

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

SBCCOG Board of Directors' Meeting Thursday, March 22, 2007 @ 7:00 pm

**City of Manhattan Beach
Conference Room
Police/Fire Facility
400/420 15th Street**

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The Board of Directors, with certain statutory exceptions, can only take action upon properly posted and listed agenda items. Unless otherwise noted in the Agenda, the Public can only comment on SBCCOG related business that is within the jurisdiction of cities and/or items listed on the Agenda during the Public Comment portion of the meeting (Item #V). The time limit for comments is three (3) minutes per person. Before speaking to the Board, please come to the podium and state: Your name and residence and the organization you represent, if appropriate.

AGENDA

- I. **CALL TO ORDER - Introductions (7:00 PM)**
Jim Aldinger, Chair
- II. **SALUTE TO THE FLAG**
- III. **MOTION TO ACCEPT AND FILE REPORT OF CITY CLERK OF MANHATTAN BEACH ON POSTING OF THE AGENDA**
- IV. **ANNOUNCEMENTS OF ANY CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**
- V. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**
- VI. **CONSENT CALENDAR (7:05 PM)**
Matters listed under Consent Calendar are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion and one vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered separately.
 - A. **January Board Meeting Minutes (attachment) – Approve**
 - B. **Dues for FY 07-08 – Approve**
The Steering Committee recommends that there be no change in SBCCOG dues from last year.
- VII. **PRESENTATIONS**
 - A. **“Update on Work Ready Certificate for the South Bay” (7:10 PM)**
 1. John Means, Dean, Community Advancement & Business Training Center
El Camino College District
 - B. **Screening of SBCCOG Video (7:25 PM)**

VII. REPORTS FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

A. General Assembly De-briefing (7:30 PM)

1. Discussion of the event and suggestions for next year

B. Livable Communities Study Update (7:40 PM)

1. Wally Siembab, SBCCOG consultant, will present the progress of the study

C. Legislative Committee Report (7:50 pm)

1. Legislative Priorities Update
 - a. AQMD Board Composition Change Update
 - b. Legislation to consider

C. Green Line Extension into the South Bay (8:05 pm)

1. Update of activities by SBCCOG and others

D. Energy Center Projects Update (8:15 pm)

VIII. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS (8:25 pm)

IX. AGENCY REPORTS (8:30 pm)

- A. League of California Cities (Ann Marie Wallace)
- B. Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Pam O'Connor)
- C. South Coast Air Quality Management District (Ron Ketcham)
 1. Local Government and Business Advisory Group (Eric Busch)
- D. SCAG & Committees (Darin Chidsey)
 1. Energy and Environment (Frank Zerunyan)
 2. Transportation and Communication (Don Szerlip, Jim Aldinger)
 3. Community, Housing & Economic Development (Paul Nowatka)
 4. Regional Council (Paul Nowatka, Jim Aldinger, Judy Dunlap)
- E. South Bay Cities City Managers' Association (Geoff Dolan)
- F. South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce (John Parsons)
- G. South Bay Economic Development Partnership (John Parsons)

X. SBCCOG UPDATE AND COMMITTEE REPORTS – Jacki Bacharach (8:45 pm)

XI. UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS (8:50 pm)

XII. APRIL SBCCOG COMMITTEE MEETINGS & WORKING GROUPS

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XIII. ADJOURNMENT

MINUTES
South Bay Cities Council of Governments
Thursday, January 25, 2007
City of Manhattan Beach - Police/Fire Facility

Chair Aldinger called the meeting of the South Bay Cities Council of Governments to order at 7:10 p.m. In attendance were the following members:

Harold Williams, Carson
Eric Busch, El Segundo
Susan Dever, Lomita
Jim Aldinger, Manhattan Beach
Dwight Abbott, Palos Verdes Estates
John Parsons, Redondo Beach (non-voting alternate)

Don Szerlip, Redondo Beach
Judy Mitchell, Rolling Hills Estates
Steve Wolowicz, Rancho Palos Verdes
Paul Nowatka, Torrance

Also in attendance were the following persons:

Jacki Bacharach, SBCCOG
Kim Fuentes, SBCCOG
Michele Swanson, SBESC
Claudette Moody, Deputy to Pam O'Connor
Marilyn Lyon, SBESC
Gary Parsons, Hawthorne City Council

Ron Ketcham, SCAQMD
Merna Marshall, SBCCOG
Darin Chidsey, SCAG
Kathleen McCune, Metro
Kurt Weideman, Torrance
Heather George, ECOMedia

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Flag Salute – led by the Board Member Szerlip

Motion to accept and file report of City Clerk of Manhattan Beach on posting of the agenda

MOTION by Board Member Mitchell, seconded by Board Member Szerlip, to accept the posting of the meeting in the City of Manhattan Beach. No objection. So ordered.

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF ANY CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Agenda re-arranged to accommodate the late arrival of the guest speaker.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - none

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION by Board Member Mitchell, seconded by Board Member Nowatka, to approve the Consent Calendar with the exception of Item C, removed for discussion. No objections. So ordered (Szerlip abstained).

C. November Board Meeting Minutes (*attachment*) – **Approve**

D. GIS Intern (*attachments*) - **Approve**

E. REMOVED FOR DISCUSSION: Mid Year Financial Report and Budget Adjustment

Board Member Wolowicz inquired regarding the mid-year financial report, noting that the Dues reflect \$100,000 “accrual” and appears that half of the dues have not been paid. It was explained that because this is a half-year budget, it reflects only half of the dues income.

MOTION by Board Member Wolowicz, seconded by Board member Mitchell, to **approve** the Mid-Year Financial Report and Budget Adjustment. No objection. So ordered.

F. Report of Time Critical Action Taken by Steering Committee (*attachment*) – **Receive and file**

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

Chair Aldinger presented a certificate of appreciation Jenny Gough, outgoing Chair of the GIS Working Group.

REPORTS FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**Legislative Committee Report**

Annual Legislative Agenda – Board Member Mitchell reviewed the Legislative Agenda, noting that it reflects to a large extent the League of California Cities' priorities. Item X (Area Code) was corrected to read "where area codes have **been** established". It was noted that the version of the Agenda distributed this evening was the same as the one sent out via email.

MOTION by Board Member Szerlip, seconded by Board Member Mitchell, to **adopt** the Annual Legislative Agenda, as submitted. No objection. So ordered.

AQMD Board Composition Change Update – Executive Director Jacki Bacharach reported that letters have been sent to the League, several COGs, Independent and Contract Cities asking for contributions for this cause and everyone except Contract Cities has contributed. Tony Rice and Claudette Moody have been working on this matter, meeting with various parties via teleconference and in person, and it is possible there will be a bill introduced next week.

Chair Aldinger noted the importance of getting the AQMD Board on-board with this and then approach legislators in Sacramento, and we are very hopeful to get this accomplished this year.

Claudette Moody reported that the Las Virgines-Malibu COG was very receptive to this idea. While the Westside Cities COG also supported our efforts, Bill Rosendahl cast a dissenting vote indicating his desire to see even more members added to the Board.

In response to Board Alternate Parsons' inquiry Claudette Moody said it would be helpful for SBCCOG Board members to contact Councilman Rosendahl regarding his position.

Green Line Extension into the South Bay -- Update on alignment discussions

Ms. Bacharach reported that a letter has been sent to the MTA in support of extending the Green Line into the South Bay,. Also, today the MTA Board heard the Harbor Subdivision technical analysis report and approved moving forward with an alternative analysis. This line is owned by the MTA and runs from downtown through Inglewood and over to the ports; the idea is to use it for passengers; and it is important to move it along if it is ever going to be developed. She said the alignment report is on the MTA website and looks at different passenger modes to use the right-of-way.

Claudette Moody shared that this is one project that they are hoping will be supported in parallel with the extension of the Green Line. She noted that, as the Long-Range Plan process continues, SBCCOG can support both projects.

Board discussion included the following points:

- Board Member Szerlip said Bernard Parks asked questions of Chairman Snoble about whether this was currently on their Long-Range Plan and expressed great interest because it goes through his district. The reply was that it was moving in that direction and would be part of the future plans—and it all seemed very positive.
- Board Member Parsons said he testified at the committee chaired by Supervisor Burke;
- Board Member Abbott reported on the presentation at the Aviation Committee meeting earlier this evening, noting that LAWA is continuing to work toward regionalization of airports, as required by the settlement.

- A report by Board Member Nowatka that the City of Torrance is meeting with a real estate broker regarding looking at purchasing 16+ acres at Crenshaw Blvd. just north of Torrance Blvd. near the overpass for the long-awaited Torrance Transit Station.

Energy Center Projects Update

Michele Swanson, South Bay Energy Savings Center provided an update on the Energy Center:

- Four (4) bids were received for the lighting retrofit project and staff has been visiting cities to make sure they are all capable of taking advantage of it.
- 40 different projects were bid with 120 different possibilities; the situation may be that some cities may deal with two low bidders, with one handling office lighting and another gymnasium lighting, requiring dual walk-throughs;
- Four cities (El Segundo Lomita, PVE and RHE) are ready to roll out right away, with 5 more coming up right behind them;
- The West Basin MWD restroom retro-fit has three installations planned at parks in Redondo Beach, Hawthorne and Lomita, with ribbon-cuttings planned for the initial installations.
- Members were asked to alert their local Chamber of Commerce, asking them to put a notice in their newsletter;
- The short ad that was produced for movie theatres has been delivered to the cable stations throughout the South Bay for airing in the next week.

Participation in EcoZone

Ms. Bacharach reported that several city councils have pledged to protect and watch their green house gases and emissions. She said the Energy Center can help cities meet these obligations, noting that it would be helpful for members to remind their Councils that the energy center could help them fulfill their obligations.

Heather George with EcoZone explained how the Ecozone program goes to private industry and gets donations for making signs with an environmental action messages such as “pick up after your pets” “turn off your lights” and others to reinforce protecting the environment; noted that 50% of the money for the signs goes to EcoZone for promotion, education, etc., and 50% comes back to the cities for environmental purposes; thanked the cities of Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach, Inglewood and Hawthorne for their participation as members of EcoZone, and noted the message from staff is that if cities wanted to give the money to the COG it could be put into an area-wide project that would be more effective than a small amount for each city. She said EcoZone will be contacting each of the Board members in the near future regarding the specifics of how the program works and asking them to consider pooling the funds through the COG for working on environmental matters together.

BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ginny Lambert, Hawthorne, invited everyone to attend the Hawthorne State of the City Report on February 14th at the Hawthorne Memorial Center, noting that it is nearly sold out.

Steve Wolowicz, Rancho Palos Verdes, reported that the City of El Segundo has a banner recognizing them as the #1 City in the Business Community; and congratulated Councilmember Parsons on having an award named after him by the SBACC, noting that this year’s recipient was Art Wible of the Daily Breeze.

Susan Dever, Lomita, reported that the City of Lomita is celebrating its centennial this year and invited everyone to place a “congratulatory” note in the publication to offset costs and invited everyone to participate in the golf tournament the afternoon of February 23rd. She also reported that El Camino College has approved an extended MOU with Compton College District for another five years, affecting their ongoing relationship.

Paul Nowatka, Torrance, reported on the recent merger of the Torrance-Lomita-Carson WIB with the Long Beach WIB and **John Parsons, Redondo Beach**, commented that the Long Beach WIB splits the South Bay and it is a shame that the merger isn’t going to be called the South Bay WIB.

PRESENTATION

Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Update -- Richard Nagel, General Manager, West Basin Municipal Water District

Mr. Richard Nagel, General Manager of the West Basin Municipal Water District, reported on the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (California Water Plan), which has the theme of how water issues —*supply, quality, and waste*—are looked at on an integrated basis. He said the recent bond measures set money aside for agencies to facilitate discussions about water issues, with \$1.5 million in funding available for the area's five watersheds. He reported:

- the COG is in the South Bay watershed (Santa Monica to the PV Peninsula), which is the second largest region in terms of population, the 13th largest economy in the world, and covers 2200 square miles over 90 cities
- the theme of “working together to achieve funding for some water problem or issue that needs to be solved” as being foremost, whether it relates to a lack of water, waste water, storm drain runoff or any other aspect of water;
- for each of the five large watersheds, a number of agencies were identified that represent all aspects of major water fields and they have come together to discuss projects and issues of importance to cities and environmental groups;
- these ideas ultimately funnel up to the leadership committee, made up of 11 members who ultimately decides which projects to submit for state funding, and noted said this is an opportunity for cities to collaborate and ultimately integrate;
- storm water quality in the beach cities starts with cities that are not on the beach and emphasized the importance of communicating and working together to solve problems;
- there are unfunded mandates and this is an opportunity to talk and see if together we can solve problems; and
- an Integrated Plan was developed dealing with watershed management; dam rehabilitation; land use planning; groundwater recharge basins; and water conservation.

In response to an inquiry from Board Member Busch whether a simple project related to storm drain runoff at the street level would qualify for funding, Mr. Nagel responded that it would be eligible and recommended that the COG members may wish to use this one funding mechanism to solve the problem.

Mr. Nagel explained that the decision making body—the Leadership Committee—is an ad hoc committee made up of two members representing each watershed and Ventura County. He explained that the Gateway area has two representatives, and one (the Gateway COG) has expressed a desire to pull out and start their own committee. He noted that the State indicated that the collaboration that has been shown in this basin is preferred by them and if Gateway were to create their own committee it would be have a negative effect on further funding.

Board Member Parsons reported that the West Basin Water District has invited the City Council in Redondo to tour the desalination plant and invited anyone on the COG who would like to participate in that tour.

AGENCY REPORTS

Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority – Claudette Moody, on behalf of Pam O'Connor, reported on:

- activities of the local area sector boards;
- the “1909 Commission”, set up by the SAFETEA-LU federal bill, which will look at the federal process for approving and funding projects, looking for ways to streamline the process. The Los Angeles meeting will be held February 21-22 at the Metro headquarters.
- Long-Range Transportation Plan
- Call for projects are due January 26 at 4 p.m. (no postmarks)
- The Supplemental Call For Projects was approved today, January 25.

South Coast Air Quality Management District -- Ron Ketcham reported that the AQMP is still out, with quite a few letters received both in opposition to the plan and in support. An amended plan will be out soon, followed by four workshops (one per county). He said he asked the COG's Legislative Committee to take a position on a proposed resolution and asked for approval at a future meeting. The resolution asks for support of the position that the feds need to do more regarding mobile source controls and noted he will be in contact with the various city managers in the next few weeks asking them to consider placing the resolution on their individual city council agendas. He also reported that a conference on asthma will be held in April, perhaps hosting the governor as the keynote speaker.

Mr. Ketcham reported that

- El Segundo has expressed concern that none of the AQMD's grant monies to cities fund light-duty vehicles and has sent a letter to the AQMD as a follow-up;
- all of the money goes toward heavy-duty equipment, but there is a rule requiring public agencies to replace their vehicles with clean-burning vehicles, and suggested cities may wish to pursue this funding; and
- the redevelopment control issue has reached some sort of an agreement with BIA.

Chair Aldinger noted that Dennis Washburn has recommended that we ask our representative to make a presentation on the update at the AQMD management plan before cities vote on it.

Ms. Bacharach said while the resolution sounds general, it is common knowledge that the AQMD is seeking more authority over pollution and we ought to be very watchful of how much we support these things until we have some consensus with AQMD over the issue of expanding their board for a seat for the Westside L.A. County cities.

Board Member Mitchell reported that not to support the AQMDs request regarding mobile sources "shoots us in the foot" because this is a huge problem that needs to be addressed.

League of California Cities – Judy Mitchell reported that the last League of California Cities

- Received an extensive report of activities of the policy committees;
- worked on a legislative platform to work from as the legislation that will affect the implementation of bonds works its way through the legislature;

Transportation and Communication -- Don Szerlip, Jim Aldinger

Board Member Szerlip reported the discussion about the regional airport authority that is being reconstituted, noting that it is desirable to be less threatening than the original Board was to LAWA.

Community, Housing & Economic Development – Board Member Nowatka reported that the draft RHNA numbers are out, noting that the numbers are within 6% of the projected need and 6 counties have put their estimates in of housing needs; appeals will be filed soon and heard by the Appeals Board in April, with Board Member Nowatka representing Los Angeles County. He said it is important to understand the intent to enforce the numbers on the part of the state. He said no cities have formally accepted their numbers.

Kim Fuentes said the Inland Empire is going to challenge their vacancy rate—currently a 3.5% goal and they want it to be an actual—which would redistribute 40,000 units away from the Inland Empire. She said the RHNA legislation is moving forward but the League of Cities have asked for an informal review process before the appeal process starts.

South Bay Cities City Managers' Association – Jacki Bacharach explained that CALTRANS representatives were at the last meeting and discussed street relinquishment and graffiti, and noted that Manhattan Beach has a 24-hour graffiti removal rule since CALTRANS has a 7-day goal and that is unacceptable. She said a delegated maintenance agreement will be brought to the Infrastructure Working Group to share with our cities for their use if they wish to negotiate with Caltrans to take over maintenance of CALTRANS property in their city.

South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce – Board Member Parsons reported that Scott Goble was recently installed as President of the SBACC and a legislative agenda has been put together and will be compared with the COG's agenda to find areas of common interest.

South Bay Economic Development Partnership – Board Member Parsons reported the SBEDP will reach its 10th anniversary soon and there will be a celebration.

SCAG: Ms. Bacharach reported that SCAG has recommended approval of the COGs OWP, 2 out of 4: one to work on the I-405 incident management and prevention (\$180,000); a market analysis of opportunities and financial feasibility of projects in the South Bay (\$185,000). She said they did not fund the “slow speed network study” in the Peninsula cities or “neighborhood vehicles” which were two other projects that we had submitted.

Homeland Security Task force: Ms. Bacharach reported that Mike Martinet spoke at the last meeting about his recent trip to New Orleans and Mississippi. He stressed that elected officials must be involved in emergencies, getting what they need for their constituents. He reviewed problems with FEMA during the Katrina emergency, noting that it is a compliance agency, not a mission-driven agency, and gave examples where FEMA didn’t reimburse for some purchases because they didn’t get three bids or in another instance where there was a need to change the color of police uniform shirts because of stolen uniforms and FEMA would not pay for them because it was a change and not a replacement.

Ms. Bacharach explained that 40,000 one-time only trailers are still being used and one of the biggest issues has been debris removal. Response and recovery are two different phases—we understand and prepare for response but recovery is the problem now.

Carl Jacobson of El Segundo has agreed to chair the Homeland Security Task Force.

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENT

- **Friday - February 23 – General Assembly at Carson Civic Center**
- **Thursday - March 8 – Workshop on Air Cargo; need RSVPs soon. Staff is invited.**
- **Goods Movement Study task is to identify where the warehousing is and determine what it means economically to the South Bay; Every city has been encouraged to have their staff fill out the survey on goods movement that has been sent to them and councilmembers have been asked to fill out the abbreviated version for them.**
- **Dwight Abbott is finishing his 4 years as Councilmember in PVE and is not running for re-election in March. He said he will be at the General Assembly and this is his last meeting.**
- **Harold Williams announced that Carson is attempting to annex land and the industrial park is suitable for a warehousing zone. He said they are looking at being part of the transportation triangle of the two ports.**

ADJOURNMENT

Board Chair Aldinger adjourned the meeting in memory of James Cragin, former Councilmember from the City of Gardena.

Respectfully submitted,

Merna Marshall
Recording Secretary