Committee Members Present: Juan Garza (Chair), Dana Reed (Indian Wells), Hany Fangary (Hermosa Beach), Bea Dieringer (Rolling Hills), Nanette Fish (Temple City), Mark Waronek (Lomita), Gary Boyer (Glendora), Diana Mahmud (South Pasadena)

Staff Present: Michael Vuong, Marcel Rodarte

Members Present: Bellflower, Cerritos, Indian Wells, Hermosa Beach, Rolling Hills, Temple City, Glendora, South Pasadena, Azusa, Whittier, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

Legislative Committee Minutes
Wednesday, February 27, 2019, 3:00 – 4:00 PM

I. Approval of:

a. October 2018 Minutes

   Nanette Fish motioned to approve the October minutes. Bea Dieringer seconded the motion. Motion passed.

b. December 2018 Minutes

   Diana Mahmud motioned to approve the December minutes. Mark Waronek seconded the motion. Motion passed with Nanette Fish abstaining.

c. January 2019 Minutes

   Dana Reed motioned to approve the January minutes. Juan Garza seconded the motion. Motion passed with Bea Dieringer abstaining.

II. Action Items

a. Housing

   i. SB 4 (McGuire) Enabling Inclusive Workforce and Affordable Housing

      Bea Dieringer and Diana Mahmud voiced concerns that the committee would be considering an item that does not have legislative language readily available, in order to discuss the merits of the bill. Due to the lack of legislative language, the members felt it would be difficult to take a position or provide guidance on how a bill could be improved, especially when bills evolve from initial inception.

      Diana Mahmud motioned to table the item, seconded by Bea Dieringer. The motion passed.
iii. SB 6 (Beall) Enabling Inclusive Neighborhoods

Members also voiced similar concerns on SB 6 to take action on the bill. Staff reiterated that the reason for the Senators to provide background on their bill was to solicit feedback from members on ways to improve the bill language for city benefit. Bea Dieringer asked staff if the Senators received feedback from the Association would represent the Association’s implicit support for the bill. Staff responded that it would not be construed as support, but as an opportunity for the Association to be involved in the discussion of how the bill would support city services. Several members raised concerns that the bill lacks details about how it would expedite housing production, while also usurping local control on vacant land for housing and homeless shelters. Bea Dieringer motioned to table the item until additional information, including legislative language, becomes available. Nanette Fish seconded the motion. The motion passed.

iv. SB 50 (Wiener) More HOMES Act of 2019

Members raised concerns about Sb 50’s similarities with Sen. Weiner’s SB 827 bill. Gary Boyer of Glendora spoke about the issues raised by the League of California Cities’ Housing Committee on how the issue is divisive and usurps local control. He also expressed that the Committee deferred recommendations to the Housing Taskforce and that the adoption of the Taskforce’s recommendation passed by a thin margin. Debate continued as to whether the Association should oppose or to watch the bill. Concerns were raised as to whether opposing the measure early in the process would result in the end discussion with Sen. Weiner. After several rounds of comments, Diana Mahmud called for a substitute motion to watch the bill. Juan Garza seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-1, with Bea Dieringer voting no.
b. Redevelopment

Members unanimously agreed to table discussion on the redevelopment bills at the March meeting.

i. AB 11 (Chiu) Affordable Housing and Infrastructure Financing Agency

ii. SB 5 (Beall) Local-State Sustainable Investment Incentive Program

c. Local Government

i. ACA 1 (Aguirar-Curry) 55% Vote for Local Affordable Housing and Public Infrastructure

Discussion around the merits of the bill were led by Bea Dieringer and Dana Reed. Both members believe the current law for a two-thirds supermajority vote should remain the same, if a city is seeking a general bond for projects. Concerns were also raised as to why the amendment focuses on affordable housing. Clarification was provided on the bill that the bill covers all public infrastructure projects, including city facilities and water treatment projects. Due to time constraints, Bea Dieringer motioned to table the item to the March meeting, seconded by Nanette Fish. The motion passed.

III. Informational Items

a. Legislative Deadlines:

i. Deadline for Bills to be Introduced: February 22, 2019

ii. Deadline for Policy Committees to Pass Bills: April 26, 2019

b. Los Angeles County Advocacy Day: March 14, 2019

IV. Other Discussion Items from the Committee

V. Meeting adjourned 4:00 p.m.