

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

REVISED Steering Committee Follow-up AGENDA December 8, 2014

Attendees: Jim Goodhart (Chair, Palos Verdes Estates), Jim Gazeley (1st Vice Chair, Lomita), Jim Knight (2nd Vice Chair, Rancho Palos Verdes), Jim Butts & Ralph Franklin (Inglewood), Dan Medina (Gardena), Jim Osborne (Lawndale), Olivia Valentine (Hawthorne), Kurt Weideman (Torrance), David Lesser (Manhattan Beach), Pam O'Connor (Metro Board Rep), Chris Cagle (SBWIB), Steve Lantz, Wally Siembab & Jacki Bacharach (SBCCOG)

I. REPORT OF POSTING OF AGENDA

- **ACTION:** Received and filed

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF ANY CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

- **Add VI.J.1 Election for Metro Board representative – Discussion**

III. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

IV. OVERVIEW OF IMPORTANT CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - 12:05 pm

V. CONSENT CALENDAR – action items noted, remainder are receive & file - 12:10 pm

A. Steering Committee – November 10, 2014 meeting minutes attached

- **ACTION:** Approved Osborne/Gazeley, Goodhart abstained

Lutz – travel for conferences her LCC approved but she needs to give reports on what she learned.

B. Grant Opportunities & Awards

- Strategic Growth Council grant – scope and budget preparation underway – notice to proceed January 2, 2015. In addition, staff is coordinating with Metro, who is the actual grantee. This work will build off of the EECAPs and include additional Climate Action Plan (CAP) chapters as well as integrating the South Bay Sustainable Strategy into the CAPs. – **CONTACTED SGC TO CONFIRM NTP DATE AND CONTACTED METRO TO CONFIRM NTP DATE WITH THEM 12/10/14**
- Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Grant from California Energy Commission - SBCCOG was awarded approximately \$200,000 for the ZEV grant along with our partner, the Luskin Center for Innovation at UCLA. This will allow for an Electric Vehicle Charging Station and Installation Process study for multi-unit dwellings in the South Bay region. FYI, only \$600,000 was allotted for the Southern California region, which includes the counties of: Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, Ventura, and San Diego. Work is anticipated to begin around June 2015 upon agreement execution.
- Energy Upgrade California – SBCCOG was asked to submit an application to provide Marketing and Outreach for Energy Upgrade California (EUC). Grant awardees will be announced in mid-December. For this grant, we would be working with Environmental Charter Schools to provide updated information on EUC at 9 community events and 9 presentations to community organizations between January 1 and November 30, 2015.
- SBESC services to DWP – no progress – **12/10/14 e-mail to Whelan in Garcetti's office**

- C. Transportation Issues
 - Monthly transportation update from Steve Lantz – attached
- D. South Bay Environmental Services Center Activities Report – attached
- E. Work Program Presentations to City Councils – Completed
- F. Special Events
 - Possible Go See trips
 - AQMD Lab Tour - overview of SCAQMD and their successes and challenges and a video. Proceed to a lab tour and then a display of some green cars. Up to 25 people. The lab tour consists of an overview of what the lab does, equipment and a sample test. No Mondays and not the first Friday. 2 hours – in Diamond Bar. – March/April
 - LA Air Force Base Tour - June/July
- G. Board meeting agenda development for January 22, 2015 – attached
Bradford, Hall, Lowenthal to be there. (Waiting for Muratsuchi, Waxman. Lieu at GA) – PEN SETS.
 - Gazeley to chair the meeting

VI. ACTION ITEMS

- J. **Economic Development Collaboration with the SBWIB and SBACC - 12:40 pm**
SBWIB is hosting an all day workshop on January 28 for designated city staff and chamber representatives on business retention strategies. A script will be developed for reps to visit businesses on a regular basis to determine how the individual cities and partnering agencies can help them. Some elected officials have shown an interest in attending the workshop. It will take place in the SBWIB conference room. 9 am to 5 pm – Cagle attended to explain further. Business retention workforce boot camp – partnering with Business You. Strategies to identify businesses that are in trouble. Regional approach to business retention. Torrance visits businesses already. To be ongoing. Economic Director invited from each city and Chamber Presidents of each city and city managers. Goodhart - Invite PVP Chamber and San Pedro Chamber. Let them know if we have any specific outcomes. – Requested flyer and made reservation for Marilyn and me 12/10/14
- J.1 **Election for Metro Board representative**
 - The Southwest Sector representative election will be held through the City Selection Committee with the sector voting on December 11 and the full City Selection Committee voting on January 8, 2015.
 - At the Chair's request, this item has been added to the agenda for discussion.
 - 3 memos are attached
 - The Board composition section of the enabling legislation creating LA Metro
 - A handout that was distributed at the League of California Cities, Los Angeles re: a proposal to change the Board composition
 - The handout that was distributed at the November Board meeting summarizing Pam O'Connor's activities in support of the South Bay.
 - **ACTION:** Discussion – **our experience with Metro re: how our rep can support us.**
 - **Steve – must get away from the Call for Projects and instead, subvent the funds to the subregions; active transportation must include slow lanes and electrification concepts for eligibility for funds – with Measure R funds. Possible small cities caucus.**

- January 10 – LCC Executive Committee meeting to discuss representation issue
- Pam – this should be done under League’s umbrella.
- Jim Butts – staff is political and they tailor their recommendations for what the board wants. Didn’t take into consideration the opening of the Forum and Hollywood Park Tomorrow. Butts asked for another traffic study for 2 years – sued through PUC who ruled for Metro cause cost too high. Person we elect has to be willing to stand up in public to speak for these issues. Intersection not grade separated is a disaster on its way for Inglewood. Price started at \$22 million and now is \$100 million – all unaffordable. Ridley-Thomas did work out some compromises.
- Osborne – noise mitigation issues. Lip service from supervisors. Delay has been their saving grace. Want what Gold Line people got and if it could be spelled out now that would be what he wants.

Left meeting - Franklin, Butts

Per Medina - Gardena hosting MS-4 workshop. Wed. 10 am @ Gardena City Hall. Send out flyer to the Board members.

H. General Assembly Update - 12:15 pm

- Sponsorship status - \$32,000 as of 12/2/14 (\$28,500 in cash, rest in kind)
- Send Knight the sponsorship letter – make sure it includes “What’s In It For You” – asked Rodriguez and Fuentes to send to Knight and also review letter for what’s in it for you – 12/10/14
- Logistics update – gift, food, publicity – ear phones or screen cleaner. Same menu as last year – taco bar. Postcard with Facebook page
- Program Memo attached
- Valentine – how much is too much density? How to balance the need for economic development and growth and residents wanting the way it is.
- Knight – land use – expert on city planning
- Possible program sub-committee

I. Strategic Plan Follow-up – 12:25 pm

- Roles and Responsibilities of the Steering Committee – memo attached
- Receive regular reports from outside agencies – make it more clear??
- Lesser – don’t want same presentation at the Board as at the Steering Committee, if possible
- Osborne – Evaluate Council staff should be spelled out to be the Executive Director – just COG
- Create a possible By-Laws change sheet – *DONE 12/10/14*
- Add By-Laws link in the new member packet – *ASKED ROSEMARY TO INCLUDE IT – 12/10/14*
- **ACTION:** Bring back policies adopted by the Board

K. GSE Solutions Contract Renewal - 12:50 pm

- Draft contract attached – **PAGE 11 REVISED IN PACKET PER ATTORNEY**
- **ACTION:** Approved the SBCCOG contract extension with GSE Solutions for engineering services for the period from January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015 – Osborne/Weideman

L. Approval of Invoices – 12:55 pm

- Training reimbursement checks included
- **ACTION:** Approved invoices for payment

M. Reliability Issues – 12:45 pm

- Follow-up from October 23 meeting with SCE has been through individual meetings with cities who have expressed their concerns.
 - **Ask City managers what kind of follow-up there is from this meeting – sent info to Natalie to distribute 12/10/14**
- **ACTION:** Discuss and provide direction

N. Legislative Advocacy – 1:00 pm

- Legislative Briefing and Breakfast – January 8
- New Legislators' Meet and Greet with LCC & SBACC– Friday, January 23 @ 8:30 – ~~maybe at Sunrider – Carson St and Abalone Ave~~ – WITH LOGO – Jim out of town - @ *Torrance Chamber* – notice out 12/10/14
- Prepare agenda and talking points for meeting with CPUC Commissioner Florio
- **MEETING WITH COMMISSIONER FLORIO – AGENDA ITEMS**
 - **OUR PROGRAMS AT THE SBESC**
 - **OUR ISSUES RE: LOCAL GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP FUNDING - THE ROLLING PORTFOLIO AND HOW IT WILL WORK**
 - **EECAP FUNDS**
 - **OUR HISTORY OF RELIABILITY ISSUES AND UNMAINTAINED INFRASTRUCTURE**
 - **LACK OF GOOD COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE UTILITIES AND THE CITIES – SPECIFICALLY SCE**
 - Use October 26 list to hand out to him
 - **MB Tony Olmos coming to 2:15 pm meeting**
 - **Lesser & Goodhart @ both**
 - **AB 66 rulemaking – CPUC will have reliability reports by district and not city by city**
- **Make sure to invite the new PUC Commissioner after Peevey leaves**

O. Homeless Initiative Update – 1:15 pm

- January 28 from 8 pm to midnight is the county's annual homeless count. Cities are encouraged to participate. This will be discussed further at the meeting but an accurate count will be important for any further initiatives to address the homeless in the South Bay.
 - **AS OF TODAY:**
 - **Participating:** Carson, Gardena, Inglewood, Palos Verdes Estates, Redondo Beach
 - **Soft yes?:** City and County of Los Angeles
 - **Maybe:** El Segundo, Torrance (working with Cessna)
 - **Officially No:** Rolling Hills, Rolling Hills Estates
 - **No response:** Hawthorne, Hermosa Beach (participated last time), Lawndale (called Mayor), Lomita (participated last time), Manhattan Beach (participated last time), Rancho Palos Verdes
 - Last year, the South Bay Coalition for the Homeless (SBCH) opted in for cities that would not (Torrance, Palos Verdes Peninsula).
 - **ARE THERE SHEETS FOR HAWTHORNE AND GARDENA FOR 2013 HOMELESS COUNT? SEND TO MEDINA AND VALENTINE – requested 12/10/14**
- **Set up meetings with PATH and groups of city managers, police chiefs and others for one on one questions and answers – sent mtg set-up request and homeless count participation to city managers 12/10/14**

VII. STRATEGIC POSITIONING ITEMS/ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES

P. Special Projects Update - 1:20 pm

- **Gas Company tour – very interesting. 6000 FEET BELOW PLAYA DEL REY – OIL DEPLETED AND NATURAL GAS PUMPED BACK INTO SANDSTONE ROCK.**

FORCE GAS IN AND IT'S A RESERVOIR FOR PEAK NEEDS IN SOUTH BAY – EMERGENCY BACK-UP.

- **December 4 workshop re: SB 743 – EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE. ALSO CONTRADICTS VMT TAXING AND REDUCING VMT. CITIES STILL WILL NEED INTERSECTION EXACTIONS.**
- **Briefing to Chinese Delegation on Environmental Programs – December 16**

Q. Sustainability updates – 1:30 pm

- **SCAG issue update – MAJOR NEW INITIATIVE IN PUBLIC HEALTH – MISSION CREEP? A HEALTH IMPACT ASSESSMENT WOULD ADD TO THE COST OF OUR PROJECTS – POSSIBLY MEASURE R.**
- **Google visit re: NEV report**
- **New Strategic Growth Council member Gail Goldberg visit report**
 - **SBCCOG Strategic Growth Council comments on their Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Funding Guidelines attached**

ADJOURNED TO NEXT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING – Tuesday, January 12, 2015 @ 12:00 pm