

**GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
JOINT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS and
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, October 3, 2012

5:30 p. m. Buffet

6:00 p. m. Meeting

Gateway Cities Council of Governments

16401 Paramount Boulevard

Paramount, California

AGENDA

STAFF REPORTS AND OTHER WRITTEN DOCUMENTS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS OFFICES, 16401 PARAMOUNT BOULEVARD, PARAMOUNT, CALIFORNIA. ANY PERSON HAVING QUESTIONS CONCERNING ANY AGENDA ITEM MAY CALL THE COG STAFF AT (562) 663-6850.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION: The Board of Directors will hear from the public on any item on the agenda or an item of interest that is not on the agenda. The Board of Directors cannot take action on any item not scheduled on the agenda. These items may be referred for administrative action or scheduled on a future agenda. Comments are to be limited to three minutes for each speaker, unless extended by the Board of Directors, and each speaker will only have one opportunity to speak on any one topic. You have the opportunity to address the Board of Directors at the following times:

- A. AGENDA ITEM: at this time the Board of Directors considers the agenda item OR during Public Comments, and
- B. NON-AGENDA ITEMS: during Public Comments, comments will be received for a maximum 20-minute period; any additional requests will be heard following the completion of the Board of Directors agenda; and
- C. PUBLIC HEARINGS: at the time for public hearings.

Please keep your comments brief and complete a speaker card for the President.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER**
- II. **ROLL CALL – BY SELF INTRODUCTIONS**
- III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- IV. **AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA** - This is the time and place to change the order of the agenda, delete or add any agenda item(s).
- V. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** - Three minutes for each speaker.

VI. MATTERS FROM STAFF

VII. CONSENT CALENDAR: All items under the Consent Calendar may be enacted by one motion. Any item may be removed from the Consent Calendar and acted upon separately by the Board of Directors.

- A. Approval of Minutes – Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of August 1, 2012 and Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting of September 3, 2012, are presented for approval.
- B. Approval of Warrant Register - Request for Approval of Warrant Register Dated October 3, 2012
- C. August 2012 Local Agency Investment Fund Statement
- D. Status Report from Lobbyist - Edington, Peel & Associates

CONSENT CALENDAR ACTION:

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS A THROUGH D.

VIII. REPORTS

15 Min

- A. Gateway Cities Air Quality Action Plan: Early Action Plan for Improving Air Quality – Presentation by Steve Lefever, Director of Community Development, City of South Gate

SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE REPORT, POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF

IX. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

3 Min

- A. Report from the Conservancy Committee – Oral Report

SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE REPORT, POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF

3 Min

- B. Report from the I-710 EIR/EIS Project Committee – Oral Report

SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE REPORT, POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF

3 Min

- C. Report from the SR-91/I-605/I-405 Corridor Cities Committee – Oral Report

SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE REPORT, POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF

D. Report from the Transportation Committee – Oral Report

3 Min SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE REPORT,
POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF

E. Report from the Committee on Homelessness – Oral Report

3 Min SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE REPORT,
POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF

F. California High Speed Rail – Oral Report

3 Min SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE REPORT,
POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF

**X. REPORTS – COMMITTEES/ AGENCIES – ALL COMMITTEE / AGENCY
REPORTS ARE LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES UNLESS ADDITIONAL TIME IS
GRANTED BY THE BOARD PRESIDENT**

A. Matters from The I-5 Consortium Cities Joint Powers Authority – Oral Report

3 Min SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE REPORT,
POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF

B. Matters from the League of California Cities – Oral Report

3 Min SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE REPORT,
POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF

3 Min C. Matters from Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) –
Oral Report

SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE REPORT,
POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF

3 Min D. Matters from the Orangeline Development Authority – Oral Report

SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE REPORT,
POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF

3 Min E. Matters from the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD)

SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE REPORT,
POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF

F. Matters from the Metro Gateway Cities Service Council – Oral Report

3 Min

SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE REPORT,
POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF

G. Conservation Corps Report – Oral Report

3 Min

SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE REPORT,
POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF

H. Matters from the Coalition for America's Gateways & Trade Corridors –
Oral Report

3 Min

SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE REPORT,
POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF

XI. MATTERS FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

XII. MATTERS FROM THE PRESIDENT

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

NOTICE: New items will not be considered after 9:00 p.m. unless the Board of Directors votes to extend the time limit. Any items on the agenda that are not completed will be forwarded to the next regular Board of Directors meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November 7, 2012, 6:00 PM.

IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES ACT, IF YOU NEED SPECIAL ASSISTANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING, PLEASE CONTACT THE COG OFFICE AT (562) 663-6850. NOTIFICATION 48 HOURS PRIOR TO THE MEETING WILL ENABLE THE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS TO MAKE REASONABLE ARRANGEMENT TO ENSURE ACCESSIBILITY TO THIS MEETING.

VII. CONSENT CALENDAR
Item A
Approval of Minutes

**MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
AND THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Gateway Cities Council of Governments
16401 Paramount Boulevard
Paramount, California
August 1, 2012**

President Daniels called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

PRESENT: President Gene Daniels, City of Paramount
First Vice President Sergio Infanzon, City of Bell Gardens
Second Vice President Tony Lima, City of Artesia
Immediate Past President Raymond Dunton, City of Bellflower
Member Michael Ponce, City of Avalon
Member Bruce Barrows, City of Cerritos
Member Joe Aguilar, City of Commerce
Member Lillie Dobson, City of Compton
Member Josue Barrios, City of Cudahy
Member Luis Marquez, City of Downey
Member Reynaldo Rodriguez, City of Hawaiian Gardens
Member Elba Guerrero, City of Huntington Park
Member Stan Carroll, City of La Habra Heights
Member Larry Mowles, City of La Mirada
Member Diane DuBois, City of Lakewood
Member Patrick O'Donnell, City of Long Beach
Member Jack Hadjinian, City of Montebello
Member Cheri Kelley, City of Norwalk
Member Luis Gonzalez, City of Santa Fe Springs
Member Edward H. J. Wilson, City of Signal Hill
Member Gil Hurtado, City of South Gate
Member William Davis, City of Vernon
Member Owen Newcomer, City of Whittier
Member Vincent Harris, Office of Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas

ABSENT: Member Ana Maria Quintana, City of Bell
Member from the City of Long Beach
Member Salvador Alatorre, City of Lynwood
Member Felipe Aguirre, City of Maywood
Member Bob Archuleta, City of Pico Rivera
Member Rick Velasquez, Office of Supervisor Don Knabe
Member Angie Castro, Office of Supervisor Gloria Molina
Ex Officio Member Christopher Lytle, Port of Long Beach

ALSO PRESENT: Signal Hill City Manager Ken Farfsing, Chair, City Managers Steering Committee; Commerce City Administrator Jorge Rifa; La Mirada Director of Public Works Steve Forster; Lakewood Director of Community Development Sonia Southwell; Long Beach Director of Government Affairs Tom Modica; Pico Rivera Public Works Director/City Engineer Art Cervantes; Pico Rivera Associate Engineer Gladis Deras; South Gate Director of Public Works/City Engineer Mohammad Mostahkami; Mike Cano, Transportation Deputy, Office of MTA Board Chairman Mike Antonovich; Metro Community Relations Manager David Hershensen; Marisa Perez, representing SCAQMD Board Member Judith Mitchell; SCAQMD Planning and Rules Manager Philip Fine; SCAQMD Senior Public Information Specialist Debra Ashby; I-5 JPA Executive Director Yvette Kirrin; Orangeline Development Authority Executive Director Michael Kodama; Mark R. Olson, Government Relations and Public Affairs Specialist, Nuffer, Smith & Tucker; Debby Tanouye, California Department of Food and Agriculture; Ken Pellman, County of Los Angeles Agricultural Commissioner's Office; Rye Baerg, Regional Policy Manager, Safe Route to School National Partnership; Frank Osgood, Author, Region Aroused; GCCOG Executive Director Richard Powers; GCCOG Deputy General Counsel Ivy Tsai; GCCOG Deputy Executive Director Jack Joseph; GCCOG Director of Regional Planning Nancy Pfeffer.

Roll was taken through self-introductions.

Member Aguilar led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

There were no public comments.

There were no matters from staff.

It was moved by member Hurtado, seconded by Member Guerrero, to approve the consent calendar. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mark R. Olson led a presentation on behalf of the California Department of Food and Agriculture and the County Agricultural Commissioner's Office on the threat to the region's citrus crop by the Asian citrus psyllid. This pest can carry one of the most devastating citrus diseases in the world. Mr. Olson said the State and County are very concerned about the spread of the psyllid in Los Angeles County, especially after a diseased tree was found in Hacienda Heights earlier this year. He referred the Board to materials he distributed concerning the citrus pest and disease prevention program. It was the consensus of the Board to receive and file the report.

Mike Cano, Transportation Deputy for MTA Board Chairman Mike Antonovich, briefed the Board on MTA's Regional Transportation Vision for 2012. He emphasized the need for cooperation across county lines on transportation projects, as well as among transit providers. He said the first full safety workshop at the MTA Board would be held on

September 5th. He said the LOSSAN corridor is a major issue, and that funding constraints may force a choice between the Regional Connector project and the Westside subway. It was the consensus of the Board to receive and file the report.

Philip Fine, Planning and Rules Manager for the South Coast Air Quality Management District, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the 2012 Air Quality Management Plan. He said the 2012 AQMP would be the District's tenth plan since the state requirement to develop a plan was implemented in 1979. He said the key elements of the plan involve reducing the amounts of particulate matter and ozone in the region. He summarized the measures in the plan to reduce emissions over the next ten and twenty years. It was the consensus of the Board to receive and file the report.

Signal Hill City Manager Ken Farfsing, Chairman of the City Managers Steering Committee, recommended the Board to authorize the sending of a letter to the Governor urging the reappointment of Mary Ann Lutz to the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board. He said the membership of the Board has been reduced from nine to seven members, including the elimination of the city representative. He said that, unless Mary Ann Lutz is appointed to fill one of the remaining seats, cities would have no representation on the Regional Water Quality Board.

It was moved by Member Barrows, seconded by Member Guerrero, to approve sending a letter to the Governor urging the reappointment of Mary Ann Lutz to the Regional Water Quality Control Board. The motion was approved unanimously.

There was no report from the Conservancy Committee.

The Deputy Executive Director presented a report from the I-710 EIR/EIS Project Committee. He reviewed the schedule for the public hearings on the draft EIR/EIS which would be held on August 7, 8, and 9 in Paramount, Long Beach, and Commerce, in that order.

The Deputy Executive Director presented a report from the SR-91/I-605/I-405 Corridor Cities Committee. He said several recommendations from the Technical Advisory Committee would be presented to the Corridor Cities Committee on August 22nd, including the initial final arterial highway conceptual plans; an arterial intersection congestion analysis report (with the top 40 intersections ranked for further study); a final freeway congestion analysis report; and approved traffic model runs.

It was the consensus of the Board to receive and file the two freeway corridor reports.

Member DuBois presented a report from the Transportation Committee. She said the MTA Board is in the process of placing a measure on the November ballot to extend Measure R for an additional 30 years. She said the MTA's Sustainability Policy is now mainly recommendations, not mandates. It was the consensus of the Board to receive and file the report.

The Executive Director presented a report from the Committee on Homelessness. He said the Board's action tonight approved the contract with PATH Partners to serve as the implementation agency for the Homeless Action Plan.

La Mirada Public Works Director Steve Forster presented a report on the California High Speed Rail project. He said the cities had requested to see the plans for the Los Angeles to Anaheim corridor. He said the next step would be for the High Speed Rail Authority to meet with the cities.

It was the consensus of the Board to receive and file the report from the Committee on Homelessness and the report on the High Speed Rail project.

Yvette Kirrin presented a report from the I-5 JPA. She said lane closures on I-5 would begin on August 13th between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 4:00 a.m. She said the Artesia Blvd. onramp would close daily between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. It was the consensus of the Board to receive and file the report.

Kristine Guerrero presented a report from the League of California Cities. She said the League's Board had authorized the commencement of litigation to challenge AB 1484, the redevelopment budget trailer bill. She said the state ballot measures had been sent to policy committees for review and possible positions. She announced the installation dinner to be held tomorrow night for the Los Angeles Division. She said Member Josue Barrios would be the new Treasurer and Member Bruce Barrows would be recognized as the outgoing President. It was the consensus of the Board to receive and file the report.

There was no report from SCAG.

OLDA Executive Director Michael Kodama presented a report from the Orangeline Development Authority. He said the alternatives analysis was going forward, and that the Authority had received a \$276,000 Transit Oriented Development grant from MTA. It was the consensus of the Board to receive and file the report.

Debra Ashby presented a report from the South Coast Air Quality Management District. She said the primary focus of the District at this time is on the outreach effort for the Air Quality Management Plan. She announced that the AQMD would be hosting a free "lunch and learn" event for seniors on September 20th at the Los Angeles Convention Center. It was the consensus of the Board to receive and file the report.

David Hershensen presented a report from the Metro Gateway Cities Service Sector. He said Metro had launched late night service on all rail lines on weekends until 2:00 a.m.

There was no report from the Conservation Corps of Long Beach.

There was no report from the Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors.

There were no matters from the Board of Directors.

President Daniels welcomed Board Member Hadjinian as the new representative from the City of Montebello.

Member Wilson moved that the meeting be adjourned.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Powers, Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
Gateway Cities Council of Governments
16401 Paramount Boulevard
Paramount, California
September 5, 2012**

President Daniels called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

PRESENT: President Gene Daniels, City of Paramount
Second Vice President Tony Lima, City of Artesia
Immediate Past President Raymond Dunton, City of Bellflower
Member Bruce Barrows, City of Cerritos (by telephone)
Member Cheri Kelley, City of Norwalk
Member Edward H. J. Wilson, City of Signal Hill
Member Gil Hurtado, City of South Gate
Member Connie Sziebl, Office of Supervisor Don Knabe

ABSENT: First Vice President Sergio Infanzon, City of Bell Gardens
Member Lillie Dobson, City of Compton
Member Diane DuBois, City of Lakewood
Member Patrick O'Donnell, City of Long Beach
Member from the City of Long Beach
Member Owen Newcomer, City of Whittier

ALSO PRESENT: Board Member Salvador Alatorre, City of Lynwood; GCCOG Executive Director Richard Powers; GCCOG Deputy General Counsel Ivy Tsai; GCCOG Deputy Executive Director Jack Joseph.

Roll was taken through self-introductions.

Member Wilson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

There were no public comments.

There were no matters from staff.

Member Sziebl asked if the warrant for PATH Partners was the first payment under their contract with the COG for implementation of the Homeless Action Plan. The Deputy Executive Director responded that it was. Member Sziebl asked if the Committee on Homelessness would be receiving regular reports from PATH Partners regarding their

activities. The Deputy Executive Director responded that PATH Partners would appear regularly before the Committee to report on their activities. It was moved by member Wilson, seconded by Member Hurtado, to approve the warrant register. The motion was approved unanimously.

There were no matters from the Executive Committee.

There were no matters from the President.

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 6:07 p.m.

VII. CONSENT CALENDAR
ITEM B
Approval of Warrant Register

**VII. CONSENT CALENDAR
ITEM C**

**August 2011 Local Agency Investment
Fund Statement**

Local Agency Investment Fund
P.O. Box 942809
Sacramento, CA 94209-0001
(916) 653-3001

www.treasurer.ca.gov/pmia-laif

September 21, 2012

PMIA Average Monthly Yields

Account Number:

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August
2012
Statement

Account Summary

Total Deposit:

Beginning Balance:

Total Withdrawal:

Ending Balance:

**VII. CONSENT CALENDAR
ITEM D**

**Status Report from Lobbyist - Edington,
Peel & Associates**

Monthly Report by Jim Dykstra to Gateway Cities COG
September 24, 2012

I and the firm Edington, Peel & Associates continue to provide a range of services in support of the Gateway Cities Council of Governments. These include participation in a number of meetings, telephonic, email and fax exchanges and other communications.

I continue to closely coordinate with Gateway Cities COG staff regarding efforts on behalf of the Gateway Cities COG's priorities and interests in the second session of the 112th Congress. I have had telephonic and electronic exchanges regarding possible funding opportunities and legislation of interest. I have also continued to work with the staff of the I-5 Joint Powers Authority on the I-5 widening initiative, the COG's number one priority.

I have provided information regarding the Transportation Reauthorization Act, which was signed into law by the President in July. MAP-21, as the legislation is known, provides continued transportation funding authorization for 27 months, through October 1, 2014, with a funding level of \$105 billion. Approval of this measure, often considered doubtful, was a significant achievement, especially in light of the contentious legislative environment on the Hill today.

I have had discussions with Gateway Cities COG officials regarding key priorities of the COG, including environmental matters relating to the I-710 Corridor project and job creation and economic revitalization efforts. Regarding the I-710 Corridor initiative, I provided information to Tim Del Monico, legislative director to Rep. Linda Sanchez, preparatory to his visit with Gateway Cities staff. in August. Following his meeting with Gateway Cities officials, he contacted the Environmental Protection Agency and provided the response he received from EPA to gateway Cities. On the job creation initiative, I have been in contact with Gateway Cities staff and provided information on approaches taken by other localities to promote jobs and economic revitalization.

I participate on behalf of the Gateway Cities COG in conference calls and email exchanges with staff of the Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors (CAGGTC) and provide Gateway Cities with information on CAGTC activities in Washington, DC.

I have continued discussions and email exchanges with staff of Members of Congress representing Gateway Cities COG members, as well as other key congressional staff, regarding the COG's legislative priorities.

As part of my responsibilities, I closely monitor legislation, as well as seminars, hearings, meetings and publications of key interest to legislators and senior executive branch officials for articles and information of possible interest and importance to member cities of the Gateway Cities COG. I attend Senate and House committee hearings, follow Senate and House floor proceedings, and track legislative initiatives pertinent to Gateway Cities COG interests and priorities.

**VIII. REPORTS
ITEM A**

**Gateway Cities Air Quality Action Plan:
Early Action Plan For Improving Air
Quality – Presentation by Steve Lefever,
Community Development Director, City
of South Gate**

IX. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES
ITEM A
Conservancy Committee

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Council Member Patrick O'Donnell
Council Member Edward Wilson

SUBJECT: San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Update

Background

The San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) was established by State Legislation in which the COG was an active participant. The Gateway Cities are represented on the RMC Board by two members listed above.

Issue

The RMC Board met on Monday, September 24th, 2012, in Bellflower.

RMC staff reported progress on several park projects in the Gateway Cities, including Bellflower Riverview Park, Colorado Lagoon restoration in Long Beach, and Huntington Park Trail and Open Space Development.

The RMC staff reported that a state budget bill newly signed into law, SB 1018, included a line item affecting the manner in which the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments selects its two members of the RMC governing board. The text of this provision is given below:

(36) Existing law establishes the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, and prescribes the functions, duties, and membership of the conservancy. Existing law requires that the governing board of the conservancy consist of 13 voting members and 7 nonvoting members, and requires that the voting members include 2 members of the board of directors of the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments, one of whom shall be a mayor or city council member of a city bordering along the San Gabriel River, and one of whom shall be a mayor or a city council member of a city bordering the San Gabriel Mountains area. Existing law further requires that one member be appointed by a majority of the membership of that board of directors, and one member be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules from a list of 2 or more potential members submitted by the board of directors.

This bill would authorize the Senate Committee on Rules, if the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments fails to provide to the Senate Committee on Rules a list of 2 or more potential members at least 30 days prior to the date a current appointee's term of office ends, to appoint a mayor or city council member of a city bordering along the San Gabriel River or the San Gabriel Mountains, or a

member of the public who resides within the territory of the conservancy.

Recommended Action

Receive and file this report.

**X. REPORTS –
COMMITTEES/AGENCIES
ITEM E**

**Matters from the South Coast Air Quality
Management District**

DATE: September 26, 2012
TO: Gateway Cities Council of Governments Board of Directors
FROM: Judith Mitchell, Governing Board Member, South Coast AQMD
RE: Update on South Coast AQMD Activities

October 5, 2012 Board Meeting

U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Grant for Zero-Emission Cargo Transport Demonstration Projects: The Board will consider the award of \$4.2 million in DOE grants for zero-emission cargo demonstration projects. The proposed projects are for the development and demonstration of zero-emission drayage trucks for goods movement operations in the Ports areas as follows:

Contractor	DOE Award	Number and Vehicle Type	Range	Charge Time
Balqon	\$ 975,000	3 Battery electric	100 miles	2-3 hours
TransPower	\$ 1,192,185	4 Battery electric	90 miles	2-3 hours
US Hybrid	\$ 993,810	2 Battery electric	100 miles	1.5 hours
Vision	\$ 1,008,120	4 Fuel cell hybrid	200 miles	
NREL	\$ 200,000	Data analysis		
TOTAL	\$ 1,008,120	\$4,169,000		

2012 Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP)

AQMD has concluded its public hearings and public comment period on the 2012 Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP). This is the agency's blueprint for reaching federally mandated, health-based clean air goals in the Southland. Once adopted by AQMD's Governing Board, as well as state and federal environmental agencies, the document becomes the legally enforceable plan for meeting the federal 24-hour PM2.5 (fine particulate) standard by 2014.

The adoption of the 2012 AQMP is tentatively scheduled for the **November 2, 2012** AQMD Board meeting at the District's headquarters in Diamond Bar, CA. The plan needs to be approved by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) and submitted to EPA by December 2012.

The draft AQMD and other supporting materials can be found at:
<http://www.aqmd.gov/aqmp/2012aqmp/index.htm>

Proposed Rule 2301

Proposed Rule 2301 - Control of Emissions from New or Redevelopment Projects is tentatively scheduled for Board approval on **December 7, 2012**. The proposed rule is designed to mitigate emission growth from new residential, commercial, industrial and institutional development, and redevelopment projects.

PR2301 would apply to any applicant that seeks to gain discretionary approval for a development project and is required to prepare a CEQA document whose operational emissions equal or exceed two (2.0) tons per year of NOx.

The proposed rule also includes a local government delegation option that allows a local or regional jurisdiction to adopt and implement PR2301 by ordinance, or to adopt by ordinance a local plan or a program that will attain overall emission reductions greater or equivalent to those achieved by the proposed rule. The delegation option provides an opportunity for local governments to incorporate the rule requirements into their local general plans, air quality and/or climate change policies and programs.

Local governments that choose the delegation option will be required to demonstrate adequate resources to adopt and enforce the ordinance. AQMD will perform audits to verify program implementation.

Port of Long Beach's Green Port Gateway

The Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners recently awarded a \$36.8 million construction contract for the "Green Port Gateway," a railroad project designed to enhance the Port of Long Beach's capacity for "on-dock rail" — which cuts down on truck traffic and air pollution.

State and federal funds helped to pay for the Gateway, designed to serve terminals like the \$1.2 billion Middle Harbor, currently under construction. The Green Port Gateway includes a major track realignment and development of a rail support yard.

The U.S Department of Transportation's TIGER III — Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery — program provided \$17 million and the state's Proposition 1B transportation measure provided \$31.75 million for the project. In addition to the construction contract, the total cost includes engineering design, utility relocation and construction management.

Construction could begin as early as November of this year and is expected to continue until July 2014. The project includes demolition and removal of existing tracks, laying of 29,000 linear feet of new tracks and building of 6,000 linear feet of retaining walls. The improvements will minimize derailments and optimize rail traffic flow to and from waterfront terminals. The contractor is Ames Construction Inc. of Corona.

The Green Port Gateway Project is the first of four rail projects expected to begin over the next year to enhance on-dock rail, which allows terminals to load containers right on their facilities rather than having them trucked to rail yards outside the Port. It's also part of the larger San Pedro Bay Ports Rail Enhancement Program, which includes several projects by the Port of Long Beach, the Port of Los Angeles and the Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority.

Release of Caltrans/Metro I-710 Draft EIR

Caltrans and Metro have released the I-710 Draft EIR/EIS. Caltrans has extended the comment period until **September 28, 2012**. Written comments can be submitted to: Ronald Kosinski, Caltrans District 7, Division of Environmental Planning, 100 South Main Street, MS 164, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Adoption of the final I-710 Corridor Project EIR/EIS is planned for 2013.

The draft EIR includes five alternatives:

- Alternative 1 – No build improvements
- Alternative 5A – I-710 widening, modernize I-710 geometrics, arterial system improvements, TSM/TDM and ITS, no build improvements
- Alternative 6A – Freight corridor (dedicated truck lanes), I-710 widening, modernize I-710 geometrics, arterial system improvements, TSM/TDM and ITS, no build improvements
- Alternative 6B – Zero emissions and automated guidance freight corridor (dedicated truck lanes), I-710 widening, modernize I-710 geometrics, arterial system improvements, TSM/TDM and ITS, no build improvements
- Alternative 6C - Zero emissions and automated guidance freight corridor (dedicated truck lanes), tolling feature (public private partnership), I-710 widening, modernize I-710 geometrics, arterial system improvements, TSM/TDM and ITS, no build improvements

The Draft Environmental Impact Report/Statement may be viewed on the following website:
<http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist07/resources/envdocs/docs/710corridor/>

AQMD Clean Air Awards

The 24th Annual Clean Air Awards Luncheon will be held on **October 12, 2012** at 11:30 am at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel -- Crystal Room, 506 South Grand Ave., Los Angeles,

CA 90071. Reservations are being accepted to attend the luncheon. Tickets are \$40 per person or \$400 for a table of 10.

To make a reservation or request more information please call (909) 396-2221, or e-mail: caawards@aqmd.gov or you can register online at <http://www.aqmd.gov/tao/CleanAirAwards.htm>

Each year, the SCAQMD recognizes companies, organizations and individuals who have made a significant contribution to cleaning the air and creating a more sustainable economy. Awards are presented in the following categories:

- Advancement of Air Pollution Control Technology
- Innovative Transportation Projects
- Model Community Achievements
- Public Education on Air Quality Issues
- Promotion of Good Environmental Stewardship

Additional awards are the S. Roy Wilson Memorial Award for Leadership in Government and the Robert M. Zweig M.D. Award for outstanding contributions in the field of medicine or air pollution health research.

Other Events and Meetings

Green California Schools Summit, September 27-28, 2012, Pasadena Civic Center: The Green California Schools Summit was established to provide a meeting place for stakeholders in the greening of California's schools - from facility managers, finance officers, teachers and administrators to architects, engineers and curriculum developers. As one of the nation's largest annual green school events, the Summit provides a unique opportunity to share innovations in policy, technology and practice. For more details, visit <http://green-technology.org/gcschools>

AltCar Expo & Conference, September 28-29, 2012, Santa Monica Civic Auditorium: The AltCar Expo and Conference provides one of the most extensive presentations of Alternative technology vehicles and transportation, infrastructure, renewable energies, energy efficiency and urban planning found worldwide. The AltCar Ride & Drive Area offers a rare hands-on experience with all technologies. There is free Admission to the Expo Hall, Ride & Drive and most programming. For more details, visit <http://www.altcarexpo.com>

Southern California Energy Summit, "Energy, Climate, Sustainability, Green Jobs, October 4-5, 2012, Palm Springs, CA: Join regional leaders from the Counties of Inyo, Mono, Kern, Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Riverside and Imperial to discuss the

opportunities, challenges and solutions facing the various renewable energy industries of Southern California.

For more details, visit <http://www.SoCalEnergySummit.org>

California Clean Energy Roundtable, Oct 17-19, 2012 Laguna Beach, CA: Montreux Energy organizes senior-level strategy roundtables on the future of global energy investment. Since 1990, over 7000 leaders have participated in Montreux Energy roundtables. The roundtables are broad and comprehensive discussions of the landscape for energy supply, demand, and emissions over a practical, five- to ten-year investment horizon.

For more details, visit <http://www.montreuxenergy.com/roundtables/california2012>

September 7, 2012 Board Meeting

The AQMD Governing Board met on Friday, September 7, 2012. The Board voted to **acquire 5 alternative fuel vehicles** to be used for demonstration, outreach, testing, and data collection. This includes two Chevrolet Volts, two Mercedes F-Cells and one Honda Fit EV.

The Board also approved a **measure that will reduce emissions from the 55 large biogas-powered engines operating across the Southland that produce power from landfill and wastewater gases**. The Board adopted revisions to AQMD's Rule 1110.2 – Emissions from Gaseous- and Liquid-Fueled Engines to extend the compliance deadline from July 1, 2012 to January 1, 2016 for biogas-fueled engines to meet lower emission limits. This action follows a lengthy technology assessment required by the rule to address availability, feasibility, cost-effectiveness, compliance and global warming gas impacts of biogas-fueled engine control technologies.

Although fired with renewable fuel, biogas-fueled engines are as much as 55 times more polluting than a large central power plant on a kilowatt-hour basis. Biogas is a by-product of municipal wastewater treatment and landfill operations and is used in engines to produce electricity for facility operations.

The Board's action will help the region meet federal health-based standards for particulate matter (PM2.5) and ozone by reducing 334 tons per year of NOx emissions, 178 tons per year of VOC emissions and 7,302 tons per year of CO emissions.