



OCTOBER 2013 CITY SELECTION COMMITTEE & BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING SUMMARY

CITY SELECTION COMMITTEE MEETING:

- Council Member Margaret Abe-Koga of Mountain View was appointed as Director and Mayor Gary Waldeck of Los Altos Hills was appointed as Alternate Director to the Silicon Valley Regional Interoperability Authority to terms expiring October 2015.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING:

- **Melissa Hippard of Greenbelt Alliance and Ken Schreiber of the Santa Clara Valley Habitat Agency presented an overview of the Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP)**
 - The HCP addresses the preservation of open space, natural landscape, and the protection of biodiversity nearly for 500,000 acres of land in the southern portion of Santa Clara County
 - Agency partners include the cities of Gilroy, Morgan Hill, San Jose, and Santa Clara Valley Water District, and Santa Clara County Valley Transportation Authority.
 - It took 8 years to develop the plan and address the impacts on listed endangered species.
 - There are two components: federal (HCP) and state (Natural Community Conservation Plan).
 - Federal Fish and Wildlife Service required HCP as part of several 2001 projects including widening Highway 101.
 - Nitrogen from vehicle exhaust negatively impacting the Bay Checkerspot Butterfly violates federal regulations.
 - Impacts to federal listed endangered species cannot be authorized under federal law via the environmental review process.
 - The HCP provides various conservation measures including a one-time \$3.60 fee for each new vehicle trip.
 - Recommendation: for those jurisdictions not included in the HCP, in order not to violate federal law, charge a mitigation fee equal to Habitat Plan, prepare a Habitat Conservation Plan, or have the project leaders get a federal endangered species permit. Keep in mind that an EIR/CEQA does not qualify for a federal permit.
 - The Santa Clara Valley Habitat Agency will use collected funds to acquire land, manage impacts, etc.,

- **Bill McCammon, Executive Director, provided an overview of Silicon Valley Regional Interoperability Authority (SVRIA)**
 - SVRIA was formed in 2010 and serves over 18 municipalities/jurisdictions and over 30 law enforcement, fire, emergency, medical, and public works agencies.
 - SVRIA was formed to develop and manage a countywide communications system.
 - Today agencies operate over a wide range of frequency bands utilizing 22 VHF channels, 43 UHF channels, and 12 800 MHz channels.
 - Current systems are aging, with limited capacity and coverage; challenges include different frequency bands and the inability to communicate across the bands.
 - Interoperability is limited but achievable through a single channel gateway (BayMACS) that bridges VHF, UHF, and 800 MHz.
 - Proposed SVRCS system: Countywide Digital P25 Compliant Communications System with approximately 30-32 repeater sites, 12 Dispatch Centers with 80 Dispatch Consoles and connected through ECOMM.
 - provides the highest level of interoperability for all jurisdictions
 - improves flexibility, capacity, and coverage including in-building coverage
 - economies of scale provides jurisdictions with local autonomy while realizing the benefits of reduced cost of current and future technology upgrades.
 - SVRIA issued an RDP for infrastructure in 2012; Motorola Solution Inc. signed a contract in September 2012 that includes pricing for infrastructure, dispatch consoles, and subscriber units.
 - Infrastructure purchases (Stage 1 and 2) included the Master Site, Prime Site, 5 repeater sites using Homeland Security Grant funds.
 - Santa Clara, Sunnyvale, and the County purchased dispatch consoles and subscriber units; additional agencies are moving forward with subscriber unit and dispatch console purchases.
 - Santa Clara and Sunnyvale will be migrating to the new system in January 2014.
 - Regarding funding, a combination of local revenue in correlation with grants is required to complete the system once a system design is completed and detailed costs are known.
- **To address one of the Cities Association Priorities for 2013 (Regional Economic Development & Job Creation) Matt Mahood, President and CEO, provided an overview of SJ/SV Chamber's proposal for a regional economic development strategy and requested the Cities Association endorsement.**
 - Current stakeholders of regional economic development include: SVLG, JVSJ, local jurisdictions, and local chambers.
 - Elimination of RDA's has created a gap of resources within local jurisdictions.
 - Elimination of Enterprise Zones has leveled the playing field across the state.

- Silicon Valley must be organized to get its share of:
 - New State Manufacturing Sales Tax & Use Tax Exemption (4.19%)
 - New State Employment Credit (up to \$56,000/yr per employee)
 - New State Flexible Income Tax Credit (\$60 - \$22 M)
 - Our region will be competing with other regions of the state for these opportunities.
- SJ/SV Chamber proposes to create a one-stop shop to coordinate regional economic development activities between current stakeholders and the private sector.
- Most regions of similar size or smaller have regional Economic Development Centers (EDCs): Seattle, Portland, L.A., San Diego, Phoenix, Austin, Dallas/Ft. Worth, Denver, Indianapolis, Charlotte, etc.,
- Having our own EDC would add regional “capability and capacity” to the existing infrastructure.
- The regional economic development entity’s core objectives include:
 - Promotion of the region
 - Business Retention & Expansion
 - Business Creation
 - Business Recruitment
 - Research & Data
 - Local Economic Development Policy Support
- Entity will be set up as a separate 501c3 or c6 entity that is housed within the SJSV Chamber of Commerce.
- Public Sector and Private Sector Membership and Board Engagement.
- The entity will be generate revenues through revolving loan funds, property development initiatives, contracts for service with public agencies, WIB, and other forms.
- Fundraising to date:

▪ Santa Clara County	\$100,000
▪ City of San Jose	\$ 55,000
▪ Mission West Properties – Carl Berg	\$ 25,000
▪ Building & Construction Trades Council	\$ 25,000
▪ PG&E	\$ 10,000
▪ Arcadia Development	\$ 10,000
▪ Silicon Valley Community Foundation	\$ 5,000
▪ Kaiser Permanente	\$ 5,000
▪ Robinson Oil	\$ 5,000
- Goal: to raise the final \$135,000 by end of Q1 2014
- Next steps include:
 - Continue outreach and engagement with local jurisdictions outside City of San Jose
 - Complete MOU with JVSV around SVEDA future operations
 - File organization bylaws, attain tax ID
 - Hire full-time Director and support staff
- Cities Board Members agreed to discuss with City Managers and Economic Development Directors and reconsider endorsement at November 14th Board Meeting.

- **Santa Clara County Police Chiefs Association led discussion on regional crime statistics. Palo Alto Police Chief Dennis Burns, Sunnyvale Police Chief Frank Grgurina, Gilroy Police Chief Denise Turner, and Los Gatos/Monte Sereno Police Chief Scott Seaman reported on trends and nature of crimes in the region.**
 - All agreed that re-alignment is likely the cause for the significant increase in crimes countywide; nature of regional crimes includes firearm and drug violations, property crimes, car theft.
 - Cities are experiencing significant increases in burglaries, e.g. Sunnyvale (45%), Mountain View (50%).
 - Palo alto has seen an increase of 52% in crimes.
 - Due to AB 109 Realignment, reduced sentencing, and reduced incidence of parole, released criminals are enabled to re-engage in their offenses.
 - With the current resources, police officers and departments are not able to easily track released offenders and keep our communities safe.
 - In Gilroy, gang activity and related crimes are increasing; gangs are reorganizing and recruiting in local jails.
 - What is needed to restore safety of our communities?
 - Jurisdictions and their Police Departments need more resources/funding to support regional task forces and field more officers so that they can obtain and share data on high risk offenders.
 - Re-evaluate the impacts of AB 109, e.g. sentencing guidelines, and provide recommendations.
 - Board Members agreed to have the Public Safety Subcommittee draft a letter addressed to our local legislators requesting re-evaluation of AB 109 and more funding for our local jurisdictions so that they can mitigate the impacts of Realignment.

Announcements:

- Save the Date – Cities Association Annual Holiday Part, Thursday, December 5th, 6 – 9 pm – Mozart Car Museum, Mountain View.