

# City of Hesperia

## STAFF REPORT



**DATE:** January 8, 2019  
**TO:** Mayor and City Council Members  
**FROM:** Nils Bentsen, City Manager  
**BY:** Melinda Sayre, City Clerk  
**SUBJECT:** City Council Appointments to Outside Agencies

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### RECOMMENDED ACTION

It is recommended that the City Council follow past practice and appoint liaisons (both primary and alternate) to various outside agencies for a one year period to commence in January 2019.

### BACKGROUND

Historically, the Council has reviewed the liaison assignments (both primary and alternate) to various outside agencies and City advisory committees on an annual basis. The City Council currently has representatives on the following:

#### **League of California Cities** *(Annual Conference October 16-18, 2019 Long Beach)*

The League of California Cities is an association of California city officials who work together to enhance their knowledge and skills, exchange information, and combine resources so that they may influence state policy decisions that affect cities.

#### **2018 Primary/Alternate Representatives: Holland/Bird**

#### **League of California Cities – Desert Mountain Division** *(Bi-monthly, 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday, no compensation)*

The Committee participates in policy development and carries out grassroots activities in support of the League's legislative, regulatory, and ballot measure goals.

#### ***League of California Cities Public Safety Committee & Environmental Quality Committee-Bill Holland (Division Appointment)***

#### **2018 Primary/Alternate Representatives: Holland/Bird**

#### **Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District (MDAQMD)** *(Monthly, 4<sup>th</sup> Monday, 10 a.m., \$100/meeting compensation, requires Form 700 filing)*

MDAQMD is a public agency that provides citizens with important information regarding the Mojave Desert's past and current quality of air. Their mission is to enforce the Clean Air Act, and attain and maintain a healthful environment while supporting strong and sustainable economic growth.

#### **2018 Primary/Alternate Representatives: Russ/Swanson**

**San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA) (Formerly SANBAG)** *(Monthly, 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday, 10:00 a.m., \$200/meeting compensation, requires Form 700 filing)*

SBCTA is the council of governments and transportation planning agency for San Bernardino County responsible for cooperative regional planning and furthering an efficient multi-modal transportation system countywide.

As the County Transportation Commission, SBCTA supports freeway construction projects, regional and local road improvements, train and bus transportation, railroad crossings, call boxes, ridesharing, congestion management efforts and long-term planning studies. SBCTA administers Measure I, the half-cent transportation sales tax approved by county voters in 1989 and reauthorized in 2007.

**2018 Primary/Alternate Representatives: Holland/Swanson**

**San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA) (Formerly SANBAG) Mountain Desert Measure I Committee** *(Monthly, 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday, 9 a.m., \$100/meeting compensation, requires Form 700 filing)*

The Committee reviews the Measure I Mountain / Desert Region Expenditure Plan and makes policy recommendations to the SBCTA Board.

**2018 Primary/Alternate Representatives: Holland/Swanson**

**San Bernardino County Solid Waste Task Force** *(Semi-Annual April & October, no compensation)*

The Task Force carries out responsibilities mandated by the California Integrated Waste Management Act (1989) and makes recommendations to the County on other solid waste related matters. For the last year, the City Manager has designated the alternate representative as a City staff member.

**2018 Primary/Alternate Representatives: Russ/Julie Ryan (staff appointee)**

**Southern California Association of Governments(SCAG)***(Annual Regional Conference and General Assembly May 1 – 3, 2019 Palm Desert)*

SCAG is a Joint Powers Authority, established as an association of local governments and agencies that voluntarily convene as a forum to address regional issues. The SCAG region encompasses six counties (Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino and Ventura) and 191 cities in an area covering more than 38,000 square miles. The agency develops long-range regional transportation plans including growth forecast components, regional transportation improvement programs; regional housing needs allocations and a portion of the South Coast Air Quality management plans.

**2018 Primary/Alternate Representatives: None. Past practice has been that a representative was appointed if it was determined that a member would be attending the annual conference and voting on behalf of the City at the General Assembly.**

**Victor Valley Economic Development Authority (VVEDA)** *(3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. in Jan., March, Sept., 9:30 a.m., \$50/meeting compensation by request, requires Form 700 filing)*

VVEDA is a joint powers authority, and was established for the purpose of providing economic development in and around the former George Air Force Base. Five jurisdictions oversee the

economic development of the area, which include: the cities of Victorville, Hesperia and Adelanto, the Town of Apple Valley and the County of San Bernardino. VVEDA totals approximately 60,000 acres and is administered by the City of Victorville. The unincorporated portion of VVEDA is approximately 16,000 acres. VVEDA is currently in its eighth amendment, in which approximately 30,236 acres are being added.

**2018 Primary/Alternate Representatives: Swanson/Russ**

**Victor Valley Transit Authority (VVTA)** *(Monthly, 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, 9:30 a.m., \$125/meeting compensation, requires Form 700 filing)*

VVTA operates local fixed-route, county commuter, and ADA complementary paratransit bus services in the Victor Valley area. It has a maintenance facility located in Hesperia. VVTA was established through a Joint Powers Authority in 1991. The JPA includes the five cities of Adelanto, Apple Valley, Barstow, Hesperia and Victorville and the certain unincorporated portions of the County of San Bernardino.

**2018 Primary/Alternate Representatives: Bird/Swanson**

**Victor Valley Wastewater Reclamation Authority (VWVRA)** *(Monthly, 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 7:30 a.m., \$100/meeting compensation, requires Form 700 filing)*

VWVRA was originally formed by the Mojave Water Agency to help meet the requirements of the federal Clean Water Act and provide wastewater treatment for the growing area. The original treatment plant, with supporting pipelines and infrastructure, began operating in 1981, providing tertiary level treatment for up to 4.5 million gallons per day (MGD). The VWVRA is now a joint powers authority and public agency of the state of California and now treats approximately 14 MGD of wastewater.

**2018 Primary/Alternate Representatives: Bird/Russ**

**Hesperia Chamber of Commerce** *(Weekly Coffee, Fridays, 7:15 a.m..; Monthly, Luncheon, 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, noon, no compensation)*

The Chamber is an independent organization that represents the interests of business to legislators, provides a variety of services to businesses, and promotes positive community development. The objective is to promote the common economic interest of the businesses serving the Hesperia Community.

**2018 Primary/Alternate non-voting liaison: Russ**

**Hesperia Chamber of Commerce 2034 Committee** *(Schedule TBD)*

The Chamber coordinated the Hesperia 2034 Committee to develop community goals for the City of Hesperia through surveys and outreach efforts. The goal is to receive community input on ways the City can build a thriving community for future generations to live and work locally.

**2018 Representative: Bird/ Rachel Molina**

**Tri-Agency Committee** *(Monthly, 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, 3:30 p.m., no compensation)*

The Tri-Agency Committee is comprised of representatives from the City of Hesperia, Hesperia Recreation and Park District and the Hesperia Unified School District and has been meeting

since 1995 to discuss issues relating to the three agencies and the community. No primary or alternate roles.

**2018 Co-Representatives (No Primary/Alternate): Bird/Swanson**

**City Council Advisory Committee** *(2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, 6:00 p.m., Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct, no compensation)*

The City Council Advisory Committee is an advisory resource and as directed by the City Council and may review the Capital Improvement Project Plan (CIP) and provides recommendations to the Council regarding the use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds and other applicable financing programs. No alternate role.

**2018 Liaison (No Primary/Alternate): Swanson**

**Public Safety Advisory Committee** *(Annual meeting in January, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 6:00 p.m., no compensation)*

The Public Safety Advisory Committee is an advisory resource and reviews public safety and emergency preparedness related items as assigned by the City Council and provides recommendations in an advisory capacity. No alternate role.

**2018 Liaison Primary/Alternate: Bird/Swanson**

**Development Review Committee** *(Weekly/Biweekly Pre-DRC every Thursday, 9:30 a.m., DRC every other Wednesday, 10:00 a.m., no compensation)*

The DRC meetings are an administrative review and recommendation by City staff on proposed projects prior to the projects review by the Planning Commission and City Council.

**2018 Representative: Primary: Russ/ Brosowske**

**Alternates: All other council members**

**ISSUES/ANALYSIS**

Individual City Council appointments are designed to help facilitate a better flow of information between the City Council, various outside agencies and staff. The recommended action follows past practice and allows an opportunity for reassignments as needed.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

**ALTERNATIVE(S)**

1. Provide alternative direction to staff.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. 2018 Appointment Summary