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SOUTH BAY CITIES' CLIMATE ACTION PLANS: CHART THE COURSE FOR THE FUTURE!

Recent meteorological events like this summer's devastating hurricanes on the East Coast as well as the record breaking rains and heat waves here at home remind us that the effects of climate change are real. Now, and into the foreseeable future, communities like ours will continue to experience environmental and economic consequences from global warming and climate change.

Jurisdictions in California are proactively working to find innovative solutions to address climate change – strategies that will reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHG) – the principle cause of global warming. The expression of these efforts can be found in a city, agency, or organization's Climate Action Plan (CAP). A CAP is a guide to that entity's reduction goals for GHG emissions.



The State of California has set GHG emissions reduction targets for the state - 15% below 2005 levels by 2020 and 80% below 1990 levels by 2050 to address climate change. Entities that develop CAPs often use the State's targets as guidance for setting their own goals ~ as was the case for many of the South Bay cities.

In cooperation with its 15-member cities, the South Bay Cities Council of Governments, has been developing climate action plans for each South Bay city as well as one for the entire subregion. This unprecedented 3-year effort was funded through grants from Southern California Edison, The Gas Company, and Strategic Growth Council. By the end of 2017, all 15 cities and the SBCCOG will have adopted strategies to meet their respective GHG reduction goals! **Continued to Page 2**

• MARK YOUR CALENDARS! • 19th Annual SBCCOG General Assembly

Friday, February 23, 2018 • 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Juanita Millender-McDonald Community Center • 801 East Carson Street, Carson CA
Registration and Exhibits open at 8:30 am

The Retail Revolution and Its Challenges for Cities

Across the nation, technological changes are disrupting the retail sector and regional economies. Retail businesses are closing and leaving vacant buildings resulting in less sales and property tax revenue and disrupting both city land use and municipal finance. The 2018 General Assembly will bring together experts who will address the possible impacts from these forces of change on South Bay cities and strategies for adapting to the new conditions.

For the past 18 years, the South Bay Cities Council of Governments has brought together elected officials, city commissioners and staff, community and business leaders, and the public at this FREE event to hear and discuss issues of importance to the South Bay.

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faces of the SBCCOG - MARTHA SEGOVIA



Martha Segovia, Environmental Analyst, has worked at the South Bay Environmental Services Center (SBESC) since 2007. In 2009, Martha received a SEED award from the South Bay Business Environmental Coalition, recognizing the SBCCOG Volunteer Program she created "from the ground up". Besides managing the Volunteer Program, Martha works with the "Cash for Kitchens" and "Green Building Challenge" environmental programs for all SBCCOG member jurisdictions. She also participates in many community outreach activities, including Spanish Workshops, promoting programs. Martha has a BA in Mass Communications with a Minor in Advertising from California State University Dominguez Hills, is bi-lingual, and is a licensed Realtor. Congratulations and thanks for all you do at SBESC!

VOLUNTEERS TOUR UNION STATION VIA METRO'S SILVER LINE

October has been an exciting month for SBCCOG/SBESC Volunteers. SBCCOG staff, along with the Volunteers met at the Harbor Gateway Transit Center to catch the Silver Line to receive a special tour of Los Angeles Union Station conducted by Metro staff executive Kenneth E. Pratt. Mr. Pratt regaled the group with historical facts and updates on historic restoration projects that have been undertaken since Metro purchased Union Station in 2011. The group learned that a recent lighting upgrade project, switching out old lighting to LED's, throughout Union Station, allowed Metro enough energy and cost savings to enable them to purchase a state of the art energy efficient heating and air conditioning system for the station.

If you are interested in becoming a Volunteer with the SBCCOG at their South Bay Environmental Services Center, contact Martha Segovia at martha@southbaycities.org or call 310-371-7222.



SBCCOG volunteers and staff touring Union Station, left to right: Bichson Nguyen, Kathy Haynes, Cierra Washington, Kenneth Pratt (Metro), Miguel Vasquez, Martha Segovia, Mark Dierking, Kathy Young and Ingrid Nugent.

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Creating each City's climate action plan included working with City Staff to identify quantifiable measures that the City may implement – now or in the future – to reduce GHG. Those measures were identified from traditional climate action planning tools called CAPCOA (developed by the California Air Pollution Control Officers Association) as well as those uniquely created from the SBCCOG's decade long research in Land Use and Transportation in the South Bay (called the Sustainable South Bay Strategy). Each City then chose specific GHG reduction strategies and measures in the areas of: Land Use & Transportation, Energy Efficiency, Waste, Greening, and Energy Generation & Storage.

Looking forward, the approved Climate Action Plans will play an important role in assuring our South Bay communities and local neighborhoods are safe, healthy, and sustainable environments. Our residents will see our cities implement strategies that include promoting and encouraging zero emission vehicles; reducing waste; transforming built environments into green spaces; making our homes and businesses more energy efficient; and, importantly, encouraging the development of renewable energy and storage. Individually and collectively the South Bay is doing its part to make a difference toward achieving our State's climate change goals.

LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS SUPPORT LA AIR FORCE BASE

The South Bay is a military town. What? You didn't know? Don't feel bad, most residents don't know. LA Air Force Base houses the Space & Missile Systems Center which is the cornerstone of our Aerospace Industry - an industry that adds an estimated \$1.8 billion to our South Bay economy. The military is woven into our neighborhood so we need to make sure we are good neighbors.

About 3 years ago, the Air Force invited community leaders to an all day workshop to discuss ways we can create partnerships to help each other. About 20 ideas were listed and 5 were identified as the top issues for committees to focus on first, including: Housing; Transportation; Emergency Services and Training; School Choice; and Job Placement.

As each of these top 5 issues areas are addressed, the leaders' group pledged to move another issue to the top as a high priority. For each of the above 5 issues, committees took the following actions:

Housing: While the military offers housing in San Pedro, it is a fairly long distance from the base. Further, the provided housing is geared towards families and single Air Force personnel would love more housing opportunities closer to the base. To encourage more close-in housing opportunities, an agreement template was created that landlords can use for military personnel, which includes the following provisions: Rent to be within the Base Housing Allowance (which is very close to market rate); no or minimal security deposit required; and, if travel orders are presented, then there would be no penalty for early lease termination.

Transportation: After researching many options it was decided that there were already programs in place such as van pools and discounted bus rates so this committee was closed.

Emergency Services: divided into 2 areas: 1) Emergency response coordination. The City of El Segundo is working

closely with the base to create a working communication system so that the military and local emergency teams can communicate easily with each other, especially during a disaster; and 2) Weapons Qualification. Currently base military personnel have to travel to March Air Force Base in Riverside County to become weapons qualified.

The committee is looking for a location close by where the Air Force can partner by helping with site maintenance, in exchange for use of a gun range.

School Choice: Military families have to move a lot and their home school may not be the best fit. To address this, former Assemblymember David Hadley, Assemblymember Autumn Burke and Senator Ben Allen authored AB 306 which was passed last year. AB 306 provides that a military family cannot be denied release from their home school district and, in addition, all school districts must accept military families if they have room.

Job Placement: Uprooting of military families often greatly affects spouses and teenagers who need to find new jobs. To address this, the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) has set up an office on the base to help families transition to the workforce in Southern California. Additionally, airmen sometimes just need a certification to qualify for great jobs in Southern California since they are already trained. SBWIB helps match military training with job market needs.

As the above programs are completed new partnerships are coming into focus. The next one to be tackled is to create a robust and highly visible military discount program. By advertising military discounts so that all can see, we want to help the public become aware that we are a military town. We need to make our military feel welcome in the South Bay.

After all, we are a military town - it's time everyone knows it.

City Showcase

CARSON HIGH SCHOOL DEBUTS "SKRAP" ELECTRIC CART AT 2017 COMPTON ALTERNATIVE ENERGY CHALLENGE

Seven years ago the Carson High Robotics Program was started by four ESET students, two boys and two girls - all freshmen who wanted to build robots. Without a class or classroom, robotics curriculum, tools, or computers, the students used a shopping cart as a robotics lab - the shopping cart was their symbol of recycle and repurpose. They set a standard for future ESET students to follow—"be creative and think!" It's not unusual for Carson High School's Environmental Science, Engineering, Technology (ESET) Academy students to design and build projects like an electric vehicle from recycled or scrap materials found on the campus or in the community. On Saturday, October 7, ESET students entered their 2017 SKRAP Electric vehicle at Compton's Alternative Energy Challenge Competition.

The students, were encouraged to "think outside the box". Without any blueprints, they struggled at first with car design. However once they found a basic design they liked they stuck to it and made changes

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Carson Robotics team (left to right): Zach Mendoza, Camile Sampilo., Ramon Gomez, Curtis Simmons, Kim Terrel, Daever David and Giovanni Serrano (sitting on car)

Symbolic of Hawthorne's new trajectory to success is the Hawthorne Airport, one of the City's shining success stories. The Hawthorne Airport was much in demand during World War II, used by the United States Army to ferry new aircraft to operational units. After the war and until 2007, it was only a small general aviation airport without many resources and was nearly shut down in 2001. Its fortunes turned around in that year because of a massive modernization of the terminal by its owners and a \$5 million grant from the FAA to refurbish the runway, with new lighting and long overdue safety upgrades. Four flight schools, each with a different niche, now operate at the Hawthorne Airport. Advanced Air Charter's fleet service has grown from one aircraft in 2009 to six planes today. Surf Air, a growing airline that charters flights between private airports, opened a hub there in 2013 and has continued to expand its service.

The Hawthorne Airport is not the only reason that Crenshaw Boulevard near 120th Street is buzzing. In 2008, Elon Musk's rocket development company, SpaceX, moved next door to the airport along Crenshaw Boulevard and 120th Street. Since that time, SpaceX has continued to expand its footprint in Hawthorne, adding several properties, including a parking lot and a bridge to move its employees between the parking lot and the factory. Tesla Inc., an American automaker, energy storage company, and solar panel manufacturer, has opened a design studio at the Hawthorne Airport. It designs and manufactures the Model S electric sedan, the Model X electric SUV, and is taking reservations for Model 3, a premium Electric Vehicle. In 2013, Eureka! Tasting Kitchen, known for its fine burgers and trendy atmosphere, opened its 8th California location at the Hawthorne Airport.

Also, on the east Side, near El Segundo Boulevard, some new businesses have repurposed old industrial buildings and turned them into destination areas. Hawthorne's first brewery,

Los Angeles Ale Works, is bringing in young professionals with its homemade craft beers and family friendly staff. A second brewery is set to open nearby within a few weeks. The Hawthorne Arts Complex rents studios to artists and expects to have as many as 75 studios rented when it is completed.

Periodically the management has opened the complex to the public, brought in good music and refreshments and had all of the artists open their studios for an enjoyable afternoon of music and art.

There is also excitement building in other neighborhoods in Hawthorne. On the west side, Urth Caffé, known for its organic coffees and excellent baked goods and foods, has submitted plans and pulled permits to open, not only a new restaurant, but also a commissary which will supply all the other restaurants. It is expected to open at the end of this year.

On Hawthorne Boulevard, in the heart of the city, we have two Marriott branded hotels are currently under construction across the street from City Hall. The hotels will be open for business early next year. The developer conducted a market study which determined that the hotels are expected to have a 90% occupancy rate immediately, because of SpaceX, Tesla, and other nearby Aerospace Companies.

And, finally, with great anticipation, the city is awaiting further news from the developer of the old Hawthorne Mall, who has submitted plans to begin Phase 1 of the renovation of the mall site with entertainment, restaurants, office space, and market rate condos. The new development will be called Magnitude LAX.

For further information regarding development in Hawthorne contact Brian James, Director of Planning and Community Development at bjames@cityofhawthorne.org



Groundbreaking in August for Urth Caffé headquarters, kitchen and café, 147th Street and Hawthorne Boulevard

Food for Thought

A LEADERSHIP RESPONSE TO URBAN WILDLIFE CONFLICT

Submitted by Lieutenant Kent Smirl, California Department of Fish and Wildlife; Sept. 2017

Earlier this year the SBCCOG formed a coyote taskforce with the purpose of uniting its cities around the goal of equipping them with a leadership strategy to better inform and protect its citizens and their pets from the rise of coyote incidents, which is affecting the quality of life throughout the South Bay.



The SBCCOG, working with California Department of Fish and Wildlife is learning about the concept of "Wildlife Watch" which has been utilized successfully by a number of cities in Los Angeles and Orange Counties. Wildlife Watch is a multi-agency partnership program that provides support and training to local governments and community groups to help them design and implement their own nuisance wildlife action plans.

Wildlife Watch is modeled after the very successful Neighborhood Watch program.

Residents join forces with their city and county governments to identify and eliminate wildlife attractants, such as pet food and trash and hiding places, in order to keep wildlife in the wild. The program is sponsored by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) but is ultimately run and maintained by a network of committed agencies, community groups and individuals who have completed the Wildlife Watch training. The goal is to empower local governments and community groups, utilizing a leadership tool known as "Conservation Coaching".

What is Conservation Coaching?

Wildlife Watch has a strong training component referred to as "Conservation Coaching," a strategy that helps agencies standardize wildlife conflict policies and procedures and helps them implement supportive educational plans. It is a proactive leadership model to address complacency, and provide guidance to agencies and communities that are looking to the future to save time and money, and restore traditional conservation principles. CDFW provides conservation coaching on two levels—to local governments and community groups such as homeowners' associations:

The local government component consists of identifying a Wildlife Watch coordinator at the city or county level, creating a nuisance wildlife action plan and identifying the roles of each department in implementing the action plan. For community groups, the training consists of identifying and coaching volunteers to act as "block captains" for their own neighborhoods. These block captains educate residents hold regular meetings, survey their neighborhood to identify wildlife attractants (such as pet food left on a porch) and recommend solutions. They also communicate regularly with their local government Wildlife Watch representatives.

What is Agency Coaching?

Agency coaching is a system of coaching that guides an agency or municipality through a leadership process in understanding ecology and conservation principles as it applies to urban wildlife conflict. It involves integrating the human dimension (inner coaching) with performance (outer coaching).

Inner coaching requires employees developing their skills to work effectively as a T-E-A-M focusing on their ability to: Trust each other's work; Encourage each other; be Accountable; and Model performance.

Outer coaching involves applying inner-coaching skills with conservation and ecological principles that are learned and reinforced as they coach others. Ideally, this form of coaching is done by CDFW staff as resources are available, at a meeting with the city or agency. The city or agency would have one representative present from each of their divisions or branches, with the goal that each representative would gain a clear understanding of his or her role.

Minimizing urban wildlife conflict regionally will ultimately depend on cities uniting with a common mission to strengthen leadership. Everything rises or falls on leadership. The success of reducing urban wildlife conflict in our culture will depend on how well we understand, respect and apply basic ecological and conservation principles and teach them generationally. Wildlife Watch gives us an important tool for the future. For more information on Wildlife Watch, visit the California Fish and Wildlife website: <https://www.wildlife.ca.gov> (search "Wildlife Watch").



CDFW Conservation Coach Dave Dodge,
at community meeting

DON'T MISS THE SBCCOG HOLIDAY LIGHT EXCHANGE!

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30 AND FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2017
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as needed. Starting simple, the students gave the SKRAP car a wood base and used scraps of metal to provide chassis strength and safety features.

The challenges faced along the way were many including figuring out how to make the front wheels turn, how and where to provide structural support, and the importance of good wiring and connectors. A significant setback occurred when wires used on the motor controller wound up breaking and blowing the motor entirely. It took nearly two months to have the vehicle running again.

Along the way, each of the students came to know their strengths and weaknesses. Daever David and Curtis Simmons worked on electronics, wiring batteries to controllers and the throttle. Kim Terrell and Ramon Gomez worked on the accelerator and brakes while Gio Serrano welded and soldered

parts and frames. Camille Sampilo and Hannah Shin organized vehicle logistics and measurements, schematics, document preparations and public relations.

As the day drew to a close, all of the students agreed, that the 2017 Compton Alternative Energy Challenge was a fun learning experience and, a great success for the Carson High ESET Academy.

Congratulations also to Carson High's ESET Academy for being chosen by the South Coast Air Quality Management District to receive a 2017 Clean Air Award in the area of Education Outreach. ESET was recognized for its Annual Alternative Energy Car Show which provides students with the opportunity to learn and experience various types of advanced technology and zero-emission vehicles. Approximately 1,500 students and faculty attend each year. 

CALENDAR

All meetings are open to the public

November

- 8 Homeless Services Committee
- Infrastructure Working Group
- 13 Steering Committee
- 14 GIS Working Group
- 16 Board of Directors**
- 29 Short Term Rental Task Force

December

- 5 Energy Management Working Group
 - Services for Seniors Working Group
 - 11 Steering Committee
 - 12 GIS Working Group
 - 13 Infrastructure Working Group
- HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!

January 2018

- 8 Steering Committee
- 9 GIS Working Group
- 10 Homeless Services Committee
- Infrastructure Working Group
- 11 Legislative Briefing
- 23 Services for Seniors Working Group
- 25 Board of Directors**

Contact jacki@southbaycities.org for further information.

Save the Date and Register for the February 23, 2018 General Assembly @www.southbaycities.org

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