

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Cerritos Senior Center
12340 South Street, Cerritos
September 3, 2003**

President Colonna called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

President Colonna requested that each person present state his name and organization. Roll was taken in that manner.

PRESENT: President Frank Colonna, Vice President Edward H. J. Wilson, Member Hector De La Torre, Member Gloria Kappe, Member Bonnie Lowenthal, Member Keith McCarthy, Member Larry Nelson, Member Greg Nordbak, Member Wayne Piercy, Member Beatrice Proo, Member Betty Putnam, Member Gordon Stefenhagen.

ABSENT: Member Gene Daniels, Member Don Knabe.

ALSO PRESENT: Jeannine Critie, Office of Long Beach Vice Mayor Frank Colonna; Patrick Burkhart, Office of Long Beach Councilmember Bonnie Lowenthal; Signal Hill City Manager Ken Farfsing; Lakewood Community Development Director Chuck Ebner; Long Beach Manager of Governmental Affairs Carl Kemp; Pico Rivera Administrative Analyst Rafael Guillen; Luis Cetina, Regional Governmental Representative, Metropolitan Water District; Cathy Manzo, MTA Community Relations Officer; Frank Osgood, Planner; GCCOG Legal Counsel Robert Messinger; GCCOG Executive Director Richard Powers; GCCOG Deputy Executive Director Jack Joseph; GCCOG; GCCOG Director of Program Development Deborah Chankin; Jerry Wood, GCCOG Director of Transportation and Engineering; Nadene Bristow, GCCOG Director of Media Relations.

Member Kappe provided Words of Wisdom.

Member Kappe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

There were no public comments.

Member Piercy requested that consent calendar item H be removed for separate discussion. It was moved by Member Piercy, seconded by Vice President Wilson, to approve the consent calendar with the exception of item H. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member Piercy asked the Executive Director to provide a status report on his previous request for regular reports from the COG's legislative advocates. The Executive Director reported that they would initiate the first of what will be quarterly reports at next month's Executive

Committee meeting. He said that in addition to quarterly reports, they will also prepare annual summaries of their activities. It was then moved by Member Piercy, seconded by Member Lowenthal, to approve the request for approval of the contract renewal with Government Relations, Inc. The motion was approved unanimously.

President Colonna reported that the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Board did not meet in August. He said that the Conservancy had moved forward with the purchase of the duck farm at a cost of \$2.4 million, and that the property would be split with the City of Industry. It was moved by Vice President Wilson, seconded by Member Nordbak, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Executive Director presented a report from the I-710 Oversight Policy Committee. He said that the project would have a new public outreach effort that will focus on the communities. He introduced the new project consultants: Nadene Bristow of Natural Marketing, who will be responsible for coordinating media relations; and Jerry Wood, who will serve as the COG's engineering liaison with the cities. He said that the MTA Board had recently approved a \$5 million allocation for the EIR/EIS component. He said that an estimated total of \$20 million will be needed for that phase of the project. Member De La Torre described the City of South Gate's process of putting together its community advisory committee. It was moved by Member Putnam, seconded by Member Nordbak, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member Proo reported that the Transportation Committee did not meet this month. Cathy Manzo, MTA Community Relations Officer, announced the upcoming public hearings on the proposed service changes in the MTA Gateway Cities Service Sector. Vice President Wilson expressed the need for the MTA to show which lines will remain when it proposes to eliminate certain lines of service. It was moved by Member Lowenthal, seconded by Member Nelson, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Executive Director reported that the SCAG Regional Council will be dealing with a \$14 million contract for an "Eastern Corridor" study of the 60 and 210 freeways and the linkages to the Inland Empire. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Executive Committee for the General Counsel and Executive Director to work on language for future agendas that would allow for possible action by the Executive Committee regarding items that are to be considered at meetings of the SCAG Regional Council.

The Executive Director announced that Member McCarthy would be making a presentation at tomorrow's meeting of the SCAG CEHD Committee regarding the COG's Regional Housing Strategy.

The Executive Director requested cities to send letters to Senator Feinstein requesting support for a federal earmark for the COG's Clean Air Program.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 6:50 p.m.