

**South Bay Cities Council of Governments  
Thursday, March 23, 2006  
Lomita City Hall – Lomita, California**

**Chair Susan Dever called the meeting of the South Bay Cities Council of Governments to order at 7:16 p.m. In attendance were the following members:**

Harold Williams, Carson  
Ginny Lambert, Hawthorne  
Susan Dever, Lomita  
Dwight Abbott, Palos Verdes Estates  
Larry Clark, Rancho Palos Verdes  
Don Szerlip, Redondo Beach  
Hope Witkowsky, Torrance

Eric Busch, El Segundo  
R. Pullen-Miles, Lawndale  
Jim Aldinger, Manhattan Beach  
Steve Wolowicz, Rancho Palos Verdes  
John Parsons, Redondo Beach  
Susan Seamans, Rolling Hills Estates

Also in attendance were the following persons:  
Jacki Bacharach, SBCCOG Exec. Director  
Ann Marie Wallace, League of California Cities  
Renee Berlin, MTA  
Claudette Moody, Deputy, Pam O'Connor  
Darin Chidsey, SCAG

Merna Marshall, SBCCOG  
Diane Cameron, SBCCOG  
Ron Ketcham, SCAQMD

**Flag Salute - led by Chair Susan Dever**

**Self-Introductions**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS OF ANY CHANGES TO THE AGENDA – Jacki Bacharach reported that several announcements not requiring action will be made at the beginning of the meeting under “Public Comments.”**

**Motion to accept and file report of City Clerk of Lomita on Posting of the Agenda**

**MOTION** by Board Member Szerlip, seconded by Board Member Aldinger, to accept the posting of the meeting in the City of Lomita. No objection. So ordered.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Jacki Bacharach reported on the status of the resolution on C-17, noting that Congress has approved \$100 million to continue this program in the short term. She explained that the Mayor of Long Beach has asked for support from the COG, noting that the new developments are very encouraging but much work remains to keep it beyond 2008.

Board Member Abbott pointed out that the phrase “would have to be met with a foreign manufacturer” is inaccurate and recommended the following change: “WHEREAS, the C-17 is the last large military aircraft production line in the US and the Pentagon’s independent advisory group, the Defense Science Board, has recommended that the Long Beach production line cannot be allowed to close when the current production expires; and”

In response to Board Member Lambert’s inquiry regarding the purpose of the resolution, it was acknowledged that it is meant to encourage the current administration to continue production of more ships.

**MOTION** by Board Member Szerlip seconded by Board Member Wolowicz, to approve the Consent Calendar with the proposed amendment to Item B. There being no objection, SO ORDERED,

- 1) January 2006 Board Meeting Minutes – Approve**
- 2) Resolution No. 2005-3 Supporting the Continuation of the C-17 Program –Approve**
- 3) Report of Time Critical Action Taken by Steering Committee – Receive and file**
  - a) Contracts with:**
    - i) Don CampH of Aldaron, Inc., for Transportation Services**
    - ii) Claudette Moody for AQMD legislation local support**
    - iii) Tony Rice for AB 2015 lobbying support in Sacramento**
  - b) Contract, scope of work and budget with the Water Replenishment District**
    - i) JB&A Contract Amendment for staffing services**
- 4) Mid-Year Budget Revision – Approve**

**PRESENTATION RE: THE COASTAL COMMISSION – UPDATE FROM LARRY CLARK**

Rancho Palos Verdes Councilmember and Coastal Commission member Larry Clark gave a brief history of how the Coastal Commission came into being by passage of a voter initiative in 1972, prior to which there was no regulatory body that looked at the coast in terms of preservation, access, and environmental concerns.

Commissioner Clark reviewed the makeup of the State commission of 12 commissioners, with 6 elected officials and 6 public members with two of each appointed by the governor (4) Assembly Speaker (4) and Majority Leader of Senate Rules Committee (4), with 11 of the positions currently filled and the vacancy expected to be filled in June.

Commissioner Clark reported on the diversity of projects currently being considered at the Coastal Commission, including but not limited to: attempting to preserve the re-establishment of the bald eagle on Catalina Island; condo-hotels, which are fractional ownership, part-time occupancy that sell-out units in the facility in order to be able to build it; acoustical pollution in the oceans, related to sound damage to whales and porpoise from active sonar; the Pebble Beach Co. Measure “A”, a local ballot initiative to preserve open space on the peninsula which included a major project to expand the lodge at Pebble Beach, the Inn at Spanish Bay, removal of 15,000 trees and construction of a new golf course. The Coastal Commission is going to decide whether or not to certify the ballot measure.

In response to Board Members Parsons and Szerlip’s inquiries regarding the use of alternates and what percentage of commissioners are willing to talk to city staff, developers or lobbyists, Commissioner Clark explained how each commissioner is entitled to have an alternate, although not all do, and if an alternate is seated in place of the actual commissioner they are acting on their own, do not have to vote with the delegate, and they act in the same dutiful manner as a delegate. He noted that commissioners are free to meet and discuss the matters before the meeting as long as they disclose, in writing or orally, any contact they have on the matter and whom they talk with. He said while some commissioners have chosen to not talk to anyone, others consider it “fact finding” and will talk. He concluded by explaining that the Commission meets monthly for 3-4 days; that their agenda packets are usually about 3 ft. high for each meeting; and he would be happy to discuss matters that may be coming up in local cities and assured the Board that if he sees something that everyone should be aware of, he will let us know.

**Announcements**

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of inclusion of “In God We Trust” in the Constitution**

Board Member Lambert announced that July 30, 2006, is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the inclusion in the Constitution the phrase “In God We Trust” and several cities want to celebrate the anniversary by placing a plaque in their city hall chambers to celebrate this fact and the constitution in general. She said the City of Hawthorne has passed a resolution in support of this and she appealed to the other member cities to do the same. She said the Hawthorne Councilmembers are raising funds among themselves (\$25-50) and the

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plaque will be placed under the dias "IN GOD WE TRUST – 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY – CITY OF HAWTHORNE" and there may be a small celebration. She distributed a copy of her resolution and asked everyone to take the request back to their own city council for consideration. She asked each city to let her know if they participate and send a copy of their resolution to her if they adopt it.

### Lomita Railroad Museum Fundraiser

Board Member Dever asked for support of the Lomita Railroad Museum, the only one between here and Griffith Park and the only one dedicated to steam railroading, noting that the current building is full and they have a box car full of archival materials they cannot display. She said the City of Lomita is seeking funds to build an addition to the museum, including a CCHE Grant (Prop 40 funding), as well as asking Congresswoman Harman for funding from the federal government. Locally they are asking for support from the community in the form of signatures to show there is broad-based support and that it is useful and needed in the South Bay area and she asked everyone to consider supporting this request and take it back to their council and community members to collect signatures as quickly as possible. She said she would e-mail it to the city managers for distribution.

### UCLA Extension Public Policy Class

Jacki Bacharach said the COG has been asked to co-sponsor a UCLA Extension Public Policy Class on the Built Environment and Transportation: Impacts on Public Health Conference on May 23, 2006. She noted that UCLA Extension is currently doing classes for Planning Commissioners and she has suggested that one of the classes be in the South Bay. Co-sponsoring this conference at no financial cost to the SBCCOG would be a good way to get closer to the UCLA Extension staff by supporting it. There was no objection.

### Waterfront Tour

Jacki Bacharach announced an invitation for the COG to tour the San Pedro Waterfront on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and asked what would be the best time of day for the tour in order to decide what food would be served. She will continue checking and let everyone know the chosen time.

## **REPORTS FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

### **Legislative Committee Report**

#### Amended Legislative Agenda

Following questions by Board Member Witkowsky regarding the sections on the school district proposals and traffic calming devices, the following motion was passed:

**MOTION** by Board Member Aldinger, seconded by Board Member Abbott, to approve the amended Legislative Agenda, as presented. No objection. So ordered.

### LEGISLATION UPON WHICH SBCCOG HAS A POSITION – Receive and File

Jacki Bacharach presented the new matrix, which only has one change (re AB 2015) below.

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES UPDATE

AB 2015 – AQMD Board Composition Change Update

Jacki Bacharach explained that the bill was drafted incorrectly and the amendment cleaned up the bill. She said the AQMD is working overtime to be at various organizations to explain their opposition to the bill, including some misrepresentations. The COG has been invited to a council meeting on April 3<sup>rd</sup> in Huntington Beach and asked for volunteers to attend. Next week a meeting I is scheduled with the Governor's local representative. Also, we are working with cities and chambers for their support. Everyone was asked to distribute brochures to groups they belong to and to explain the Bill, noting that the L.A. Chamber of Commerce took an "Anti" position and would not let the COG address the issue.

Jacki Bacharach said it is being stated that the SBCCOG has representation on the Board now and we can get representation one of five ways – none of which is direct (ex. Through state reps). t The COG is pointing out that out of the entire 4-county area, the 24 cities in the western sector are the only area that can never elect someone to that board.

Board Member Dever thanked everyone for their support and asked for someone to attend the Huntington Beach City Council meeting with her. She said the reality is that in the 4-county area the population has increased by almost a third and there are 19 new cities since the AQMD was set up. The changes in traffic, industry and other things that come along with population growth are as also a rationale for increasing the size of the board.

Jacki Bacharach concluded by reporting that the bill will be heard in the Assembly Local Government Committee on April 5<sup>th</sup> and she will keep everyone informed.

Area Code

Jacki Bacharach reported that the County filed a petition but it was denied by the CPUC because it did not offer new information or state how the petition could provide relief. She said the County of Los Angeles has established a website to start the public campaign but first, they are evaluating next steps based on the petition denial.

Goods Movement

Jacki Bacharach reported that SCAG will be giving the COG \$100,000+ in July to look at transportation issues from the ports. She and Don Camph hope to work with the ports and SCAG to refine the scope to make it more comprehensive and that additional funding, if obtained, may be used to include the health impacts of the goods movement in the area.

Board Member Parsons reported that the SBEDP is interested in putting some round tables together on goods movement and he has asked that they coordinate it with the COG in order to avoid working in different directions. He said it is important and he will keep the COG board informed. He proposed that the chairs and representatives get together, as well as the executive directors, noting that the bylaws of the SBEDP include a representative of the COG and the SBEDP on the Board (he is the representative) and he thinks it would be good for more participation than just himself.

### Energy Projects Update

Jacki Bacharach reported on Energy Efficiency program with cities and center activities, including:

- Edison recently transferred the lead for our program to the Gas Company, which will require a new contract with the Gas Company; once signed, the money will flow.
- Workshops are slowing down because the contract has not been signed and there is a cash flow problem;
- Preparing for Earth day, including Salvation Army Auxiliary, Hermosa Beach Community Center; Harbor Gateway Expo; Hawthorne Lowes; Manhattan Beach Earth Day; Air Force Base Earth Day; Redondo Sea Lab;
- Speakers at service clubs have not been affected by the cash flow problem; and Title 24 workshops are available and cities are encouraged to inform homeowners of the energy efficiency;
- Agreement with Water Replenishment District has been signed and we will be working with the various agencies to advise on outreach for water efficiency issues. Hopefully, we will be able to incorporate water efficiency into our message with a real partnership starting in July. We are working toward that.
  - We will be planning Neighborhood friendly gardener program to train them in water-saving methods, providing a decal for their trucks that they are neighborhood friendly;
  - Working on commercial buildings to help identify areas for new water-saving equipment;
- Looking for assistance to get more adult schools to provide “remodeling” classes;
- Energy Efficiency Plus Program—have purchased vendor-misers for cities that go on vending machines and power them down when not in use; cost is \$140-150 each and 100% of the cities with vending machines are participating; the consultant got the 1000 unit price; received a \$90 rebate on each vendor-miser. Ex. El Segundo ordered 17 each at a total cost of \$1572 and after their rebate of \$1070 they will be paying \$502> We are also taking this program to school districts, chambers and businesses. With the private sector there will be a handling service charge so the COG doesn't incur any additional cost; it was suggested to take what is needed to cover the operating costs for agencies who are not dues paying members; the Steering Committee will discuss;
- Working with cities with ball fields to adjust lights so they don't over-light the areas;
- There is a vendor-miser for computers and they will soon be working with cities on this;
- Meeting on March 30<sup>th</sup> in San Francisco at the PUC and some of the other partnerships are sending elected officials; concern is lack of signed contracts. We are one of few programs that has at least received a cash advance. We are supportive of the others but not planning to attend.

### **AGENCY REPORTS**

#### League of California Cities (Ann Marie Wallace)

Ann Marie Wallace distributed a Grassroots Network Bulletin and reported on several issues, including but not limited to:

- Sample resolution on Prop. 42 “fix”; still need to collect signatures and cities need to pass resolutions;
- Adoption of the federal priorities for 2006, including telecommunications, homeland security/disaster preparedness; community development/affordable housing; tax reform; funding for key city programs;
- Telecom legislation is due out any day; the League is going to ask for city meetings with state legislators and members of Congress;
- League Legislative Action Days, May 17-18, 2006; state budget should be prepared by this date;

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In response to Board Member Wolowicz inquiry regarding the affordable housing legislation and his comment that they were led to believe there would be some effort at the League level to propose legislation to address the problem, Ann Marie Wallace said there is a package of housing bills this session that are pro-active to address affordable housing.

Regarding Pension Reform, Ann Marie Wallace stated that at the state level it is presently in limbo, having been put on the back burner until at least after the election. She noted that the League Board has some recommendations that may be controversial within the League but if we don't deal with it, someone else will!!

### Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Pam O'Connor)

Claudette Moody reported on behalf of Pam O'Connor on MTA issues, including but not limited to:

- The Board adopted the updated revised Prop A and Prop C guidelines, which directly impact cities, to make easier for local jurisdictions to meet the requirements;
- AB 134 had \$16 billion for the MTA, but it wasn't passed by the Senate; they hope to get it on the November ballot;
- Passed out a schedule for the revision of the Long Range Transportation Plan; performance analysis will take place in April for the funded part of the plan; modeling will be available, including goods movement as one of the criteria; need to pay attention to this because it will determine the unfunded projects in the strategic plan that could move to the funded plan;
- Need to make sure the areas are in position to present a united front for projects that are deemed important and a priority; there will be many opportunities to comment throughout the summer;
- Local sales tax cannot be used on subway anywhere and the issue would have to go back on the ballot to be changed;
- Information has been sent to the technical staff re: updates on what has been decided in committee to keep them informed;

Jacki Bacharach said the COG members need to be informed about the subway criteria and we should not take on the fight without knowledge. She noted that the MTA has a process, and if we use it then whatever merits the criteria will come out on top.

Renee Berlin explained that major highway projects also go through the long-range projects, so we should focus globally on highway/freeway projects as well as transit projects.

Board Member Dever reported on the West Side Cities COG meeting, noting that they spent a lot of the meeting talking about bus routes, which we seldom do, and it was interesting to see a different balance on their issues; they are very interested in working closely with the SBCCOG on any of these issues; and their Los Angeles City Council representative attends all of their meetings!

### South Coast Air Quality Management District (Ron Ketchum)

Ron Ketchum:

- Reported that Carl Moyer RFP is out and he urged everyone to submit proposals by the May deadline.
- invited everyone to a conference in May to deal with the issue/problem of nano-particles.
- Reported on a recently held leaf-blower exchange (gas for electric) for commercial gardeners, which was very successful; the noise level is reduced and there are no emissions from diesel; and
- another lawn mower exchange for residents will be held throughout the entire jurisdiction.

### Local Government and Business Advisory Group (Eric Busch)

Board Member Busch reported on activities, including efforts to have the PM 2.5 regulations instituted.

### SCAG Committees

Darin Chidsey reported on several activities including the Housing Summit and the General Assembly on May 4<sup>th</sup>. He noted that publicity for the Housing Summit will be forthcoming, including an article in the Daily Breeze.

### Transportation and Communication (Don Szerlip, Jim Aldinger)

Board Member Szerlip reported that the Transportation Committee discussed the bond measures, what we could influence, what agencies will determine what the projects were vs. whether projects would be included—all of which has less relevance than it did a month ago when the meeting was held.

Jacki Bacharach reported that SCAG was conducting a pre-award audit for 06-07 instead of the 02-03 and 03-04 audit that they had originally said they were doing SBCCOG was first. The auditor will not be reporting back until late April or May as to his findings.

### South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce (John Parsons)

Board Member Parsons reported:

- The SBACC has voted support for AB 2015; they are getting the support of their member chambers and businesses;
- Cal Chamber Legislative Days and Conference will be held April 24-25 in Sacramento and they are willing to speak on our behalf of the COG on legislative issues with common positions;
- April 24<sup>th</sup> is the grand opening of the L.A. Air Force Base SAMS project, a culmination of the effort of El Segundo and Hawthorne's land swap and other efforts to build a new base. The parking and transportation problem has been resolved.

### South Bay Economic Development Partnership (John Parsons)

Jacki Bacharach & Susie Dever reported to the SBEDP and some members agreed to send out letters to help with AB 2015.

Board Member Dever stated her understanding that Joe Aro said at the next SBEDP they were going to consider changing their process to include allowing them to take a position in an advocacy role. Board Member Parsons said this surprises him, because they do have support from

## **SBCCOG UPDATE AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### Aviation Issues Committee (Kelly McDowell, Chair)

Eric Busch reported:

- that the Board of Airport Commissioners voted to approve funding for double paned windows for L. A. County, Inglewood and El Segundo, and El Segundo will receive \$6 million for 2006; hoping to do about 300 homes within the sound area;
- the specific plan amendment process is underway, restudying the yellow light projects;
- Selection of a community advocate, ombudsman, to be a liaison between the parties in the lawsuit and public is ongoing; they are restarting up the SC Regional Airport Authority in order to address regional issues and create communication to achieve a regional solution; and

Ontario held a ceremony to open a refurbished runway, which is supported by El Segundo; this runway can now handle A-380s; the first A-380 landing is in August (show and tell), and will be on the north side of the airport because the south side will be under construction.

### Homeland Security Task Force (John Gaines, Chair)

Jacki Bacharach reported that the committee hasn't met for a while; John Gaines is leaving office; and she is

trying to find a speaker to speak on what the county is doing to prepare for a possible pandemic.

Technology Committee (Michael Keegan, Chair)

Jacki Bacharach reported that there are problems getting a quorum for this committee and recommended that they meet quarterly and set up a staff working group, which could include the IT Directors of all of the cities.

Board Member Dever said the elected officials are primarily interested in policy; staff is interested in IT things; GIS people are interested in GIS and applications and everyone talks parallel tracks but are not focused, which makes it difficult. Add to that the problem of getting a quorum and it becomes a problem.

Board Member Seamans stated that this was also a problem with the Livable Communities Committee, which was turned into a staff working group but she attends and gets a lot out of it.

**UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Jacki Bacharach is working with the California Film Commission to set up a meeting on film permitting. She said she has discussed this with the planning directors, who were very excited about it and plan to invite anyone who has anything to do with films. Will be held from 10am –12 noon on April 6<sup>th</sup> in Carson.

Board Member Parsons said they are looking for a database that would plug into everyone's forms, making the permitting process easier for all of the cities' staffs.

Other events:

*April 5 – AB 2015 in Assembly Local Government Committee*

*April 6 – Film Permit meeting*

*April 20 – SCAG Housing Summit*

*May 3 – Waterfront Revitalization Tour*

*May 23 - UCLA Conference re: Public Health – agree to co-sponsor?*

Board Member Dever reminded everyone to attend as many events as possible to talk up AB 2015.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Merna Marshall  
Secretary