

City of Los Alamitos

Agenda Report Consent Calendar

May 19, 2014
Item No: 8F

To: Mayor Gerri L. Graham-Mejia & Members of the City Council
Via: Bret M. Plumlee, City Manager
From: Warren Kusumoto, Council Member
Subject: Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) 2014 Regional Conference and General Assembly

Summary: The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Regional Conference was held May 1-2, 2014, at the Renaissance Esmeralda Resort and Spa in Indian Wells, California. The City Council appointed Council Member Kusumoto as the City's voting delegate for the conference.

Recommendation: Receive and file.

Background

At its meeting of April 21, 2014, the City Council unanimously supported Council Member Kusumoto as the voting delegate for the SCAG Regional Conference and General Assembly. Direction was provided regarding the General Assembly action items. Council Member Kusumoto has provided the following summary.

Discussion

Notes from SCAG 2014 Regional Conference – “Partnering for Prosperity: Technology’s Impact on Mobility and Opportunity”

The morning Key sponsor speaker was Chris Thompson, Vice President of Edison International. Thompson spoke about the San Onofre Nuclear Generation Station (SONGS) and their plans to decommission it over a 20 year period. He spoke about the regional sources of electrical power generation such as the Huntington Beach AES generator. He also mentioned a pilot program in south Orange County to look into alternate sources of energy due to the loss of SONGS and the upcoming loss of seawater-cooled generators.

Keynote speaker was Gregory Winfree, US Department of Transportation Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology. Winfree spoke about initiatives by the DOT and key technologies. He noted that California as a risk taker and early adopter with respect to transportation needs and environmental concerns.

General Assembly Meeting

There were 11 speakers during Public Comments and they spoke about various topics such as:

- The National Safe Routes to School program
- The American Lung Association advocacy for urban planning that includes clean air considerations
- Climate plan and the SCAG's Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) that was adopted in 2012.
- Regional Public Health
- Public Transportation needs for residents in rural communities
- Transportation governance and representation at Metro/MTA, where Directors are elected officials from LA City, the County of LA, and local cities; the speaker contrasted this model with the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) organization where Directors are elected by the voters.

Agenda Items

Topic 1: Proposed Bylaws Amendments – Los Alamitos supported

Topic 2: Salton Sea Initiative – Los Alamitos opposed

Topic 3: Bicycle Safety Initiative – Los Alamitos supported

Topic 4: 2014-2015 SCAG Officers – Los Alamitos supported

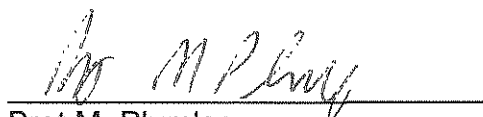
Topic 5: Consent Calendar: Minutes of May 2, 2013 General Assembly Meeting and 2014 Summary Report: Waiver of Member Dues – Los Alamitos supported

Fiscal Impact

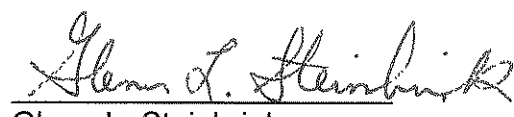
Attendance at the conference and one night's accommodations are provided at no cost for the voting delegate. Council Member Kusumoto requested reimbursement for one additional night of hotel accommodations (\$132.63) and mileage reimbursement (\$131.60) for a total of \$264.23.

Approved By:

Fiscal Impact Reviewed By:



Bret M. Plumlee
City Manager



Glenn L. Steinbrink
Interim Administrative Services Director