ENERGY, WATER & ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COUNCIL
January 20, 2017
10-11:30AM

1. WELCOME & SELF-INTRODUCTIONS

2. PRESENTATIONS

State of Sustainability

- Enrique C. Zaldivar
  Director and General Manager, Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation (LASAN)
  As the environmental utility agency for the City, LASAN leads the responsibility for ensuring compliance with federal, state and local environmental standards and policies. Mr. Zaldivar will discuss services and programs that benefit the City's business community and provide an overview of the new Zero Waste L.A. Franchise System.
  Twitter: @LACitySAN

- Janet Barbieri – Ron Gastelum, Water Policy Chair
  President, JB Comm, Inc.
  Ms. Barbieri manages the communication team for the California WaterFix and has been an integral part of the project since 2007. She will discuss the Environmental Impact Report for the California WaterFix, which was released in December. The project provides a comprehensive plan to protect and sustain our state's water supply and the environment.
  Twitter: @CAWaterFix

3. ACTION ITEMS

- Review: Draft 2017 Advocacy Agenda

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- L.A. Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Inaugural Dinner: January 31
- Port of LA TradeX-Trade: February 2
- ACCESS Sacramento: March 28-29
- ACCESS Washington, DC: May 22-24

Next Meeting
February 17, 2017
10-11:30AM
Enrique has been at the helm of LA Sanitation (LASAN) as the General Manager for over eight years. He was originally appointed in 2007, and then reappointed by Mayor Garcetti in September 2013. LASAN is one of the largest agencies in the City of Los Angeles with nearly 3,000 employees and an annual revenue budget of over $1.1 billion. Through Mr. Zaldivar's leadership and management, LASAN oversees important environmental and infrastructure programs such as the City's Clean Water program, one of the largest in the world with its iconic flagship Hyperion Water Reclamation Plant; the Solid Resources program, which has achieved one of the highest recycling rates in the nation at 76.4% and climbing; and the Watershed Protection program, which is among the most innovative in the country with its use of green infrastructure for achieving water quality objectives for urban stormwater runoff, while delivering on multiple other benefits like open space, urban habitat support, and water supply.

Originally from the state of Zacatecas, Mexico, Enrique graduated from Azusa High School in the City of Azusa, attended UCLA long enough to have Bruin blood in him, and calls himself a proud Bronco from Cal Poly Pomona where he graduated as a Civil Environmental Engineer in 1985. He has also done graduate studies there. Enrique is active in several organizations and serves on several of their Boards, including the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission, the US Water Alliance, and others. He also serves on Cal Poly Pomona's School of Engineering Dean's Leadership Council. Enrique has been honored by several organizations for his environmental leadership stewardship, including the Los Angeles Conservation Corps (LACC), Friends of Ballona Wetlands, Heal the Bay, Community Conservation Solutions, and others. Enrique also has an interest in furthering the relationship between the U.S. and Mexico by sharing best practices and technical exchange missions between LA and cities in Mexico.

Enrique started his career with the City of Los Angeles in 1985 straight out of college as an associate engineer. Twenty-two years later, he became the General Manager of LA Sanitation.

Enrique and his wife, Brenda, have three children: Enrique Jr., Alonzo, and Carina.
Janet Barbieri
President
JB Communications, Inc.

Janet Barbieri manages the communication team for the California WaterFix. She has been a part of that project since 2007, assisting with public outreach, media relations, public participation and meeting facilitation. She is President of JB Comm, Inc., a consulting public outreach firm based in Sacramento. She has 25 years of public relations, public outreach and facilitation experience, primarily working on natural resources issues for state, local and federal agencies.
Energy, Water & Environmental Sustainability Council
2017 Advocacy Agenda

The Energy, Water & Environmental Sustainability Council focuses on advancing cost-effective policies and programs that ensure reliable and affordable water and energy delivery, improve air quality, and promote economic growth in Los Angeles through the local development of technologies, businesses and jobs.

Review cost impacts of and responsibly implement air quality regulations
The Chamber will work with local, state and federal environmental agencies and the Chamber’s Transportation & Goods Movement Council to understand the availability, cost-effectiveness and feasibility of alternative fuels for commercial and personal vehicle use in order to help meet anticipated air quality standards in the region. In addition to following implementation of the AQMD’s 2016 AQMP in order to meet compliance.

Secure safe, reliable and affordable water supplies for Southern California
The Chamber acknowledges that securing a safe, reliable and affordable water supply is critical to the continued success of Los Angeles’ economy. The Chamber supports the State’s Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta co-equal goals of providing a more reliable water supply for California and restoring the Delta ecosystem by advocating for the implementation of the California WaterFix. The Chamber will also identify feasible and cost-effective augmentations to imported water, such as remediation of the San Fernando Groundwater Basin, in order to secure the long-term water quality and supply of the region, taking into account existing infrastructure investments, and the LADWP and MWD shared objectives of maintaining its existing infrastructure and enhancing the diversity of the region’s water supply resources.

Promote an affordable, reliable and diverse energy supply
The Chamber recognizes that businesses must have an affordable, diverse and reliable energy supply and storage for the regional economy to remain productive and competitive. The Chamber will work with its members and policymakers to understand the options, feasibility and costs for investments in alternative energy supply, including the related infrastructure and operational costs of integrating alternatives into the existing power systems of LADWP and SCE. The Chamber will also support domestic energy production and the maintenance of the region’s existing energy systems and supplies, including the integrity and safety of our regional pipeline infrastructure.

Strengthen Los Angeles’ position as a global leader of clean technology innovation
California is a global leader of clean technology innovation and sustainable business practices. The Chamber will advocate for economic strategies that will continue to help Los Angeles’ clean technology sector grow. This includes pursuing state and federal funding opportunities, streamlining government processes, and working in conjunction with organizations such as CleanTech LA, the LA CleanTech Incubator, PortTechLA and the Chamber’s Bixel Exchange to increase collaboration among the private, public and academic sectors.

Modernize California’s Environmental Quality Act
The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) must be modernized to preserve the law’s original intent while preventing abuse for purposes unrelated to environmental protection. The Chamber supports substantive improvements and will continue to engage in a statewide coalition effort advocating for a “standards approach,” which will integrate California’s strongest-in-the-nation environmental laws and planning documents into the CEQA process, streamline the project approval and challenge processes, and reduce the risk of lawsuits that abuse the intent of CEQA and delay development, jobs and economic recovery.
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Inaugural Dinner

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