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SBCCOG MEETINGS: ATTENDANCE 2019

City	Jan - 19	Mar - 19	Apr - 19	May - 19	Jun - 19	Jul - 19	Aug - 19
Carson	Hicks		Hicks Hilton	Hicks		Hicks	
El Segundo	Boyles	Brann	Boyles	Boyles	Boyles		
Gardena		Medina	Tanaka		Medina	Medina	
Hawthorne	Monteiro	Valentine	Monteiro	Valentine	Valentine	Valentine	
Hermosa Beach	Fangary	Fangary	Campbell	Fangary		Massey	
Inglewood	Franklin	Franklin		Franklin	Franklin		
Lawndale	Osborne Suarez Pullen-Miles	Suarez Osborne Pullen-Miles	Suarez	Suarez Pullen-Miles	Suarez Osborne Pullen-Miles	Suarez	
Lomita	Gazeley	Gazeley		Gazeley	Gazeley	Gazeley	
Los Angeles			X	X	X	X	X
Manhattan Beach	Hersman	Hersman	Hersman Hadley		Hadley	Stern	
Palos Verdes Estates	Kao	Kao	Kao	Kao	Kao	Kao	
Rancho Palos Verdes	Cruikshank	Cruikshank	Alegria	Alegria	Alegria Cruikshank	Cruikshank	
Redondo Beach	Horvath	Horvath	Horvath	Horvath	Horvath	Horvath	
Rolling Hills	Dieringer		Dieringer	Dieringer		Dieringer	
Rolling Hills Estates	Huff	Huff	Huff	Huff Zerunyan	Huff Zuckerman	Huff	
Torrance		Herring	Herring		Rizzo Herring	Rizzo	
County of Los Angeles-2 nd District	Sausedo	Sausedo			Johnson		
County of Los Angeles- 4 th District		LaMarque	LaMarque		LaMarque		

Number of Active Agencies	18	18	17	17	17	17	17
Quorum Required (50% +1)	10	10	9	9	9	9	9
Number of Agencies Attending	14	14	13	12	14	13	

**SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
THURSDAY, JULY 25, 2019
REDONDO BEACH LIBRARY
303 NORTH PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY, REDONDO BEACH, CA 90277**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Horvath called the SBCCOG Board of Directors meeting to order at 6:05pm.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

In attendance were the following voting elected officials:

Cedric Hicks, Carson	Kenny Kao, Palos Verdes Estates
Dan Medina, Gardena (6:25 arrival)	Christian Horvath, Redondo Beach
Olivia Valentine, Hawthorne	John Cruikshank, Rancho Palos Verdes
Justin Massey, Hermosa Beach	Bea Dieringer, Rolling Hills
Bernadette Suarez, Lawndale	Britt Huff, Rolling Hills Estates (left at 7 pm)
Jim Gazeley, Lomita	Geoff Rizzo, Torrance
Hildy Stern, Manhattan Beach	

Also in attendance were the following persons

Stephen Sawyer, Charter/Spectrum	Shari Weaver, Harbor Interfaith
Maheen Surani, Tripepi Smith	Jacki Bacharach, SBCCOG
Ryder Smith, Tripepi Smith	Grace Farwell, SBCCOG
Saara Lampwalla, Tripepi Smith	David Leger, SBCCOG
Jeff Kiernan, League of CA Cities	Steve Lantz, SBCCOG
Mike Marelli, SCE	Natalie Champion, SBCCOG
Connie Turner, SCE	Kim Fuentes, SBCCOG
Mike Bushy, SCE	Karen Kanda, SBCCOG Volunteer
Damon Hannaman, SCE	Lisa Garlan, Public
Sarah Patterson, SCAG	Holly Osborne, Public
Craig Bilezerian, Torrance	Arnold Sachs, Public
Mark Dierking, Metro	Niki Mitchell, Public
Chris Cagle, SBWIB	Kevin Mitchell, Public

III. CONFIRM POSTING OF THE AGENDA BY THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Jacki Bacharach confirmed that the agenda was properly posted in the City of Torrance.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF ANY CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Ms. Bacharach requested that the Board add an Energy Leader Partnership rebate check presentation by Southern California Edison (SCE) to the City of Torrance to the agenda.

There was no objection by the Board. The presentation will be made prior to the Homeless Services presentation.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jennifer Dodge addressed the Board and shared her opinion that the Metro Green Line Extension should go down Hawthorne Boulevard to the Torrance Transit Center and not down the right-of-way through Redondo Beach.

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. June Board Meeting Minutes (attachment) – Approved**
- B. Contract for Auditing Services (attachment) – Approved**
- C. Monthly Reports – Received and Filed**
 - 1. South Bay Environmental Services Center Report (attachment)**
 - 2. Transportation Report (attachment)**
 - 3. Service Council Report by Ralph Franklin, Chair (attachment)**

MOTION by Board Member Huff, seconded by Board Member Gazeley, to **APPROVE** the Consent Calendar. No objection. So ordered.

VII. PRESENTATIONS

Representatives from SCE presented Board Member Rizzo and Mr. Bilezerian with a \$1.18M energy efficiency rebate check for their work upgrading city facilities and equipment and for the success in reaching the Platinum level in the Energy Leader Partnership (ELP). Mr. Bushy thanked the City for their efforts and thanked the SBCCOG for its hard work and efforts to ensure the success of the ELP.

A. Status of Homeless Services – An On the Street Perspective

Ms. Weaver is the Director of the Service Planning Area 8 (SPA-8) Coordinated Entry System (CES) and gave a presentation updating the Board on homeless services taking place in the South Bay. Her presentation covered services being provided through LA County's CES; detailed the on-the-street outreach efforts; shared a success story on CES multi-agency collaboration; highlighted challenges to tackling the homelessness issue; and touched on other solutions throughout the South Bay.

CES is about moving individuals into housing, providing services, and working with them to ensure they are stable and will not become homeless again. In FY18-19, South Bay CES permanently housed 410 individuals and prevented 144 individuals from becoming homeless.

For further detail, Ms. Weaver's full presentation is available online at:

http://southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/board_directors/meeting/PRESENTATION_SBCCOG%20Exec%20Committee%20Presentation%20-%207-25-19.pdf

Board Member Gazeley asked Ms. Weaver about the encampment that is on Lomita Blvd/Vermont Ave. She explained that outreach teams frequently visit the location but cautioned that it is one of the oldest encampments in the South Bay (approximately 30 years).

Board Member Cruikshank inquired about efforts to work with communities as opposed to the "NIMBY" fight that usually occurs. Ms. Weaver informed him that there are teams in place to go into neighborhoods to do initial outreach and discuss plans with the community to help bring them on board as part of the solution.

Board Member Massey asked what work is being done to reunite homeless individuals with their family members. He elaborated that most homeless individuals in the area seem to be locals who likely have family close by. Ms. Weaver explained that there is some funding for a new effort underway to mediate small, family issues to help reconnect homeless individuals with family members who can take them in.

VIII. SBCCOG PROGRAM ACTION ITEMS, REPORTS AND UPDATES

A. Contract with Communications firm for a Needs Assessment (*attachment*) – APPROVED

Ms. Bacharach gave brief background information on the proposals received and referred the Board to the memo for more details. She explained that after a series of SBCCOG Social Media Working Group meetings, it became clear that the SBCCOG would benefit from a professional firm looking at how communications are done.

Tripepi-Smith proposed a small contract to do a "needs assessment" and meet with SBCCOG staff, Board Members, and others who want to participate. The firm currently does work for several South Bay cities and comes highly recommended including praise from Board Member Gazeley. Discussion on next steps will be held after the needs assessment is completed.

Board Member Dieringer shared her concern about the cost of the contract. She explained that even though there is funding set aside in the budget for something like this, she does not feel it's the right time to enter in to this contract considering the budget is currently operating in a deficit.

MOTION by Board Member Gazeley, seconded by Board Member Valentine, to **APPROVE** the Tripepi-Smith contract for a needs assessment. All Board Members voted to support the motion except for Board Member Dieringer who voted to oppose. Motion passed. So ordered.

B. Regional Broadband Initiative

Ms. Bacharach reported that Metro has signed off on SBCCOG compliance with the funding conditions for the South Bay Fiber Network (SBFN) project. She reminded the Board that Metro, SBCCOG, LA County DPW, and a couple South Bay cities have developed a series of transportation related projects as part of the approval of the use of funds. Ms. Bacharach added that ADF is meeting with city staff to go over specifics of their city's site(s). There has also been an article written in the Easy Reader paper on the project.

Board Members Kao asked if all of the fiber will be installed underground. Ms. Bacharach offered to connect Board Member Kao with ADF since those details are site specific.

Board Member Rizzo shared that he recently met with ADF to go over the Torrance-specific details and explained how informative the meeting was. He highly recommended that others meet with ADF to better understand the project's impact on their cities.

C. Senior Services

Ms. Farwell reported that the Senior Services Working Group met earlier in the week. The cities of Hermosa Beach and El Segundo have begun applications for the AARP Age Friendly Network designation.

Board Member Valentine asked how to get information on the AARP Age Friendly Network. Ms. Farwell will provide that information directly to Board Member Valentine.

D. Homeless Services

Ms. Bacharach announced that the city specific (updated) numbers are expected to be released next week. The cities of Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, Manhattan Beach, Inglewood, and Hawthorne have completed their homelessness plans and have received funding.

Ms. Bacharach added that the PATH contract has been renewed by Supervisors Ridley-Thomas and Hahn. Board Member Massey asked if there were any concerns about PATH being on year-to-year contracts in regard to program stability. Ms. Bacharach agreed with him and said that with Supervisor Ridley-Thomas leaving office next year, this could become a real issue. The SBCCOG will advocate for a multi-year contract next year.

E. Slow Speed/Local Travel Network Project

Ms. Bacharach reported the technical consultant, Fehr and Peers, is working on data analysis to identify a potential network. There will be stakeholder meetings held in the Fall.

F. Office Move – Site Selection Confirmation (attachment) – APPROVED

Ms. Bacharach reported that there are no agencies interested in co-locating so staff is recommending the smaller office size. The draft lease is being reviewed by SBCCOG legal counsel.

Board Member Dieringer asked how similar the lease is compared to the current lease. Ms. Bacharach explained that the SBCCOG is in a very unusual lease agreement right now, being a subtenant to Maritz who has been given the authority by the building owner to act as a tenant and property manager. This has created a unique relationship between SBCCOG and Maritz. The new location is much more traditional. Specific details of the lease are still being reviewed and will be reported on at the Steering Committee.

Board Member Dieringer also inquired about the unidentified costs that the landlord will not be paying for. Ms. Bacharach noted that there was \$100,000 in the budget for moving expenses and that Measure M will be covering the capital costs of connecting the SBCCOG office to the SBFN. Other specific costs will only be clarified upon bids/quotes from the tech firms, movers, etc.

MOTION by Board Member Cruikshank, seconded by Board Member Gazeley, to move forward with the smaller office size and authorize the Chair to sign the lease upon legal counsel review and sign-off. No objection. So ordered.

G. Status of Legislation of Interest to SBCCOG (attachment)

The Legislature is out of session currently and will return August 12.

H. Other

Ms. Bacharach provided a brief update on the SolSmart program, noting that Carson, RPV, Manhattan Beach, and Torrance are Gold Level cities. El Segundo, Gardena, and Hawthorne are Silver Level cities. The SBCCOG is close to becoming a designated SolSmart regional agency.

IX. TRANSPORTATION REPORTS

A. Metro Report

Mr. Lantz announced that he has been recently hired by the City of Inglewood to serve as Mayor Butts' second Metro Board Deputy (along with Mike Bohlke) for his term as Chair of the Metro Board. This will not affect his position as the South Bay COG's Transportation Director.

Mr. Lantz reported that the Metro Board approved use of Measure M subregional equity funds by the San Gabriel Valley to cover a shortfall in funding for the Gold Line. There are no funding sources identified for the subregional equity funds. Prior to this Board action, Metro had programmed the funds in the expenditure plan in 2043. However, following the motion by the Board, the precedent now exists for subregions to request their full subregional equity funding prior to the programmed expenditure year. These funds could potentially go towards costs associated with the Centinela Grade Separation project or the Green Line extension.

The Metro Board also approved a \$15M art project, "Destination Crenshaw" as an essential component of the Crenshaw rail project. This means that the South Bay can begin considering its art needs along stretches of the Green Line extension to Torrance.

Lastly, Metro is beginning to set the parameters on how bus lines will be restructured as part of the NextGen Bus Study. Metro has started to coordinate with municipal operators as well. Separate from the NextGen study, Metro will also be looking at implementing bus lanes on arterials to help increase bus ridership and reverse the ridership decline that is currently taking place.

B. SBCCOG Transportation Committee Report

1. Measure R South Bay Highway Program (SBHP) Project Funding Agreement Amendments (attachments) – APPROVED

Chair Horvath announced that there is a Vice-Chair position open on the Transportation Committee due to Councilmember Fangary's departure from the SBCCOG Board. The Measure M MSP Task Force was also disbanded now that the initial list of projects has been submitted to Metro. This is very similar to the process following the Measure R SBHP program. In August, there will be discussions on integrating the Measure R and M call for projects and a new process calendar.

Mr. Lantz explained that the list of projects are those that are requesting additional funding or currently have expiring funds that need amendments to extend the availability of those funds. City staff has been given approval by Metro staff to continue working on the projects while the amendments are in the works.

MOTION by Board Member Rizzo, seconded by Board Member Valentine, to **APPROVE** the recommended extensions and forward to Metro. No objection. So ordered.

X. AGENCY REPORTS

A. League of California Cities & LA Division Legislative Committee

Jeff Kiernan reported on the budget trailer bills on housing (SB102/AB101) that aim to increase housing production in the state. It provides \$2.5B in funding to address the housing/homelessness crisis; establishes incentives to encourage cities/counties to increase housing production; establishes a process for a court to determine that a city/county has complied with housing element law; and imposes penalties as a last resort should cities/counties disregard the direction of a court and continue to not fulfill their responsibilities under housing element law. Mr. Kiernan also announced that AB 516 is gaining traction in the Legislature and could deeply impact a city's ability to tow vehicles.

Mr. Kiernan concluded by announcing a couple upcoming events: The Division Installation is taking place August 1st in Bellflower; The Annual Conference will take place October 16th-18th in Long Beach.

B. South Coast Air Quality Management District – No report given.

C. SCAG & Committees

1. **Energy and Environment** – No report given.
2. **Transportation** – No report given.
3. **Community, Economic, & Human Development** – No report given.
4. **Regional Council** – No report given.

Ms. Patterson reported that SCAG is doing a RHNA 101 Webinar on July 29th from 10-11am.

D. Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission – No report given.

E. Stormwater Funding

1. CCCA/LCC Stormwater Funding Options Committee – No report given.

F. South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce

Board Member Valentine reported on legislative positions taken at SBACC and noted that AT&T presented their employment figures and impacts in the Los Angeles region

G. South Bay Aerospace Alliance – No report given.

H. KHRH (Hawthorne Airport) Committee re: Community Impacts

Board Member reported on the July 18th meeting, highlighting the committee's work to limit the impact of Hawthorne Airport noise on the surrounding communities. The FAA attended the meeting and is participating in the group in an advisory role. FAA is implementing new routes at Hawthorne Airport to keep traffic from LAX traffic.

I. South Bay Workforce Investment Board

Mr. Cagle reported on the SBWIB's \$12M grant from the Department of Labor in partnership with West LA College. It's a nation-wide project with partners throughout the country. The goal is to place 5,000 individuals into apprenticeships over a 4-year period. The SBWIB also received another \$100,000 from Supervisor Ridley-Thomas for the LA BioMed Biotech apprenticeship program. There are also additional programs starting which will focus on dislocated workers, training for employers, homelessness work, and more.

J. California Association of Councils of Governments – No report given.

XI. UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Bacharach reported that former SCAQMD representative Stan Myles passed away and there will be a memorial service for him on August 3rd.

Board member Massey (Hermosa Beach): AVP Volleyball Championship is taking place this weekend. The Teen Choice awards will also take place in Hermosa Beach on August 11th.

Board member Medina (Gardena): The City will be holding an ice cream social and concert in front of City Hall on Saturday (5-7p).

Board member Valentine (Hawthorne): National Night Out on August 6th from 6-9p.

Board member Cruikshank (Rancho Palos Verdes): The City's has eliminated its home-based business tax to help encourage business development and encourage working from home.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Horvath adjourned the meeting at 8:09 pm to Thursday, August 22, 2019 at 6:00 pm at the Torrance Library.

David Leger
Assistant Board Secretary