

# South Bay Cities Economic Development Roundtable

## May 16, 2013 Meeting Notes

Attendees: Charles Felix (Lomita), Greg Tsjuchi (Lawndale), Marisa Christensen (Redondo Beach), Yvonne Mallory (Gardena), Michael Goodson (Hawthorne), Joel Rojas (Rancho Palos Verdes), Fran Fulton (Torrance), Jeff Malin & Lillian Conroe (Governor's Office of Economic Development), John Parsons (SBWIB), Barbara Voss (LAEDC), Jacki Bacharach & Wally Siembab (SBCCOG), Tod Sword, Scott Gobble, Damion (SCE)

- I. **March 23, 2013 meeting notes attached – Received and Filed**  
Reminder of Next Steps from last meeting:
  - Also we asked for the names and dates of any trade shows that we should be aware of as a group so that we can consider where our presence would be the most beneficial.
- II. **WBMWD Water Reliability Program**– Ron Wildermuth gave a brief report on the condition of the water supply and what West Basin Municipal Water District is doing to ensure that our area has sufficient water. Presentation on file.
- III. **Introduction – Steve Cordova, Assemblyman Al Muratsuchi's field deputy** – introduced himself and passed out information on proposed legislation re: aerospace - AB 927 and AB 777 and alternative fuel vehicles – AB 1077. He also stated that the Assemblyman had been appointed to the Governor's Military Advisory Council which should be helpful if there is another BRAC. And, on 5/17, he is hosting a community forum on sequestration and the effects on aerospace and the military.
- IV. **Mid-Year State Budget report** – Jeff Malin read the Job Creation and Economic Development Proposal section on the May budget revisions (page 68)
- V. **SCE – South Bay Circuit Reliability** - Bryan Glenn – powerpoint presentation. 4000 circuits in SCE territory, 239 in the South Bay. Unforeseen circumstances cause outages such as lightening, animals, accidents. #1 cause is mylar balloons. In the South Bay, the system average for outages over the last 3 years is just over 1 outage/circuit/year and the average duration is 2 hours. That is about in the middle of occurrences for the whole SCE system. Getting better – in 2012 less thn 1 outage per circuit for average duration of 90 minutes. Southern California has good power quality. SCE has spent \$8 million in 2012; \$9.5 million in 2013 and is forecast to spend \$7 million for reliability. 92% of power quality problems are from voltage sag – blips in the system. Businesses need to identify their immediate and long term needs so that they can be addressed.
- VI. **Information Sharing**
  - It was agreed that Barbara, Fran and Tod would work on information for all of the South Bay agency websites for business re: “Why South Bay” – explaining that we have sufficient water, electricity, gas, fiber/high speed internet, EV infrastructure

- John Parsons mentioned that the SBWIB is partnering with other WIBs, El Camino & Cerritos Colleges and the SBCCOG on a grant to address alternative fuels which could lead to a subsequent grant dealing with manufacturing.

## VII. Conference and Special Event Coordination

- ICSC – 9/18 to 20 in San Diego. Booth reserved and larger than last year. Fran and Barry need to know who can attend, send materials, staff, help with the costs and provide items for display and giveaway. Voss will ask LAEDC for some assistance with funding.

## VIII. Update on SBCCOG Initiatives

- The SBCCOG is bringing to the City Managers and Board in June the HERO program for PACE financing for commercial and residential energy and water efficiency projects. Could incentivize home and business improvements.
- Car2go has been approved by 5 cities. Hawthorne is ready for final approval. Torrance is reviewing the documents that were previously sent and meeting with car2go.

## IX. Master Calendar & Content of Future Meetings & Next Steps

- It was agreed to rotate the location of the meetings from now on. Additionally, the host will be responsible for the agenda of the meetings and the minutes. Barbara Voss will be contacting members to sign up to host a meeting with the next one being July 18.
- It was agreed to continue to meet every other month.

## X. Adjournment to July 18, 2013 – location to be determined