

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING February 20, 2007 Minutes

Attendees: Judy Mitchell (Chair, Rolling Hills Estates), John Parsons & Maggie Healey (Redondo Beach), Mark Waronek (Lomita), Jim Aldinger (Manhattan Beach), Nguyen Huynh (Torrance), Tammy Khan (Assemblymember Lieu), Sharon Weissman (Senator Oropeza), Ron Ketcham (AQMD), Claudette Moody (L.A. Metro), Darin Chidsey (SCAG), Cheryl Friedling (West Basin Municipal Water District) & Jacki Bacharach (SBCCOG)

- I. Call to Order
- II. Motion to accept and file report of the Posting of the Agenda - **Approved**
- III. Minutes of January 19, 2007 (attached) – **Approved - Aldinger abstained.**
- IV. Consideration of legislation for Possible Action
 - A. Southern California “Split Assessments’ for Groundwater
 1. Request for action from West Basin Municipal Water District (attached) – **Cheryl Friedling from WBMWD made presentation. Pending legislation in Assembly affecting our cities. Probably author will be Hector de la Torre. Downey advocates this bill on behalf of Coca Cola (one of biggest water users in their city). Divides fees for groundwater allocation charges and charge more to western cities and South Bay. Currently the charge is equal throughout the region and this would say that western communities should subsidize more needy inland communities. Would be legislation, not an initiative. Applies only to our area but does set a precedent. Also is part of conflicts between the water boards. Water Replenishment District board is split. Central Basin has no position at this time. West Basin WMD Board has opposed. – OPPOSE IN CONCEPT APPROVED. SUPPORT RETENTION OF FLAT EQUAL FEE.**
 - B. RHNA - SB 12 – Lowenthal - **on distributed matrix – RHNA pilot program. Changes appeal procedures to limit number of times and add AB 2158 factors. One appeal per city and there is an appeals deadline. Went through Senate and should go through the Assembly in March. Important to SCAG because without it, costs go up a lot due to multiple appeals. REFER TO STEERING COMMITTEE FOR APPROVAL**
- V. Update on Legislative Priorities
 - A. SCAQMD Board Composition - AB 391:
 - a. **Bill Burke - Jim will probably meet with him with Harold Williams or Ralph Franklin or Judy Mitchell – the week of March 9.**
 - b. **Miguel Pulido - Haven’t met with Pulido (Waronek will follow-up through their lobbyist Chris Townsend).**
 - c. **Antonovich meeting – Suzy is trying and maybe Zerunyan should go.**
 - d. **Yates meeting coming up.**
 - e. **No meeting date with Bill Campbell.**
 - f. **Get on agenda for Local Business Advisory Committee and Legislative Committee of AQMD – and L.A. City**
 - g. **Work on San Gabriel COG – Judy will follow-up – also Claudette will talk to John Fasana**
 - h. **Call to Nell Soto – Judy will call**

- i. **Get support of Latino Caucus or at least neutrality – ask Jenny to help with this. Chair is Assemblymember Joe Coto. Stress the environmental justice issues.**
- j. **Upcoming meetings to South Bay Realtors and VICA (Mitchell will talk to Dennis Zine) – Feb. 26, Judy Mitchell might be able to go. Claudette will talk to David Fleming & Richard Katz.**

VI. Reports from Other Agencies

- A. League of California Cities – **Judy Mitchell gave the report.**
 - 1) **Board adopted 6 principles for infrastructure bond spending which were reviewed. \$850 million in the Housing Bond – Board agreed that \$100 million should be reserved for brownfields clean-up and go through HCD. Discussion re: the League taking leadership role for a more equitable distribution of funds based on population or some reasonable standard.**
 - 2) **League took position that park funds should be per capita.**
 - 3) **Also discussed eminent domain – not taking private land for a private purpose. If public took land and didn't use it, private party would have first right of refusal and public could not make a profit. League is working with Jarvis foundation on an initiative that will go through the legislative process.**
- B. AQMD – AQMD, Ron Ketcham
 - 1) Request for support of resolution (attached) supporting the development of the Draft 2007 Air Quality Plan's focus on Mobile Source Controls – **this is a sample resolution. Federal sources are a major concern. AQMD would like to do local source measures that they would hand to CARB. Discuss with Board members when we have their meeting. Ron will get back to me re: Chair's possible term extension at last Legislative Committee meeting.**
- C. L.A. Metro - Transportation Funding, State & Federal legislation – Claudette Moody
 - 1) **URGENT - L.A. has only one member on the CTC for the first time. Need support to Larry Zarian – through letters to the Governor's office and legislators and CTC. 65% of favorable votes for the bonds were from L.A. County and the rest of the state it averaged 61% or so. Bonds wouldn't have passed without L.A. County. 23% of entire vote was from L.A. County. Lowenthal is an ex officio member of the CTC.**
 - 2) **Long Range Plan moving forward. (will be affected if not as much money available). \$6 billion could be available by 2030 but agency needs to correct operating deficit this year. SEND A LETTER NOW.**
 - 3) **APTA trip is March 9-13 to Washington D.C. – same time as NLC.**
- D. SCAG – Darin Chidsey- **AB 169 – Native American Tribes being part of SCAG.**
 - 1) **Allows native American tribes to be considered government entities for the sole purpose of joining SCAG. Part of the planning process but not members. Can't participate in the General Assembly. ADD TO MONITOR LIST.**
 - 2) **Discussed trips to D.C. of Mobility 21, L.A. Chamber, SCAG, Nat. League of Cities, etc.**
 - 3) **February 21 & 22 the 1909 Commission is holding hearings in L.A. Looking at federal dollars and process to get federal funding.**

VII. Reports from Legislative Representatives

- a. **Senator Oropeza is Chair of Revenue & Taxation, on Transportation and...Chair of Select Committee on Air Quality and Public Health and Integrity In Public Elections.**

- i. Bill Deadline is February 23. Next meeting her legislative package will be ready.*
 - ii. Compacts with the tribes will be another big issue this year.*
 - iii. Budget – Governor assuming money that is not evidently available for this year.*
 - iv. Senators to D.C. in March – ca. week of 17th*
 - v. No opinion on term limit initiative yet but in general, she doesn't support term limits.*
- b. Assemblyman Lieu**
 - i. Chair of Banking & Finance and Select Committee on Aerospace. Serves on....*
 - ii. Other bills – financial literacy bill (AB 150)*
 - iii. Open house on March 23 at new location in El Segundo – GET NEW ADDRESS*

VIII. SBCCOG General Assembly & Air Cargo Workshop - Update

IX. Public Comment

X. Next meeting – March 20, 2007

XI. Adjourn