

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

Steering Committee January 9, 2023 Follow-Up Agenda

ATTENDEES:

Board members: Cedric Hicks (1st Vice Chair, Carson), Rodney Tanaka (2nd Vice Chair, Gardena), David Lesser (Manhattan Beach), Bernadette Suarez (Lawndale), Zein Obagi, Jr. (Redondo Beach), Alfonso Ruiz-Delgado (SD2), James Butts (Inglewood – LEFT 12:46)

Other:

SBCCOG STAFF: Jacki Bacharach, Kim Fuentes, Wally Siembab, Steve Lantz, David Leger, Natalie Champion

- I. CONFIRM THE QUORUM - 12:00 pm
- II. REPORT OF POSTING OF THE AGENDA
 - ACTION: Receive and file
- III. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF ANY CHANGES TO THE AGENDA - add Black and Veatch contract extension to Consent Calendar – B.1
- IV. PUBLIC COMMENT- NONE
- V. CONSENT CALENDAR – action items noted, remainder are receive & file – 12:05 pm
 - A. Steering Committee December 12, 2022 meeting minutes attached
 - ACTION: ApproveD – TANAKA/SUAREZ – LESSER ABSTAINS
 - B. Contract Renewal with Water Replenishment District
 - Attached (\$72,000 for the SBCCOG)
 - ACTION: Recommend Board approval
 - B.1. Black and Veatch contract extension (attachment)
 - C. City Attendance at SBCCOG Meetings – attached
 - D. Media Report – attached
- VI. ACTION ITEMS
 - E. Equity Principle – 12:10 pm
 - Memo attached
 - ACTION: Discuss the draft Equity Principle and proposed addition to SBCCOG's Guiding Principles and select wording for approval by the Board of Directors
 - BUTTS: NEED CONCRETE EXAMPLES OF HOW WE DO THIS.
 - OBAJI: FAVORS SECOND PRINCIPLE. FEELS IT'S LESS AMBIGUOUS. SHOULD DRILL DOWN WITH MORE DETAILS – HOW WOULD WE ACTUALLY DO IT. GUIDING PRINCIPLES DON'T HAVE SUSTAINABILITY IN IT. SHOULD BE ADDED.
 - SUGGESTED NEW WORDING: PURSUE EQUITABLE AND SUSTAINABLE OUTCOMES IN CONTRIBUTIONS AND OUTCOMES IN SERVICES AND PROGRAMS IN THE SOUTH BAY
 - BUTTS: NEEDS TO BE PART OF THE CULTURE OF THE ORGANIZATION. CAN'T BE ONE AND DONE. CAN'T JUST PUT WORDS IN THE DOCUMENT.

- **KIM: WE HAVE SO MANY TYPES OF PROGRAMS THAT WE WOULD APPLY THIS TO. NEEDS TO BE BROAD, IN OUR ADMINISTRATION AND IN OUR PROGRAMS. THEREFORE NEEDS TO BE BROAD**
- **HICKS – NEED SOMETHING TANGIBLE. DON'T SEND TO BOARD – WORDING SHOULD BE ADDED TO ADDRESS INCLUSION.**
 - **SUAREZ – INCLUDE EXAMPLES**
 - **BACHARACH – LOOK AT OUR STRATEGIES TOO**
 - **CRUIKSHANK - "ADVANCE EQUITY IN THE SOUTH BAY BY INTENTIONALLY PROVIDING TRANSPARENCY AND EQUAL ACCESS TO ALL OF OUR PROGRAMS AND SERVICES"**
 - **EQUITY IS DEFINED AS “THE STATE, QUALITY OR IDEAL OF BEING JUST, IMPARTIAL AND FAIR.” THE CONCEPT OF EQUITY IS SYNONYMOUS WITH FAIRNESS AND JUSTICE. IT IS HELPFUL TO THINK OF EQUITY AS NOT SIMPLY A DESIRED STATE OF AFFAIRS OR A LOFTY VALUE**
 - **FROM SAN ANTONIO: EQUITY MEANS THAT THE CITY’S POLICY-MAKING, SERVICE DELIVERY, AND DISTRIBUTION OF RESOURCES ACCOUNT FOR THE DIFFERENT HISTORIES, CHALLENGES, AND NEEDS OF THE RESIDENTS IN SAN ANTONIO.**
 - **FROM LONG BEACH: EQUITY IS WHEN EVERYONE HAS WHAT THEY NEED TO BE SUCCESSFUL, WHILE EQUALITY IS TREATING EVERYONE THE SAME. EQUALITY SEEKS TO PROMOTE FAIRNESS, BUT IT CAN ONLY WORK IF EVERYONE STARTS FROM THE SAME PLACE AND NEEDS THE SAME HELP.**
 - **NEED PROGRAMS TO OVERCOME THEIR DISADVANTAGE**

F. Homeless Services report – 12:20 pm

- **TOMORROW AT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS – MOTION TO DECLARE EMERGENCY – TRYING TO INCREASE FUNDING FOR RENT SUBSIDIES AND WORK MORE WITH CITIES AND DIRECT COUNTY OFFICES TO WORK WITH LA COUNTY CITIES RE: THIS**
- Client Aid status of disbursements – attached
- Renewal of Silvernest Partnership – terms attached
- **WINTER SHELTERS FULL - 2 DEATHS LAST WEEK**
- **WE HAVE OVER 50 OPEN BEDS IN MOTELS AND ASKED COUNTY TO CONSIDER OPENING ALONDRA PARK**
- Updates re:
 - Taskforce
 - Homeless Count
 - Local Solutions Fund planning

G. Board Meeting Agenda Development – 12:30 pm

- **January – draft agenda attached**
 - Note new sentence under Consent Calendar explanation
 - SBCCOG orientation and review of SBCCOG Committees – annual report and who members are for newly elected officials and all board members – time for introductions?
 - Department of Public Health quarterly reports – Lindsey Lastra
- **January 12**
 - Legislative Briefing – 9 am to 10:45 am, hybrid – focus on state issues
 - 1st Housing Education Forum with Ken Hira from Kosmont focusing on the housing market – flyer attached
- **February**
 - Green Line extension EIR (April for recommendation)
 - Mid-Year Budget & Report of Finance Committee
- **March – General Assembly**
- **April**
 - Status of each city’s efforts re: Energy and Climate Recognition Program
 - Department of Public Health quarterly reports – Lindsey Lastra

- GREEN LINE
 - Special meetings
 - Bus tour re: Green Line land use issues – Thursday, March 2 from 1 pm to 5 pm starting at the SBCCOG office
 - Future meeting possible speakers:
 - Sheriff Luna
 - Mayor Karen Bass, City of Los Angeles
 - Supervisor Hahn, Chair of the Board of Supervisors
 - Supervisor Mitchell
 - Stephanie Wiggins, Metro CEO
- H. Approval of Invoices – to be sent separately – **12:40 PM**
- **ACTION: Approved invoices for payment - HICKS/OBAJI**
- H.1 **Request from the Governor’s office for letter of support for Price Gouging Penalty - REVISE**
- **Memo available at the meeting**
 - **ACTION: Due to January 10 deadline for submission – approve and inform the Board**
 - **OBAJI – HELP GOVERNOR WHILE HE IS TAKING AWAY LOCAL CONTROL**
 - **LESSER – GOAL IS TO RESPOND. BUT BOARD HASN’T AUTHORIZED THIS.**
 - **HICKS – COME FROM ME. REPORT TO BOARD – SAY THE BOARD HASN’T MET.**
 - **OBAJI/HICKS – LESSER ABSTAINS. – FROM ME AND NOT FROM BOARD**

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS

- I. Request for Legislation in the coming state session - **12:45 pm**
- Update at the meeting – **NEW MEMO AND VOLUNTEERS FOR MEETINGS WITH STATE LEGISLATORS. ALSO, TO BE BROUGHT UP AT LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING**
- J. Local Travel Network – **12:50 PM**
- **GREAT RECEPTION – LWV BEACH CITIES – NO REAL OPPOSITION**
 - **MB, EL SEG, RB APPLICATIONS THIS YEAR**
 - **WILL WORK WITH CTC STAFF**
- K. South Bay Fiber Network – **12:55 pm**
- Update
- L. SCAG REAP 1.0 and 2.0 Update – **1:05 pm**
- a. REAP 1.0 projects – ADU, Commercial Redevelopment, Housing Education
 - b. REAP 2.0 projects pending – earmark of \$585,856, formal applications due in MARCH but possibly postponed until March - Anticipating funding to be available by June, 2023.
 - i. Housing Trust Fund formation steps
 - ii. Implementation of Commercial Redevelopment into Housing using Other to Residential Toolkit
 - iii. Metro REAP 2.0 project funds – applied for Three Mobility Projects to Support Neighborhood Oriented Development and Sustainable Housing in the South Bay
 - iv. Educational support for Micro-Mobility and the Local Travel Network implementation
 - v. Feasibility Study for the Siting and Development of 4 Neighborhood Mobility Hub Pilot Projects in Disadvantaged Communities in the South Bay
 - vi. State of Micro-Mobility and Housing Study in the South Bay – data collection and evaluation
- M. Update on South Bay Environmental Services Center Activities – attached – **1:15 PM**
- Potential Grants being pursued
 - So. Cal. Gas Company Regional Ambassador Program – application submitted 12/29/22

- San Gabriel Valley Rivers Conservancy – Biodiversity Project – applications due 1/31/23
- **NEW CIVIC SPARK FELLOW FOR GHG EMISSIONS**
- **HELPING CITIES WITH BENCHMARKING ANNUAL REPORTS NOW**
- **GREEN BUSINESS CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS FOR 3 CITIES – MET ALL GOALS
NEW FUNDING POSSIBLY IN THE SPRING**
- **FACILITY EQUIPMENT INVENTORY GOING ON – CATALOGUING ANY EQUIPMENT
THAT USES ENERGY – COULD HELP WITH JOINT PURCHASES AND ALSO LOBBY
CPUC RE: WHAT EQUIPMENT NEEDS TO BE CHANGED OUT. WANT CITY HALLS
DONE BY END OF 2ND QUARTER. WORKING WITH GREG STEVENS. USING
VOLUNTEERS.**

N. Update on Senior Services - 1:25 pm – **LOOKING FOR SPEAKERS END OF THIS MONTH**

O. General Assembly Planning Update – **1:30 pm**

- **2 MAJOR SPEAKERS CONFIRMED – GENE RODRIGUES – ASST SECY OF ENERGY
(OFFICE OF ELECTRICITY) & LORENZO KRISTOV – PRINCIPAL MARKET ARCHITECT,
FORMERLY WITH CAL ISO**
- **THESE SPEAKERS TO BE FOLLOWED BY LOCAL PEOPLE FROM AGENCIES/CITIES
WITH PROJECTS ADDRESSING THESE ISSUES**
- **GRADES OF GREEN FOR YOUTH PANEL**

P. Opportunities to Serve – **1:40 pm**

- South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce - deadline for interest 1/20/23
- 3 expressions of interest – Eric Alegria, RPV; Lance Giroux, El Segundo; Rodney Tanaka,
Gardena

Q. Finance Committee – Next meeting ~~Thursday, January 19~~ **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1 @ 5 pm**
– **virtual – 1:45 pm**

R. **STRATEGIC POSITIONING ITEMS/ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES – 1:50 PM**

- **HICKS – CARSON TURNING 55. GALA BALL FEBRUARY 25 - \$55 EACH; JUNE STREET
FAIR AND 20 MILE BIKE RIDE AND ALSO GOLF TOURNAMENT.**

IX. **NEXT STEERING COMMITTEE – Monday, February 13, 2023 @ 12:00 noon – hybrid**