



MARCH 2013 CITY SELECTION COMMITTEE & BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING SUMMARY

CITY SELECTION COMMITTEE MEETING:

- Orrin Mahoney of Cupertino was unanimously appointed to fulfill an ongoing term as the North County City Representative on the Recycling Waste and Reduction Commission for a term that expires in April 2016.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING:

- **Supervisor Joe Simitian of Santa Clara County participated in roundtable discussion with Board Members.** He spoke briefly about his new role with the County. In June 2013, there will be a special election to fill the Board of Supervisors District 2 vacated by George Shirakawa. All Board Members are invited to his upcoming swearing-in and reviewed his goals as Supervisor for the first year: 1) Play constructive role in delivering county services well; 2) Ensure implementation of the Affordable Care Act and its effect and changes on healthcare services provided in the county; 3) Represent District 5 and its constituents. Topics discussed with Board Members included:
 - 1) Affordable Housing – homelessness is becoming a prominent issue for some cities, e.g. Sunnyvale; it is a complex problem that tends to cross city lines and thus should be approached from a regional perspective.
 - 2) RDA – Board Members communicated disappointment of how county staff handled dissolution process; it's critical to focus on re-building the relationship between cities and the county; an open dialogue is needed. Supervisor Simitian highlighted the need to follow the law, to move forward, and to acknowledge that both parties are serving the same constituency so that future collaborations are possible.
 - 3) RHNA Sub-Region – Members asked the county to consider a more supportive role in exploring the sub-region option in the next RHNA cycle.
 - 4) County Hospital Management - new county counsel are in transition and will focus on the county's strategy.
 - 5) Tax Equity Allocation - the cities in Santa Clara County affected by this include Monte Sereno, Cupertino, Los Altos Hills, and Saratoga; several legislators have addressed this over the years, e.g. Byron Sher, Jim Beall.
 - 6) Oversight of County Supervisors Expense Accounts – the county is working on making their policies clearer and the Chief Operating Officer is now responsible for overseeing the implementation of the policies.

- **Leslye Corsiglia and Patrick Heisinger from San Jose’s Housing Department** presented an overview of Affordable Housing and the housing impact fee as an option for funding. With the elimination of RDA (which provided 20% of funding for affordable housing and \$60 million for Santa Clara County), reductions in federal programs (sequestration), depletion of state funding sources, and legal challenges to inclusionary housing, the housing impact fee is a reasonable funding source to consider. It can be used to mitigate the impacts of new development. There are two types: non-residential and residential developments. The fee can be calculated per unit or per square foot. The fees can pay for land acquisition, gap financing, new construction, and supportive housing. Cities that currently charge a housing impact fee include Berkeley, Fremont, Mountain View; Sunnyvale is considering it, and San Jose was recently presented with the idea. Due to the loss of RDA, it is important that cities work together as a region and possibly consider a regional housing impact fee instead; this may be more attractive to some cities. It was suggested to explore this at our General Membership Meeting on May 9th since Affordable Housing is the topic to be addressed. For more details see presentation at http://www.citiesassociation.org/presentations-and-actions_71_3716089259.pdf.
- **Request to Approve CASCC Letters of Support to BAWSCA Agencies in SCC** – Board Member and Secretary/Treasurer Jim Griffith reviewed the recent request from BAWSCA for the CASCC to support BAWSCA’s effort to ensure the Wholesale Customers’ approval to amend the Water Supply Agreement with San Francisco. “The amendment states that San Francisco may not change the existing condition of Hetch Hetchy Reservoir unless the parties enter into a further amendment to the Water Supply Agreement that addresses water-supply reliability, water quality and cost allocation. Further, if the parties do not vote to approve such an amendment, San Francisco may not drain Hetch Hetchy Reservoir or abandon or decommission O’Shaughnessy Dam, which forms the Reservoir.” This is a solution to a long standing and re-occurring proposition to drain the Hetchy Hetchy Reservoir. The Board of Directors unanimously voted to issue letters of support to SCC agencies.
- Cities Association Board of Directors discussed potential sponsorship of General Membership Meeting by Microsoft and potential cities that may not be able to accept the donated dinner due to various gift ordinances. Regardless, Board Members felt that as needed guests will follow the state gift limit of \$440 per calendar year per official and/or the elected officials would need to report the gift (~\$35) & or reimburse MSFT for the cost of the event. Board Members recommended moving forward with Microsoft.
- **Dan Rich, City Manager of Mountain View, presented overview of SCCMA’s meeting.** City Managers shared updates on budgets; several cities have small surpluses or small budget deficits. Several Next Generation Committee events have been taking place as an effort to prepare current city employees for management positions and attract new talent, e.g. Regional Internship Program, Leadership Academies, Tomorrow’s City/County Executive Forum, and Management Talent Exchange Program.

- **CSC Appointee Report: Joe Pirzynski of Los Gatos** presented an overview of recent MTC (Metropolitan Transportation Commission) activities to include upcoming opening of the new Bay Bridge (Labor Day Weekend 2013), support of lowering the vote threshold for local and regional transportation tax measures from 2/3 to 55%, ensure proceeds from the “cap-and-trade” program are reinvested in our transportation system, and CEQA reform. As an MTC Commissioner, Joe attends meetings twice per month. The final EIR review of One Bay Area is scheduled for April 17th.
- **Legislation Report:** Betsy Shotwell of San Jose reviewed new legislation to cover issues such as CEQA Reform, Post-Redevelopment (Clean-up), firearms, vote threshold, and PERS.
- **Chuck Page of Saratoga** announced that there are two new bills addressing Tax Equity Allocation: AB 741 (Brown) and SB 629 (Beall). The Legislative Action Committee to consider review and support at future meeting.