



JANUARY 2014 CITY SELECTION COMMITTEE & BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING SUMMARY

CITY SELECTION COMMITTEE MEETING:

- Michael Kotowski of Campbell was appointed as the West Valley Cities Seat Representative to the Recycling Waste & Reduction Commission to fulfill an ongoing term expiring September 2016.
- Announcement: BAAQMD appointment scheduled for February 13, 2014.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING:

- **Kevin Woodhouse, Ana Ruiz, and Shelly Lewis presented an overview of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (MROSD) and its Vision Plan.**
 - MROSD was established in 1972 to preserve the regional greenbelt in northwestern Santa Clara County. It was later expanded to include southern San Mateo County and a portion of Santa Cruz County.
 - Though land in the cities of Los Altos, Mountain View, Sunnyvale, Cupertino, Saratoga, Los Gatos, Palo Alto, Los Altos Hills, and Monte Sereno are directly included in the district, the district is open to the public and the entire region.
 - Its purpose is to preserve a regional green belt of open space land, restore the natural environment, and to enhance public access and education.
 - The district is made up of over 60,000 acres of land, 26 open space preserves, and 220 miles of public trails; about half of the land is open to the public.
 - MROSD is finalizing its vision plan after a year-long planning process that included public meetings, forums, and focus groups.
 - The plan includes the development of approximately 50 projects across the district; many are dependent on partnerships with cities and counties.
 - Some of the projects include preservations and improvements to Rancho San Antonio Open Space Preserve, Deer Hollow Farm, Stevens Creek Corridor, Mt. Umunhum, Bear Creek Redwoods, and Daniels Nature Center.
 - A funding measure is in consideration for June 2014; will review polling results in February and reach out to cities accordingly if MROSD Board approves it.

- Cities are welcome to provide feedback on vision plan and its proposed projects by contacting Public Affairs Manager Shelly Lewis at slewis@openspace.org.
- **SCC Executive Gary Graves, Sheriff Laurie Smith, and Reentry Resources Director Javier Aguirre presented on the County's Efforts in response to AB 109 Realignment.**
 - The implementation of AB 109 includes a shift of responsibility for supervision from State Parole to County Probation for individuals leaving the state prison system. Sentencing protocols have changed from with more convicted felons remaining in local jails instead of being sent to State prison.
 - The Community Corrections Partnership is chaired by Acting Probation Chief Karen Fletcher; meetings are quarterly, next meeting is on February 20, 2014.
 - The Board of Supervisors approved the establishment of a cross-system reentry network to develop and implement the Adult Reentry Plan in order to reduce recidivism and promote public safety. The Reentry Network is chaired by Supervisor Cindy Chavez; meetings are quarterly and the next meeting is on March 26, 2014.
 - SCC is one of the only county's that had a reentry plan and the reentry resource center (RRC) in place since the implementation of realignment in October 2011.
 - Its goal is to reduce recidivism by using evidence-based practice in implementing a seamless system of services, supports and supervisions.
 - Guiding principles and values include beginning reentry/reintegration while the individual is incarcerated; collaboration, coordination, communication; assessment and case management from pre- to post-release.
 - The county recognizes and embraces the concept that that local efforts could be more effective at reducing recidivism than the state.
 - SCC jail does not have an overcrowding problem and has not received a court order; the ratio of probation supervision is 1:30; the county has not received transfers from state prison.
 - The county divided its resources between Probation, Custody, and Services (mental health, alcohol & drug services, physical health, employment training, housing).
 - The county established the RRC to all individuals reentering society from a correctional setting and not just AB 109 clients. State Parole is so impressed with results of the center that they are in the process of co-locating their own Day Reporting Center in SCC with an additional \$1 million in state funds.
 - The RRC is a 40,000 sq. foot facility made up of a cross-system of agencies that provide a multitude of services and include faith-based collaboratives, the Sheriff's office, the Department of Corrections, the Department of Alcohol & Drugs, Valley Mobile Medical Clinic, Probation, Superior Court of SCC, etc.,

- The county recently allocated \$4 million of one-time Public Safety Realignment funds toward housing strategies for reentry populations.
- Local partners in providing services include Milpitas Adult Education; Community Solutions; Goodwill, Catholic Charities, and Inn Vision Shelter Network have been selected to provide vocational and employment services.
- Overall, the RRC programs include providing an abundance of rehabilitation programs that begin inside the jail and continue outside the jail, e.g. High School Equivalency, vocational training, anger management, money management, housing, job placement, unification with family, and more.
- Board Members and interested leaders are welcome to tour the RRC facility.
- Sherriff Smith noted that there aren't any criminals on the streets that would not have been there before realignment and the increase in crime rates could be attributed to reduced police force, recent economic recession, and other factors; the governor has included a continuation of \$27.5 million in his 2014-2015 Budget for front-line public safety funding that goes to municipalities.
- The county has included an evaluation component of its reentry program, contracting with a 3rd party to provide feedback on success/failure of programs and approaches.
- In addition, the county recognizes that continuous improvement is important and collaborations outside the county are welcome to improve and address concerns of local regional partners.
- Next steps include:
 - ongoing process and outcome evaluation to assess relationship between services and recidivism;
 - the BOS recently approved funding of a comprehensive Jails Needs assessment to address concerns regarding aligning the county's facility needs with the changing jail population; analysis should be available in next 6 to 9 months.
- Questions from Board Members led to the following:
 - RRC has started to offer services in Gilroy/South County, e.g. health & well-being through the Mobile Medical Unit; the RRC may start offering more services through collaboration with Community Solutions. This is needed since it takes up to two hours to reach the RRC from Gilroy using public transportation.
 - SCC has seen a 10% reduction in recidivism thus far; however, keep in mind, experts say it's too soon to accurately calculate and it is recommended to wait at least 5 years.
 - It would help if legislation can address and reduce the time spent in county jail and shift remainder of the time spent to state prison.
 - The issue of crime is a complex issue; realignment has not had enough time to work and more time is needed to evaluate.
 - 60-70% of low-risk crime offenders have an alcohol/drug abuse issue.

- **President Steve Tate led the discussion on suggested priorities for 2014.** Suggested priorities included:
 - Housing – affordable housing strategies, county’s proposed JPA, RHNA sub-region option, its impact on schools and transportation;
 - Public Safety - AB 109, gun control, regionalization of public safety;
 - Environmental Sustainability - PEV, LED lighting, single use-bags and adoption of a regional price on recyclable bag, e.g. \$.10, community choice aggregation/renewable energy;
 - Regional Economic Development;
 - Workforce Development funding; and
 - Regional support of a library card for every child in the county.

There was a strong consensus for prioritizing housing items; it was noted that each priority should have a champion and a general consensus of support from Board Members; further discussion and adoption scheduled for the February 13th Board Meeting.
- **CSC Appointee Report:** Mark Van Wyk, representative of Steve Tate of Morgan Hill on the Airport/Land Use Commission (ALUC), and Mark Connolly, staff to the ALUC, presented a report on the ALUC and recent activities.
 - The ALUC adopts policies and procedures on land use surrounding airports in the region. It assists jurisdictions and the public with understanding and implementing ALUC policies.
 - Airports in Santa Clara County include Palo Alto, Reid-Hillview in San Jose, San Jose International, South County, and now Moffett Field in Sunnyvale.
 - Each airport has a Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP), which addresses safety, height, and noise impact.
 - Current projects include the upcoming adoption of a Heliport CLUP, which will be utilized for emergency transportation and makes SCC’s ALUC the first ALUC to adopt a heliport CLUP, and the recent adoption of the Moffett Airfield CLUP.
 - The Moffett Airfield CLUP was adopted in November 2012; the cities of Mountain View and Sunnyvale are now eligible to appoint a Commissioner to the ALUC.
 - The commission is made up of 7 members; two are appointed by the City Selection Committee. The two CSC appointees’ terms expire in May 2016.
- **City Managers’ Association Report:** Morgan Hill City Manager Steve Rymer provided a report on the Association’s January 8th Meeting. Marcia Somers of Los Altos is the new Chair; city managers shared their cities’ potential priorities for 2013 and general plan updates; a discussion of the association’s priorities included SVRIA and interoperability, regionalization of public safety, and housing JPA.
- **Legislation Report:** Betsy Shotwell reported on the release of the Governor’s 2014-2015 Budget. Components of the budget include: maintaining long-term fiscal stability, investment in education, addressing climate change and water sustainability, strengthening the state’s infrastructure, implementing Federal Health Care Reform, and infrastructure

finance districts. There are 55 initiatives in circulation; majority of them address Medicinal Marijuana Dispensaries, Pension Reform, and Transportation.

Joys and Challenges:

- Jason Baker of Campbell invited Board Members to the Public Sector Government Roundtable at the Markkula Ethics Center, January 31st, 11:30 – 2:00 pm; Jason will be the guest host leading the discussion on digital/social media tolls in the public sector.
- Rod Sinks of Cupertino shared that his city's general plan amendments and updates will include increased urbanization; the new Apple campus is scheduled to open in 2016 and will introduce 12,000 new R&D jobs.

Announcements:

- Meeting with Assembly Member Alejo is scheduled for Friday, February 7th, 12 pm, at Morgan Hill City Hall; all Board Members and their police chiefs are invited to attend. Topic of discussion: AB 109 and public safety.