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SBCCOG MEETINGS: ATTENDANCE 2016 - 2017

City	Jan - 17	Mar - 17	Apr - 17	May - 17	June - 17	July - 17	Aug - 17
Carson				Davis-Holmes			
El Segundo	Fuentes	Fuentes	Fuentes	Fuentes	Boyles		
Gardena	Medina	Medina	Medina	Medina	Medina	Medina	
Hawthorne	Valentine		Valentine	Valentine		Valentine	
Hermosa Beach	Fangary	Fangary		Duclos	Fangary	Fangary	
Inglewood		Franklin	Franklin		Franklin		
Lawndale	Osborne	Osborne	Osborne	Osborne Suarez	Osborne Suarez	Osborne	
Lomita	Gazeley	Gazeley	Gazeley	Gazeley	Gazeley	Gazeley	
Los Angeles			Buscaino				X
Manhattan Beach	Powell			Lesser	Hersman	Hersman	
Palos Verdes Estates	Goodhart	Vandever		Kao	Vandever		
Rancho Palos Verdes			Misetich	Misetich	Misetich	Misetich	
Redondo Beach	Emdee	Horvath	Horvath	Horvath	Horvath	Emdee	
Rolling Hills	Mirsch		Dieringer	Dieringer		Dieringer	
Rolling Hills Estates	Huff	Huff	Huff	Huff Zerunyan	Huff	Huff	
Torrance	Weideman	Ashcraft	Weideman	Weideman	Weideman	Weideman	
County of Los Angeles-2 nd District	Riccitiello	Riccitiello		Riccitiello	Riccitiello		
County of Los Angeles- 4 th District	Velazquez			Velazquez			

Number of Active Agencies	18	18	18	17	18	18	17
Quorum Required (50% +1)	10	10	10	9	10	10	9
Number of Agencies Attending	14	11	12	16	13	11	

**SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
THURSDAY, JULY 27, 2017
SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS THEATER
20285 S. WESTERN AVENUE, 1ST FLOOR, TORRANCE, CA 90501**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Weideman called the SBCCOG Board of Directors meeting to order at 6:04pm.

II. INTRODUCTIONS**In attendance were the following voting elected officials:**

Dan Medina, Gardena	Anthony Misetich, Rancho Palos Verdes
Olivia Valentine, Hawthorne	Laura Emdee, Redondo Beach
Hany Fangary, Hermosa Beach	Bea Dieringer, Rolling Hills
Jim Osborne, Lawndale	Britt Huff, Rolling Hills Estates
Jim Gazeley, Lomita	Kurt Weideman, Torrance
Nancy Hersman, Manhattan Beach	

Other elected officials in attendance:

Judy Nelson, Glendora

Also in attendance were the following persons:

Paul Barbe, LA County Dep. of Public Works	Diana Rodriguez, ESKB
Jeff Kiernan, League of California Cities	Ray Tahir, TECS Environmental
Chris Cagle, SBWIB	Natalie Champion, SBCCOG
Gabriela Medina, Office of Rep. Barragan	David Leger, SBCCOG
Robert Ferrante, LA County Sanitation Districts	Rosemary Lackow, SBCCOG
Ray Tremblay, LA County Sanitation Districts	Steve Lantz, SBCCOG
Joe Eyen, Cerrell Associates	Kim Fuentes, SBCCOG
Anthony Zamora, Metro	Grace Farwell, SBCCOG
Mike Bohlke, Metro	Jacki Bacharach, SBCCOG

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

Agenda Item 9-F (MOU with Center for Sustainable Energy) was moved to after the Consent Calendar.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ray Tahir (TECS Environmental) reported that Assembly Member Muratsuchi has asked for a legislative audit to investigate why the cost of compliance with the MS4 Permit (stormwater) is so much higher in Los Angeles County compared to other parts of the State. The audit is ongoing, but Mr. Tahir stated that he expects the MS4 permit to be voided through this process. Mr. Tahir also reported that SB231, which would allow local jurisdictions to pass a "stormwater fee", will most likely not pass this year.

Board Member Valentine asked Mr. Tahir when the audit is expected to be completed. Mr. Tahir responded that it is difficult to say, but potentially several months.

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. June Board Meeting Minutes (attachment) – Approved**
- B. Torrance Water Contract Renewal (attachment) – Approved**
- C. Resolution 2017-2 Authorizing Investment of Monies in the Local Agency Investment Fund and Signatories (attachment) – Approved**
- D. Status of Legislation of Interest to SBCCOG (attachment) – Approved**
 1. AB 1479 – remove opposition and change position to Monitor
- E. 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 Osborne, to **APPROVE** the Consent Calendar. No objection. So ordered.

The Board of Directors then discussed Agenda Item 9-F, the MOU with Center for Sustainable Energy. Jacki Bacharach noted that the contract in the agenda packet was amended to add a few extra tasks with a new total value of \$17,500. The MOU requires the SBCCOG to help promote the Residential Energy Efficiency Loan program. The MOU up for consideration required attendance at events with estimated attendance of 200 or more which caused concern for a couple Board Members. Grace Farwell explained that the Center for Sustainable Energy is flexible in that regard, as they have already approved attendance at an event with fewer than 200 expected attendees.

Board Member Dieringer asked Ms. Farwell if the MOU could be amended to state that best efforts will be made to identify and participate in events that have a minimum of 200 attendees, which would address her concern of an event not being counted due to its attendance level. Ms. Farwell said that the change could be included.

MOTION by Board Member Dieringer, seconded by Board Member Medina, to **APPROVE** the MOU as amended to the new dollar amount of \$17,500 and also to include a provision to “make best efforts to participate in events of a minimum of 200 attendees”. No Objection, so Ordered.

VII. PRESENTATIONS

A. Update on the San Gabriel Valley COG’s Stormwater Policy

Ms. Judy Nelson, Glendora City Council Member and SGVCOG Water Committee Vice-Chair, presented on the SGVCOG’s Regional Stormwater Policy. The SGVCOG’s goal is to assist cities in addressing stormwater MS4 permit requirements, with an emphasis on securing long-term funding and identifying regional solutions by educating elected officials, city staff, and the public; and develop a policy position and advocate for regulatory and legislative solutions that assist cities in meeting requirements, including long-term funding, extended timing, and additional assistance and/or modifications to the permit.

The SGVCOG’s Stormwater Policy, developed in 2016, was adopted with minor revisions by the LA County Division of the League of California Cities and the Contract Cities Stormwater Funding Group. The policy statement reads as follows: “The Cities of Los Angeles County seek to promote quality of life for all residents by preserving and protecting the watershed and natural environment from polluted stormwater and dry-weather urban runoff and to capture it to augment local water supplies. They support compliance with water quality standards and strive to comply in a practical, feasible and affordable manner.”

Ms. Nelson outlined the challenges cities face, such as the estimated \$20 billion in compliance costs and unrealistically short timelines for TMDL compliance. Ms. Nelson then reviewed the policy objectives which include supporting legislative measures to prevent contaminants from entering the storm system, development of dedicated funding sources, the extension of E/WMP compliance deadlines, seeking state funding for MS4 permit compliance, amongst several others.

Ms. Nelson asked the SBCCOG Board of Directors to consider adopting the Regional Stormwater Policy, educate SBCCOG member cities, councilmembers, and legislators regarding the efforts, and to actively support state and federal legislative efforts.

For more detail, Ms. Nelson’s full presentation can be viewed online at:

http://www.southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/board_directors/meeting/PRESENTATION_Regional%20Stormwater%20Policy%20July%202017%2C%202017.pdf

Board Member Dieringer asked for Stormwater Policy to be agendized for discussion and possible adoption at the next meeting.

B. Clearwater Tunnel Project – New JWPCP effluent tunnel from Carson to Royal Palms Beach in San Pedro

Robert Ferrante, of the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts (LACSD), presented on the LACSD’s Clearwater Tunnel Project. Mr. Ferrante began by giving a brief overview of the LACSD. He then explained that in 2006, LACSD began looking at the main sewer system serving the region and identified

improvements that would ensure reliability and capacity through 2050. After this analysis, it was decided that a new tunnel was necessary to meet the region's needs. Mr. Ferrante noted that the current system has come dangerously close to capacity during heavy rainstorms and that if capacity is reached, untreated sewage could possibly flow into the Dominguez Channel in a worst-case scenario. The LACSD Clearwater Tunnel Project will construct an 18ft diameter tunnel from the Joint Water Pollution Control Plant in Carson and join the existing tunnels' outfall at Royal Palms in San Pedro. This new 7-mile-long tunnel, scheduled to be completed in 2025, will be built under streets and not under individuals' homes. After completion of the new tunnel, the existing tunnels, which date back to the 1930's and 1950's, will be shut off and inspected for possible future uses. Mr. Ferrante's full presentation can be viewed online at: http://www.southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/board_directors/meeting/PRESENTATION_CLEARWATER_PRESENTATION_SBC_COG_BOARD_July_27.pdf

VIII. Transportation Reports

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

Mr. Bohlke reported the Metro ordered electric busses to test on the Orange and Silver lines. If the technology is successful, Metro will phase out CNG busses sometime around 2030. Mr. Bohlke also reported that Mayor Furey of Torrance asked Metro to prepare a staff report on where all transit projects currently stand in the "pipeline" since there has been so much discussion of acceleration recently. Mr. Bohlke will report on those results once they are available.

B. Service Council report by Ralph Franklin, Chair

Board Member Medina reported that he was sworn in and briefly described his duties when riding the bus. He elaborated that Metro looks to the Service Council members to inform them of the positives and negatives they encounter while riding.

C. Transportation Committee by Christian Horvath

Steve Lantz reported on behalf of Board Member Horvath who was not in attendance. Mr. Lantz reported that he attended a CALCOG meeting on SB1 where he learned that cities will begin receiving their formula funds at the end of the year. Most of the discussion at the CALCOG was about making the guidelines on how to spend SB1 funds as simple as possible so money is on the street if/when a repeal measure is put on the ballot. Simple guidelines will allow decision-makers to show voters that their money is being used to improve California's roads. Mr. Lantz also reported that the Board will be asked to approve a list of funding agreement extensions at the next meeting for those SBHP projects whose funding agreements with Metro expired before the project was completed. Measure M guidelines were approved by Metro last month, but Metro staff is still working on the administrative guidelines which will have more details on how each of the programs will operate. Metro staff is also meeting with cities to discuss the Green Line extension to Torrance, looking at possible alternate routes. Mr. Lantz also announced that there was a breakthrough on the Vista del Mar issue that was facilitated by Supervisor Janice Hahn. Supervisor Hahn agreed to move the parking that was on Vista del Mar down to the County beach, which would allow the City of Los Angeles to revert Vista del Mar back to two lanes in each direction. The Board agreed to have the Chair send a thank you letter to Supervisor Hahn & to Councilman Bonin.

IX. SBCCOG PROGRAM REPORTS AND UPDATES

A. Homeless Initiative

Ms. Bacharach reported that LA County is allocating Measure H funding to COGs, based on population, to provide coordinating services. Ms. Bacharach added that SBCCOG staff is developing a scope of work and will present it to the County once finalized. Some proposed uses could be landlord trainings, trainings on available county services, "court clinics", etc. Ms. Bacharach asked Board Members for their ideas as well. Additionally, LA County has allocated funding for cities to apply for in order to create or update their homelessness plan. A city will receive a certain amount of money based on how many homeless individuals are in their boundaries. The SGVCOG is planning on having their small cities join together and ask the SGVCOG to create a plan, which could be replicated in the South Bay if the South Bay cities choose to do so.

B. Broadband – August 23rd Brown Bag Workshop

There will be a 3rd Brown Bag Workshop on August 23rd focusing on wireless master plans. Ms. Bacharach noted that the SBCCOG is looking for funding to hopefully bring the broadband work to the RFP stage by the end of 2017.

C. Cannabis Regulation Workshop – August 24th

Prior to the August Board of Directors Meeting, there will be a Cannabis Regulations Workshop (4:30pm). Speakers will include Lauren Langer (Jenkins & Hugin) who will provide a legal perspective, Cheri Thomas (LA County) will discuss the County Cannabis Management Initiative, and Chad Wanke (Mayor Pro Tem of Placentia who works as a representative for a major cannabis develop) and will discuss the industry perspective as well as what the City of Placentia has done in terms of regulation.

D. Short Term Rental Task Force – August 30th

A representative from the LA Short Term Rental Alliance will be attending the August 30th meeting. Cities will share what they are working on regarding short term rentals as well.

E. Other

Ms. Bacharach reported that the SBCCOG had a staff retreat a couple weeks ago and discussed how to make the team and organization better. More detail will be discussed at the Steering Committee.

Ms. Bacharach also announced that there was a meeting between the SBCCOG, PACE partners, and the South Bay Association of Realtors to discuss national legislation that would regulate PACE programs. Ms. Bacharach thought it was a very productive meeting.

Ms. Bacharach reported that there is an updated Cash for Kitchens program, focusing on institutional kitchens such as churches, schools, etc., particularly aimed at replacing older, inefficient ice makers. There is also a grant program for water bottle refilling stations.

Board Member Huff reported on the Senior Services Working Group. The working group met on Tuesday and received a presentation on the Downtowner service in Manhattan Beach. It is a pilot program for on-demand transportation using neighborhood electric vehicles. The SBCCOG hosted a listening session for the Purposeful Aging LA Initiative prior to the Board of Directors meeting. It was a very productive and interesting opportunity for many groups throughout the South Bay to share their views on how to make city governments and communities more aware of the needs of seniors. Ms. Bacharach added that the philosophy is that if your community is a good community for seniors, it's a good community for everyone. Ms. Bacharach specifically thanked SBCCOG staff member Grace Farwell for the SBCCOG's senior-related work as we are so fortunate that she is a gerontologist and brings in great resources to the organization.

F. Memorandum of Understanding with Center for Sustainable Energy

This item was discussed after the Consent Calendar.

X. BOARD MEMEBR ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Emdee (Redondo Beach): The draft EIR for the Galleria Mall was just released and is on the city's website.
- Medina (Gardena): The City will be holding its last ice cream social of the summer on August 12th.
- Fangary (Hermosa Beach): The city just finished installing solar panels on top of the Community Center.

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city is also working with the City of Manhattan Beach on the EIR for a Sketchers Facility development. Hermosa Beach will also be having Movies on the Beach on Saturdays and Concerts on the Beach on Sundays throughout August.

XI. AGENCY REPORTS

A. League of California Cities & LA Division Legislative Committee

Jeff Kiernan reported that the Legislature is on summer recess so not much is happening legislatively at the moment. Mr. Kiernan gave a brief update on any SB1 repeal efforts, reporting that the initiative would be placed on the November 2018 ballot if the required number of signatures are received. The signatures are due 130 days prior to the election, which gives the organizers over a year to gather the signatures. There is also a lawsuit pending from Assembly Member Travis Allen over the language that was used for the ballot title/description.

The League Annual Conference will be considering two resolutions both having to do with public safety. The titles are "Implement Strategies to Reduce Negative Impacts of Recent Changes to Criminal Law" and "Local

Control for Emergency Medical Response”. Those packets will be mailed out to cities who will then choose a Councilmember to serve as the delegate to vote on the resolutions.

Board Member Dieringer added that the City of Whittier introduced the first resolution after they had a police officer killed on duty by a person who had been to jail 6 times previously but was out on parole. Board Member Dieringer also helped establish a Crime Victims United chapter in the South Bay and will be serving on their Advisory Board.

B. CALCOG – Calif. Assn. of Councils of Governments

Board Member Huff reported that there is a meeting quarterly and a monthly phone conference update.

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

D. SCAG & Committees

1. **Energy and Environment** –No report given.
2. **Transportation** –No report given.
3. **Community, Economic, & Human Development** –No report given.
4. **Regional Council** – No report given.

E. Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission - No report given.

F. LA County Community Choice Aggregation Task Force – No report given

G. Stormwater Funding Options Committee – No report given.

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

I. South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce

Board Member Huff reported that the SBACC will be meeting at the SBCCOG offices on August 1. The SBACC did not meet in July.

J. South Bay Workforce Investment Board

Chris Cagle reported that Phase I of the Broadband Study is complete. Efforts are currently being made to communicate those findings to the cities, with the goal of receiving letters of interest in the project. The SBWIB has approached Supervisors Hahn and Ridley-Thomas for funding for the next stage of the Broadband Study which would be the RFP. Mr. Cagle stressed the importance of sticking together as that will make it easier to raise the funds for the project, which would ultimately cost the cities less to connect to a regional network. Mr. Cagle also encouraged the cities and SBCCOG to include job-placement in their homeless efforts as this is one of the long-term solutions to the homelessness issue. If people have jobs, they are at lower risk of being homeless.

K. Base Retention Advisory Council

Board Member Emdee reported that there are efforts underway to encourage businesses to offer a military discount program and that cities can assist by making sure their business license department puts information out about the program. Board Member Emdee also thanked Board Member Valentine for Hawthorne’s work to sign an MOU so that housing can be provided for Air Force members. In summary, the MOU states that if you are building housing and agree to build units within the “base housing allowance”, you would allow lease-breaking without penalty if a service member gets transferred, give service members priority on any waitlist, and little to no security deposit. All of these efforts help keep the LA Air Force base here by helping to further integrate its service members into the South Bay community.

XII. UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jacki Bacharach announced that there is a new SBCCOG quarterly newsletter out. She added that a constituent walked into the SBCCOG office and told Jacki that she waits for this newsletter every quarter and gave some comments to update the SBCCOG on an article in a previous newsletter.

XIII. AUGUST SBCCOG COMMITTEE MEETINGS & WORKING GROUPS

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

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Weideman adjourned the meeting at 8:09 pm to Thursday, August 24, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

David Leger
Assistant Board Secretary