of El Segundo had the dedication of the Ruth and Elliot Handler design center; this was a well-attended event. The El Segundo Kings won the Stanley Cup and a recognition ceremony will be held in their honor soon. Family activities will be held on 4th of July at the Rec Park and the fireworks show will be held at 9 pm. Caltech held an event in partnership with the USGS, and funding for earthquake sensors was one of the topics discussed. Mexico and Japan actually have these and a video was shown of how alerts really work. The SBCCOG needs to encourage this since we live on two active faults.
- Juarez: The City of Hawthorne will hold its Annual Good Neighbors Day and 90th Anniversary on July 21 at City Hall. This will include the grand opening of the Hawthorne Historical Museum and car show.
- Napolitano: Please visit Supervisor Knabe's website for more information. www.knabe.com
- Howorth: On July 8, the City of Manhattan Beach will hold its Grand Prix bike race. On July 31 and Aug 1, the City is holding a volleyball tournament.

- Gazeley: Lomita hired Michael Rock as its new City Manager. Board Member Gazeley read part of a letter he sent to Santa Monica Mayor Richard Bloom. It expressed concern about the Santa Monica Airport redirecting of flight training activity that Board Member Rhilinger mentioned, and how this unfairly impact South Bay residents.
- Osborne: Last month, the City of Lawndale opened its Historical Museum. The 2013 budget has been passed. Lawndale has the third highest percentage of reserve in the state.
- Knight: The City of Rancho Palos Verdes will not have a fireworks display on the 4th of July. The City has not completed an Energy Audit, Board Member Knight thanked the SBCCOG for providing the assistance to proceed with this. The SBCCOG also assisted the City in addressing the street light issue, and the issues that the City will have to face with Edison.
- Mitchell: The City of Rolling Hills Estates has been receiving plane noise complaints as well, and supports the mitigation.
- Goodhart: On July 4th, the City of Palos Verdes Estates will have its Independence Day Celebration at 930 am at Lower Malibu Cove. Chair Perkins added that Board Member Goodhart and Mayor Bird will both enter the City's apple pie baking contest.
- Jacki Bacharach added to what Board Member Knight said about the Southern California Street Light Coalition, and cities trying to purchase their poles from Edison. At the next South Bay City Managers Association meeting, an expert from Huntington Beach is coming to talk about Edison pole rates.
- On behalf of Board Member Buscaino, Jacob Haik announced that there is a new ship in the port and the guns are active. July 7 is the grand opening. The City of LA will hold its Annual Cars and Stripes event on July 6 at 6 pm. The grand opening of an art loft and craft shops in the 15th District of LA will take place tomorrow. Prop O RFP has been released.

SBCCOG UPDATE AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Jacki announced that:

- The SBCCOG is negotiating an agreement for SBESC to promote information to the public on transponders that will be required in November to use the new toll lane on the 110. The SBESC will not be selling them, but educating the public about them and this pilot study of Metro's.
- For 2 years, the SBCCOG will have four new fully-electric vehicles for test-driving in the South Bay. They will be deployed like the LUV vehicles.
- The SBCCOG is working with Car To Go – a carsharing company – to determine if they will bring their service to the South Bay
- The Economic Development Directors met and agreed with the suggestion of Board Member Napolitano to create a baseline of business practices for comparison of each of our cities as a beginning for how we might find commonalities and areas for improvement.
- The General Assembly topic for 2013 will be Unintended/unexpected Costs of cutting city services and how to finance city services.

AGENCY REPORTS

A. League of California Cities

Board Member Goodhart attended the State Environmental Quality Policy Committee meeting on June 13 in Sacramento, and some of the items discussed included League Energy Policy, CalRecycle Program requirements, and Cap and Trade Legislation. Jeff Kiernan reported that there are some companies who help cities by purchasing street light poles from the utility companies then selling the poles back to the cities. State budget trailer bills were passed last week. RDA trailer bill came into print on June 26 (benefits from this include: loans that cities made to RDAs will be honored, bond money is now more flexible, real property assets will not do the fire sale, allowing some cities to get that property back.) Unfortunately, the Department of Finance gets a lot of power. Oversight Boards are on the League's and cities' side against the Dept of Finance.

B. South Coast Air Quality Management District

Stan Myles is looking for Clean Air Award Nominations. AQMD will make a presentation to the SBCCOG Board next month.

C. SCAG & Committees- Matt Horton from SCAG had nothing to report.

1. Energy and Environment

Board Member Mitchell did not attend the most recent meeting.

2. Transportation

Board Member Medina reported that there was a presentation by a group who is willing to have an electronic transponder survey on the 710 and 110. No implementation yet. Supervisor Antonovich was present and against the idea, saying that Measure R needs to be dealt with first.

3. Community, Economic, & Human Development (James Gazeley & James Butts)

Board Member Gazeley reported that there will be no meetings next week, and Regional Council will be dark in August.

D. Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission

Chair Perkins attended the Commission's last meeting and reported that debris from the Japanese tsunami will be landing on the California coastline. The Commission did approve the recommendation for the funding of Milton Street Park Project in Baldwin Hills.

E. South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce

Jacki Bacharach mentioned that touring the back lot of LAX is a possible field trip for the SBCCOG.

F. South Bay Workforce Investment Board

John Parsons reported that Congressman Waxman held an event for various Chambers of Commerce in the aerospace community of the South Bay. A business in Torrance hosted a business roundtable luncheon for the group. They will be returning to visit other businesses in the South Bay shortly. The SBWIB is applying for a new grant and is searching for businesses in member cities that experienced lay-offs of 50 employees or more.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- August 8 Guided Tour of Metro Art on the Red Line- RSVP to marcy@southbaycities.org
- July 12 Legislative Briefing at the SBESC Theater at 8 am- RSVP to marcy@southbaycities.org

JULY SBCCOG COMMITTEE MEETINGS & WORKING GROUPS

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned in memory of Loretta Harrison – a dedicated volunteer who devoted 604 hours of her time since March, 2009 to SBESC. There being no further business, the meeting was ordered adjourned by Chair Perkins at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcy Hiratzka, Recording Secretary