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

Wednesday, September 7, 2011
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. <u>AGENDA ITEM</u>: at this time the Board of Directors considers the agenda item OR during Public Comments, and
- B. <u>NON-AGENDA ITEMS</u>: 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 3, 2011are presented for approval. Approval receives and files the minutes of August 3<sup>rd</sup>, Board of Directors meeting.
  - B. Approval of Warrant Register Request for Approval of Warrant Register Dated September 7, 2011
  - C. July 2011 Local Agency Investment Fund Statement
  - D. Status Report from Lobbyist Edington, Peel & Associates
  - E. Approval of Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement between John L. Hunter & Associates, Inc. and Gateway Cities Council of Governments to Continue the Development of the Implementation Plan for Jurisdictional Group #1 of the Los Angeles River Metals TMDL
  - F. Amendment to Agreement Between Gateway Cities Council of Governments and Edington, Peel & Associates
  - G. Request for Letter of Support for Los Angeles County Regional Broadband Consortium

## **CONSENT CALENDAR ACTION:**

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

## VIII. REPORTS

A. Metro Eastside Phase II Update – Presentation by MTA Staff and Arrellano & Associates

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

## IX. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

- A. Report from the Conservancy Committee Oral Report
- 3 Min SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO HEAR REPORT, POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF
  - B. Report from the I-710 EIR/EIS Project Committee Oral Report
- 3 Min SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO HEAR REPORT, POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF
  - C. Report from the SR-91/I-605/I-405 Corridor Cities Committee Oral Report
- 3 Min SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO HEAR REPORT, POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF
  - D. Report from the Transportation Committee Oral Report
- 3 Min
  SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO HEAR REPORT, POSSIBLE ACTION
  AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF
- E. Report from the Committee on Homelessness Oral Report

  SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO HEAR REPORT, POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF
- **3 Min** F. California High Speed Rail Oral Report

В.

3 Min

SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO HEAR 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

  SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO HEAR REPORT, POSSIBLE ACTION

  AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF

Matters from the League of California Cities – Oral Report

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

- Matters from Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Oral Report
- 3 Min SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO HEAR REPORT, POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF
  - D. Matters from the Orangeline Development Authority Oral Report
- 3 Min SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO HEAR REPORT, POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF
  - E. Matters from the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD)
- 3 Min SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO HEAR 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 HEAR REPORT, POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF
  - G. Conservation Corps Report Oral Report
- SUGGESTED ACTION: A MOTION TO HEAR 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 HEAR REPORT, POSSIBLE ACTION AND/OR GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF
  - XI. MATTERS FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
  - XII. MATTERS FROM THE PRESIDENT
  - XIII. ADJOURNMENT

<u>NOTICE:</u> 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, October 5, 2011, 9:00 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 3, 2011

First Vice President Daniels called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

PRESENT: First Vice President Gene Daniels, City of Paramount

Second Vice President Sergio Infanzon, City of Bell Gardens

Immediate Past President Gil Hurtado, City of South Gate

Member Tony Lima, City of Artesia

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 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 Felipe Aguirre, City of Maywood

Member Alberto Perez, City of Montebello

Member Cheri Kelley, City of Norwalk

Member David Armenta, City of Pico Rivera

Member Joseph Serrano, City of Santa Fe Springs

Member Edward H. J. Wilson, City of Signal Hill

Member William Davis, City of Vernon

Member Greg Nordbak, City of Whittier

Member Connie Sziebl, Office of Supervisor Don Knabe

Member Vincent Harris, Office of Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas

ABSENT: President Raymond Dunton, Bellflower

Member Ana Maria Quintana, City of Bell

Member Reynaldo Rodriguez, City of Hawaiian Gardens

Member Elba Guerrero, City of Huntington Park

Member Robert Garcia, City of Long Beach

Member Maria Teresa Santillan, City of Lynwood

Member Angie Castro, Office of Supervisor Gloria Molina

Ex Officio Member Richard Steinke, Port of Long Beach

ALSO PRESENT: Signal Hill City Manager Ken Farfsing, Chair, City Managers Steering Committee; Commerce City Administrator Jorge Rifa; Pico Rivera City

Manager Ronald Bates; La Mirada Director of Public Works Steve Forster; Lakewood Director of Community Development Sonia Southwell; Long Beach Director of Government Affairs Tom Modica; South Gate Director of Public Works Mohammad Mostahkami; MTA Project Manager Adrian Alvarez; Metro Community Relations Manager David Hershensen; SCAQMD Senior Public Information Specialist Debra Ashby; SCAG Public Affairs Officer Matt Horton; Yvette Kirrin, Executive Director, I-5 JPA; OLDA Executive Director Michael Kodama; Susan DeSantis, Senior Associate, Arellano Associates; Scott Broten, ICF; Frank Osgood, Author, Region Aroused; GCCOG Executive Director Richard Powers; GCCOG Deputy General Counsel Ivy Tsai; Deputy Executive Director Jack Joseph; GCCOG Transportation Deputy Karen Heit; GCCOG Engineer Jerry Wood; GCCOG Director of Regional Planning Nancy Pfeffer.

Roll was taken through self-introductions.

Member Nordbak led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

Cesar Zaldivar-Motts, Executive Director of the Southeast Community Development Corporation (SCDC), addressed the Board and requested a letter of support for a grant application for a Regional Technology Initiative. He said the initiative is a free program to lower income people to promote computer use. He said the state legislature had provided funding for technology initiatives and the Public Utilities Commission had set aside \$2.5 million for Los Angeles County. Mr. Zaldivar-Motts said that five groups had come together to propose a program to cover the entire county, under which the SCDC would expand its existing program among its member cities to the entire Gateway Cities region. He said about \$450,000 of the grant would be used in the Gateway Cities area.

Second Vice President Infanzon said he is familiar with the SCDC's program in his city and endorsed the program.

Second Vice President Daniels suggested that Mr. Zaldivar-Motts provide information to the Executive Director and that the matter be placed on the following month's agenda for action by the Board.

There were no matters from staff.

It was moved by Member Lima, seconded by Member Armenta, to approve the consent calendar. The motion was approved unanimously.

MTA Project Manager Adrian Alvarez gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Gateway Cities COG Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP). He provided a status update on the project and reviewed the project's purpose and mission, schedule, and participation framework. Mr. Alvarez said the purpose of the AQAP is fivefold: 1) determine and quantify existing air quality; 2) determine effectiveness of near-term air quality improvements; 3) analyze

possible new air quality improvements; 4) develop a conceptual plan to implement and measure air quality improvements; and 5) work with regional, state, and federal agencies, industry stakeholders, and local communities to develop consensus for the plan. He said the COG and agencies could use the AQAP as a "toolbox" of measures that could be implemented to improve air quality.

The Executive Director commented that the AQAP was the result of the community participation process in the I-710 Major Corridor Study.

It was moved by Member Lima, seconded by Second Vice President Infanzon, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member Wilson presented a report from the Conservancy Committee. He said that funding is being released for new projects. He reported that the Conservancy is close to hiring a new executive director. It was moved by Member DuBois, seconded by Immediate Past President Hurtado, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Jerry Wood presented a report from the I-710 EIR/EIS Project Committee. He said the project is on schedule and that the project is moving forward with certain early action projects, including a feasibility study for sound walls and various utilities studies.

Jerry Wood presented a report from the SR-91/I-605/I-405 Corridor Cities Committee. He said the traffic modeling is basically done. He said the consultants would next be making projections to 2035. He said what will come out of this is a master plan for arterial streets. He said next month SCAG will be invited to report on its goods movement study. It was moved by Immediate Past President Hurtado, seconded by Member Carroll, to receive and file the I-710 and SR-91/I-605/I-405 reports. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member DuBois presented a report from the Transportation Committee. She said she expected a "Green Policy" for MTA projects to be approved tomorrow by the MTA Board. It was moved by Member Lima, seconded by Second Vice President Infanzon, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Executive Director presented a report from the Committee on Homelessness. He said staff is working on the final draft of a contract with the County for the Homeless Action Plan Implementation project. It was moved by Member DuBois, seconded by Member Aguilar, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Executive Director presented a report on the California High Speed Rail project. He said the High Speed Rail Authority had hired Tim Buresh as its Southern California director. He said Mr. Buresh had formerly worked with the Alameda Corridor Authority. It was moved by Immediate Past President Hurtado, seconded by Member DuBois, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Yvette Kirrin presented a report from the I-5 JPA. She said the right-of-way acquisition is happening in Santa Fe Springs, Norwalk, and Downey. She said the Authority if currently

focused on being advocates for residents and businesses that will be impacted by the acquisition process. It was moved by Member Aguilar, seconded by Member Lima, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

There was no report from the League of California Cities.

Matt Horton presented a report from SCAG. He said SCAG would be holding a number of workshops on the Regional Transportation Plan later this month, including August 16<sup>th</sup> at SCAG and August 23<sup>rd</sup> in Carson. It was moved by Immediate Past President Hurtado, seconded by Second Vice President Infanzon, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Michael Kodama presented a report from the Orangeline Development Authority. He said OLDA is working with SCAG and MTA on station locations. He said OLDA had met yesterday with SCAG regarding possible low speed maglev. It was moved by Member Barrows, seconded by Immediate Past President Hurtado, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Debra Ashby presented a report from the South Coast Air Quality Management District. She reported that a draft Air Quality Energy Policy would be the subject of three upcoming hearings. She said the SCAQMD had instituted a permit amnesty program through the end of the year for companies that are struggling financially. It was moved by Immediate Past President Hurtado, seconded by Member Davis, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

David Hershensen presented a report from the Metro Gateway Cities Service Sector. He said there would be no service changes this round. He reported that the cost of a day pass had been reduced from \$6 to \$5. It was moved by Immediate Past President Hurtado, seconded by Member Lima, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

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.

First Vice President Daniels made a presentation to Immediate Past President Hurtado recognizing him for his outstanding service as President of the Board of Directors.

**Adjournment:** It was the consensus of the Board to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Powers, Secretary

# VII. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM B Approval of Warrant Register

# VII. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM C July 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 August 30, 2011

**PMIA Average Monthly Yields** 

**Account Number:** 

40-19-045

## GATEWAY CITIES C

Transactions
Tran Type Definitions

July 2011 Statement

Effective Date	Transaction Date		Confirm Number	Authorized Caller	Amount
7/1/2011	7/1/2011	RD	1322196	JACK JOSEPH	100,000.00
7/15/2011	7/14/2011	QRD	1325270	SYSTEM	1,321.41

## **Account Summary**

Total Deposit:

101,321.41

Beginning Balance:

1,058,197.97

Total Withdrawal:

Ending Balance:

1,159,519.38

# VII. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM D Status Report from Lobbyist - Edington, Peel & Associates

## Monthly Report by Jim Dykstra to Gateway Cities COG - August 24, 2011

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 continued close coordination with Gateway Cities COG staff regarding efforts on behalf of the Gateway Cities COG's priorities and interests in the 112<sup>th</sup> Congress. I have had telephonic and electronic exchanges regarding possible funding opportunities. I 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 participate on Gateway Cities' behalf in conference calls and email exchanges with the Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors and have provided follow up concerning matters discussed at the annual CAGTC conference held in May. I suggested Gateway Cities provide an article on its initiatives for the CAGTC newsletter, and efforts are underway for that to take place in coming months.

As I have reported, both the Senate and House have indicated they are not including any earmarks in the FY12 appropriations process. Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard still accepted requests and I am in regular touch with her office on behalf of Gateway Cities.

I have continued to focus on follow up with the Gateway Cities COG's elected Representatives in the House of Representatives and have kept the Gateway Cities COG informed of the status of the Transportation Reauthorization Act. Rep. John Mica (R-FL), chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, has laid out his proposal for a scaled down six year measure, and Sen. Barbara Boxer, chair of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, has released information on her proposal for a two year bill at a higher annual funding level. Both have indicated they hope to secure passage of the legislation in the first session of this Congress, and the Administration has said that is its goal as well. Funding of a bill remains the most difficult and contentious issue.

I have continued discussions and email exchanges with staff of Members of Congress representing Gateway Cities members, as well as other key congressional staff, regarding the COG's legislative priorities. On August 16, I met over lunch with Joe Sheehy, legislative director to Rep. Grace Napolitano, a member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

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.

## VII. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM E

Approval of Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement between John L. Hunter & Associates, Inc. and Gateway Cities Council of Governments to Continue the Development of the Implementation Plan for Jurisdictional Group #1 of the Los Angeles River Metals TMDL

**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** Kenneth C. Farfsing, Chair of the City Managers Steering Committee

SUBJECT: Approval of Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement with John L. Hunter &

Associates, Inc. to continue the development of the Implementation Plan for

Jurisdictional Group #1 of the Los Angeles River Metals TMDL

## **Background**

The Los Angeles River and Tributaries Metals Total Maximum Daily Load (LAR Metals TMDL) adopted by the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) on September 6, 2007, required all Los Angeles River (LAR) watershed cities and agencies to develop a coordinated implementation plan to reduce the amount of metals pollutants in the Los Angeles River its tributaries. The Regional Board divided the Los Angeles River into six separate Reaches and the agencies of each Reach were required to submit Implementation Plans.

The agencies that are tributary to Reach 1 are collectively referred to as Jurisdictional Group 1 (JG1), which consisted of the cities of: Carson, Compton, Huntington Park, Lakewood, Long Beach, Lynwood, Signal Hill and South Gate and Caltrans. The agencies of JG1 previously requested the Gateway Cities Council of Governments to act as the fiduciary agent to enter into a contract with John L. Hunter & Associates, Inc. (JLHA) for the preparation of an Implementation Plan. The COG Board approved of this arrangement and the Agreement was entered into on November 4, 2009. The required Implementation Plan was submitted to the Regional Board on time (January 11, 2011).

The Regional Board has now approved the Implementation Plan and the agencies of JG1 are requesting that the Gateway Cities extend the existing agreement through April 30, 2012. The purpose of the extension is for JLHA to further develop implementation milestones as detailed in the attached Exhibit B. The contract addendum is attached as Exhibit A. The total costs will be approximately \$210,000, of which \$10,000 will reimburse the COG's administrative costs. The approximate cost to each agency is detailed in the attached Exhibit C.

## <u>Issue</u>

The COG has supported our member cities within the Los Angeles River watershed with invoicing and auditing services for these types of contracts. The COG fully recovers these administrative costs.

## **Recommended Action**

Approve of the request from the cities within JG1 for the Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement with John L. Hunter & Associates, Inc. to continue the development of the

Implementation Plan for the Jurisdictional Group # 1 of the Los Angeles River Metals TMDL.

## **Exhibits**

- A. Amendment No. 1 to the Memorandum of Agreement between the Gateway Cities Council of Governments and John L. Hunter and Associates regarding continued assistance with the Implementation Plan for the Los Angeles River and Tributaries Metals Total Maximum Daily Load
- B. Scope of Work
- C. Estimated Cost to Individual Agencies

## Amendment Number 1 to Agreement for Consulting Services by and between Gateway Cities Council of Governments and John L. Hunter & Associates, Inc.

The Agreement for Consulting Services by and between the Gateway Cities Council of Governments ("Agency") and John L. Hunter & Associates, Inc. ("Consultant") entered into as of November 4, 2009, is amended as follows:

### Recitals

Whereas, Agency and Consultant entered into an Agreement wherein Consultant agreed to provide professional services to develop an Implementation Plan for the Metals TMDL for Reach 1 of the Los Angeles River and Compton Creek; and

Whereas, the Consultant performed these services, submitting the Implementation Plan to the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region on October 11, 2010; and

Whereas, the original Agreement has expired; and

Whereas, the Gateway Cities Council of Governments desires to amend the Agreement to extend the term and to require additional professional services to be provided by Consultant;

## Now, therefore, the parties hereto do agree as follows:

<u>Section 1.</u> The term of the Agreement is hereby extended through January 12, 2012, unless earlier terminated pursuant to the Section 20 of the Agreement dated November 4, 2009.

<u>Section 2.</u> The Scope of work to be performed by Consultant under this Amendment is attached as Exhibit A.

<u>Section 3.</u> Except as modified or changed herein, all other provisions and terms of the Agreement dated November 4, 2009, shall remain in full force and effect.

	GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS	
	Raymond Dunton, President	
TTEST:		

RICHARD R. POWERS, Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:	
RICHARD D. JONES Legal Counsel	
	JOHN L. HUNTER & ASSOCIATES, INC.
	JOHN L. HUNTER President

## ATTACHMENT B Scope of Work Jurisdictional Group 1 (JG1) For Reach 1 of the Los Angeles River and Compton Creek

## Task 1 – Ongoing Revisions and Updates

Ongoing revisions and updates to Implementation Plan, including: revisions to acreages, improvement to maps, Low Impact Development (LID) ordinances, and Effectiveness Assessments; communication with various agencies including, but not limited to: California Stormwater Quality Association (CASQA), California Product Stewardship Council (CPSC), and the Regional Water Board; and new memoranda of understanding (MOAs), agreements, etc., as necessary.

100 hrs @ \$155 \$ 15,500 80 hrs @ \$ 95 \$ 7,600 \$ 23,100

## Task 2 – Compliance Demonstration Model

Recent comments by Regional Water Board Staff indicate that the Regional Board will want a model demonstrating that implementation of the JG1 Implementation Plan will achieve compliance with the assumptions and requirements of the waste load allocations (WLAs) contained in the Los Angeles River Metals TMDLs before the TMDLs are incorporated into the new MS4 permit or permits. This information is necessary in order for the staff to incorporate sufficient information in the permit's administrative record to provide an adequate demonstration that expressing water quality-based effluent criteria as BMPs in the new MS4 permit or permits, and the BMPs required by the permit(s), will be sufficient to implement the applicable WLAs.

This task includes development of an acceptable spreadsheet or use of an equivalent County-wide model describing efforts of the JG1 Implementation Plan toward achieving compliance with the assumptions and requirements of the waste load allocations (WLAs), including: development of spread sheet model and description of model results, description and justification of assumptions included in the model, and incorporation of source controls.

115 hrs @ 155 \$17,825

90 hrs @ 95 \$ 8,550 \$26,375

## Task 3 – Analysis of Street Sweeping Effectiveness

Completing an acceptable compliance demonstration model requires a detailed analysis of street sweeper effectiveness to provide the basis for street sweeping effectiveness assumptions. This task includes a literature survey and analysis of recent street sweeping effectiveness studies, including San Diego street sweeping studies and others relevant to operational source control of metals through enhanced street sweeping. This task also will

include a detailed analysis of the municipal street sweeping programs within the 2,857-acre Bullis Drain Sub-watershed and preparation of documented street sweeping effectiveness assumptions for use in the compliance demonstration model. This will be necessary to demonstrate compliance with the January 2012 Metals TMDLs milestone.

95 hrs @ 155 \$14,725 40 hrs @ 95 \$ 3,800 \$18,525

## Task 4 – Improvement of Dominguez Gap Wetlands Operations

Dominguez Gap Wetlands operations need to be brought into compliance with operations as described in the Dominguez Gap environmental impact report (EIR). This will allow JG1 to be in compliance with dry and wet weather waste load allocations (WLAs) for almost 15% of the jurisdictional area.

This task involves coordination with the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works (DPW) to improve operations of the Dominguez Gap Wetlands project to reduce the discharge of runoff to the Los Angeles River during smaller rain events. Some of the major items include:

- Strategy Development to ensure runoff reduction
- Preparation of documentation required for County evaluation
- Preparation of graphs showing data reflecting Dominguez Gap Water Flow Management
- Coordination with County DPW staff to promote operations improvements
- Work with DPW management to facilitate decisions on operations improvements
- Work with County Board of Supervisor staff to facilitate management decisions

75 hrs @ 155 \$11,625 35 hrs @ 95 \$3,325 \$14,950

## **Task 5 – Outreach to Priority Industries**

The JG1 Implementation Plan specifies that during implementation Phase 1A, outreach will be conducted to priority industries identified as having a high probability of generating metals; trucking companies; facilities with large parking lots; and automotive repair facilities to encourage implementation of operational source control BMPs. This task includes assistance to municipalities in the targeted subwatersheds through assisting the Technical Committee with development of outreach materials to be delivered or mailed to metals handling businesses, large private parking lot owners industry groups, and automotive repair facilities.

40 hours @ \$95/hour \$3,800 Printing cost allowance \$1,000 \$4,800

## Task 6 - Development of a "Credit toward Compliance" Proposal

The JG1 Implementation Plan sets forth an adaptive, performance-based management approach utilizing best management practices (BMPs) as the measure of complying with the assumptions and requirements of the WLAs contained in the TMDLs for the Los Angeles River. The Implementation Plan also includes a proposal that this approach be incorporated into the relevant MS4 permits. To accomplish these goals, a credit toward compliance system must be negotiated with the Regional Water Board to provide a mechanism to receive credit from true and operational source control programs in order for JG1 to be deemed in compliance for TMDL milestones.

### The task includes:

- Negotiation with Regional Water Board staff (Sam Unger, Deb Smith and Renee Purdy)
- Proposal for Development of Credit Toward Compliance Approach for JG1
- Progress reports on negotiations with Regional Water Board staff
- JG1 Proposal for Deemed Compliant Determination for January 11, 2012 Milestone

90 hrs @ 155 \$ 13,950 35 hrs @ 95 \$ 3,325 \$ 17,275

## Task 7 – Flow Monitoring

Preliminary results of the Coordinated Monitoring Plan suggest that wet weather discharges are likely to be the most significant obstacle for achieving TMDL objectives. Without a Tier 2 site located near the mouth of Compton Creek, two consecutive exceedences of TMDL limits in the LA River at Wardlow during effectiveness monitoring will trigger Tier 3 monitoring. Establishment of a monitoring site at the mouth of East Compton Creek is first intended to provide accurate wet-weather flow measurements that can be used to validate estimates of discharge volumes the model (Task 2). Implementation of a wet weather flow monitoring site near the mouth of the creek will also establish the major infrastructure improvements needed to quantify metal loads this important watershed if necessary in subsequent years.

- Obtain encroachment permits for access to site and installation of conduit and sensors in the channel.
- Run conduit under the access road to the trucking facility near the site.
- Establish concrete pad and steel enclosure for containment of equipment.
- Explore options for sources of power and communications to the site, availability of rain gauge data in the watershed, and potential for a rain gauge on site. Install a rain gauge, if necessary.
- Install an AVB flow meter for continuous measurement of all stormwater discharges for the 2010/2011 storm season.
- Conduct maintenance and collect manual flow data for verification of AVB flow measurements
- Develop draft and final reports with data files documenting rainfall and runoff.

75 hrs @ \$155 \$11,625 90 hrs @\$95 \$8,550 Equipment/expendables \$10,500 \$30,675

## **Task 8 – Treatment Control Site Analysis**

The JG1 Implementation Plan specifies the installation of water capture infiltration and/or use of structural BMPs, if feasible and grant funding is available. South Park in the City of Compton has been tentatively selected as a site for such a structural BMP. This site would serve the Compton Creek East Branch watershed, which constitutes 42.6% of the Jurisdictional Group Area. The essential first element of constructing such a structural BMP is to determine if the site is suitable for the BMP. This task includes geotechnical and infiltration testing to assist in developing the basis of the design and sizing for a potential project at this site.

Field Investigation & Testing \$21,632 44 hours @ \$95/hr \$4,180 \$25,812

## **Task 9 – Compliance Reporting**

The Regional Board will likely request a report documenting compliance shortly after the Metals TMDL is incorporated into the next MS4 permit(s). At this point, the format and level of detail the Board will require for such a report is uncertain. This task will utilize materials and reports developed in previous Tasks to prepare a report documenting efforts towards compliance with the requirements of the January 2012 milestone date.

Budgetary Allotment \$9,000 (Each task 2-8 is to have its own report facilitating this task)

## Task 10 - JG1 Technical Committee Meetings

Organize and attend meetings of the JG1 Technical Committee and provide meeting summaries to JG1 Technical Committee members.

120 hrs @ 155/hr \$18,600

Prepare for and participate in Technical Committee conference calls.

70 hrs @ 155/hr \$10,850 \$29,450

Total Attachment A: \$199,962

All tasks are estimates and resources may be shifted from one task to another at the discretion of the Technical Committee based upon the needs of demonstrating progress towards compliance.

Reach 1 Metals TMDL Payment Record Payment Record through June 16, 2011

## **Exhibit C**

	Cost %	Phase 1 costs (develop IP)	Total Paid	Overpaid or underpaid	Phase II cost	New Total Due
Caltrans	5.27%	11,910.20	13,827.88	1,917.68	11,067.00	9,149.32
Carson	2.84%	6,418.00	6,413.38	-4.62	5,964.00	5,968.62
Compton	32.04%	72,410.40	73,011.90	601.50	67,284.00	66,682.50
Huntington Park	2.28%	5,153.00	10,549.85	5,396.85	5,229.00	-167.85
Lakewood	2.49%	5,627.00	5,623.44	-3.56	4,788.00	4,791.56
Long Beach	25.10%	56,726.00	25,145.32	-31,580.68	52,710.00	84,290.68
Lynwood	12.58%	28,430.80	30,406.22	1,975.42	26,418.00	24,442.58
Signal Hill	2.48%	5,605.00	5,601.14	-3.86	5,208.00	5,211.86
South Gate	14.92%	33,719.00	33,712.18	-6.82	31,332.00	31,338.82
Total	100.00%	\$225,999.40	\$204,291.31		210,000.00	
		Incl COG			incl COG	
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		cost of			of 2nd	
		\$10,000			\$10,000	
		Incl purchase of City of LA data @ \$16k				

## VII. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM F

Amendment to Agreement Between Gateway Cities Council of Governments and Edington, Peel & Associates **TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** Richard Powers, Executive Director

**SUBJECT:** Amendment to Agreement Between Gateway Cities Council of

Governments and Edington, Peel & Associates

## **Background**

Since May, 2009, the COG has contracted for Washington advocacy services with the firm of Edington, Peel & Associates a cost of \$4,250 per month. Some of the principal responsibilities of the COG's federal advocate are to seek out federal funding opportunities for COG projects, programs or priorities and to represent the COG before federal funding agencies and Congressional offices.

## **Summary**

Under the current national economic conditions and federal fiscal constraints, grant funding opportunities are very limited and federal lobbying activities have slowed as a result. Given these circumstances, the COG has requested a reduction in the contract price and Edington, Peel has agreed to a fee reduction of 50% to \$2,150 per month. It is understood that this fee could be revisited by the COG at a later time if funding opportunities or legislative priorities emerge whereby the COG would require a higher degree of federal advocacy activity.

## **Recommended Action**

Approve the attached amendment to the Agreement with Edington, Peel & Associates and authorize the Executive Director to execute it on behalf of the COG.

## FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT FOR CONSULTING SERVICES BETWEEN GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AND EDINGTON, PEEL & ASSOCIATES, INC.

THE AGREEMENT FOR CONSULTING SERVICES ("AGREEMENT") made and entered into as of May 1, 2009, by and between the Gateway Cities Council of Governments, a joint powers authority organized and existing pursuant to the laws of the State of California ("COG") and Edington, Peel & Associates, Inc., an independent contractor ("CONSULTANT"), is amended as follows:

Section 1. <u>Term of Agreement</u>. This Amendment shall be effective as of September 7, 2011.

Section 2. <u>Fees & Expenses</u>. **THE CONSULTANT** will provide a monthly invoice in the amount of \$2,125.00 (Two Thousand One Hundred and Twenty-Five Dollars), plus expenses, on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of each month.

**THE COG** will pay the CONSULTANT, within 30 days of receipt of each monthly invoice, the sum of \$2,125.00, plus reimbursement for travel expenses (airfare, lodging, meals and rental car) CONSULTANT incurs in performance of services under this AGREEMENT. CONSULTANT shall document such expenses and submit such documentation with each monthly invoice. Any out-of-town travel by the CONSULTANT must receive prior authorization by the COG's Executive Director and if such amount exceeds \$5,000 the COG Board President shall be notified. Such authorization may be verbal or in writing.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties hereto have caused this First Amendment to the Agreement to be executed on September 7, 2011.

Edington, Peel & Associates	GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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BY:	BY:
Will Edington	Richard R. Powers
President	Executive Director
DATE:	DATE:

# VII. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM G Request for Letter of Support for Los Angeles County Regional Broadband Consortium

**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** Richard Powers, Executive Director

**SUBJECT:** Request for Letter of Support for Los Angeles County Regional

**Broadband Consortium** 

## **Background**

At last month's meeting of the Board of Directors, Cesar Zaldivar-Motts, Executive Director of the Southeast Community Development Corporation, addressed the Board requesting a letter of support for a grant application that his organization, along with four other non-profit agencies, would be submitting to the Public Utilities Commission. The grant would be used to provide low income persons with computers and computer training at no cost. The SCDC currently administers a similar program in its member cities (Bell, Bell Gardens, Commerce, Cudahy, Huntington Park, Maywood, South Gate, Vernon, and unincorporated Walnut Park) and would use this grant to expand its program to the entire Gateway Cities region.

Because the item was not on the agenda at the August meeting, Mr. Zaldivar-Motts was asked to provide staff with information and a sample letter so that the request could be placed on the agenda for tonight's meeting.

## Summary

The SCDC and the other four agencies will be submitting a joint application for the \$2.5 million that the PUC has set aside for technology initiatives in Los Angeles County. The five groups, including the SCDC, which make up the proposed Los Angeles County Regional Broadband Consortium, would divide the county into five geographical areas, with the SCDC utilizing \$450,000 to serve as the implementing agency for the Gateway Cities area.

Attached is a sample letter provided by the SCDC which, if approved by the Board, would be sent in support of the Los Angeles County Regional Broadband Consortium's grant application.

## **Recommended Action**

Authorize the President to sign a letter in support of the grant application by the Los Angeles County Regional Broadband Consortium.



## **Los Angeles County Regional Broadband Consortium**

The vision of the Los Angeles Regional Broadband Consortium is that every resident of Los Angeles County has broadband Internet access, and adopts the services and applications available therein to improve their standard of living.

The mission of the Los Angeles Regional Broadband Consortium is to provide leadership in Los Angeles County to close the "Digital Divide" by accelerating broadband deployment, access and adoption which will promote economic growth, job creation, and the substantial social benefits of advanced information and communications technologies.

The Los Angeles County Regional Consortium is comprised of organizations, anchor institutions and civic leaders with a track record of helping improve the quality of life of residents throughout the Los Angeles County region. The consortium has identified best practices needed to increase the levels of deployment, access and adoption of broadband technologies throughout the county.

The Consortium consists of five lead agencies: Southeast Community Development Corporation, Youth Policy Institute, El Monte School District, Community Centers, Inc., and Manchester Community Technologies, Inc. These agencies will provide services through Los Angeles County.

## Program Outcomes:

## A. Deployment

- Host 30 sub-regional "town hall meetings" over the 3 years (2 per year for each sub-region x 5 sub-regions x 3 years)
- Serve 900 participants through sub-regional "town hall meetings" over the 3 years (30 participants at each)
- Host 10 county-wide "town hall meetings" over the 3 years (approx. 3 per year, each sub-region hosts 2 over the 3 years)
- Serve 600 participants through county-wide "town hall meetings" (60 participants at each town hall)

## B. Access & Adoption

- Represent the LA County Regional Broadband Consortia at the LA Regional County Fair annually
  - o Distribute LA County Regional Broadband Consortia promotional flyers to

- 19,000 attendees (3,000 in year 1; 6,000 in year 2; 10,000 in year 3)
- Distribute broadband information to 9,000 attendees (1,500 in year 1; 3,000 in year 2; 4,500 in year 3)
- Collect demographic/broadband data from 2,450 attendees (400 in year 1;
   650 in year 2; 1,400 in year 3)
- Subscribe 500 new users to broadband (50 in year 1; 150 in year 2; 300 in year 3)
- Represent sub-regional consortia projects at 90 local community events over the 3 years (6 community events per year x 5 sub-regions x 3 years)
  - Distribute broadband information to 9,000 attendees (100 per event x 90 events)
  - Collect demographic/broadband data from 2,700 attendees (30 per event x 90 events)
- Provide information on local consortia services, events, broadband to 18,000 residents over 3 years (1,200 per year x 5 sub-regions x 3 years; non-event outreach)
- Train 3,000 residents in educational workshops (1,000 per year between all groups x 3 years; "workshop" is under 4 hours)
- Train 1,500 residents in educational classes (500 per year between all groups x 3 years; "classes" is over 4 hours)
- Establish 5 hot spots in LA County (1 in each region)
- Subscribe 3,000 new users to broadband (200 per year x 5 sub-regions x 3 years)
- Provide 100,000 hours of open computer lab access across LA county (20,000 in year 1; 40,000 in year 2; 40,000 in year 3)

### LOS ANGELES COUNTYWIDE REGIONAL CONSORTIA



## Date

California Public Utilities Commission Communications Division Attn: CASF Consortia Grant Account 505 Van Ness Avenue, Third Floor San Francisco, CA 94102

## Dear Commissioners:

Re: Los Angeles County Regional Broadband Consortium Endorsement

The Gateway Cities Council of Governments is writing this letter in support of the proposal presented by the Los Angeles County Regional Broadband Consortium. This comprehensive proposal aims to help close the Digital Divide by increasing broadband deployment, access and adoption throughout the County.

High speed Internet access is considered an essential tool needed for economic development and key in helping improve the quality of life for under-privileged communities. Unfortunately, despite California's leadership in the creation of information and communications technologies many low-income residents in the county remain without the access to training and information needed to become subscribers to broadband services. Although most of the region has access to the needed infrastructure many low-income communities do not possess the skill and resources needed to identify and select an appropriate broadband offering. In addition, maps made available on the CPUC website indicate that some regions in the Antelope and Santa Clarita Valleys lack broadband infrastructure.

The Los Angeles County Regional Consortium is comprised of organizations, anchor institutions and civic leaders with a track record of helping improve the quality of life of residents throughout the Los Angeles County region. The consortium has identified best practices needed to increase the levels of deployment, access and adoption of broadband technologies throughout the county. We are confident that the proposal submitted by the consortia will help low-income residents throughout the county attain the information and computing skills needed to succeed in the 21<sup>st</sup> century labor global economy.

Thank you for your consideration

Sincerely,

Raymond Dunton President

# VIII. REPORTS ITEM A Metro Eastside Phase II Update – Presentation by MTA Staff and Arrellano & Associates

**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** Richard Powers, Executive Director

**SUBJECT:** Metro Eastside Phase II Update – Presentation by MTA Staff and

Arrellano & Associates

## **Background**

In the spring of 2010, Metro began preparing the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIS/EIR) for the Eastside Transit Corridor Phase 2 Project. This study evaluates the two build alternatives, SR-60 Light Rail Transit (LRT) and Washington Boulevard LRT along with the required No Build and Transportation System Management (TSM) alternatives.

Metro is currently conducting city council briefings and will be hosting public update meetings on September 21 and 22 to provide the latest study developments, including environmental and engineering status, urban design and station area planning, and environmental process milestone dates and schedule.

## **Recommended Action**

Receive and file report.

## IX. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES ITEM A Conservancy Committee



## We are pleased to Announce

THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY HAS APPOINTED

## **MARK STANLEY**

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER** 

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RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY (RMC)



AND
WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY (WCA)







For more information about Mr. Stanley please visit the RMC website to view his biography at www.rmc.ca.gov







### Mark A. Stanley

Executive Officer

San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles
"Rivers and Mountains Conservancy"

The Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) is pleased to announce the appointment of Mark Stanley as Executive Officer effective August 15, 2011. The Executive Officer reports to the RMC Governing Board of Directors. Under the direction of the Governing Board, Mark is responsible for the administration of the RMC's programs, planning, and fiscal management. The RMC's Board consists of 20 members. The RMC is a California state agency within the California Natural Resources Agency, and it was activated by State Legislature in 1999.

Mark's focus is on achieving the goals of the RMC's mission "to preserve open space and habitat in order to provide for low-impact recreation and recreational uses, wildlife habitat restoration and protection, and watershed improvements within its jurisdiction." In addition to serving as Executive Officer of the RMC, he is the Executive Officer of the Watershed Conservation Authority; a joint powers authority.

Mark has an extensive background in management, planning, development, and implementation of visionary projects. His background in grant management and land use will be an asset to the RMC. He has worked as Director of Planning for Riverside Transit, and as the Director of Operations and Planning and Executive Director of the Office of Mobility Management for ATC/Forsythe. His entrepreneurial skills were recognized when he co-owned and served as President of Pathfinder Transportation Service. His successful implementation of this welfare to work tool led to an invitation to the White House as an example of a creative solution to one of society's challenges.

Mark has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Urban Studies from the University of Maryland and a Master's degree in Environmental Planning from the University of Arizona. Mark resides in Chino where he is an avid runner and bicyclist.

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

Matters from the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) **DATE**: August 29, 2011

**TO:** Gateway Council of Governments Board of Directors

FROM: Judith Mitchell. Governing Board Member, South Coast AQMD

**RE:** Update on South Coast AQMD Activities

## **September 9 Board Meeting**

The Governing Board will be meeting on September 9 at 9:00 am. I expect most of the discussion to focus on the proposed AQMD Air Quality-Related Energy Policy (more details below). Other items that may be of interest to you include:

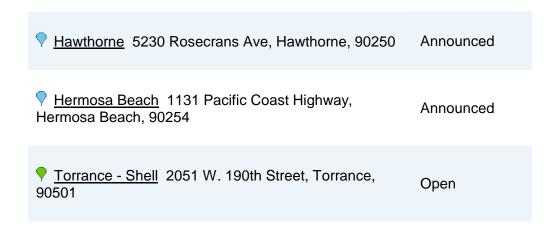
- Program Announcement for Natural Gas Trash and Goods Movement Trucks: AQMD plans to release a program announcement to solicit applications for \$1.8 million for trash collection trucks and \$3.4 million for goods movement trucks. Private and public entities (cities) can apply for these funds. In the solid waste category, trucks can qualify for up to \$25,000 per truck, not exceeding \$250,000 per fleet, for replacement of a Class 8 refuse diesel truck with a 2010 compliant Class 8 natural gas truck. In the goods movement category, natural gas trucks with CARB certified engines at or below 2010 emission standard, can qualify for up to \$100,000 for replacement of older diesel trucks with pre-2004 engines. More details can be found at: <a href="http://www.aqmd.gov/rfp/index.html">http://www.aqmd.gov/rfp/index.html</a> after the Board meeting.
- Awards for Natural Gas Fueling Stations: AQMD will be executing \$2.6 million in contracts to partially fund eleven natural gas fueling stations throughout the basin. This includes \$200,000 for one Clean Energy station in the City of Torrance. These stations will support a growing number of natural gas vehicles, taxi cabs, buses, trash trucks, and goods movement trucks throughout the basin.

## **Energy Policy**

Discussions are continuing on the development of an AQMD Air Quality-Related Energy Policy to meet air quality goals in the basin. Adoption of the energy policy will be considered at the **September 9**<sup>th</sup> **Board Meeting**. A copy of the plan and other related reports can be found at: http://www.aqmd.gov/prdas/climate-change/EnergyPolicy.html

## **Hydrogen Fuel Cell Vehicles**

Through my role as a member of AQMD's Technology Committee, I continue to participate in activities related to the commercialization of hydrogen fuel cell vehicles in Southern California. The AQMD continues to be a major funding partner for this initiative. On June 15, 2011, I participated in the opening of the Shell Pipeline Station in Torrance. This was a major milestone as this was the first hydrogen pipeline fueling station with multiple 35 and 70 MPa dispensers. Two other nearby stations are planned in the South Bay (see below). The South Bay is specifically targeted for the roll out of hydrogen vehicles, with many auto makers unveiling their commercial hydrogen vehicles in 2015. I hope to work with the California Fuel Cell Partnership to continue station and vehicle expansion.



**Open** - Stations that are currently open and accessible to all hydrogen fuel cell vehicle drivers.

**Announced** - Stations that have been announced to receive funding for development.

## **AQMD Zero Emission Container System Demonstration Project**

AQMD has been working with the Ports of Los Angeles (POLA) and Long Beach (POLB) to develop a Zero Emission Container Movement System (ZECMS) demonstration projects for a fixed guide-way and electric trucks. A proposal has been submitted by General Atomics to conduct a two-phase development and demonstration of their technology to electromagnetically pull containers along existing rail lines retrofitted with their linear synchronous motor (LSM) technology. AQMD staff has also been in discussions with locomotive manufacturers, major electric system suppliers and technology developers to establish projects for more conventional options such as electric and catenary locomotives.

In addition, AQMD has funded several class 8 electric truck projects, including Balqon and Transpower, to develop and demonstrate battery electric trucks capable of moving containers. Work is also continuing on potential projects with other large truck manufacturers and major electric-drive system suppliers.

The AQMD testified at a joint POLA POLB Harbor Commission meeting in support of this technology. In order to support this priority, I have had meetings with members of both Harbor Commissions, Gateway CoG, UP, and BNSF. I will continue to report on progress on this important initiative.

## Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach Intermodal Container Transport Facility (ICTF) and Southern California International Gateway (SCIG)

Intermodal Container Transport Facility (ICTF)

Union Pacific has proposed plans to modernize its existing ICTF rail yard, which is located approximately 5 miles from the POLA and the POLB, at the terminus of State Highway 103 (Terminal Island Freeway). The ICTF Joint Powers Authority (JPA) was established to oversee the development of the ICTF, and includes 2 members from the POLA and 2 members from the POLB. One position is vacant and will be determined jointly by the POLA and POLB.

The proposed ICTF project would incorporate a number of environmental improvements including the use of electric overhead cranes, cleaner hosting tractors, and ultra-low emissions locomotives. It also would include the construction of additional working rail tracks, the construction of a new gate facility, the improvement of existing gate facilities, replacement of existing lighting, and additional parking. The proposed Project would more than double the throughput capacity of the ICTF from 725,000 to 1.5 million containers per year.

In December 2007, Union Pacific submitted to the JPA an Application for Development Project (ADP) to modernize the ICTF. The AQMD was selected to prepare the draft EIR and it is expected to be released in 2011.

Both the POLB Harbor Commission and the Long Beach City Council have adopted resolutions expressing support for a zero emission alternative to be included in the draft EIR.

Southern California International Gateway (SCIG)

BNSF has proposed plans to build a near dock facility at the Port of Los Angeles. The proposed project will be located in a primarily industrial area, between PCH, Terminal Island Freeway and Sepulveda. It will have direct access to the Alameda Corridor. If constructed, BNSF plans to reduce emissions significantly (compared to traditional intermodal yards) through the use of wide-span electric cranes, low-emission switch engines, and LNG (or equivalent) low-emission yard tractors. It will also reduce millions of truck miles off the I-710 freeway and other local freeways as BNSF will not have to truck as many goods to the Hobart Yard area.

In September 2005, the Port of Los Angeles issued a Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the project. Public scoping meetings were held in October and November, 2005. The public review period for the NOP ended in December 2005. The next step will be release of the draft EIR for public comment (expected in 2011).

## **Upcoming Events**

Air Quality Management Plan Advisory Group - 2012 AQMP: An advisory group has been created to review the overall aspects of a draft air quality management plan and to make recommendations concerning emission inventories, modeling, control measures, and socioeconomic impacts. AQMD updates this plan every five years, and the last plan was adopted in 2007. The next advisory group meeting, which is open to the public, is September 15 at 9 am at AQMD Headquarters. More details can be found at: <a href="http://www.aqmd.gov/gb\_comit/aqmpadvgrp/aqmpadvgrp.html">http://www.aqmd.gov/gb\_comit/aqmpadvgrp/aqmpadvgrp.html</a>

Seniors Celebrating Healthy Living and Clean Air Fair: This event, offered at no cost to attendees, will foster awareness and increase seniors' understanding of air quality and related health issues and clean technology applications. Lunch is provided and free group transportation can be arranged if reserved by August 31. The event is September 15, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Los Angeles Convention Center, South Hall K. More details can be found at: <a href="http://www.aqmd.gov/tao/SeniorConf/Conf\_gateway2.html">http://www.aqmd.gov/tao/SeniorConf/Conf\_gateway2.html</a>