

# **South Bay Cities Council of Governments**

## **Steering Committee July 13, 2020 Minutes**

**Attendees:** Olivia Valentine (Chair, Hawthorne), John Cruikshank (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair, Rancho Palos Verdes), Christian Horvath (Immediate Past Chair – Redondo Beach), Britt Huff (Rolling Hills Estates), Cedric Hicks (Carson), Hildy Stern (Manhattan Beach), Kenny Kao (Palos Verdes Estates), Stacey Armato (Hermosa Beach), Paulette Francis (Gardena), Jim Gazeley (Lomita),  
**SBCCOG:** Jacki Bacharach, Kim Fuentes, Wally Siembab, Steve Lantz, Grace Farwell, David Leger, Natalie Champion  
**Metro:** Jocelyn Rivera-Olivas (Hahn), Mike Bohlke (Butts), Mark Dierking  
**So Cal Gas:** Faviola Ochoa  
**LA County DPW:** Pamela Manning  
**SBACC rep:** Henry Rogers  
**Public:** Steve Takemoto, Jim Hannon

### **I. INTRODUCTIONS**

### **II. REPORT OF POSTING OF AGENDA**

- **ACTION:** Received and filed

### **III. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF ANY CHANGES TO THE AGENDA - ADD I-105 EXPRESS LANE LETTER**

### **IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

### **V. CONSENT CALENDAR – action items noted, remainder are receive & file - 12:05 pm**

#### **A. Steering Committee – June 8, 2020 meeting minutes attached**

- **ACTION:** Approved HORVATH/HUFF

#### **B. Ygrene Contract Renewal**

- Draft contract attached
- **ACTION:** Recommended board approval

#### **C. Office Update – attached**

#### **COVID CASE IN THE BUILDING**

#### **D. South Bay Environmental Services Center Activities Report – attached**

#### **E. Monthly Transportation Report - attached**

#### **F. City Attendance at SBCCOG meetings**

- Matrix attached

#### **REMOVED:**

#### **G, Contract with FMF Pandion for Dominguez Channel Watershed Management Group**

- Draft contract attached
- **ACTION:** Recommended board approval **PENDING LEGAL REVIEW – HICKS/CRUIKSHANK**

### **VII. ACTION ITEMS**

#### **H. Legislative Issues – 12:10 pm**

- Comments on July 9 Legislative Briefing – LEGISLATORS NOT BRIEFED ON TIME RESTRICTION REQUESTS!
  - a. VALENTINE – SO GLAD LEGISLATORS THERE – JUST KEPT GOING. GOOD DISCUSSION.
  - b. CRUIKSHANK – AGREED. GREAT MEETING. ALLEN LEARNED THINGS
  - c. HORVATH - GOOD DIALOGUE. LEAGUE POSITIONS CALLED OUT. CONVERSATION IS SO MUCH BETTER THAN 3-5 MINUTE UPDATE. LEAGUE WANTS TO TAKE PRAGMATIC APPROACH AND PICK THEIR BATTLES. RE-ENGAGE WITH WHITE PAPERS WITH THE LEAGUE
  - d. KAO – GREAT MEETING. LEAGUE POSITIONS QUESTIONED.
- Legislative Matrix – attached
  - Added: SB1130 & AB 1314 – CAN COMMENT ON TORRANCE IDENTIFIED BILLS – PUT ON BOARD AGENDA AND TAKE ACTION THERE.
  - AB 1314
    - i. KAO - HOW WOULD CONTRACT CITIES DEAL WITH THIS? CLARIFY? FOCUS ON SHERIFF STATIONS. FEEDBACK FROM CONTRACT CITIES
    - ii. VALENTINE – DIFFERENCE FRA SETTLEMENT & JUDGMENT. SETTLEMENT DOESN'T MEAN SOMETHING WAS WRONG – IT'S A RISK MANAGEMENT DECISION. COULD BE COST PROHIBITIVE, NOT SOMETHING WRONG – THEREFORE MISLEADING TO INCLUDE SETTLEMENTS.
    - iii. HORVATH – FROM TAXPAYER PERSPECTIVE, IT'S A SETTLEMENT – TAXPAYER MONEY. THEREFORE TRANSPARENT WITH FUNDS. COULD EXPLAIN WHY THEY SETTLED.
    - iv. HUFF – EXPLAIN DIFFERENCE FRA SETTLEMENT & JUDGEMENT.
    - v. STERN – CONCERN RE: BIFURCATING SETTLEMENTS & JUDGEMENTS – WOULDN'T EXPLAIN ALL THAT HAVE COME BEFORE THE MUNICIPALITY. INCLUDE BOTH
    - vi. ACTION: GET MORE INFORMATION TO BRING TO BOARD – BUT RECOMMEND SUPPORT
  - SB 1130 – CONSISTENT WITH SBCCOG'S WORK – SUPPORT RECOMMENDED BY HORVATH/HICKS

■ Letter of support for balanced energy choices

Several cities in the South Bay adopted this resolution.

- Carson, Lomita, Rancho Palos Verdes, El Segundo, Inglewood

Consider as a model resolution for other communities. The following local groups have voted to support and will be sending in a formal letter of support.

- South Bay Chambers of Commerce, Harbor Association of Industry and Commerce, Redondo Beach Chamber of Commerce

STERN – DOESN'T SUPPORT THE LETTER OR RESOLUTION. IDENTIFIES 3 REASONS. FIRST IS LOCAL CONTROL. MISGUIDED. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES NOT SPECIFICALLY LOCAL. REQUIRE SWEEPING ACTIONS TO BE EFFECTIVE. THIS IS SO CAL GAS PROTECTING THE RELEVANCE OF NATURAL GAS. DISPROPORTIONATELY EFFECTS LOWER INCOME HOUSEHOLDS THEY SAY. NOT PROVEN OUT – THIS INCENTIVIZES RELIANCE ON GAS AND WE SHOULD BE INCENTIVIZING RELIANCE ON ELECTRICITY. WE NEED TO DO WHAT WE CAN DO TO ADDRESS CLIMATE CHANGE.

HENRY ROGERS – HAIC & SBACC & RBCC– SUPPORT IT FOR LOCAL CONTROL, RELIABILITY, AFFORDABILITY AND CONSUMER CHOICE. THIS IS A BETTER, MORE HOLISTIC APPROACH. SHOULDN'T PICK WINNERS AND LOSERS.

HORVATH – DISAGREES WITH ROGERS. SBCCOG IS ENVIRONMENTALLY CONSCIOUS. WE HAVE WORKED HARD IN CAPS, ETC. ONLY 25 YEARS TO RESPOND TO DEADLINES. NATURAL GAS IS CONTRIBUTOR. CPA HAS SET GOALS TO INCENTIVIZE PEOPLE TO MOVE TO ELECTRICITY.

**CRUIKSHANK – AGREES WITH RESOLUTION. RPV VOTES 5/0 AND THEY ARE ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE. SENIORS TO GO TO ALL ELECTRIC WOULD BE COST PROHIBITIVE. NEED MIXTURE OF ENERGY SOURCES. GAS IS INEXPENSIVE. TOO MANY BURDENS ON RESIDENTS NOW.**

**HENRY ROGERS – AGREES WITH CRUIKSHANK. NEED MIXED APPROACH.**

**STERN – MUCH OF EFFORTS ARE FOR FUTURE BUILDING AND REACH CODES TO INCLUDE ELECTRIFICATION. COUNTER-INTUITIVE TO SBCCOG'S PROGRESS**

**GAZELEY – SUPPORTS THE MEASURE**

**LETTER OF SUPPORT MOTION – HICKS/GAZELEY – 6 YES – 4 NOS – ADD TO BOARD AGENDA – YES – HICKS, GAZELEY, CRUIKSHANK, KAO, VALENTINE, FRANCIS  
NO HUFF, STERN, ARMATO HORVATH**

- **SUMMARY ACTION: Recommended support of SB 1130 and GET MORE INFORMATION ON AB 1314 and letter of support for balanced energy choices**

**I. Update on Homeless Program and Innovation Project Funding - 12:20 pm – Grace**

- 7 elected officials attended the July 1 meeting
  - Innovation Funding
    - Homeshare proposal from Silvernest – attached – **LEGAL ISSUES BEING WORKED OUT – IDENTIFIED BY JENKINS**
    - PATH's re-assignment – **TRANSITION FROM OUTREACH TO CASE MANAGEMENT. CAN'T DO POLICE RIDEALONGS DUE TO COVID. WOULD HAVE TO CONSIDER WHETHER THEY COULD DO THAT. WILL RE-EVALUTE IN 6 MONTHS RE: ASSIGNMENTS. OUTREACH – LOTS OF HOMELESS ALREADY BEEN TOUCHED – THIS IS THE EVOLUTION OF THE PROGRAM – LESS OUTREACH, MORE CASE MANAGEMENT.**
    - **ENCOURAGE CITIES TO USE LAHOP – Torrance using this well. Can always reach out to the SBCCOG. SBCCOG HAS Quarterly meetings with Harbor Interfaith and PATH.**
    - **COMMENTS RE: MEASURE H RECOMMENDATIONS – DUE JULY 15 – FOCUS ON PREVENTION AND THAT WE AREN'T ALWAYS INFORMED OF PROGRAMS.**
- FRANCIS – RAPID RE-HOUSING – CITIES NEED INFORMATION ON THAT**  
**VALENTINE – MONITORING SYSTEM – PEOPLE CAN NOTIFY SOMEONE/SOMEPLACE IF THEY ARE IN DANGER OF NOT MAKING PAYMENTS.**  
**FARWELL – OLDER PEOPLE TELL SENIOR CENTER PEOPLE THESE STORIES. THAT'S WHY WE ARE INTERESTED IN HOME SHARING. WILL REACH OUT TO VILLAGES WITH SILVERNEST AND SENIOR CENTERS AND SERVICE PROVIDERS.**  
**SILVERNEST CONTRACT – HORVATH/STERN – APPROVED TO PUT ON BOARD AGENDA**

**J. Comments to Metro on Long Range Transportation Plan**

- Draft comments attached – deadline today- July 13.
- **KAO – COVID – IGNORED. METRO SAYS THEY WILL GET BACK TO ORIGINAL RIDERSHIP IN 18 MO TO 2 YEARS.**
- **ACTION: ApproveD comments. HORVATH/KAO - SEND TO METRO BOARD MEMBERS – APPROVED**

**ADD I-105 EXPRESS - LANE LETTER – now two lanes – cost went from \$175 to \$676 million. Letter sent by Huff 3/19 to support another funding source for the \$175 mil project. – TIME CRITICAL – HORVATH/ARMATO APPROVED. SUPPORTS APP FOR STATE GRANT.**

**K. Board Meeting agenda development – 12:30 pm**

- July – draft attached – BizFed person, restaurant association person
- August – Adaptation work by Naomi Albert – Civicspark, **KOSMONT – YES.**
- September - LTN project
- Dr. Thomas Parham, President, Cal State Dominguez Hills - invited

**L. Special Board meeting follow-up – evaluations/next steps? – 12:40 pm**

- Post on UTube?
- Evaluations
  - 13 received. 8 rated 5, 5 rated 4 on 1 to 5 scale. Comments – very informative. Recommended continuing the dialogue.
- Follow-up Issues
  - Cities seeing disrespect for police authority – even in traffic stops
  - Asian Racial Incidents in the South Bay
  - Future speakers possibilities – **MAXINE WATERS, RIDLEY-THOMAS FROM LA 92**
  - **SOUTHERS @ ADL – CONSIDER POLICE AUDITS BY INDEPENDENT PARTIES FOR CITIES BEFORE THEY CHANGE FUNDING. CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT (NEED PEOPLE IN THE ROOM THAT YOU ARE TRYING TO SERVE?) PEOPLE ARE TIRED OF POLICE SAYING THEY NEED MORE TRAINING AND YET SAME OUTCOMES. POLICE DON'T FEEL SUPPORTED – MORALE HAS NEVER BEEN LOWER BUT THERE IS A COMMUNITY FRUSTRATION THAT NEEDS TO BE RESPECTED. PEOPLE AREN'T MAKING THESE THINGS UP. CHALLENGING TIME. HOLD DEPARTMENTS ACCOUNTABLE BY HOLDING CHIEFS ACCOUNTABLE. THEY NEED TO PICK THE RIGHT PERSON AND HOLD THEM ACCOUNTABLE.**
    - i. **POLICE UNIONS PLAY A HUGE ROLE. VERY INFLUENTIAL. SUPPORT CANDIDATES. IN CALIF. OFFICERS SOMETIMES HAVE MORE RIGHTS THAN VICTIMS DO. THEY HAVE TO AGREE THAT THEY MUST BE PART OF REFORM.**
    - ii. **MINNEAPOLIS HAS EXCEPTIONALLY HIGH RATE OF EXONERATING POLICE OFFICERS.**
    - iii. **CALIFORNIA TRAINING AND DISCIPLINE IS GOOD. ACTIONS CAN BE LEGAL BUT NOT NECESSARY SO NO DISCIPLINE IS GIVEN.**
    - iv. **FEMALE OFFICERS MAKE JUST AS MANY ARRESTS BUT NO DEADLY FORCE INCIDENTS. HE THINKS THEY DEAL WITH PEOPLE DIFFERENTLY AND UNDERSTAND DE-ESCALATION. NO STUDIES HAVE BEEN DONE.**
    - v. **HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE: PEER REVIEW ASSESSMENTS OF DEPARTMENTS, CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARDS WITH REAL POWER, SUBPOENA POWER, REGISTRY OF BAD COPS AND ABILITY TO KEEP THEM FROM THIS JOB AND SOME RESPONSE SYSTEM THAT DOESN'T SEND OFFICER WITH FIREARM TO EVERY INCIDENT. PEOPLE WITH BETTER SKILL SETS IN DEALING WITH SPECIAL POPULATIONS. DON'T SEND THE HAMMER BECAUSE EVERYTHING BECOMES A NAIL.**
- **KAO – WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN WITH THE SCHOOLS? – MAYBE FOR AUGUST MEETING. LA COUNTY COVID TESTING PERSON (FIREFIGHTER. ORANGE COUNTY MEETING TONIGHT.**
- **VALENTINE – HEAR BOTH SIDES**
- **HORVATH – PLAN ANOTHER SPECIAL MEETING. VALENTINE – DOESN'T WANT A SPECIAL MEETING IF IT'S JUST INFORMATIONAL.**
- **KAO – MAYBE NO SPECIAL MEETING. – CLAYTON KAZAN – INVITE FOR NEXT THURSDAY?**
- **VALENTINE WANTS ANOTHER SPECIAL MEETING AS FOLLOW-UP. DISCUSS POLICING PROGRAMS IN CITIES AND SHARE IDEAS TO IMPROVE THE ATMOSPHERE. TOXIC ATMOSPHERE. NEED TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT POLICE MORALE. MORE COMMUNICATION IMPORTANT. SHE'S HAPPY WITH HER POLICE DEPARTMENT. BEST APPROACH – WHAT WORKS, HOW TO IMPROVE.**

- SIEMBAB – WAIT UNTIL SEPTEMBER FOR SCHOOLS AND THEN SEE HOW IT'S GOING AND ASSESS IMPACT ON OTHER PARTS OF THE CITY SERVICES – COULD BE SEPTEMBER
- STERN – NOT TRYING TO OPINE ON THE SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICIES. WE COULD INVITE SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS OR SUPERINTENDENT. SUGGESTING RE: FOLLOW-UP – HELPFUL – WORK WITH PLANNING COMMITTEE ON NEXT STEPS. TALK OFFLINE WITH SMALLER GROUP. HORVATH, STERN, VALENTINE
- LA COUNTY – NO IN SCHOOL INSTRUCTION ANNOUNCED.

**L. Status of 2020 General Assembly Sponsorships – 12:55 pm**

- From the sponsors who have agreed the SBCCOG can keep 2020 GA funding based upon the amended promotional opportunities = **\$45,000**
- None of the sponsors have yet agreed to 2021 sponsorships

**M. Approval of Invoices – available at the meeting – 1:00 pm**

- **METRO INVOICE RESOLUTION – GOING AROUND AND AROUND IN CIRCLES. NOT CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE**
- **ACTION: Approved invoices for payment HORVATH/CRUIKSHANK**

**VII. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**N. South Bay Fiber Network Updates – 1:05 pm**

- Project Construction - We're still on track for the core ring to be completed and operational by July 31st.
- Still a few lateral hang-ups that we're working on:
  - Manhattan Beach (aerial pathway vs. digging)
  - Torrance (Lease Agreement to use City-owned conduit)
- Work has commenced for Work Order #3
- Working with ADF to find a suitable venue/day for celebration
- MRC is on pace for us to reach \$35K/month of signed contracts by the end of this month
  - ADF feels comfortable about reaching this goal and the timing for these contracts (re: cash-flow) to support the new network
  - We have an important status meeting with ADF at the end of the month
  - **MAYBE NO PV TRANSIT? - Next step(s) will be to support their quarterly Board Meeting in September**
  - Applications - Virtual Lunch and Learn (starting in late July or August)
    - a. Possible topics: Cybersecurity Lessons Learned, An Overview of Data Centers and the services they have for SBFN participants, IT auditing/assessment tools for your city
  - **VALENTINE - PUBLIC NEEDS TO HEAR THIS. BRING THIS INFORMATION TO CITY COUNCILS. – SHE WOULD LIKE IT IN HAWTHORNE.**
  - **WALLY DID WHITE PAPER ON SMART CITIES AND WOULD SHARE THAT**

**O. SCAG Regional Early Action Program (REAP) funds to accelerate housing – 1:15 pm**

SCAG will be providing subregions with funding to help their members with housing element data assistance, housing outreach toolkits and other Sustainable Communities Programs. Subregions will receive funds based on their RHNA allocation which isn't coming out until later but we can start deciding how to spend it now and even start spending in the fall. Our subregion, based on the last RHNA cycle, would have an allocation of about \$600,000 to be used by December 2023.

The use of these funds must have a nexus to promoting the development of housing. Community Development Directors have been asked whether they are updating housing elements, how much ADU development is taking place, what challenges they have, and if it would be helpful for us to hire someone at the SBCCOG who could be a resource to all of the cities and provide some cross cutting analysis as long as the result was to promote the development of housing. – MEETING THIS THURSDAY OF COMMUNITY DEV DIRS. TO DISCUSS

**SIEMBAB – LOOSENEED RULES IN JANUARY AND EXPLOSION OF ADUS AND WE KNOW NOTHING ABOUT IT**

**HORVATH – HIRING SOMEONE FOR PLANNING IS A GOOD IDEA.**

**P. SCAG Committee Representation from the SBCCOG – update - 1:25 pm**

- **Energy and Environment (Judy Mitchell and Jim Osborne)**
- **Transportation (James Gazeley)**
- **Community, Economic, & Human Development (Mark Henderson, Frank Zerunyan & Mark Waronek, Drew Boyles)**
- **MONITOR FOR 3 MONTHS HAVING ONLY ONE PERSON ON TRANSPORTATION**

**Q. Update on Senior Services – 1:30 pm**

**We are exploring a capstone student to work on Age Friendly. Also Inglewood seems to be coming on board.**

## **VIII. STRATEGIC POSITIONING ITEMS/ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES**

**R. Other updates since agenda distribution – 1:35 pm**

■ **Several chambers would like to share with their members the presentation that staff did on the SBCCOG's housing papers.**

■ **LTN DAC list – ASKED FOR HELP**

■ **FACE Shields DONATED AND AVAILABLE UNTIL THEY RUN OUT**

**Dues paid – El Segundo, Hawthorne, Inglewood, Lomita, Rolling Hills**

**NEXT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING – Monday, August 10, 2020 @ 12:00 pm @ TBD**