



MARCH 2017 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING SUMMARY

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Anthony Eulo (City of Morgan Hill) and Jerry De La Priedra (Silicon Valley Water District) representing the Santa Clara County New Development Water Efficiency Task Force presented a Draft Model Ordinance. The goal of the Ordinance is to ensure that new development is poised to be water-efficient in order to extend the region's water supplies. The Task Force has met for about 18 months and includes representatives from Santa Clara County, several cities (Palo Alto, Sunnyvale, Mountain View, Cupertino, and Morgan Hill), the Santa Clara Valley Water District, Sustainable Silicon Valley, and Joint Venture Silicon Valley.

- The Model Ordinance has the following main requirements on new development:
 - Require hot water recirculation in single-family homes
 - Preplumb all new single-family for graywater collection, treatment, and redistribution
 - Preplumb all new multifamily and nonresidential for alternative water sources
 - Mandate recycled water connection for common areas in HOA developments
 - Outlaw sale of noncompliant fixtures
 - Misc. other fine points addressing specific uses and landscaping
 - Within each step there are short-, mid-, and long-term tactics
- The Task Force is sharing the ordinance with key groups including the Cities Association and is asking for comments and feedback.
- The Task Force, after receiving comments and feedback, will return with a Final Draft to be adopted by the cities.
- Questions asked of Presenters and comments included:
 - Cost of Ordinance to builders
 - How will Ordinance become part of the Building Code
 - How does the Task Force envision the adoption by the cities
 - How will the Ordinance be phased and enforced
 - Appears Ordinance is overly broad

Christina Clemson of AARP presented the advantages of becoming an Age-Friendly Community. AARP works with member jurisdictions of the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities who have made the commitment to actively work toward making their communities a great place for people of all ages. AARP provides technical assistance to advance efforts to help people live easily and comfortably in their homes and communities and have their voices heard. Initiatives focus on areas such as housing, caregiving, community engagement, volunteering, social inclusion and combating isolation among older citizens.

- Saratoga and San Jose are current members of the AARP Network.
- AARP's partner's network is the World Health Organization's Global Network for Age-Friendly Cities and Communities, of which AARP is the official U.S. affiliate.
- For communities that have joined directly with WHO, AARP can provide additional assistance with age-friendly plan development.
- The AARP California office has recently hired a team in San Jose to expand capacity. Rafi Nazarians, Associate State Director, Community is the San Jose contact. rnazarians@aarp.org

LAC Report: Pat Showalter distributed Talking Points on the FAA and Infrastructure Funding for Transportation. These are good tools to use while visiting Congressional representatives during the National League of Cities Conference.

Discussion on Caltrain Funding. President Greg Scharff spoke of the importance of Caltrain Funding and its Electrification Project. President Scharff invited Carl Guardino, CEO of the Silicon Valley Leadership Group to speak regarding his group's efforts to speak to key representatives next week in Washington D.C. On Jan. 18, 2017, the Federal Transit Administration completed its rigorous evaluation of the Caltrain Electrification Project and favorably forwarded the proposed grant agreement to Congress for a mandatory 30-day review. This project received a Medium-High rating after a thorough two-year review by FTA staff to ensure sufficient local funding is in place. The project has been "shovel-ready" as of March 1. The Republican members of the California Congressional Delegation have attempted to stop the funding as they think it is a way to stop the High Speed Rail project. Carl stated the Caltrain project is a separate project for the electrification of Caltrain and he has arranged for a group of 78 CEOs, senior company officers, and elected officials to travel to Washington D.C. next week to hold small group meetings with key legislators. President Scharff suggested a letter from elected Republican officials in the Bay Area to the Republican Congressional Delegation regarding the importance of the Caltrain project to the region.

City Managers' Association Report: Interim Executive Director Joanne Benjamin shared the City Managers Association met on Wed., March 8 and discussed the Draft Police Chiefs' Association Letter and received a RHNA Subregion Update.

Recognition of Executive Director Raania Mohsen: President Scharff thanked Raania Mohsen for her dedication and exceptional work supporting the Cities Association the last seven years. She has helped forward the organization's priorities to enhance the quality of life for the people of our county and promoted cooperation and work among the cities and organizations on issues of mutual local interest.

Joys & Challenges:

- Gilroy – Immigration is a very sensitive issue and has been very impressed with the local police force in handling of the issue and displaying the roots of community policing.
- Saratoga – There has only been one bad mudslide in the city. Public Works did a great job cleaning up the slide and making the road passable.
- Campbell – Suggested signing up for Tom Cochran's Newsletter from the National League Cities. They are interesting. This week's letter spoke to the need to band together to fight the elimination of CDBG funds.
- Mountain View – The Council approved the building of the new Google Headquarters. The plans included the idea of Tech Tourism.
- Cupertino – The new Apple Headquarters are slated to open next month.
- Sunnyvale – Announced the Silicon Valley Clean Energy Board moved to modify the roll out and have Phase 3 combined with Phase 2 in July.
- Palo Alto – The Council voted to update its Accessory Dwelling Units (granny units) to include all 16,000 lots in Palo Alto and ADUs do not have a covered parking requirement.

Announcements:

- Carl Guardino announced the Lam Research Heart and Soles Run on March 25, 2017. The run/walk is dedicated to helping local children engage in healthy exercise and make better food choices on a daily basis.