

Meeting of the South Bay Aerospace Alliance November 3, 2020

The South Bay Aerospace Alliance (SBAA) held its November meeting on November 3, 2020, via teleconference. Here are the highlights of that meeting:

- Mike Gin reported that the Los Angeles Air Force Base (LAAFB) holds its Community Partnership/Community Action Team Meeting in a forum setting, discussing issues that affect base members. They want to find more ways of interacting with the local community.
- Ed Peura gave the U.S. Space Force update. The Space Force is moving forward to establish a field command. The Space Force will have three commands: acquisitions, operations, and training. The LAAFB and SMC are expected to have a major role.
- The Guest speaker was Jose Anaya, Dean of Community Advancement at El Camino College, working in the area of workforce development and customized training. El Camino is looking for a facility of about 50,000 square feet to house an Aerospace Development Center. The center would contain an aerospace development program, including digital technology, advanced robotics, and customized training, to help upskill existing aerospace employees. This effort is being encouraged by DOL and DOD, who see the lack of STEM talent as a threat to national security.
- The City of Torrance withdrew from consideration for hosting the U.S. Space Force. There was no reason given by the reporter.

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