



## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**

March 15, 2023

Location: SoCalGas Energy Resource Center 9240 Firestone Blvd, Downey, CA 90241

**Call to Order:** 7:15 pm

**Cities Present:** Bellflower, Coachella, Cudahy, Diamond Bar, Downey, Glendora, La Canada, La Mirada, Lakewood, Lawndale, Lomita, Lynwood, Malibu, Manhattan Beach, Maywood, Norwalk, Paramount, Pico Rivera, Rolling Hills, Rosemead, Signal Hill, Vernon, Walnut, West Hollywood

### I. Welcome

- a. Executive Director, Marcel Rodarte welcomed everyone to SoCalGas for March Board of Directors of Directors meeting.
- b. Rodarte announced the following upcoming events: Annual Municipal Seminar, Cal Cities Local Leaders Day, L.A. Local Advocacy Day, and April's BOD meeting in Lakewood for President Jeff Wood's last meeting as President.
- c. President, Jeff Wood, welcomed Executive Board, Associate Members, member cities, First Responders, Contract Law, and Past Presidents to SoCalGas and the city of Downey.
- d. President Wood recapped a recent Washington D.C. Trip with EB, ED, and Legislative consultant Jorge Morales.
- e. President Wood recognized brand new Associate Members Los Angeles County Professional Peace Officers Association (PPOA).
- f. President Wood acknowledged newly elected officials Councilmember Martin Fuentes City of Cudahy and Councilmember Timothy Horn City of Downey.

### II. Business Meeting

- a. Secretary/Treasurer Julian Gold presented the March meeting minutes. Bylaws Chair Sandra Armenta motioned for approval. Director-at-Large Claudia Frometa seconded the motion. No abstentions were made. Motion passed unanimously.

### III. Legislative Committee Report – Legislative Chair Jennifer Chair

- a. Chair Perez pointed informed BOD that two weeks before the February 17th deadline to introduce bills there were 691 bills that had been introduced. Within that two-week span the state legislature introduced over 2,100 new bills.
- b. She also updated BOD of position CCA has taken on bills:



- i. Support SB 55. The bill by Senator Umberg would require any vehicle sold in CA to have an etched VIN number on the catalytic converter.
  - ii. Oppose SB 4. The bill by Senator Wiener is part of his ongoing effort to make building housing by-right in certain areas. This time his bill focuses on land owned by colleges and religious institutions.
  - iii. Oppose SB 251. The bill by Senator Newman would prohibit any elected official from working with another elected officials that represent the same area; with the exception of Statewide Officials. As an example, Sandra wouldn't be able to work for Senator Rubio.
  - iv. Oppose SB 423. The bill by Senator Wiener would remove the sunset from SB 35 (Wiener), making its provisions operative indefinitely. SB 35 accelerates eligible housing projects by exempting them from discretionary review and CEQA.
  - v. Oppose SB 58. The bill by Senator Wiener would decriminalize the possession and use of various psychedelic drugs. This bill is very similar to SB 519, which failed to pass in 2021 and faced significant opposition from public safety stakeholders.
- c. Perez reminded the BOD of the next Legislative Committee Meeting on March 22, 2023 at 3pm.

#### IV. Other Business



# CALIFORNIA CONTRACT CITIES ASSOCIATION



- a. SoCalGas Chief Clean Fuels Officer Neil Navin, talked about the future of clean fuel energy and the jobs it can bring to municipalities. Navin also gave a brief description of the Hydrogen House.
- b. SoCalGas Vice President of Gas Acquisition Elsa Valay-Paz addressed the recent spike in the nature gas price and what they are doing to lower the cost.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

President Jeff Wood adjourned the meeting at 7:53PM

Respectfully submitted by:

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Julian Gold, Secretary/Treasurer

Recorded by: Frank Rodarte, Administrative Specialist