

SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, 2011
PALOS VERDES GOLF CLUB
3301 VIA CAMPESINA, PALOS VERDES ESTATES, CA 90274

CALL TO ORDER – INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Perkins called the SBCCOG Board of Directors meeting to order at 6:10pm.

In attendance were the following voting members:

Dr. Don Brann, El Segundo
Dan Medina, Gardena
Ralph Franklin, Inglewood
Robert Pullen-Miles, Lawndale
Ken Blackwood, Lomita

Amy Howorth, Manhattan Beach
Ellen Perkins, Palos Verdes Estates
Pat Aust, Redondo Beach
Judy Mitchell, Rolling Hills Estates
Tom Brewer, Torrance

Other Elected Officials:

Jim Goodhart, Palos Verdes Estates
Matt Kilroy, Redondo Beach
Susan Seamans, Rolling Hills Estates

Also in attendance were the following persons:

Jordan McRobie, CA Fuel Cell Partnership
Stephanie White, CA Fuel Cell Partnership
Jeff Kiernan, California League of Cities
Ed Caprielian, Resident of Manhattan Beach
Mike Bohlke, Metro
Randy Lamm, Metro
Pam O'Connor, Metro
Lan Saadatnejadi, Metro
Danielle Valentine, Metro

Judy Smith, Palos Verdes Estates
Jacki Bacharach, SBCCOG
Suzanne Charles, SBCCOG
Marcy Hiratzka, SBCCOG
Rosemary Lackow, SBCCOG
Steve Lantz, SBCCOG consultant
Marilyn Lyon, SBESC
John Parsons, SBWIB
Matt Horton, SCAG
Andrea Reilly, Torrance

FLAG SALUTE – LED BY CHAIR ELLEN PERKINS

CONFIRM POSTING OF THE AGENDA BY THE CITY OF PALOS VERDES ESTATES

Jacki Bacharach confirmed that the agenda was properly posted in the City of Palos Verdes Estates.

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF ANY CHANGES TO THE AGENDA - None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ed Caprielian, resident of Manhattan Beach, spoke about alcohol related harms in the South Bay, and referred back to the County's Public Health report that he had brought previously. The report provides an opportunity for South Bay cities to examine the impact of alcohol on physical and mental illness, death, accidents, and crime. Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, and El Segundo are particularly impacted and Mr. Caprielian urged the local governments to take action to address this issue and plans to send copies of this report to Manhattan Beach City Council and submit fundraising ideas as well.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. July Board Meeting Minutes (attachment) – Approve**
- B. JPA & Bylaws Changes (attachments) – Approve**
- C. Measure R Task Order to Iteris for Phase 2 Technical Assistance (attachment) – Approve**
- D. Measure R Fund Allocation Change (attachment) – Approve**
- E. Legislative status (attachment) – Approve**

MOTION by Board Member Aust, seconded by Board Member Franklin, to **approve** the Consent Calendar as submitted. No objection. So ordered.

PRESENTATIONS**A. Hydrogen Fuel Cell Vehicle Deployments in California: The Path to Commercialization**

Thanking the CA Fuel Cell Partnership for providing several different models of fuel cell vehicles for Board Members and meeting attendees to test-drive before the meeting, Chair Perkins and Board Member Seamans both commented that the vehicles were smooth and quiet, and that the rides were enjoyable.

Jordan McRobie and Stephanie White of the California Fuel Cell Partnership gave a brief presentation about their agency and its goals for consumers and infrastructure. Mr. McRobie said that consumers are ready for fuel cell vehicles but that the infrastructure to support this need is not yet available. He showed a map of where refueling stations in Southern California will be by the end of 2012, and where existing stations are located. Board Member Medina asked if Hydrogen prices would be measured per gallon or per liter, and Mr. McRobie answered that the Hydrogen would be in increments of Kilograms. Chair Perkins wondered what the procedure would be if the SBCCOG was interested in leasing a vehicle, and Mr. McRobie said that lease programs are now available from Honda and Daimler. Chair Perkins also asked what sources of Hydrogen are used for refueling. Mr. McRobie said that, while it depends on the location of the station, sources could include: natural gas, biogas, and electricity. Jacki Bacharach asked about the safety issues of fuel cell vehicles and Mr. McRobie said that the tanks go through rigorous testing, and tend to be the safest thing on/in the vehicle. Board Member Seamans asked if the LAC Sanitation District had been contacted re: providing a fueling station as OC Sanitation District has and the answer was that it depends on the local politics of an area. Wastewater facilities and fuel cells are a perfect match. Board Member Goodhart asked the projected price once the vehicles go into production. Mr. McRobie said that prices have not been released but that he believes the public will be pleasantly surprised, as this is a vehicle that's meant for the masses, to replace regular cars. Mr. McRobie and Ms. White concluded their presentation by announcing that on September 30 and October 1, Alt Car Expo will be held in Santa Monica with more test driving opportunities. Cities hosting community events that would like a vehicle on display are welcome to contact the CA Fuel Cell Partnership.

B. Update on Activities at the AQMD and Experiences after One Year on the Board

Judy Mitchell summarized her experience as an AQMD Board Member, which began in February of 2010. She is active on multiple AQMD committees and reported that she has been on many refinery tours and continues to learn a lot of information. She emphasized that AQMD has jurisdiction over stationary sources and not over mobile sources. 90% of the pollutants come from mobile sources, so AQMD works with those who do have control over mobile sources. She explained one of the Action Items on tonight's agenda regarding supporting a zero emission goods movement system at the Intermodal Container Transfer Facility (ICTF) servicing the Ports. The goal is to work toward zero emissions truck movements in the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach. Board Member Blackwood commented that although new jobs will be created by this movement, current jobs may be displaced. The answer was that these regulations are burdens on small businesses, so AQMD

works to reach compromises with stakeholders. A written update on South Coast AQMD Activities was provided, which will be distributed to the SBCCOG as issues of interest to the SBCCOG arise..

ACTION ITEMS

A. Letter re: Zero Emission Trucks @ ICTF (attachment) - Requested by Judy Mitchell

MOTION by Board Member Blackwood, seconded by Board Member Aust, to send a letter of **support** of the City of Long Beach in its call for the Intermodal Container Transfer Facility JPA to include a Zero-Emissions Goods Movement System in its anticipated EIR analyzing the potential expansion of the facility.

B. County Re-Districting Update

Board Member Goodhart reported that on August 8, there was a hearing to support Re-Districting Plan A2 which is strongly supported by Supervisor Knabe. This plan will cause the least disruption and would keep long-standing communities of interest together. Supervisor Knabe offered minor modifications to accommodate concerns expressed by the opposition. Board Member Goodhart said that on September 6, a second hearing will occur. The County Board of Supervisors will vote on October 31 (a 3/2 vote is needed.) It is vital that Elected Officials in the South Bay attend and support Supervisor Knabe and Plan A2. Jacki suggested to those cities in Supervisor Ridley-Thomas' district that it would be helpful if they would let him know of the SBCCOG support for the A2 plan.

MONTHLY METRO REPORT

A. Board member report by Pam O'Connor

Metro Director O'Connor reported that the future looks bright for LA Metro since it was an early adapter of technology that minimized pollution. Metro is very successful at reducing the carbon footprint and using cleaner technologies. She said that Metro should not be afraid to be ambitious (regarding technology) as long as it is aware of the outcomes that may occur. Director O'Connor listed several demonstration pilot projects, including wind tunnel energy for subways and solar paneling on small and large scales (the Artesia Transit Center will be a recipient, hopefully.) She also distributed a list of recommended name changes for specific rail stations and other Metro facilities including the SBCCOG's recommendation for the name change of the Artesia Transit Center to the Harbor Gateway Transit Center.

B. Metro South Bay Service Council report by Ralph Franklin, Chair

Board Member Franklin first spoke of the Service Council's concerns about how proposed name changes could greatly diminish historical parts of the community that the public wishes to maintain. He also spoke of the Crenshaw/LAX corridor light rail system, and how it affects the Exposition and Green lines. Issues to consider include positioning the light rail above or below grade, how expensive that would be for just one intersection, the disruption of surface traffic for a train to pass through (especially through an area that is frequently used as a funeral route), and the possibility of a costly light rail pedestrian bridge.

SOUTH BAY ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES CENTER UPDATES

A. Update on current programs and activities

Marilyn Lyon of the SBESC thanked Elected Officials for the Energy Upgrade California referrals and presentations being made recently. She also thanked Chair Perkins for helping the SBESC renew its contract with West Basin Municipal Water District. She reported that the SBESC helped save over 5 million gallons of water during the previous contract. Chair Perkins commented that she was pleasantly surprised to discover the amount of involvement that the SBESC has with West Basin. Ms. Lyon continued by stating that EUC is really moving forward. She distributed the Elected Official's EUC program manual and announced that if any South Bay city would like to request an EUC event, please let her know. The EUC kiosk will be arriving at the SBESC office next week, and it will eventually be rotated throughout the South Bay cities. Ms. Lyon thanked the City of Lawndale for allowing EUC signage to rotate on the large marquee that can be seen off of the 405 freeway. Jacki mentioned that the SBESC and the new Environmental Services Center in Exposition Park are

the ONLY two walk- in EUC centers in the County. Several fliers regarding events hosted by the SBESC were distributed, including: Title 24 training, Edison's lamp exchange, and an ocean-friendly garden workshop.

B. Status of stimulus projects, Energy Leader program & Energy Upgrade CA

Ms. Lyon reported that the South Bay Energy Leader Partnership is working with remaining 3 cities who are close to moving up in the program if they can get their projects completed and recorded by SCE. Jacki said that she sent South Bay City Managers an email about the DOE's Sunshot Initiative, a collaborative national initiative to make solar energy cost competitive with other forms of energy by the end of the decade. It will reduce the installed cost of solar energy systems by about 75%. She reported that Open Neighborhoods (based in Culver City) is submitting a proposal to DOE seeking funding for Sunshot LA Rooftop Solar Challenge grant program., a plan to reduce administrative barriers to residential and small commercial photovoltaic (PV) solar installations in Los Angeles County municipalities by streamlining, standardizing, and digitizing administrative processes. Open Neighborhoods is not requesting funds, but letters of support to the DOE.

BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Franklin: Congresswoman Waters is hosting a town hall job fair on August 31. The goal is to recruit for a minimum of 200 permanent jobs.
- Blackwood: There will be a September 11 commemoration ceremony at Lomita City Hall.
- Perkins: There will be a September 11 commemoration ceremony at the PVE Memorial Garden.

SBCCOG UPDATE AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Jacki said that the SBCCOG has taken an active leadership role in this program. Kim Fuentes coordinated a meeting with city staff of the following cities attending: Rolling Hills, Torrance, Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach, Hawthorne, and Rancho Palos Verdes to identify their concerns and notify SCAG.. SCAG has informed the SBCCOG that they have addressed our comments. SCAG worked with the State to have a more accurate accounting of project housing and replacement units. As a result many South Bay cities should have decreased housing growth projections; however the final numbers have not been released yet. The SBCCOG and cities that brought their issues to SCAG were commended for being proactive and making a difference. SCAG used the feedback from the South Bay cities to help formulate their position with the State.

Jacki said that SCAG submitted a grant proposal to the CEC on behalf of the region. The grant concerns planning the siting of electric vehicle charging stations and the South Bay is included as one of the principal focus areas that would benefit from this grant. The SBCCOG is waiting for the status of this grant.

Regarding Climate Action Planning, the SBCCOG will be sending surveys to the South Bay cities to find out current strategies so that the SBCCOG can create a baseline. The next SBCCOG newsletter will list the South Bay Regional Community GHG Inventory and Reduction Target Setting.

Jacki said that 4 South Bay cities are working on projects to get their first allocation Measure R funds. Steve Lantz reminded everyone that Iteris was authorized by the SBCCOG to assist with the funding applications and will help expedite the application process by offering cities technical assistance. Jacki concluded by saying that if a city has a Measure R project and wants to know the status of it, please let the SBCCOG know.

AGENCY REPORTS

A. League of California Cities (Jeffrey Kiernan)

Mr. Kiernan reported that the CA League of Cities is looking at bills that affect local control. Since July, 3 of the bills that were on the list that he distributed have been removed (AB455 was vetoed and SB46 & SB931 are stalled until next year), and 10 bills remain. Mr. Kiernan urges the recipients

of his emails to carefully read what he sends over the next three weeks, as new bills are introduced at the last minute, and this is a very crucial time for the Legislature. AB 710 (Skinner) prohibits local governments from determining how much parking is appropriate in a transit-intensive area, causing multiple problems in cities with current and planned transit-intensive areas. The League opposes this bill because it is a one-size-fits-all approach and does not address the unique circumstances of each community. Mr. Kiernan asked that others oppose it as well. He concluded by addressing the Redevelopment Agency state action and subsequent lawsuit- The League and the California Redevelopment Association asked the state Supreme Court to overturn action by the Governor and Legislature which will require RAs to pay \$1.7 billion or be dissolved. Mr. Kiernan said that he can answer any questions, should anyone want to know his or her city's Redevelopment Agency's status. Legislature will be on break during the next SBCCOG Board meeting.

B. SCAG & Committees (Matt Horton)

Mr. Horton said that SCAG just concluded its initial outreach of public workshops for the development of the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Community Strategy. New Member Orientation will be held on September 26th and a City Managers meeting will be held on September 28th. Please let Mr. Horton know if you are interested.

C. South Bay Workforce Investment Board (John Parsons)

Mr. Parsons distributed the SBWIB's Q4 summary. He reported that SB776 failed passage in Assembly today and thanked those who helped oppose it. Mr. Parsons also reported that the SBWIB received a \$45 million grant from the Department of Labor and \$210,000 from LA County's Chief Executive Office.

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Jacki Bacharach reminded everyone that those who committed to the port tour on August 30th should arrive a little early. She needs the names of any additional interested people as soon as possible.
- Next SBCCOG Board Meeting - **Thursday, September 29, 2011**

AUGUST SBCCOG COMMITTEE MEETINGS & WORKING GROUPS

Consult web site for specific times and places – www.southbaycities.org

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:07pm by Chair Perkins in memory of former Mayor of Palos Verdes Estates, Ed Ritscher.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcy Hiratzka
Recording Secretary