

# **South Bay Cities Council of Governments**

## **Steering Committee**

### **AGENDA**

**Monday, January 16, 2006 @ 3:30 pm**

**SBCCOG Energy Savings Center**

**3868 Carson St., Suite 110**

**Torrance**

### **NOTE CHANGED DATE**

#### **I. REPORT OF CITY CLERK OF TORRANCE ON POSTING OF AGENDA**

- **ACTION:** Receive and file

#### **II. PUBLIC COMMENT**

#### **III. CONSENT CALENDAR – INFORMATION ITEMS ONLY**

- A. MTA South Bay Sector Governance Council Appointees
  - The MTA Board approved our nominations
- B. Goods Movement – Understanding the Supply Chain Workshop
  - Evaluation attached
- C. Transportation Consulting Services
  - Don Camph is not interested in providing transportation consulting services to the SBCCOG for \$2000/month which is the amount discussed at the last Steering Committee meeting. Additionally, he reminded me that providing services on a contingency basis as was suggested is not allowed by federal and state guidelines.
- D. Committees and Working Groups
  - Homeland Security Task Force – successful meeting on 12/14 with Cosmo Perrone, POLB Director of Security. John Gaines recognized by County Emergency Preparedness Commission.

#### **IV. ITEMS FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

##### **ADMINISTRATION**

- A. Approval of Invoices (preliminary submittal attached)
  - **ACTION:** Authorize standing order approval of \$5400 for Claudette Moody's monthly fee for her services as Deputy to MTA Board member Pam O'Connor
  - **ACTION:** Approve invoices for payment

##### **WORK PROGRAM**

- B. Energy Programs
  - Contract extension negotiations underway for 06-08 with enlarged scope of work
  - Proposals submitted to Water Replenishment District and L.A. Dept. of Water & Power
  - January 17 – meeting with city procurement officers to begin joint procurement of vendor misers and other energy efficiency equipment for cities
  - Update at meeting

##### **LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM**

- C. MOU Between ARB & Union Pacific and BNSF Railways

- At its October 27, 2005 meeting the Air Resources Board received numerous written submittals and the testimony of 74 witnesses. In response, the Air Resources Board postponed action to ratify, amend or rescind the MOU until its January 26, 2006 meeting in Sacramento. The MOU remains in effect during this period.
- At the January meeting, the CARB Board will again consider what action is warranted relative to the MOU Agreement. The CARB Board announced that it would allow additional testimony at the January meeting, limited to comments on any proposed clarifications of the MOU.
- CARB staff is supposed to report on clarifications of the MOU that have been identified – ex. conditions under which participating railroads might be released from their obligations to implement the MOU, how the MOU affects the existing programs and enforcement practices of local agencies, and what limitations, if any, the MOU might create for other agencies that seek to reduce air pollution associated with rail operations. The CARB Board emphasized the need for its staff to increase its efforts to work with community stakeholders and air districts in connection with rail yard emissions.
- The State Legislature is considering holding a special hearing on the MOU at the beginning of 2006. The AQMD is requesting our continued support by sending a formal Resolution (attached) from SBCCOG by January 24, so that the Legislature may receive our position at their hearing. The Resolution encourages the Legislature to instruct the Air Resources Board to nullify the MOU with the railroads or, at a minimum, remove the termination clause from the agreement.
- **ACTION:** Approve attached resolution

#### E. Area Code

- The County of L.A. filed a Petition for Modification to overturn the overlay. They will be sending us a sample letter of support.
- Marc O’Krent of the Telephone Connection is still seeking relief from 11 digit dialing. He is including the SBCCOG name on his filings as well.
- **ACTION:** Provide direction

#### F. AQMD Board Composition Legislation

- LA City – Approved by L.A. City Environmental Quality Committee. To go to City Council.
- AQMD Board – voted to oppose any legislation. Cerrell Associates is assisting by talking to Bill Burke, AQMD Chair.
- San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG) – voted to take no position but to consider legislation should it come before them.
- Securing an author – still need to pursue this with Assemblymember Lieu and Oropeza, & Pavley. Request made to Senator Kuehl. Senator Lowenthal supportive but wants it to start in the Asssembly. Also contacting Koretz, Bowen, Karnette
- Preferred position is either 1 new member for L.A. (13 total) or 4 new city members for all counties (16 total)
- Further updates at the meeting
- **ACTION:** Provide further direction on the board composition strategy

#### G. LAX Update – Kelly McDowell

### SPECIAL EVENTS

#### H. 3 COG Summit on EPA issues

- Friday, January 13, 2006 in Santa Fe Springs – Wayne Nastri confirmed

#### I. General Assembly – February 23, 2006

- Program – draft attached - Main changes from previous programs
  - Starting early with workshops
  - Keynote at a nice luncheon

- Extended exhibit time for mini presentations and networking
- No cocktail party
- Sponsors and Estimated budget – list attached
- Invitation to be printed week of January 10
- Lunch and Refreshments
- Further updates at the meeting
- **ACTION:** Provide suggestions and direction

#### **V. AGENDA DEVELOPMENT**

- Next meeting – January 26, 2006 – draft agenda attached
  - a. Janice Hahn to speak on her work at the Ports

#### **VI. NEXT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING** – February 9, 2006