



**WESTSIDE CITIES**

- BEVERLY HILLS
- CULVER CITY
- LOS ANGELES
- SANTA MONICA
- WEST HOLLYWOOD
- COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE WESTSIDE CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

**SUSTAINABLE WESTSIDE**  
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**Thursday, July 16, 2009**

11:45 AM Lunch

12:15 PM Business Meeting

**Hosted By: City Los Angeles**

**Location:** [Skirball Cultural Center](#)  
2701 N. Sepulveda Blvd.  
Los Angeles, CA 90049

**Parking :** [Skirball Directions and Parking](#)

## Approved Meeting Notes

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

- Beverly Hills:** Mayor Nancy Krasne; Council Member William Brien. Staff: Cheryl Friedling, Aaron Kunz, COG Treasurer Scott Miller
- Culver City:** COG Chair and Council Member Scott Malsin; Council Member Micheál O'Leary. Staff: Mark Scott, Art Ida, Marna Johnson, Shelly Wolfberg, Charles Herbertson, Elaine Warner
- Santa Monica:** COG Secretary and Council Member Richard Bloom. Staff: Dean Kubani, Kate Vernez
- City of LA:** COG Vice-Chair and Council Member Bill Rosendahl (CD11); Council Member Paul Koretz (CD5). Staff: Norm Kulla (CD11), Jay Greenstein (CD5), Clay McCarter (CLA)
- County of LA:** Staff: Flora Gil Krisiloff (SD3), Vivian Rescalvo (SD3)
- West Hollywood:** Mayor Abbe Land; Mayor Pro Tempore John Heilman. Staff: Christof Schroeder, Lisa Belsanti
- WSCCOG:** Gordon Anderson (Executive Director)  
Michael Jenkins (Counsel to the COG)
- Other Attendees:** Santa Monica Mayor Pro Tempore and Metro Board Member Pam O'Connor, Mike Bohlke (Deputy to Metro Board Member Pam O'Connor), Jody Litvak (Metro), Matt Horton (SCAG), Teresa Acosta (League of California Cities), David Yale (Metro), Ellen Isaacs (Assembly Member Feuer), Haeyoung Kim (Assembly Member Feuer), Linda Briskman (Former member of the COG governing board representing Beverly Hills)

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

*Chair Malsin called the meeting to order at 12:15p.m.*

## **2. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND IDENTIFICATION OF VOTING MEMBERS**

*Chair Malsin welcomed everyone, conducted self-introductions and voting members of the COG were identified. Vice-Chair Rosendahl introduced the newly elected Los Angeles Council Member Paul Koretz (CD5). Mr. Koretz was welcomed by the governing board.*

*Vice-Chair Rosendahl thanked the Skirball Cultural Center for hosting the COG meeting and invited Katherine Girard, chief of staff for the Center to say a few words about the Center. Ms. Girard indicated that the meeting was in the Franklin Murphy Foyer of Ahmanson Hall. Ms. Girard indicated further that Franklin Murphy was an early believer in the vision of the founding Rabbi of the Center of "building an institution that would tell the positive story of the Jewish people and Jewish heritage and the deep connection of that heritage, the ethical principles and values, to democratic ideals." Thus, it seemed rather appropriate that the COG meeting was being held at the Skirball and in the Franklin Murphy Foyer.*

## **3. APPROVAL OF MAY 21, 2009 MEETING NOTES**

*The meeting notes were approved without modification.*

## **4. CONSENT CALENDAR**

### **A. Executive Director's Report**

- 1) AB811 meeting at METRO**
  - a. AB 811 Powerpoint Presentation**
- 2) Review of SB 696 (Wright)**
  - a. SB 696 Fact Sheet**

### **B. Treasurer's Financial Reports**

- 1) April 2009**
- 2) May 2009**
- 3) June 2009**

*Following a brief explanation of the two items in the Executive Director's Report, the Consent Calendar was approved by acclamation.*

## **5. OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. Recommendation to Join the Los Angeles Regional Collaborative for Climate Action & Sustainability (L.A. Collaborative)**

- 1) LA Collaborative Charter**
- 2) LA Collaborative Work Plan**

*The recommendation was approved by acclamation.*

### **B. Recommendation to Join [Climate Communities](#)**

*Following a brief discussion of the benefits of membership in Climate Communities, the recommendation was approved by acclamation.*

- C. Recommendation that the COG governing board oppose the requested Rule Modifications to Accommodate Southern California Edison Company's Initiative to Install Above-Ground Equipment in SCE's Underground Distribution Systems Whenever Feasible ([ADVICE 233-E](#)) directing staff to send a letter to the CPUC and engage lobbyist, if appropriate.**

*The recommendation was approved by acclamation.*

## **6. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Budget modifications and authorization to move funds from one line item to another**  
**1) Revised 2009-10 Budget**

*Following a presentation by the COG Treasurer, the recommendation was approved via Roll Call Vote. (YES), Mayor Krasne, Beverly Hills  
(YES), Richard Bloom, Santa Monica  
(YES), Council Member Rosendahl, Los Angeles  
(YES), Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman, West Hollywood  
(YES), Council Member Malsin, Culver City  
(ABSENT), Supervisor Yaroslavsky, L.A. County*

- B. Metro Board Consideration of Long Range Transportation Plan and COG Representation**

*There was lengthy discussion on determining the amount of advocacy at the July 23<sup>rd</sup> Metro board meeting on the LRTP and the messages to be presented. Following the discussion, it was determined that the staffs from the Westside cities would work together to prepare talking points for the COG Chair and other Westside elected officials who plan to attend the Metro board meeting. It was discussed that:*

- the message would be to support the Metro staff recommendation on the LRTP which would create the strongest program to take to Washington DC for lobbying for funding;*
- the full platform of COG transportation items should be stated, Expo Phases I and II, Subway Extension, Regional Connector, LAX extension of the Green Line, and Crenshaw Light Rail Project;*
- highlight how strongly the voters on the Westside supported Measure R;*
- get involvement of chambers of commerce and community representatives; and*
- express support for the most appropriate and aggressive timeline.*

*In addition to the COG Chair Scott Malsin, Richard Bloom, John Heilman, Nancy Krasne, William Brien, and Paul Koretz also expressed their intention to attend the Metro board meeting.*

## **7. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

- A. June Meeting Notes, Report and Recommendations from the COG Transportation Committee and Related Items**

- 1) Recommendation from Transportation Committee that 1) the COG send a letter to Metro supporting expedient resolution of matters on Expo**

**Phase I and expressing continued support to Expo Phase II, and 2) Authorize the COG chair or designee and staff to take steps necessary to demonstrate COG support when Expo is before the CPUC.**

*The recommendation was approved by acclamation.*

**B. June Meeting Notes, Report and Recommendations from the COG Committee on Sustainability and Related Items**

- 1) Recommendation from the Sustainability Committee that the COG governing board adopt the set of four Ahwahnee Principles for Resource-Efficient and Livable Communities:
  - a. [The Ahwahnee Principles for Climate Change](#);
  - b. [The Ahwahnee Water Principles for Resource-Efficient Land Use](#);
  - c. [Ahwahee Principles for Resource-Efficient Communities](#); and,
  - d. [Ahwahnee Principles for Economic Development](#),and recommend adoption by each member jurisdiction.

*The recommendation was amended as follows: 1. the COG governing board recommend that each member jurisdiction adopt the Ahwahee Principles on a timeline that would allow for COG governing board consideration at its next formal meeting, and 2. recommendation to adopt the Ahwahee Principles would be brought back to the COG governing board at the next possible COG meeting. The amended recommendation was approved by acclamation.*

**C. June Meeting Notes, Report and Recommendations from the COG Homeless Issues Committee and Related Items**

- 1) Recommending from the Homeless Issues Committee that the COG governing board 1) proactively pursue with the State if the armories can be allocated for use by the Winter Shelter program at a reduced or no cost, and 2) give authority to staff begin lobbying which will include getting lobbyists involved.

*The recommendation was approved by acclamation.*

**D. MTA Southwest Cities Corridor and Westside Central Service Sector Report**

*Pam O'Connor, Metro Board member provided a reported on the current status of transit related activities. (Report notes will be added when available.)*

**E. League of California Cities Updates**

*Teresa Acosta discussed the current status of the State Budget non-adoption and reminded the COG of that a group of elected officials (cities, counties and schools) and others are meeting to commence discussion on [Rebuilding California From the Ground Up](#), a local government summit on state governance and fiscal reform.*

**8. RECEIVE/ FILE AND PROVIDE DIRECTION RE: CORRESPONDENCE**

- A. Letter from Executive Director Opposing any proposal that seeks to take or borrow local property taxes, transportation funds or other revenues to balance the state budget to:

- 1) Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger, Govenor,
- 2) Honorable Fran Pavley, Senator,
- 3) Honorable Curren Price, Senator,
- 4) Honorable Julia Brownley, Assembly member, and
- 5) Honorable Mike Feuer, Assembly member

*All items were received and filed by acclamation.*

## **9. EVENT REMINDER AND OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*The West Hollywood City Council will be consider a recommendation that West Hollywood host an education forum for its staff and to invite interested staff from other jurisdictions who do field work such as code inspection to learn more about human trafficking. It was stated that the greater Los Angeles area is a popular destination for this form of human slavery.*

*The COG governing board and those present acknowledged the birthday of COG Chair Malsin.*

## **10. FUTURE MEETING LOCATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS**

### **A. 2009 Meeting Dates and Host City**

September 24 - West Hollywood  
November 19 - Beverly Hills

### **B. Tentatively Scheduled Agenda Items:**

- 1) **September 24, 2009:**
  - a. Recommendation of COG Work Program Items
- 2) **Items for Other Future Agendas:**

## **11. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**Members of the public may address the Westside Cities Council of Governments on any subject on or off the agenda by raising a hand and being recognized by the chair. Speakers shall confine their comments to three minutes per speaker.**

*There was no public comment.*

## **12. ADJOURN**

*The meeting was adjourned at 1:28p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for September 24, 2009 to be hosted by the City of West Hollywood.*