



## NOVEMBER 2010 MEETING SUMMARIES

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

- Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD): re-appointed Council Member Ash Kalra, San Jose, to a term expiring January 2013.
- Recycling Waste & Reduction Commission (RWRC): appointed Council Member Susan Garner, Monte Sereno to a term expiring January 2017.
- Silicon Valley Regional Interoperability Authority (SVRIA): appointed Council Member Greg Scharff, Palo Alto as an Alternate to a term expiring October 2013.
- It was noted that the MTC appointment will be available for appointment in January 2011.

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

- Emily Harrison, of the Office of the County Executive of SCC, presented and requested feedback from the Cities Association on the county-wide PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy) financing program. There are currently two sets of contractor standards: 1) the HERCC (Home Energy Retrofit Coordinating Council) recommendations, which will be used by PG&E, ABAG and CaliforniaFIRST as their requirements; and 2) the County's additional requirements that will go beyond the basic requirements of HERCC. The county's additional requirements go beyond the minimum standards with the objective to build careers in the field that are sustainable and provide long term employment opportunities. The County would like to have one set of contractor standards for all the cities and the county in regards to the CaliforniaFIRST program to ease administrative needs and to make the programs more streamlined and understandable for residents and contractors. The City Managers Association has provided feedback. The Cities of Mountain View, Saratoga, Los Gatos, and San Jose have also provided feedback. Cities interested in providing direct feedback must submit it by November 30<sup>th</sup> to Emily Harrison.
- Shiloh Ballard, SVLG, presented on the Green Building Collaborative (GBC), which is a partnership between SVLG, the Cities Association, and others. GBC's goal is to encourage uniform/similar green building policy across jurisdictions that spurs green economy and improves the environment. Initial Accomplishment: near term policies have been adopted in some form by all cities and the county in SCC. The two recommended green building standards include LEED and the Green Point Rate system. With the adoption of CalGreen, BACC has made the following recommendations: 1) make sure building code and planning staff are trained on the new code; 2) for cities that wish to go above and beyond code, continue to use LEED and GPR; and 3) if you opt for a Tier, continue to allow LEED and GPR as additional paths to achieving green. The two tiers in CalGreen are not fully fleshed out. GBC recommends continuing moving ahead in adopting reach green building standards by using LEED and GPR, as stated in Phase II recommendations. Powerpoint presentation available at <http://www.sccca.gov/presentations-and-actions.php>.
- Muhammed Chaudhry, President & CEO of Silicon Valley Education Foundation (SVEF), presented on SVEF's objective to support Silicon Valley being the number one geographic area in California in the percentage of high school graduates

academically prepared for college and careers. Currently, 47.6% of graduates in SCC meet A-G requirements (or are ready for college after high school). SVEF has a \$5 million budget. SVEF directs its services to the 260,000 students and 33 school districts in SCC. In order to improve students' academic success in Silicon Valley, policy change, advocacy, and funding are needed. SVEF is focusing on assisting kids with meeting A-G requirements. For example, SVEF is working with the state to make sure that required classes are the "default" classes when children do not choose to opt-in so that they are prepared to apply for college when given the choice. Strategic initiatives include STEM (math and science skills), Summer Math Program, Lessonopoly, Teacher Innovation Grant Program, and Education Forum Program. Presentation available at <http://www.sccca.gov/presentations-and-actions.php>.

- Dean Chu, CSC Appointee, presented an MTC report. There is movement for the MTC to include additional direct representation for both San Jose and Oakland. This would then allow SCC to have three votes. In the last 6 months, the 2nd set of tower sections have been placed on the Bay Bridge; MTC has designated VTA to perform a study on 152; VTA purchased 90 hybrid buses to provide transportation throughout the bay area – nine of them are on-line now; MTC is about to start the update for the Regional Transportation plan, which usually takes about 2 ½ years to develop; MTC issued \$33 million to address climate protection, e.g. \$14 million will be used to build battery stations throughout region; High Speed Rail commission received a new grant from feds to build a demonstration track in Merced; based on MTC's study of the San Jose airport, the airport will be able to provide sufficient commercial air traffic through 2034, thus there is no need for Sunnyvale and Mountain View to provide commercial air traffic flights at Moffett Field. Dean's representation on MTC ends in February.
- The Nominating Committee's Recommendation for the Executive Board 2011 was presented and approved as follows:

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| <b>President:</b>                     | Melinda Hamilton, Sunnyvale      |
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:</b> | Sam Liccardo, San Jose           |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:</b> | Margaret Abe-Koga, Mountain View |
| <b>Secretary/Treasurer:</b>           | Steve Tate, Morgan Hill          |
| <b>Legislative Action Chair:</b>      | Ron Packard, Los Altos           |
| <b>Past President:</b>                | David Casas, Los Altos           |
| <b>CMA Liaison:</b>                   | Gary Luebbers, Sunnyvale         |

- Betsy Shotwell presented an update on the recent November election. There is much concern for the passage of Prop 26 and its poorly written language. The LCC will be addressing the issues of Prop 26. The state is claiming a \$20 billion budget deficit.

### **Joys and Challenges**

- Kathleen King reported that Measure Q has lost (by 40 votes, but votes are still being counted) and Saratoga will be hosting its Christmas Tree Lighting on November 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Dan Furtado reported that Campbell's Measures M (Business License Tax), N (Occupancy Tax), and O (appointment of Clerk and Treasurer) passed.
- Ronit Bryant, reported that Mountain View voters passed Measure T, Utility Users Tax.
- David Casas announced that Los Altos voters elected the youngest Council Member ever in its history; he is 23 years old, bright and articulate. Also, the Festival of Lights parade will take place the day after Thanksgiving – great fun for kids.

### **Announcements**

- Kathleen King announced that SVLG will be hosting an event focusing on the federal healthcare reform plan's affect on businesses, Monday at 1 pm – contact Emily Lam for more information
- David Casas announced the Sustainable Communities Strategy summit intended for all elected officials will take place at the SCC Chambers on Monday, November 8, 4 – 5:30 pm.
- David Casas announced the 2010 Cities Association Holiday Party will be hosted at the Los Altos Golf & Country Club on Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. He encouraged all to reserve the date. The Saratoga Taiko drums and Los Altos High School Choir will be providing musical entertainment. Tickets will be available for \$65/person. This year is the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of SCCCA. Regional organizations, e.g. SVLG, JVSV, SJSV Chamber of Commerce, will also be invited.