

# ***South Bay Cities Council of Governments***

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## **SBCCOG Board of Directors' Meeting Thursday, March 25, 2010 @ 7 pm**

**City of El Segundo  
Public Library  
111 West Mariposa Avenue**

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SBCCOG Executive Director Jacki Bacharach @ 310-377-8987.  
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## **AGENDA**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER - Introductions (7:00 PM)**  
Kelly McDowell, Chair
- II. **SALUTE TO THE FLAG**
- III. **CONFIRM POSTING OF THE AGENDA BY EL SEGUNDO CITY CLERK**
- 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. **Mid-Year Financial Report (attachment) – Receive and file**
  - C. **Status of Legislation upon which SBCCOG has a position (attachment) – Receive and file**
  - D. **Contract Amendment with Aldaron for Additional Transportation Advisory Services (attachments) - Approve**
  - E. **Report of Time Critical Actions Taken by Steering Committee (attachment) – Receive and file**

## VII. PRESENTATIONS

- A. **FEMA Program – Recovery from Disaster: The Local Government Role (7:10 pm)**
  - 1. Presentation by Manhattan Beach Battalion Fire Chief Frank Chiella & Gardena Police Captain Ed Burnett
- B. **Mapping Tool for Business & Residential Carbon Calculator (7:35 pm)**
  - 1. Bill Crowe, City of El Segundo will make the presentation with Kevin DeVito of Cyber City 3D
- C. **Congestion Reduction Demonstration Project Update (8:00 pm)**
  - 1. Stephanie Wiggins, Metro

## VIII. REPORTS FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

- A. **Election of Officers to fill Upcoming Vacant Position (attachment) (8:15 pm)**
- B. **Legislative Committee Report (7:45 pm)**
  - 1. Legislation to consider (attachment) – **Approve**

## IX. SOUTH BAY ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES CENTER UPDATES (attachments) (8:20 pm)

- A. Update on current programs and activities
- B. Review of 2010-2012 SCE/SCG partnership program & AB 811 program

## IX. METRO REPORT (8:25 pm)

- A. Board Report – Pam O'Connor & Discussion

## X. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS (8:30 pm)

## XI SBCCOG UPDATE AND COMMITTEE REPORTS (8:35 pm)

- A. General Assembly lessons learned
- B. SB 375 status

## XII. AGENCY REPORTS (8:40 pm)

- A. League of California Cities (Teresa Acosta & Cliff Numark)
- B. South Coast Air Quality Management District (Stan Myles)
  - 1. Local Government and Business Advisory Group (Eric Busch)
- C. SCAG & Committees (Matt Horton)
  - a. Energy and Environment (Judy Mitchell, Mitch Ward)
  - b. Transportation (Steve Diels, Judy Dunlap)
  - c. Community, Economic, & Human Development (Susan Rhilinger & Daniel Tabor)
  - d. Regional Council (Judy Mitchell, Judy Dunlap, Susan Rhilinger)
- D. Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board Report (Mary Ann Lutz) (attachment)
- E. South Bay Cities City Managers' Association (Jack Wayt)
- F. South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce (Susan Rhilinger)
- G. South Bay Economic Development Partnership (Don Brann)

## XIII. UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS (8:55 pm)

## XIV APRIL SBCCOG COMMITTEE MEETINGS & WORKING GROUPS

Consult web site for specific times and places – [www.southbaycities.org](http://www.southbaycities.org)

## XV. ADJOURNMENT

**Next meeting - Thursday, April 22, 2010**

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## SBCCOG MEETINGS: ATTENDANCE 2009-2010

CITY	September	October	November	January
Carson	x	x	Ruiz-Raber	Ruiz-Raber
El Segundo	McDowell	McDowell	McDowell	McDowell
Gardena	Medina	Medina	Ikejiri	Ikejiri
Hawthorne	Juarez			Juarez
Hermosa Beach				X
Inglewood	Franklin			Franklin
Lawndale	Pullen-Miles			Pullen-Miles
Lomita	Blackwood	Blackwood/Waite	Blackwood	Blackwood
Los Angeles	x	x	x	x
Manhattan Beach	Powell	Ward	Powell	Powell
Palos Verdes Estates	Perkins/Goodhart	Perkins	Perkins	Perkins
Rancho Palos Verdes	Dyda	Dyda	Dyda	
Redondo Beach		Diels	Aust	Diels
Rolling Hills	x	x	X	X
Rolling Hills Estates	Mitchell	Mitchell/Seamans	Seamans	Mitchell
Torrance	Numark	Rhilinger	Rhilinger	Rhilinger
County of Los Angeles	Napolitano/Rosenfeld	Napolitano/Rosenfeld	Napolitano/Rosenfeld	Rosenfeld

P: present

X: inactive (missed last 3 in a row)

Inactive Membership is automatically re-instated by attending a meeting

Number of Active Agencies	14	14	14	14
Quorum Required (50% + 1)	8	8	8	8
Number of Agencies Attending	12	12	10	13

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MINUTES  
SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 2010  
EL SEGUNDO LIBRARY

Chair McDowell called the South Bay Cities Council of Governments to order at 7:12 p.m. In attendance were the following voting members:

Julie Ruiz Raber, Carson  
Kelly McDowell, El Segundo  
Ron Ikejiri, Gardena  
Daniel Juarez, Hawthorne  
Ralph Franklin, Inglewood  
Robert Pullen-Miles, Lawndale  
Ken Blackwood, Lomita

Wayne Powell, Manhattan Beach  
Ellen Perkins, Palos Verdes Estates  
Steve Diels, Redondo Beach  
Judy Mitchell, Rolling Hills Estates  
Susan Rhilinger, Torrance  
Dan Rosenfeld, L. A. County

Other Elected Officials

Carl Jacobson, El Segundo  
Don Brann, El Segundo  
Jim Goodhart, Palos Verdes Estates

George Bird, Palos Verdes Estates  
Pat Aust, Redondo Beach

Also in attendance were the following persons:

Jacki Bacharach, SBCCOG  
Marilyn Lyon, SBESC  
Matt Horton, SCAG  
Cory Zelmer, MTA  
Merna Marshall, SBCCOG Secretary  
Ron Smith, West Basin Muni Water Dist.  
Teresa Acosta, League of Calif. Cities  
Beverly Voran, Parsons Brinckerhoff

Eleanor-Barthe, Jones, Torrance  
John Parsons, SBWIB  
Don Camph, Aldaron, Inc.  
Madeline van de Leuvan, Metro  
Conan Cheung, Metro  
Stan Myles, SCAQMD  
Azury Benouis, SBCCOG  
Michael Bohlke, MTA

FLAG SALUTE - LED BY CARL JACOBSON

CONFIRM POSTING OF THE AGENDA BY EL SEGUNDO CITY CLERK

Executive Director Bacharach confirmed that the agenda was properly posted in the City of El Segundo.

PUBLIC COMMENT

John Parsons, South Bay Work Force Investment Board, gave a quarterly report on their activities. He explained that the South Bay WIB is made up of 9 cities to deliver employment training services through the One Stop Career Centers. The Annual Report is available on [www.SBWIB.org](http://www.SBWIB.org).

SELF-INTRODUCTIONS

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ANY CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Executive Director Bacharach removed item D. (Contract for Transportation Advisory Services) from the Consent Calendar for discussion prior to approval.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. **November 2009 Board Meeting Minutes** (attachment) – Approve
- B. **LCC Ballot Measure Resolution** (attachment) – Approve
- C. **Gateway to Green Building Pre-Apprenticeship Program Contract** (attachment) – **Approve**
- D. **Contract for Transportation Advisory Services** (attachment) – **(removed for discussion)**
- E. **Metro Governance Council Board Vacancy** (attachment) – **Approve**
- F. **Report of Time Critical Actions Taken by Steering Committee** (attachment) – **Receive and File**

**MOTION** by Board Member Blackwood, **SECONDED** by Board Member Julie Ruiz-Raber, to approve the Consent Calendar, with Item D. removed for discussion following Item 7. No objection. So ordered.

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Safe Drug Drop Off Program

Chief Rhambo and Commander Goran presented an update on the County's Safe Drug Drop Off Program.

Chief Rhambo explained that the Sheriff's Department was approached by the SBCCOG to explore placing prescription drug disposal sites at the various sheriff stations and a pilot project was started in the City of Lomita on September 29, 2008. Since then, drop boxes have been installed in several other communities. He noted that people are also allowed to use the drop boxes to drop off illicit drugs.

Chief Rhambo emphasized that the inappropriate disposal of medication is a growing problem and that just since January they have collected 8900 syringes from the various sites. The drop-off boxes are actually recycled mail boxes from the US Postal Service. Each box is refurbished, anchored outside the sheriff stations and in areas where they are visible to the authorities. He said the Narcotics Bureau checks the mail boxes every day and collects them in a similar manner as any other drugs. They are disposed of twice each year at a cost of \$600 each time along with the illegal drugs collected during regular police work. They noted that they have experienced that some health facilities have tried to use these boxes to dispose of their syringes, which can be a problem.

Chief Rhambo explained that cities are required to report to the DEA prior to starting a program and noted that a form letter is available for use in submitting the request to the DEA. He added that while they don't regulate what we do, they do want to stay informed of all of the collection sites.

In response to a question regarding what happens to the drug bottles, it was explained that while the plastic containers are burned along with the drugs when they are disposed, it would be prudent to cross off the personal information on the bottle if the person disposing it is worried about their personal information on the containers. Syringes should be placed in a sharps container. When they are transported to the labs to be placed in larger sharps containers, the vendors crush and burn them.

Board member McDowell noted that some cities have special events in conjunction with local pharmacies, coordinating efforts with the police department to dispose of the drugs.

Executive Director Bacharach noted that the Sheriff's Department has been incredibly responsive in implementing the program in their department. The City of Manhattan Beach actually started it first and the SBCCOG took the idea from them. She noted that the COG has sample staff reports and other information for police departments to use if they wish to start their own programs.

Chief Rhambo commented that parents are also finding this as a way to dispose of illegal drugs they may find in their children's possession, which can be helpful to them.

### Metro South Bay Bus Service Update

Conan Chan, Service Planning and Schedule, Madeline van de Leuvan reviewed the statistics on bus service in the south bay and discussion on key efforts taking place.

Ms. van de Leuvan made a presentation on the Harbor Transit Way, specific lanes on the freeway for transit buses. There are six stations along the Harbor freeway strictly for buses. The Artesia Transit Center at 182<sup>nd</sup> Street between Vermont and Harbor Freeway has 960 parking spaces. When opened it was only 20-25% utilized and in September of 2008 it had a record of 53% utilization, with 45-48% currently. Ridership is expected to increase with the addition of fast lanes on the Harbor Transit Way.

The Silver Line goes from the Artesia Transit Center to the El Monte Bus Station and services USC, LA Live, Disney Theatre, Music Center, USC Medical Center, Cal State LA. It runs until late in the evenings. A heavy marketing campaign has helped its success.

Ms. van de Leuvan reported that the municipal operators in the South Bay (Gardena, Beach Cities Transit, PV Transit, LA DOT) have taken over some of Metro's former services and have helped improve the frequency of the service. One example is the takeover by PV Transit of the 225 and 226, which enables them to operate these neighborhood services at a lesser rate than MTA. She said the service along the Vermont Avenue corridor is the most productive with 100 boardings per hour utilizing 60 ft. articulated buses for both local and rapid service. Beach Cities Transit has taken over for Line 439 and the South Bay cities have contributed out of their own budgets considerable monies based upon employment and usage. He asked if they can expect no further cuts in bus routes in the south bay.

Executive Director Bacharach asked for crime statistics at the Artesia Transit Center.

Ms. van de Leuvan explained that the MTA is expecting a \$250 million budget deficit for FY 2011 and, therefore, they are and trying to come up with plans to create a better system and "do more with less." She said a blue ribbon committee consisting of different stakeholders (users and providers of transit) will work on reestablishing a vision for transit within the region. They need to make sure they coordinate, have timed transfers, etc. The charge of the group is to look at the roles and responsibilities of metro bus vs. metro rail. Even though the bus system has grown 7% in the past 20 years the bus service has grown 22%. The rail component has brought Metro up to a 50% increase. There has been a substantial increase in public transportation; overall ridership has decreased while capacity has increased.

The Committee will systematically look at the Metro system and how they work with the municipal operators and define the role of metro bus and metro rail to ensure they are not duplicating each other. Also it will be important to coordinate services; even though they may provide less service in terms of hours, they are hoping to provide better service. Reducing duplication reduces confusion; it doesn't impact the rider but it makes it simpler. Better coordination in terms of time transfers opens the door for more mobility; today it is difficult to transfer from one operator to another and coordination makes it more viable. These are all policy directives that the MTA board will need to approve. They will consider what is important—speed or access; overcrowding or on-time performance. They will work on it for the next six months to discuss the policy choices, which will be recommended to the Board.

The COG Board discussed the benefits of using a transit credit card that can be used on rail, buses, etc., and the MTA staff noted they are still working through the issues of coordination with other operators. Board Member Diels suggested they use what's already out there--VISA. He added that the frustration isn't waiting but rather it is knowing when the next bus is coming. He suggested a cell phone application that could help people who are waiting

Board member Franklin reported that he currently sits on the South Bay Metro South Bay Governance Council Board and made the following comments: A TAP card is a debit card with a roll-over effect. The issue with the Artesia Station isn't crime but rather access to public restroom facilities. There are no facilities there and the remodel will not include restrooms for public access. There is a major concern with liability for public restrooms. The big clock doesn't work and will be repaired; landscape maintenance is also another issue. He noted that they were trying to do an experimental program to help riders get from

Point A to Point B without trying to figure out how to read the maps. They are going to establish a kiosk in Inglewood where people can print out maps of metro lines.

Board Member McDowell said the Washington DC metro is a model for metro rail, noting that to discourage crime and “homeless encampments” they purposely do not put any restrooms in any of their stations, and it works. He added that it’s a different environment because there are several public buildings where you can find a public restroom, unlike Los Angeles. Also, the average length of a ride in DC as compared to Los Angeles is shorter, and this is a major deterrent to the infrequent riders.

**Contract for Transportation Advisory Services – (removed from Consent Calendar for discussion)**

Executive Director Bacharach reported that at the time of her last report the City of Torrance was going to take the lead on a Measure R Highway Implementation Plan for the South Bay funds. However, it became apparent that there are opportunities to leverage the funds and get more from other sources to create a plan that is much more robust, and it is beyond the skills and time available from city staff.

Executive Director Bacharach explained that the project will be totally paid for by Measure R funds and recommended that the Aldaron contract be approved. She explained that the recommendation on the Consent Calendar is to help us with the project management; however, yesterday Jacki met with Metro staff and determined that we can’t just send Metro an invoice but rather it will be necessary to sign an MOU with Metro to access the money for the consultants. She said the MOU for Don Camph of Aldaron can be executed right away and she is asking the Board to add to the motion approving the contract with Aldaron **subject to final wording from legal counsel** and to authorize the Steering Committee to enter into an agreement with Metro.

Executive Director Bacharach noted that Metro will process the paperwork to get Don on board immediately to help prepare the RFP for the consultant to do the implementation plan which will be approved at a later date. The Aldaron agreement is \$5,500 per month and SBCCOG is asking Metro for \$46,000 until the end of the year, to pay for staff and consultant costs.

Mr. Don Camph introduced himself stating that this is a good time for SBCCOG to bring the cities together to work on transportation projects and enhanced funding. Mr. Camph is also head of the El Segundo Employers Association; a forum for transportation issues and for employers to get together.

**MOTION** by Board Member Diels, **SECONDED** by Board Member Blackwood, to **approve** as requested. Motion passed without objection.

**METRO REPORT** – Mike Bohlke for Pam O’Connor

Pam O’Connor is recuperating from her knee operation last Tuesday.

Mike Bohlke added to Conan Cheung’s presentation on line 344, noting that local service of line 344 in Torrance caused the city of Torrance to worry about cross-over.

With regard to the TAP card, they are currently working out the minor details of how to give people a transfer if they get on the wrong bus so they don’t get charged twice. Metro is trying to work out the details with the municipal operators. The municipal operators will sit on the oversight board but there is still trepidation on their part that they don’t want to share their proprietary information such as their ridership.

Mr. Bohlke said he wanted to discuss the subsequent stimulus package coming out; passed HR 2847, jobs for Main Street. The timelines for projects will be much tighter than previously. March 3<sup>rd</sup> is the deadline for projects to be submitted to MTA. The bill is still pending in the Senate; between March 3 and June 3 projects would have to get under contract. In the House version they expect there could be as much as \$212 million coming to Los Angeles County. How this is done will dictate somewhat how the money is split between the cities and MTA, but will be similar to the first time but open to discussion since they have to make sure the money is awarded and under contract by June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Executive Director Bacharach commented that staff is on top of it but under the gun in terms of the need to have “project ready” projects.

Board Member McDowell asked if this round of funding is going to take into account the fact that some cities have very low nighttime populations which grow by a factor of five during the day and provide jobs for people who live in other cities. The transportation dollars need to account for the number of people traveling around—rail bus or car—and they base it on night-time population. The roads have to handle the daytime population.

Mr. Bohlke said he doesn't think they will deviate from a population type of breakdown. They are looking for projects that are ready. He suggested working with the county dept of public works to see if there is a synergy of projects seeking flexibility for combined projects—if that were possible then they should approach the MTA Board for flexibility. They won't achieve it through a city by city approach but with the DPW it may be possible.

The local match will be the same as the first round. The focus is keeping the money within the county.

### **ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA AND TIMELY ISSUES**

Board Member Perkins said the Legislative Committee is asking for approval of the timely issues document and legislative agenda. She noted that the Legislative Committee is held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at 3 p.m. and everyone is welcome to attend.

She reported that the format of the legislative agenda changed last year from one document (with ongoing and specific issues for each year) divided into legislative agenda and timely issues. She reviewed the documents as presented in the packet, noting the proposed changes for this year, noting that protecting local government issues is the most important issue of this year.

She noted that the documents give the legislative committee guidance on what the position of the COG should be as various items of legislation come forward. Both documents have been circulated for review and comment since December.

**MOTION** by Judy Mitchell, **SECONDED** by Steve Diels, to **approve** as submitted. No objection. So ordered.

Executive Director Bacharach noted that SB 827 allowed a permitting process at AQMD to go forward is being held up and that a sample letter has been provided to submit comments.

### **SOUTH BAY ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES CENTER UPDATES**

Marilyn Lyon reviewed a calendar of several upcoming events as outlined in a report distributed at the meeting. She reminded the Board the SBESC is involved with the implementation of AB 811 which allows residential energy efficiency projects to be financed through the property tax. It will also create a green work force with quality assurance. Under development are the creation of a financing district; development of marketing and outreach strategies and the process for accessing the program. The Center's part is to help with the development of the marketing and outreach.

The way cities can opt in is through a resolution but the county would not be ready for the cities to pass resolutions until at least April, after the county takes certain steps. A staff report and resolution will be sent to cities once it's time to adopt a resolution. There may be a resolution that cities will be asked to pass earlier to help the county access additional funding but that is not for sure as of now. This will create many jobs estimated at 700 workers to do the first round of 15,000 houses.

In the county unincorporated area in Lennox will be a showcase event to show how easy it is for small businesses to become energy efficient. Those businesses are being audited and will be provided free energy and water efficiency equipment. This project is being done in conjunction with Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas and the Air Resources Board.

Also, in the AB 811 program, there will be an approved list to make improvements as part of a “whole house” approach whereby the house has to be energy efficient first (insulation, etc.) before other measures such as solar can be installed. The program does not apply to multi-unit buildings at this time.

The COG will provide workshops to cities to explain what AB811 will mean as the program is more defined.

Executive Director Bacharach explained the financing district portion of AB811. She noted that cities will not be required to pay for marketing because the COG will do it for them.

In response to Kelly McDowell’s inquiry whether any thought has been given to integrating this plan with the residential sound insulation plans funded by the FAA and the settlement in the CEQA lawsuit, Executive Director Bacharach said that SBCCOG will bring this to the design team perhaps as a matching fund issue. He said since the homeowners are being disrupted anyway, this is the time to do the additional remodel for energy efficiency.

Executive Director Bacharach encouraged cities to make sure they apply for rebates as they get their money for stimulus projects to help the COG make the first year goal for Edison and be one of their superstars. Remember: money gets money so please let Jacki know when you’re doing stimulus projects and SBESC will help with applying for rebates.

### **BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Diels:** Super Bowl Sunday 5-10k walk-run on Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> in Redondo Beach.

**Powell:** Manhattan Beach lost the plastic bag ban saga, with the Court of Appeals upholding the decision in favor of bag manufacturers by a 2-1 vote.

**Mitchell:** Noted that the AQMD seat for the Western District is up for election on Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> and she is running for the seat. Legislation sponsored by SBCCOG and carried by Ted Lieu passed to give the Western sector cities a seat; the districts were reconfigured to even out cities in the districts by population and number of cities; we need to have a majority of cities and number of population—a steep hurdle. She explained the process for the election at the MWD at 7:30 p.m. where a delegate from the cities needs to attend in order to vote. If the mayor is not voting there is a proxy that must be signed by the mayor.

**McDowell:** having his left knee replaced tomorrow and plans to be back in business in no time. He noted the opportunity for the South Bay to obtain a seat on the AQMD Board and noted it will have an impact on how the AQMD treats our businesses and residences in terms of regulatory scheme. He said the symbolism is also important, not to mention the fact that Judy Mitchell would make a great board member.

Executive Director Bacharach explained that the western seat is the West Side Cities, Los Virgines, and Gateway Cities, noting we can also encourage them to come and vote. She said it is important to get it done on February 4<sup>th</sup>, noting that to delay it only provides an opportunity for other cities to enter the race.

Judy Mitchell explained that she needs 26 cities and a population of 1.4 million in order to get elected.

**Rhilinger:** will represent the COG at a FEMA class – recovering from disaster, and will report at the March meeting.

**General Assembly** – Executive Director Bacharach reported on the status of the General Assembly, noting that they still need RSVPs and more sponsors. She reviewed the list of participants and encouraged everyone to use the generic letter to invite people in their own communities personally. She noted that they are still waiting for confirmation from Laura Richardson and Maxine Waters. She reported

that SCAG has canceled the February 11 leadership forum and notices will be sent via e-mail. This means there is time to attend the two other events on the same day.

**Conservation:** At 9:30 am on Feb. 11 in Manhattan Beach a press conference to show the realtors book for energy conservation tips.

**Location of meetings:** Judy Mitchell reported that she would like to hold the meetings in the next fiscal year at Peninsula Center Library in Rolling Hills Estates. No objection. So ordered.

## **AGENCY REPORTS**

### **League of California Cities**

Teresa Acosta presented the COG with a sponsorship check of \$1000 for the General Assembly.

Teresa reported on the following:

- State budget presented by the Governor a couple of weeks ago that addresses transportation—which sounds like a good deal to consumers but is not. He has proposed to eliminate the 5% sales tax on gas and increase the excise tax on gas by 10.8 cents, bringing total excess tax to 28.8 cents per gallon. She asked everyone to read how it affects cities and provide input.
- The LCC ballot measure has been filed with the attorney general's office and returned with a title and summary; the text is provided and can be summarized to address that the state should not take, borrow, shift or restrict the use of tax revenues dedicated to local government. The California Transit Association, California Alliance for Jobs and the League of California Cities have sponsored the measure that needs almost a million signatures in order to turn it in. There will be a huge volunteer effort and they are asking that cities to take ownership and adopt resolutions of support. The resolution is a formality showing support from cities and giving council members the confidence that they can circulate petitions. Copies of resolutions should be sent to Teresa. She has been working with people to help collect signatures. Farmers market, senior homes, and other places with large groups are good places. Trying to collect 1.1 million; 300,000 will be collected by volunteers and it is important to raise awareness. Deadline is April 12<sup>th</sup> but signatures are needed sooner.

### **South Coast Air Quality Management District**

Stan Myles reported on SB 827 and that NRDC is trying to get it overturned. He said there has been overwhelming support from cities for the measure. He said they have received 95% of support letters from South Bay Cities and should be 100% by the end of the week.

### **Local Government and Business Advisory Group**

Eric Busch submitted a written report that was provided in the packet.

### **Community, Economic & Human Development** (Susan Rhilinger & Daniel Tabor)

Susan Rhilinger reported on the fiscalization of land use, noting that a basic presentation is in committee and will be up for discussion. They are hoping this will be a voluntary program where cities will swap funds so cities won't be out dollars.

Judy Mitchell said she has a concern about taking this dangerous direction because cities give up local control to others to decide how their sales tax dollars are divided up.

**Regional Council** (Judy Mitchell, Judy Dunlap, Susan Rhilinger)

Work continues on SB375 implementation, and the SCAG Executive Director has said they think it will cost SCAG about \$30 million to implement and there isn't any money for that. There has been some legislation discussed where \$1 would be added to the vehicle license fee for implementation. SCAG does not want to be the taxing authority so the VLF will be the state authority with funds then transferred to SCAG for implementation.

The budget proposal has the elimination of Prop 42 moneys that pays for transit; SB 375 promotes transit but if there's no money it becomes a joke—with excise monies going directly to the General Fund.

**SCAG & COMMITTEES** (Matt Horton). No further report.

Executive Director Bacharach reported that executive directors from the COGs were at the Metro meeting to discuss SB375. She said there is a state-wide strategy going on as to how they will set the numbers, noting that SCAG has been given until April but everyone else has only until March. SCAG wants to send in their numbers by March. SCAG doesn't have time to do a completely "bottoms up" but they need to do something that will fly by March and then come back and work together with the COGs. She said it is very complicated but the sub-region will not play a big role and it is a "wait and see" situation until SCAG works out how they will respond.

Mat Horton said the deadline may have been extended and that may be why the meeting was canceled.

**Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board Report** Mary Ann Lutz provided an attachment to the packet.

**South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce** (Susan Rhilinger)

Installation will take place Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>; Don Knabe will be MC. 11:30 am

**UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Executive Director Bacharach said there is no meeting in February due to the General Assembly. Next meeting is March 25<sup>th</sup>.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Board Member Mitchell ordered that the meeting be adjourned at 9:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Merna Marshall  
Recording Secretary

**South Bay Cities Council of Governments**  
**Operating Budget vs. Actual Operating Expenses**  
**July through December 2009**

ITEM VI.B

Accrual Basis

	Jul - Dec 09	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>				
<b>Income</b>				
4010 · SCAG Income				
4020 · Dues	100,000.00	200,000.00	-100,000.00	50.0%
4025 · Assessment Climate Action Plan	34,750.00	69,500.00	-34,750.00	50.0%
4030 · Los Angeles County	30,000.00	30,000.00		100.0%
4040 · County PW Signal Synchronizatio				
4050 · General Assembly Sponsorships	5,000.00	35,000.00	-30,000.00	14.3%
4060 · Training	25.00	2,000.00	-1,975.00	1.3%
4070 · MTA South Bay Deputy Admin	47,212.58	80,410.00	-33,197.42	58.7%
4071 · MTA SB Deputy Travel Reimb		225.00	-225.00	
4080 · Staff expenses offset by grants	21,200.28	42,000.00	-20,799.72	50.5%
4090 · Interest Income	1,325.18	6,000.00	-4,674.82	22.1%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>239,513.04</b>	<b>465,135.00</b>	<b>-225,621.96</b>	<b>51.5%</b>
<b>Expense</b>				
6000 · General Operation Expenses				
6010 · Staff Team Labor Expense	156,000.00	312,000.00	-156,000.00	50.0%
6021 · Bookkeeping	3,902.82	9,000.00	-5,097.18	43.4%
6022 · Mailing, Parking, Office Suppli	3,451.02	6,000.00	-2,548.98	57.5%
6023 · Meeting Refreshments	594.76	1,500.00	-905.24	39.7%
6024 · Travel & Arrangements	811.50	1,000.00	-188.50	81.2%
6025 · Audit	4,750.00	4,750.00		100.0%
6026 · Gifts Mementos Awards	96.96	200.00	-103.04	48.5%
6027 · Miscellaneous	3,374.80	1,000.00	2,374.80	337.5%
6029 · Conferences	670.48	1,000.00	-329.52	67.0%
6031 · Newsletter	2,072.08	4,800.00	-2,727.92	43.2%
6032 · Website Expenses	798.00	3,000.00	-2,202.00	26.6%
6033 · MTA SB Deputy Consultant	42,499.98	85,000.00	-42,500.02	50.0%
6034 · MTA SB Deputy Travel Exp		500.00	-500.00	
6041 · General Assembly Expense		16,000.00	-16,000.00	
6042 · Consultant assist for Sponsors		3,500.00	-3,500.00	
6050 · Rent - COG portion	3,000.00	6,000.00	-3,000.00	50.0%
<b>Total 6000 · General Operation Expenses</b>	<b>222,022.40</b>	<b>455,250.00</b>	<b>-233,227.60</b>	<b>48.8%</b>
6100 · SPECIAL PROJECTS				
6151 · Data & GIS Application Server		2,500.00	-2,500.00	
6153 · Human Resources- Salary Survey		3,500.00	-3,500.00	
6154 · Training		2,000.00	-2,000.00	
6160 · Climate Action Plan	31,512.20	55,000.00	-23,487.80	57.3%
6170 · Local Gov. Sustainable Energy C	2,500.00			
<b>Total 6100 · SPECIAL PROJECTS</b>	<b>34,012.20</b>	<b>63,000.00</b>	<b>-28,987.80</b>	<b>54.0%</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>256,034.60</b>	<b>518,250.00</b>	<b>-262,215.40</b>	<b>49.4%</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>-16,521.56</b>	<b>-53,115.00</b>	<b>36,593.44</b>	<b>31.1%</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-16,521.56</b>	<b>-53,115.00</b>	<b>36,593.44</b>	<b>31.1%</b>

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## South Bay Cities Council of Governments

March 13, 2010

TO: SBCCOG Board of Directors

FROM: Legislative Committee, Ellen Perkins, Chair

RE: Bills with Position

### REVENUE

<p>AB 155 (Mendoza)</p> <p>&amp; SB 88 (DeSaulnier)</p>	<p><del>Local government: bankruptcy proceedings. Under existing law, any taxing agency or instrumentality of the state may file a petition and prosecute to completion bankruptcy proceedings permitted under the laws of the United States. This bill would provide that a local public entity may only file under federal bankruptcy law with the approval of the Calif. Debt &amp; Investment Advisory Commission, as specified.</del></p> <p><b>SB 88 amended to address fees for firefighter license plates. RECOMMEND REMOVING FROM MATRIX</b></p>	<p><b>OPPOSE</b> (3/26/09)</p> <p>(Ltr faxed to Asm Local Gov Comm. 3/30/09 &amp; to Asm Approp. Comm 4/29/09 &amp; Sen Local Gov Comm 6/22/09)</p> <p><u>SB 88</u> (Ltr to Asm members 3/11/10)</p>	<p>7/8/09 <del>Senate Local Government Committee</del></p> <p>SB 88 3/11/10 <del>Assembly Third Reading</del></p>
<p>ACA 9 (Huffman)</p>	<p>Local government bonds: special taxes: voter approval. This measure would change the 2/3 voter-approval requirement for special taxes to, instead, authorize a city, county, or special district to impose a special tax with the approval of 55% of its voters voting on the tax. It would also lower to 55% the voter approval threshold for a city, county, or city and county to incur bonded indebtedness, exceeding in one year the income and revenue provided in that year, that is in the form of general obligation bonds to fund specified public improvements.</p>	<p><b>SUPPORT</b> (5/28/09) (Ltr to Asm Approps 6/30/09)</p>	<p>3/15/10 Assembly Inactive file</p>
<p>SCA 18 (Liu)</p>	<p>Local Government: property related fees. Includes fees for stormwater management programs to those exemptions already included in Proposition 218. It would make it easier for cities to fund and comply with new and increasingly</p>	<p><b>SUPPORT</b> (6/25/09) (Ltr to author 8/3/09)</p>	<p>3/15/10 Senate 3rd Reading</p>

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	stringent storm water quality permit requirements adopted by the regional water quality control board.	LCC supports	
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## FEDERAL

HR 1521 (Lofgren)  S 1192 (Wyden)	Cell Tax Fairness Act of 2009 - Prohibits states or local governments from imposing any new discriminatory tax on mobile services, mobile service providers, or mobile service property for five years after the enactment of this Act. Defines "new discriminatory tax" as a tax imposed on mobile services, providers, or property that is not generally imposed on other types of services or property, or that is generally imposed at a lower rate.	OPPOSE (7/23/09) (Ltrs sent to authors 7/30/09)  LEAGUE OPPOSES	HR 1521 6/9/09 House Subcommittee Hearings Held  S. 1192 6/4/09 Referred to Senate Committee on Finance
HR 1618 (McGovern) S. 779 (Lautenberg)	Safe Highways and Infrastructure Preservation Act - Safe Highways and Infrastructure Preservation Act – concerning limits on length and weight limitations for vehicles operating on Federal-aid highways, and for other purposes.	SUPPORT (previous position on issue of truck weights) (Letters sent to several congressmen & 2 Senators 5/20/09)	HR 1618 3/20/09 House Subcommittee on Highways and Transit  S. 779 4/1/09 Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.

**South Bay Cities Council of Governments**

March 25, 2010

TO: SBCCOG Board of Directors

FROM: Steering Committee

SUBJECT: Transportation Advisory Services Contract Amendment

In January, the Board approved a contract with Aldaron for Transportation Advisory Services at a cost of \$5500/month which would be fully funded through Measure R South Bay Highway funds. The scope of services was to provide project management to oversee the development of the Measure R South Bay Highway Fund Implementation Plan. Additionally, the Executive Director was directed to come back to the next Steering Committee meeting with financing options to extend the contract with Aldaron to include additional options.

At the March meeting of the Steering Committee, a contract amendment was considered for Aldaron to monitor all of the transportation issues that the SBCCOG is interested in and provide policy recommendations and strategies for the South Bay cities to effectively participate in these issues. The additional scope of work is described in Option 2 of the attached memo. The cost of the added scope would be \$1500/month to be paid from the SBCCOG General Operations fund through June 30. For the following fiscal year, the cost would be included in the budget for your consideration. Furthermore, since Aldaron has been providing input and advice this month, the amendment would be retroactive to March 1.

With both Option 1 and 2, total compensation for Aldaron would be \$7000/month with \$5500 reimbursable from Metro Measure R funds and \$1500/month from the SBCCOG General Operations Fund.

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Steering Committee reviewed Option 2: Other Transportation Advisory and Policy Development Services as presented by Aldaron and recommends approval of a contract amendment with Aldaron for Option 2 as defined at a cost of \$1500/month making the total compensation \$7000/month. Additionally, the recommendation is that the approval be retroactive to March 1.

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Monday, March 15, 2010

Jacki Bacharach  
Executive Director  
South Bay Cities Council of Governments  
5033 Rockvalley Road  
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275

RE: Transportation Advisory Services to the SBCCOG **[Revised]**

Dear Jacki:

Per our recent conversations, the purpose of this letter is to offer a revised proposal with respect to transportation advisory and policy development services to the South Bay Cities Council of Governments.

In revising our previous proposal, I have combined what was previously Options 1 and 3 into a single scope of work.

I continue to believe that the COG stands at the threshold of an historic opportunity to positively improve the positive contribution of transportation to South Bay cities, residents and businesses. As I've said before, if that opportunity is seized, your legacy can be one of reduced congestion, improved air quality and more vibrant and prosperous communities. However, these results are by no means assured. Without an aggressive, proactive approach that is both strategic and holistic, these benefits for the South Bay are unlikely to be realized.

Sincerely,

*Don*

Donald H. Camph  
President

**South Bay Cities Council of Governments**

March 25, 2010

TO: SBCCOG Board of Directors

FROM: Steering Committee

RE: Time Critical Actions of Steering Committee since last Board meeting

The Steering Committee has been delegated the authority by the Board of Directors to take action on any time critical issues in those months that the Board of Directors does not meet.

In February, the Steering Committee took action to:

- Add Several Paid Vacation Days for SBCCOG employees: Approved 3 additional paid vacation days – MLK’s Birthday, Presidents’ Day and Veterans’ Day – which is consistent with at least some of the cities of the South Bay

In March, the Steering Committee took action to:

- GHG Emissions Inventory Assistance: Approved contract with David Osmena starting immediately through June 30, 2010 an hourly compensation of \$15.00/hour (not to exceed 50 hours per month) or \$3000. This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> contract with Mr. Osmena who assisted in the completion of the municipal inventories and can now input data for the community-wide emissions inventories.
- LUV Project: Authorized a budget of \$11,979 for insurance for 7 vehicles for 18 months.

More information on each of these actions is available on request.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Receive and file

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## **South Bay Cities Council of Governments**

March 25, 1020

TO: SBCCOG Board of Directors

FROM: Steve Diels, Chair, Nominating Committee

RE: Nominating Committee Recommendation to Fill Anticipated Vacancy

With Kelly McDowell leaving public office in April, the position of SBCCOG Chair will be vacated. The Joint Powers Authority agreement states:

*If there is a vacancy, for any reason, in the position of Chair, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chair or 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chair, the Governing Board shall forthwith conduct an election and fill such vacancy for the unexpired term of such prior incumbent.*

Therefore, the Steering Committee appointed a Nominating Committee to recommend someone to fill the vacancy with the understanding that it would not become effective until Kelly McDowell leaves public office.

Members of the Nominating Committee were Steve Diels, Kelly McDowell and Cliff Numark. They met and by unanimous consent agreed that the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairs should move up to Chair and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair respectively and that a person be appointed as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair. Their recommendation is as follows:

Chairman	Judy Mitchell Councilmember, Rolling Hills Estates
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Chair	Ellen Perkins Mayor, Palos Verdes Estates
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair	Susan Rhilinger Councilmember, Torrance

All candidates have agreed to serve if elected.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Receive the report of the Nominating Committee, accept any nominations from the floor, close nominations and proceed to the election of officers. The results of this election would not become effective until Kelly McDowell leaves public office and the SBCCOG Chair is vacated or in any case no later than May 1.

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South Bay Cities Council of Governments

March 13, 2010

TO: SBCCOG Board of Directors  
 FROM: Legislative Committee, Ellen Perkins, Chair  
 RE: Bills to Consider

ENVIRONMENTAL

<p>AB 1594 (Huber)</p>	<p>Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta: Peripheral Canal. Prohibits the construction of a peripheral canal, as defined, that conveys water from a diversion point in the Sacramento River to a location south of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, unless expressly authorized by the Legislature. The bill would require the Legislative Analyst's Office to complete an economic feasibility analysis prior to the enactment of a statute authorizing the construction of a peripheral canal. Would also require that the construction and operation of a peripheral canal not diminish or negatively affect the water supplies, water rights, or quality of water for water users within the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta watershed.</p>	<p><b>RECOMMEND OPPOSE</b></p>	<p>Assembly Water, Parks &amp; Wildlife Committee                  Hearing: 4/13/10                   MWD opposes &amp; WBMWD oppose because this bill seeks to replace last year's historic legislative package to address the Delta crisis with a cumbersome &amp; unnecessary process that would force the Legislature to design all of the very crucial details of the necessary conveyance improvements in the Delta.</p>
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PUBLIC SAFETY

<p>AB 2290 (Bradford)</p>	<p>CDCR: inmates: summary parole. Existing law provides that the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation shall not return to prison, place a parole hold on, or report any parole violation to the Board of Parole Hearings regarding any person to whom all of specified criteria apply.                  This bill would require the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, at least 60 days prior to the release of such a person, to notify the local law enforcement agency of the jurisdiction to which the person is to be released regarding the scheduled release.</p>	<p><b>RECOMMEND SUPPORT</b></p>	<p>3/11/10                  Assembly Public Safety Committee</p>
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## REVENUE

ABX8 6 (Budget Comm)	Transportation Finance. These bills provide the necessary statutory changes in the area of transportation finance in order to address the fiscal emergency declared by Governor Schwarzenegger pursuant to the California Constitution. They make a swap of tax revenues and expenditure of related funds.	<b>RECOMMEND OPPOSE</b>	ABX8 6 3/8/10 To Governor
SB 625 (Wright)	<i>CURRENTLY</i> - Crimes: bail: release on own recognizance. <i>TO BE AMENDED</i> : to address Online travel companies tax payments to state that a city, county or city and county shall not levy or collect a tax on the privilege of occupying a room or rooms or other living space in a hotel, inn, or tourist home or house, motel or other lodging either directly or indirectly on either booking or travel services provided by a travel agent or intermediary or on any facilitation charges to those services.	<b>RECOMMEND MONITOR UNTIL AMENDED THEN OPPOSE</b>	6/15/09 Assembly Public Safety Committee
SB 6X 2 (Calderon)	Transient occupancy taxes: assessment and collection. Would create a special exemption to the “pay first” rule for various online travel companies seeking to challenge a disputed amount of transient occupancy tax (TOT) that is owed to the local jurisdictions.	<b>RECOMMEND OPPOSE</b>	2/10/10 substance of this bill to move to SB 625 (Wright)

## FEDERAL

HR 1191 (Inslee)  S.1336 (Murray)	To amend the Controlled Substances Act to provide for disposal of controlled substances by ultimate users and care takers through State take-back disposal programs, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to prohibit recommendations on drug labels for disposal by flushing, and for other purposes.	<b>RECOMMEND SUPPORT</b>	HR 1191 3/16/2009 Referred to House Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.  S. 1336 6/24/2009 Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.
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State Legislative Deadline: The last day for policy committees to hear bills introduced this year is April 23.

<http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/bilinfo.html>

<http://thomas.loc.gov/home/c110query.html>

<http://www.cacities.org/index.jsp?zone=locc&section=util&app=billsearch>

# **South Bay Cities Council of Governments**

March 25, 2010

TO: **SBCCOG Board of Directors**

FROM: **Marilyn Lyon, Program Manager**  
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SUBJECT: **South Bay Environmental Services Center Update**

## **NEW GRANT PROPOSALS:**

- **SCE Solicitation for Strategic Plan Work:**
  - \$27 million solicitation for strategic plan – big, bold – projects that cities and the SBCCOG can apply for. Proposal submitted March 22. Details will be presented at meeting.
- **Energy Efficiency Projects & Federal Stimulus Update**
  - All our DOE cities (over 35,000 pop.) have been awarded their stimulus funding. Most will start at least phase one of their projects this year.
  - Six of our CEC cities (under 35,000 pop.) have completed their applications for EECBG funds and have submitted them for approval. The grant process is progressing in spite of changing rules and requirements at the CEC. Two of our cities are scheduled to move forward with projects soon and the remainder are expected to receive full approval in two weeks.
- **Marketing, Education & Outreach Programs**
  - Available at meeting

## **West Basin Municipal Water District Programs**

- Cash for Kitchens Program – To date, 50 commercial kitchens have been audited resulting in 32 training sessions. We are on target (we have received a request to add Culver City and/or portions of Marina Del Rey to this program).
- Green Living Program – Direct Install for Multi-Family Dwellings – City of Torrance is ready to start with several of their MFD buildings this quarter.
- Ocean Friendly Garden Workshops – Let us know if your city would like to schedule a workshop.
- Green Gardening Program – free residential landscape audit and qualify for a FREE irrigation controller – do your residents know of this program?
- Special Projects – TBD (\$10,000) currently in the approved budget. A new program “Water Start” has been proposed. It will involve a program dealing with students and teaching them through an interactive kit about water conservation. More details will be provided as we learn of them.
- General Promotion of WB Programs – including the new task of coordinating 30 Water Reliability Presentations by WB staff throughout the 5 districts over a one year period. – SBESC staff is contacting groups regarding their interest and reporting back to West Basin weekly.

## **City of Torrance – Water Programs:**

- Torrance staff has met with SBESC staff to begin the Torrance Cash for Kitchens programs. There is funding to complete 10-12 commercial kitchen audits and trainings.

**Sanitation District Program:**

No Drugs down the Drain Program/Safe Drug Drop Off Program:

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department continues to deploy more drop off boxes at their various stations throughout the County including the City of Gardena

**Metro Vanpool Program:**

- Property Managers: over 150 contacts were made to property managers; staff has met with four companies and will be conducting employer meetings for three of the four.
- City Outreach: staff continues to assist the City of Inglewood in forming vanpools (potential for forming 20 vanpools); currently planning an employer event for the City of El Segundo; working with vanpool providers to showcase vehicles at upcoming events;
- Contract is complete April 30, 2010 and staff has started discussions with Metro on possible extension

**Climate Protection Activities:**

- Status report in separate memo

**Volunteer Program at SBESC:**

- Volunteer hours as of are 2,827.5 since the start of the program in April, 2008.

## **South Bay Cities Council of Governments**

March 25, 2010

TO: SBCCOG Board of Directors

FROM: Heidi Aten, SBCCOG Analyst

RE: South Bay Cities Climate Action Planning Update

### **Community-Scale Inventory Progress**

Listed below is the progress made towards completing the data collection for the community inventories.

**Natural gas**- Received all cities data for Residential, Commercial, and Industrial

**Electricity**- Received all cities electricity use reports

**Transportation**-Submitted SCAG request for VMT transportation modeling of local roads and State Hwy, also requested 2020 growth forecast for each city

**Waste**- Reviewing ARB modeling data on methane and CO2 emissions from landfills

### **Municipal Inventory Updates**

Listed below is the status of the municipal inventories along with notation of city meetings where the information was or will be present.

**Carson** – Planning Commission, Feb. 2010

**El Segundo** – Environmental Commission, Feb. 2010

**Gardena** – Planning/Environmental Advisory Commission, Oct. 2009

**Hawthorne** – To schedule staff meeting

**Hermosa Beach** - Green Task Force Committee, Sept. 2009 & City Council, Dec. 2009

**Inglewood**–To schedule staff meeting

**Lawndale**– To schedule staff meeting

**Lomita** - Planning/Environmental Advisory Commission, Sept. 2009 & City Council, Dec. 2009

**Manhattan Beach** – To go to City Council in April (TBC)

**Palos Verdes Estates** - City Council June 2009

**Rancho Palos Verdes**-To schedule staff meeting

**Redondo Beach** –To go to City Council Mar 16

**Rolling Hills Estates** - Environmental Advisory Committee June 2009

**Torrance** - Environmental Quality and Energy Conservation Commission Jan 2010

**Rolling Hills 25% complete** - Project Status — waiting to receive municipal electricity data.

### **Climate Action Planning Development**

#### **Municipal Operation Target Setting**

Listed below are the cities that have determined their municipal operation goals.

- **Manhattan Beach**- Emission reduction target 20% below 2005 levels (or 7% below 1990 levels) target 4,381 MT CO2e by 2012.

## ITEM #XII.D.

### Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board Report

Prepared by: Mary Ann Lutz, Chair,  
Water Quality Control Board & Mayor, City of Monrovia  
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Date: March 2010

In his new budget the Governor has requested State Agencies to reduce their payroll by 15%. The State Water Board and the Regions are working together to find a solution to the situation. There may be layoffs. The Los Angeles Region however, is in a pretty good shape. We have lost a few positions recently due to retirements and other reasons that have not been replaced as of yet. Hopefully, this will mean there will not be any layoffs from our Region.

#### **Executive Director's Report:**

Tracy Egoscue reported on a field trip she and Rod Nelson from the Land Disposal Unit, took a tour of the LA County's debris basins that are compromised by the fire last fall and subsequent rain and runoff. Tracy showed photos of the basin and the destruction caused by the recent rains. It was very clear from the report and photos that LA County Flood Control has their hands full and is doing a masterful job in their efforts to protect lives and property. Tracy's purpose for the report was to let us know that the County is following all necessary requirements and also to offer our assistance to the County. The agenda was very light; only one item was heard by the Board.

#### **Item # 13, Oxnard Wastewater Treatment Plant:**

The City of Oxnard is in the process of designing and constructing a facility to further treat and the reuse secondary treated waste water for nonpotable purposes. This project is part of their GREAT (Groundwater Recovery Enhancement and Treatment) Program. The City needed to have their plan approved in order to take advantage federal funding. This treatment process will add brine waste to their current discharge. The permit allows for discharge limits based on the design flow of the of the treatment plant. Heal the Bay encouraged us to set the discharge limits based on actual flow. The Board approved the permit as presented by staff.

#### **Future Board Agenda items:**

##### **Triennial Review**

##### **Santa Monica Bay Marina del Rey and Inner Cabrillo Beach Bacteria TMDL Agricultural Waiver**

The next LA Regional Water Quality Board Meeting will be held on April 1, 2010, at 9:00 am, at the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.