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Inactive Membership is automatically re-instated by attending a meeting

SBCCOG MEETINGS: ATTENDANCE 2016 - 2017

City	Aug - 16	Sept - 16	Oct - 16	Nov - 16 NO QUORUM	Jan - 17	Mar - 17	Apr - 17
Carson		Santarina	Davis-Holmes				
El Segundo	Fuentes	Boyles	Fuentes		Fuentes	Fuentes	
Gardena	Medina	Medina	Medina		Medina	Medina	
Hawthorne	Valentine	Valentine	Valentine	Valentine	Valentine		
Hermosa Beach	Fangary	Fangary			Fangary	Fangary	
Inglewood	Butts	Franklin	Franklin			Franklin	
Lawndale	Osborne Pullen-Miles Suarez	Osborne Pullen-Miles Suarez	Osborne	Osborne Suarez	Osborne	Osborne	
Lomita	Gazeley	Gazeley	Gazeley	Gazeley	Gazeley	Gazeley	
Los Angeles	Buscaino		Buscaino				
Manhattan Beach	Howorth	Howorth	Howorth	Howorth	Powell		
Palos Verdes Estates	Goodhart	Goodhart	Goodhart	Vandever	Goodhart	Vandever	
Rancho Palos Verdes		Misetich	Misetich				
Redondo Beach	Horvath	Horvath	Horvath	Horvath	Emdee	Horvath	
Rolling Hills	Mirsch Dieringer	Mirsch	Dieringer	Mirsch	Mirsch		
Rolling Hills Estates	Huff Mitchell		Huff	Huff	Huff	Huff	
Torrance	Weideman	Weideman	Weideman		Weideman	Ashcraft	
County of Los Angeles-2nd District	X	Riccitiello	Riccitiello		Riccitiello	Riccitiello	
County of Los Angeles- 4th District	Napolitano				Velazquez		

Number of Active Agencies	17	18	18	18	18	18	18
Quorum Required (50% +1)	9	10	10	10	10	10	10
Number of Agencies Attending	15	15	16	8	14	11	

**SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 2017
SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS THEATER
20285 S. WESTERN AVENUE, 1ST FLOOR, TORRANCE, CA 90501**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Osborne called the SBCCOG Board of Directors meeting to order at 6:06 pm.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

In attendance were the following voting elected officials:

Suzanne Fuentes, El Segundo	Jim Vandever, Palos Verdes Estates
Dan Medina, Gardena	Christian Horvath, Redondo Beach
Hany Fangary, Hermosa Beach	Britt Huff, Rolling Hills Estates
Ralph Franklin, Inglewood	Heidi Ashcraft, Torrance
Jim Osborne, Lawndale	David Riccitiello, County of Los Angeles (2 nd District)
Jim Gazeley, Lomita	

Other elected officials in attendance:

Rex Richardson, Long Beach

Also in attendance were the following persons:

Steven Anderson, MARRS Services	Greg Stevens, SBCCOG
Brent Neben, Ygrene Energy Fund	Kim Fuentes, SBCCOG
Javiera Cartagena, SCAG	Natalie Champion, SBCCOG
Ocean Hai, SCAG	David Leger, SBCCOG
Josie Gutierrez, LA County Dep. of Public Works	Rosemary Lackow, SBCCOG
Dylan Quintero, Cerrell Associates	Steve Lantz, SBCCOG
Nathan Holmes, Office of Councilman Buscaino	Jacki Bacharach, SBCCOG
Jeff Kiernan, League of California Cities	

III. CONFIRM POSTING OF THE AGENDA BY THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Jacki Bacharach confirmed that the agenda was properly posted in the City of Torrance.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF ANY CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. January Board Meeting Minutes (*attachment*) – Approved**
- B. Metro MOU with SBCCOG for Payments to Deputy for Southwest Corridor Board member (*attachment*) – Approved**
- C. Chamber of Commerce Memberships (*attachment*) – Approved**
- D. 2017-2018 Dues – Notice of Intention to Consider an Increase (*attachments*) – Approved**
- E. Report of Time Critical Actions Taken by Steering Committee – Received and Filed**
- F. Status of Legislation of Interest to SBCCOG (*attachment*) – Approved**
- G. Monthly Reports – Received and Filed**
 - 1. South Bay Environmental Services Center Report (*attachment*)**
 - 2. Transportation Report (*attachment*)**

MOTION by Board Member Gazeley, seconded by Board Member Huff, to **APPROVE** the Consent Calendar. No objection. So ordered.

VII. PRESENTATIONS

A. Los Angeles County Bioscience Industry Cluster Development Implementation Plan

David Riccitiello, representing Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, gave a presentation on the Los Angeles County Bioscience Industry Cluster Development Implementation Plan. Mr. Riccitiello began by stating that the County's goal is to help create and grow large capitalized companies that have strong workforces in the area. The County is not strictly looking at the creation of research laboratory jobs, but to try and grow companies locally from the research being done at our local universities. Mr. Riccitiello highlighted some of the recent companies expanding in the region such as Kite Pharma in El Segundo.

This economic development initiative began after the end of redevelopment in 2012. The County then began to evaluate its role in economic development and in October 2015, the Board of Supervisors took up a county-wide economic development strategy. The initial funding allocated to that commitment was just over \$6 million with the goal of increasing that funding to \$15 million annually by 2020. The Board also established an Economic Development Trust Fund and a number of grant and revolving loan programs, one of which was seed money for a bioscience revolving loan program which the County hopes to launch this year. It also helped fund the 2014 study that showed why it was smart to invest in the bioscience industry in the region, since it had some of the best prospects for providing quality jobs going forward. As a part of its overall economic development strategy, the County has offered workforce training, small business assistance, local and targeted hiring programs, business loan programs, and the repurposing of County real estate and capital projects.

Mr. Riccitiello explained that Los Angeles is a perfect location to invest in the bioscience industry. There are leading academic and research institutions located within the County and the bioscience industry in LA is already a key economic driver for the region. Mr. Riccitiello added that most bioscience companies do not relocate once they are established in a region. Los Angeles County currently receives nearly \$1B in National Institute of Health funding, out of the approximately \$3B California receives statewide. Mr. Riccitiello also noted that one of the problems identified in the Battelle Study is that our universities train a lot of the talent that then leaves the region for more established bioscience clusters in areas like San Diego or Boston. Even though the LA County region develops a lot of the talent and technologies that are then used to create the large companies, those large companies develop outside of the region. The County already has approximately 1400 life science companies in the area, but they are fairly unknown.

Some the challenges and opportunities associated with growing the bioscience industry that were highlighted by Mr. Riccitiello include the lack of a geographic center, a limited supply of affordable wetlab space, the difficult access to capital for early-stage companies, a shortage of entrepreneurial business talent in the County, and a lack of public awareness of the existing industry.

Mr. Riccitiello then reviewed some of the progress made to date include the 2014 Battelle Study, the Cal State Bio Incubator that is under construction on the Cal State campus which is set to open in the next two years, the establishment of the Bioscience Loan fund, the Lab Launch incubator in Monrovia, the LAEDC Implementation Plan. The County has also invested some funds in a research facility at the LA BioMed site, is considering a biotech park at the Harbor/UCLA Medical Campus, and has completed a "reuse" study for the King-Drew Medical Center property. The King-Drew Reuse Study would include a renovation of the building and a dedication of about 100,000 square feet of space for bioscience, life science, and incubators.

Near term priorities include the establishment of a non-governmental organization to take leadership of the bioscience industry, a fund of funds for early stage companies to provide working capital for these companies, the proposal for the Harbor/UCLA Biotech Park, Board of Supervisor financing for the King-Drew Reuse plan, the development of entrepreneurial talent, and a USC Medical Campus Tech Park/Bioscience Hub.

Board Member Huff asked if the King-Drew Reuse plan included once again providing in-patient medical services at the building. Mr. Riccitiello answered that it would be various services going into the building, but they would essentially all be out-patient services.

Jacki Bacharach asked for clarification on why the bioscience-trained people are leaving the area. Mr. Riccitiello explained that they are following the companies/facilities that are established elsewhere. If the

facilities were established here, many more of those people would remain here. He reiterated that the goal is to get the companies established and planted here so they are less likely to relocate to other regions.

Board Member Medina asked Mr. Riccitiello if they are looking into grants and other sources of funding to help them accomplish their goals. Mr. Riccitiello answered that they are, and that the creation of the NGO would help facilitate the location of other funding sources.

Mr. Riccitiello's presentation can be viewed online at:

http://www.southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/board_directors/meeting/PRESENTATION_LA%20Bioscience%20Initiative_3.23.17.pdf

B. Quarterly Energy Program Status

1. Greg Stevens, SBCCOG Consulting Engineer

Greg Stevens presented a quarterly update of the South Bay Cities Energy Efficiency Program. Mr. Stevens reported that as of Q1 2017, all South Bay cities were at the Silver Level or higher, the majority of which are currently at the Gold Level. He added that the cities of Carson, Gardena, Hermosa Beach, and Inglewood are likely to move to the Platinum Level in 2017.

Since 2010, South Bay cities as a whole have saved over 7.46M kWh of electricity annually, over 160,000 Therms annually, reduced their greenhouse gas emissions by over 6.6 tons annually (which is equivalent to removing approximately 2,300 cars from the roads each year), and have saved over \$1.1M in annual energy costs.

Mr. Stevens briefly reviewed the projects cities currently have in the pipeline, which would save an additional \$672,000 annually in energy costs. He also explained the Southern California Edison (SCE) Direct Install Program which offers free equipment and installation for qualified measures, such as free LED tubes and fixtures.

Mr. Stevens also touched on a possible issue arising with the SCE LED street light incentive. SCE recently announced the incentive will expire at the end of 2017, but that this timing will negatively impact the financial gain of the cities who are in the process or purchasing the utility-owned street lights. The SBCCOG will be reaching out to those cities over the next few weeks to create a letter campaign to the CPUC, advising them of the adverse effect of SCE's decision.

Mr. Stevens' entire presentation can be viewed online at:

http://www.southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/board_directors/meeting/PRESENTATION_BOD_EE_Presentation_muni%20energy_3.23.17.pdf

Jacki Bacharach added that she thought it would be a good idea to authorize the Chair to sign a letter encouraging SCE to keep the street light incentive at least for those cities in the 'pipeline'.

MOTION by Board Member Franklin, seconded by Board Member Huff, to **AUTHORIZE** the Chair to sign a letter encouraging Southern California Edison to keep their street light incentive as noted above. No objection. So ordered.

2. Rex Richardson, HERO

Mr. Richardson began by explaining that HERO helps provide people access to capital to improve their homes. Since the May 2014 launch date, the program has helped facilitate the improvement of 1,703 homes, which has led to energy bill savings of approximately \$40M. The program has helped South Bay residents save over 196M kWh in energy, reduced emissions by 48.8K tons, and saved over 140M gallons of water.

Mr. Richardson added that the HERO program is different than other programs in that HERO has added numerous safeguards to ensure participants are satisfied with the work performed and are not overcharged. There is also a clear disclosure process so people know exactly what they are signing up for. Mr. Richardson also noted that HERO is working on a new partnership with the SBCCOG that would allow SBCCOG to talk about renewable strategies, such as PACE, grid-alternatives, etc.

Mr. Richardson handed out some informational pages on the HERO program and the work they have done in the South Bay which can be found online: <http://www.southbaycities.org/committees/board-directors/board-directors-meeting-29>

VIII. SBCCOG PROGRAM REPORTS AND UPDATES

A. General Assembly – Impressions

Ms. Bacharach reported that there were approximately 370 attendees and that the SBCCOG is currently looking for new topics for next year. She also noted that the reviews for the event were overwhelmingly positive.

Board Member Fuentes added that she thought it was a phenomenal event and wished it could be two days.

B. Homeless Initiative

Ms. Bacharach reviewed the chart with the current statistics for the Homeless Program and added that the next step is to secure permanent funding for the South Bay program after the passage of Measure H. She also reported that Joe Hoefgen, the City Manager for Redondo Beach, will be serving as the SBCCOG representative to the Measure H Revenue Planning Committee.

C. Broadband

Ms. Bacharach reported that at the next meeting, Magellan Advisors will be releasing the report on the feasibility study. She added that several vendors have been reaching out, meaning that the SBCCOG/SBWIB efforts are being watched. Creating buzz around the project should help get good prices when an RFP is released.

Ms. Bacharach also reported that the SBCCOG applied for a \$200k grant through the DRAM Settlement Fund to help begin work on the regional broadband network. She added that although having the network in place is great, there are so many things that a city can do with the network that she is proposing a series of brownbag lunches on broadband and its applications.

D. Workshop on Sustainable South Bay Strategy

Ms. Bacharach reminded the Board that there is a workshop prior to the April Board of Directors meeting on the Sustainable South Bay Strategy, which was adopted back in 2010. Planning commissioners and staff are also being invited to attend.

E. Short Term Rental Task Force

Board Member Horvath reported that at the March 8th meeting, there was a speaker from the City of Anaheim talking about the issues and solutions Anaheim has encountered, as well as an attorney from Jenkins and Hogin who briefly ran through a list of court cases pending throughout the state. Board Member Franklin added that it is really a “lawyer’s market” because there is a lawsuit pending around every corner.

F. Coyote Management

Ms. Bacharach reported on the successful Regional Coyote Management Task Force meeting held earlier in the day. Ms. Bacharach asked Board Member Ashcraft to briefly explain what the City of Torrance is doing since they have become the de-facto leader on the issue in the area. Board Member Ashcraft explained that Torrance’s police department began the coyote management program in conjunction with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife after a series of incidents with residents’ pets and wild coyotes. She added that some South Bay cities have started to deal with the issue and some have not, often because they do not know which department in the city is responsible for the issue.

Ms. Bacharach added that there will be another meeting in a couple months and that Lt. Smirl of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife praised the SBCCOG efforts because a regional approach is the only way to deal with the issue at hand since coyotes do not know when they are leaving one city and entering another. The next meeting will be sometime in June and may have speakers from Culver City, which also has a robust coyote management policy.

G. Mayor's Pledge on Successful Aging

Ms. Bacharach reminded the Board of Directors that the Senior Services Working Group has asked cities to sign on to the Mayor's Pledge on Successful Aging. She reported that the cities of Carson, Hermosa Beach, Lawndale, Los Angeles, Rolling Hills Estates, and Torrance have already signed on.

H. Other

Ms. Bacharach asked all Board Members to ensure they have filed their Form 700 as the deadline in April 3rd. She also reported that after the last Board meeting's election for the Stormwater Committee, both nominees (Board Member Fangary and Councilman Milton Herring) were accepted by the committee and are now serving.

Ms. Bacharach also announced that there are opportunities to serve on the Metro Service Council, SCAG committees, League of California Cities committees, and on the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission. Nominations for these positions will be accepted until April 14th, except for the Metro Service Council which has a deadline of March 31st.

IX. TRANSPORTATION REPORTS

A. Metro Report by Board member James Butts/Mike Bohlke

Mike Bohlke reported that the Metro Board agenda was light this month, the main item being the order of 64 more rail cars for the subway expansion, as well as the refurbishment program for Blue Line cars. Mike Bohlke added that Supervisor Hahn and Mayor Garcia brought a motion to remove the Measure M guidelines off of the consent calendar and amended the guidelines to ask Metro staff to come back with a report on the proposed local return minimum, raising it from the proposed \$100k to \$200k or higher. Ms. Bacharach added that what this means is that 6 of the smaller cities would not have previously received that minimum amount, and that the other cities in the County would take a little cut on their local return amount to ensure that the smaller cities receive this minimum.

B. Service Council report by Ralph Franklin, Chair

Board Member Franklin reported on the County-wide bus rapid transit (BRT) study that was done in 2013. The study identified that the Vermont Corridor had the highest propensity for ridership. Metro is reviewing possible ways to have dedicated lanes for a BRT route. Board Member Franklin stated that the Service Council was concerned about the impact these dedicated lanes would have on businesses because it would remove parking spaces that those businesses rely on.

There was also a parking management program item brought forward. Metro is looking at park and ride lots that would have license plate recognition so you can register your car and it identifies that you are eligible to park there. The Council asked for them to explore this option to be studied at the 120th and Crenshaw area.

A study was also done on the performance of the Express Lanes, particularly those on the 110 Freeway. Trips are steadily increasing, and the increase of congestion on the 110N has been significant. The lanes are averaging about 45mph at peak times, but that a major challenge is that some users have found a way to beat the toll payment requirement. Metro is looking for alternatives to help address this issue.

Board Member Franklin also reported that there was a presentation on Metro's 2018-19 budget and that there will be telephone town hall meetings, the next of which is on March 28th.

C. Transportation Committee by Christian Horvath

Board Member Horvath reported that the Committee approved a committee charter that includes oversight and monitoring of Measure R and M funding, as well as monitoring of South Bay transportation projects such as the Green Line extension. The Committee also discussed a sustainable South Bay mobility strategy including Broadband and Wifi programs as well as other emerging technologies. Subregional autonomy in the Measure M guidelines was also discussed. Board Member Horvath concluded by announcing the next meeting of the Measure M Policy Advisory Council on April 5th and the next Transportation Committee meeting on April 10th.

Steve Lantz added that the SBCCOG has negotiated a 5-year extension to the cooperative agreement with Metro for the South Bay Highway Program. Mr. Lantz added that they are working on comments to the Measure M guidelines and will be having a conference call with other COGs in LA County.

X. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Medina (Gardena): The State Water Resources Control Board has decided that TMDLs are an unfunded mandate and therefore the EWMPs are “bogus”. If they stand by this decision, the EWMPs will go away. Gardena also has a new Mayor and two new Councilmembers.

Horvath (Redondo Beach): There will be a ceremony on April 4th to recognize the outgoing Mayor and Councilmembers which will be followed by the swearing in of the new Mayor and Councilmembers. On April 29th, the City turns 125 years old.

XI. AGENCY REPORTS

A. League of California Cities & LA Division Legislative Committee

Jeff Kiernan reported that there are two bills, AB 1 and SB 1, that are transportation funding proposals. He added that Governor Brown imposed an April 6th deadline for transportation funding bills and that the League thinks a deal may come before that deadline. Mr. Kiernan also reported that there is a package of League supported bills aimed at increasing housing construction and providing financing for affordable housing ([handout](#)). Mr. Kiernan announced that there is a bill aimed at closing a loophole in one of the voter-passed propositions that said any theft under \$950 is a misdemeanor. The proposed bill would make that an aggregate \$950 for each theft, not \$950 per incident.

Mr. Kiernan announced that there will be a general membership meeting on May 4th as well as a 3-hour training session for new councilmembers. He added that since Board Member Goodhart lost his reelection bid and was in line to be the League’s next President, there will be a new President selected.

Board Member Fangary asked Mr. Kiernan if the League would be taking a position on Assemblyman Muratsuchi’s package of bills aimed at refinery safety. Mr. Kiernan answered that since it is mostly a regional issue, the League would not normally take a position, however, if a member brought it to the League and asked them to take a position, they may discuss it. He added that most of those bills in the package are spot bills at the moment and do not contain much substance.

Board Member Fuentes asked Mr. Kiernan about the prospects of repealing the accessory building law that was passed last year. Mr. Kiernan said that unfortunately there weren’t any viable avenues to repeal it at this time. He added that the League tried to kill that bill during the last session but didn’t gain much traction in those efforts.

B. South Coast Air Quality Management District – No report given.

C. SCAG & Committees – no reports given.

Ocean Hai reported that SCAG is holding its 2017 Regional Conference General Assembly May 4-5 in Palm Desert and encouraged Board Members to register.

D. Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission – No report given.

E. LA County Community Choice Aggregation Task Force

Board Member Horvath reported that CCA was presented to the Redondo Beach City Council and was passed 2-1, but added that it would be returning for a revote next month.

F. Stormwater Funding Options Committee – No report given.

G. County Water Resilience Working Group – No report given.

H. South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce

Board Member Huff reported that the SBACC had presentations on the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach's clean air action plans. They also reviewed the package of refinery safety bills proposed by Assemblyman Muratsuchi and decided to monitor those bills.

I. South Bay Workforce Investment Board – No report given.

J. Base Retention Advisory Council

Board Member Fuentes reported that there were a couple meetings held, including a P4 meeting, noting that good things are in the works. She also reported that the South Bay Workforce Investment Board has been extremely helpful with its efforts on the base as well as the cities of Redondo Beach and Hawthorne through their housing efforts.

XII. UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 27 Workshop on Sustainable South Bay Strategy

XIII. APRIL SBCCOG COMMITTEE MEETINGS & WORKING GROUPS

Consult website for specific times and places for other meetings – www.southbaycities.org

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Osborne adjourned the meeting at 8:02 pm to Thursday, April 27, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

David Leger
Assistant Board Secretary