



## SEPTEMBER 2013 CITY SELECTION COMMITTEE & BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING SUMMARY

### **CITY SELECTION COMMITTEE MEETING:**

- Greg Schmid of Palo Alto was re-appointed to Sourcewise's Advisory Committee (formerly known as the Council On Aging of Silicon Valley Advisory Committee) for a term expiring June 2015.
- Three Representatives and three Alternate Representatives were appointed to the newly formed Santa Clara County Emergency Operational Area Committee (OAC) to fulfill two-year terms expiring September 2015.
  - South County & West Valley Cities Seat:
    - Representative: Jason Baker, Campbell
    - Alternate: Rich Constantine, Morgan Hill
  - Central County Cities Seat
    - Representative: Jim Davis, Sunnyvale
    - Alternate: Jerry Marsalli, Santa Clara
  - North County Cities Seat
    - Representative: Margaret Abe-Koga, Mountain View
    - Alternate: Jarrett Fishpaw, Los Altos

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING:**

- **Paul Helliker of the CA Resources Agency presented an overview of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan.**
  - SCVWD gets about 50% of its water from the Delta; SCC gets about 40% of its water from the Delta, an ecosystem with substantial challenges.
  - The Bay Delta Conservation Plan is an initiative of the state's resources agencies, federal partners, and state water contractors, to address environmental concerns while ensuring continued water supplies.
  - The plan addresses such challenges as storage of water, delta islands falling below sea level, levies susceptible to failure, and improvement of species habitats.
  - The fundamental components of the plan includes large scale restoration and alternative conveyance.
  - The draft plan will be ready for review and public comment in October.

- SCVWD Representative Teresa Alvarado reported that the SCVWD has been actively involved in the Delta Conservation plan for many years; SCVWD is still evaluating the plan and has not come to a conclusion.
- The public is invited to attend an open evaluation in October, November, and December.
- A tour of the delta is being scheduled; a few seats are available for those interested in attending.
- SCVWD is doing three things to reduce its reliance on the Delta:
  1. Investing in dams and water treatment plants so we can store and treat water;
  2. Conserving water
  3. Investing in recycled water, e.g. San Jose, Sunnyvale
- **Rafael Reyes of Bay Area Climate Collaborative provided an update on the LED Streetlight Upgrade Initiative.**
  - The BACC is currently working with local government agencies to assess needs, bring best practices to light, and facilitate the upgrades of LED streetlights.
  - Street lighting is an important service that cities provide for their communities and is often the biggest bill a city pays, e.g. Sunnyvale spends approximately \$500,000 per year on electricity for streetlights.
  - Upgrading to LED streetlights can provide significant cost and energy savings for cities.
  - The objective of the CASCC LED Streetlight Collaborative Initiative is to accelerate deployment and reduce costs for cities who wish to upgrade their streetlights.
  - The collaboration was first formed in October of 2012.
  - Six agencies (Campbell, Gilroy, Morgan Hill, Los Gatos, Santa Clara, and Sunnyvale) are involved in the collaboration.
  - Staff engagement began in March 2013
  - The work group has compiled summary fixture inventories, detailed cost-benefit analysis, scoped specific lighting applications, addressed major technical considerations, and outlined financing, deployment and community engagement strategies
  - Cities are welcome to join the collaboration at any time.
  - Why is this important? Right now, upgrades may provide the most reduction in costs and improved efficiencies because:
    1. LED prices have fallen by 50% in the last 3 years; however, the prices will now plateau;
    2. Financing is optimal now;
    3. High PG&E rebates can potentially cover 20% of the project cost; this promotion may expire soon.
  - Based on a comparison of financing strategies, it is more of a net benefit for cities to finance the upgrades versus using general funds.
  - It is time to bring the discussion to a higher level of management in order to proceed and ensure the success of the initiative.
  - Rafael to reach out to Board Members of participating and interested agencies for direction on whom to contact within their agencies.

- **Board Member Jim Griffith continued the discussion on regional crime and the increase of crimes impacting our communities.** 2012 Annual Report of the Santa Clara County Police Chief Association shows that crime across the county increased by 18%; while the 2010 Annual report shows that crime across the county decreased by .05%. In addition, a recent report released by the FBI sights realignment as the reason why California is nearly the only state in the nation with significant increases in crime. Before inviting the county Probations Officer, Board Members agreed to invite some of the local Police Chiefs to attend the October meeting and share their interpretation of the data collected. Board Members want to hear about crime from a cross-section of cities in the county, e.g. Gilroy, Sunnyvale, Cupertino, etc., Peter Leroe-Munoz of Gilroy will also reach out to local community organizations that can provide some insight on the nature of the crimes in such communities as Gilroy. Board Members agreed to invite the county probation officer and county Sheriff's office in November to provide their perspectives on regional crime rates.
- **2014 Executive Board Nominating Committee – President Margaret Abe-Koga announced the** formation of the Nominating Committee, which includes Sam Liccardo, Margaret Abe-Koga, and Peter Leroe-Munoz. Vacancies on the Executive Board 2014 include Legislative Action Committee Chair and Secretary/Treasurer. Any Council Member that is interested in becoming a member of the Executive Board should let either of the nominating committee members know.
- **City Managers Report:** Melissa Stevenson-Diles reported upcoming presentations and discussions to include an update on Rural Metro from the county, appointment of a City Manager to the newly formed Emergency OAC, and a joint meeting with assistant city managers on cities' legislative advocacy approach and strategies.
- **Legislation Report:** Betsy Shotwell of San Jose reported that as the legislative session comes to a close (on September 13<sup>th</sup>), over 150 bills have been gutted and amended. The Minimum Wage Bill, AB 10 (Alejo) passed the Senate and is awaiting passage in the Assembly. (Since this report, the bill has passed both houses and the Governor has expressed intentions to sign the bill). The bill will gradually raise CA's minimum wage to 10\$. LCC has drafted a resolution criticizing realignment. Cities should be weary of new medical marijuana measure that proposes to limit cities' control.
- **Joys and Challenges:**
  - Carmen Montano of Milpitas shared that high density building is occurring in Milpitas near the Great Mall.
  - Jason Baker of Campbell and Steve Tate of Morgan Hill shared the successful passage of SCC Library Tax Measure A with 82% approval. This measure ensures continuation of library services to nine of the 15 cities' libraries in Santa Clara County.
  - Jarrett Fishpaw of Los Altos reported that construction has begun on three new projects in downtown Los Altos.
  - Joe Pirzynski of Los Gatos reported that the CEQA lawsuit against Netflix was tossed by the judge and demolition has begun at the Netflix campus site as an effort to get building improvements underway. The

project should take about two years to complete. In the meantime, another lawsuit has been filed. In addition, a new Palo Alto Medical Foundation facility has broken ground and will be located on Los Gatos Boulevard.

**Announcements:**

- September 18 – 20 – League of California Cities Annual Conference – Sacramento, CA
- September 26, 8:10 – 12:30 pm – SVLG Game Changers – Computer History Museum, Mountain View
- Save the Date – Cities Association Annual Holiday Part, Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 6 – 9 pm – Mozart Car Museum, Mountain View