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SBCCOG MEETINGS: ATTENDANCE 2018 – 2019

City	Oct - 18	Nov - 18	Jan - 19	Mar - 19	Apr - 19	May - 19	Jun - 19
Carson	Hicks	Hicks	Hicks		Hicks Hilton	Hicks	
El Segundo	Boyles	Boyles	Boyles	Brann	Boyles	Boyles	
Gardena	Medina			Medina	Tanaka		
Hawthorne		Valentine	Monteiro	Valentine	Monteiro	Valentine	
Hermosa Beach	Fangary	Fangary	Fangary	Fangary	Campbell	Fangary	
Inglewood	Franklin		Franklin	Franklin		Franklin	
Lawndale	Osborne	Osborne Suarez	Osborne Suarez Pullen-Miles	Suarez Osborne Pullen-Miles	Suarez	Suarez Pullen-Miles	
Lomita	Gazeley	Gazeley	Gazeley	Gazeley		Gazeley	
Los Angeles	Buscaino				X	X	X
Manhattan Beach	Hersman	Hersman	Hersman	Hersman	Hersman Hadley		
Palos Verdes Estates	Kao	Vandever	Kao	Kao	Kao	Kao	
Rancho Palos Verdes	Alegria	Alegria	Cruikshank	Cruikshank	Alegria	Alegria	
Redondo Beach	Emdee		Horvath	Horvath	Horvath	Horvath	
Rolling Hills		Dieringer	Dieringer		Dieringer	Dieringer	
Rolling Hills Estates	Huff	Huff	Huff	Huff	Huff	Huff Zerunyan	
Torrance	Rizzo			Herring	Herring		
County of Los Angeles-2nd District			Sausedo	Sausedo			
County of Los Angeles- 4th District		LaMarque		LaMarque	LaMarque		

Number of Active Agencies	18	18	18	18	17	17	17
Quorum Required (50% +1)	10	10	10	10	9	9	9
Number of Agencies Attending	14	11	14	14	13	12	

**SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2019
SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS THEATER
20285 S. WESTERN AVENUE, 1ST FLOOR, TORRANCE, CA 90501**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Huff called the SBCCOG Board of Directors meeting to order at 6:09pm.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

In attendance were the following voting elected officials:

Cedric Hicks, Carson	Jim Gazeley, Lomita
Drew Boyles, El Segundo	Kenny Kao, Palos Verdes Estates
Olivia Valentine, Hawthorne	Eric Alegria, Rancho Palos Verdes
Hany Fangary, Hermosa Beach	Christian Horvath, Redondo Beach
Ralph Franklin, Inglewood	Bea Dieringer, Rolling Hills
Bernadette Suarez, Lawndale	Britt Huff, Rolling Hills Estates

Other elected officials in attendance:

Robert Pullen-Miles, Lawndale
Nancy Hersman, Rolling Hills Estates

Also in attendance were the following persons

Jonatan Cvetko, Angeles Emeralds	Steve Lantz, SBCCOG
Mikael Long, Angeles Emeralds	David Leger, SBCCOG
Jeff Kiernan, League of CA Cities	Natalie Champion, SBCCOG
Greg Farr, Caltrans	Rosemary Lackow, SBCCOG
Chris Cagle, SBWIB	Grace Farwell, SBCCOG
Sarah Patterson, SCAG	Brooke Heri, SBCCOG
Jacki Bacharach, SBCCOG	Aaron Baum, SBCCOG
Wally Siembab, SBCCOG	Karen Kanda, SBCCOG Volunteer

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

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

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF ANY CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

No changes to the agenda.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment received.

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. April Board Meeting Minutes (attachment) – Approved**
- B. 2019-2020 Dues (attachment) – Approved**
- C. Contract Renewal with Water Replenishment District (attachment) – Approved**
- D. Contract Extension for Metro Deputy Mike Bohlke (attachment) – Approved**
- E. Contract with Jacki Bacharach and Associates for Management Services (attachment) – Approved**
- F. Solsmart Sub-Regional Agency Designation (attachment) – Approved**
- G. Status of Legislation of Interest to SBCCOG (attachment) – Approved**
 1. Support – AB 1672, AB 1530, AB 659
 2. Oppose – AB 68 and AB 881
- H. Monthly Reports – Received and Filed**
 1. South Bay Environmental Services Center Report (attachment)
 2. Transportation Report (attachment)
 3. April Service Council Report by Don Szerlip, Vice Chair (attachments)

Ms. Bacharach announced that the legislative matrix has been updated since the agenda packet was mailed out. AB 1672 and AB 659 have become two-year bills. Ms. Bacharach asked the Board to discuss whether or not they want to take a position on the two-year bills as they could be entirely different by the end of the legislative session.

MOTION by Board Member Alegria, seconded by Board Member Franklin, to **TAKE THE RECOMMENDED POSITIONS** on the two-year bills and other bills as recommended. No objection. So ordered.

MOTION by Board Member Franklin, seconded by Board Member Alegria, to **APPROVE** the consent calendar. Motion passes. So ordered.

Board Member Dieringer requested the opportunity to comment on item E as she did not realize the prior vote was for the entire consent calendar. Chair Huff provided her that opportunity. Board Member Dieringer expressed her concerns on item E, particularly surrounding the pay to subcontractors on the Jacki Bacharach & Associates contract and the lack of specific breakdowns of their salaries. Board Member Dieringer stated that she would prefer to remove this item from the agenda to provide additional time for review. A motion was made by Board Member Dieringer to reconsider the vote on the consent calendar and it died for lack of a second. Board Member Dieringer requested that the record reflect her opposition to item E on the consent calendar.

VII. PRESENTATIONS

1. Face of the Program

Wally Siembab gave his “SBCCOG: Face of the Program” presentation, which introduces SBCCOG staff and their program responsibilities to the Board of Directors. Mr. Siembab began by detailing his early life in Detroit that shaped his love for the suburbs. Mr. Siembab then touched on his early work at the US Atomic Agency and his education at UCLA. Upon graduation, Mr. Siembab worked in a national planning practice doing municipal cable tv policy and helped to design municipal departments such as when West Hollywood was incorporated. Mr. Siembab briefly described meeting Ms. Bacharach at the League of California Cities while he was working as a principal technology advisor. Mr. Siembab then moved into the world of telecommuting and designed various telework projects throughout the country, including the Blue Line Televillage project for Metro. Mr. Siembab concluded by touching on his work at the SBCCOG including the Sustainable South Bay Strategy, Telework, and SmartNet projects. Mr. Siembab is looking forward to his retirement in Bellingham, Washington and hopes to write policy and publish his collection of photos.

Mr. Siembab’s presentation can be viewed online at:

http://southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/board_directors/meeting/PRESENTATION_Face%20of%20the%20Program%20Wally%20Siembab.pdf

2. Cannabis Issues for Cities

Jonatan Cvetko gave a brief presentation on cannabis issues facing cities in California. Mr. Cvetko explained the multitude of ways that the State is attempting to remove local control over cannabis regulation despite Prop 64’s promise of local control. In addition to the issue of local control, cities are also faced with illegal operators, legal and illegal delivery operators, and non-cannabis (hemp) CBD retailers. Mr. Cvetko briefly touched on the multitude of state bills related to fixing existing cannabis regulations, particularly AB 1356 that would require any city that voted in support of Prop 64 to allow retail cannabis businesses at a specified rate.

Mr. Cvetko’s full presentation is available online at:

http://southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/board_directors/meeting/PRESENTATION_Cannabis%20Issues%20for%20Cities%205.23.2019.pdf

3. 2019 – 2020 Budget Review (attachments)

Ms. Heri gave an overview presentation on the draft 2019-2020 SBCCOG budget. Ms. Heri noted that the year is beginning with a deficit which is not unusual. The deficit is largely due to decreases in SCE/SCG funding and budgeted expenses for the SBCCOG office relocation. Ms. Heri pointed the Board to the chart comparing the variations from last year’s budget.

Ms. Bacharach added that the budget includes a “wishlist” developed by the Finance Committee chaired by Board Member Franklin. The wishlist includes: a budget for legal services provided by Mike Jenkins. This request is due to the recent merger of Mr. Jenkins’ law firm with Best Best & Krieger. (Potential needs for specialty law services have already been included in the budget). Mr. Jenkins currently provides his services

pro bono except for work done on specified projects with funds billable to legal services; A small increase to retire benefit contributions; and an additional \$150,000 for reserves.

Board Member Dieringer asked what the plan is for closing the budget deficit besides hoping for additional grant revenue. Ms. Bacharach and Ms. Heri explained that it is very common for the SBCCOG to begin the year in a deficit but that there is no specific plan beyond searching for additional grants.

Board Member Horvath followed up on the cyclical nature of the SBCCOG budget deficit and asked if it would be worthwhile to consider changing the fiscal year to be something besides July-June. Ms. Bacharach noted that it's something to consider, but it may not solve the deficit issue on its own.

Board Member Alegria added that he agrees with Board Member Dieringer's concerns about approving a budget with a large deficit but asked if there were opportunities to modify the budget after it is approved. Ms. Bacharach explained that there is a mid-year budget update that the Board will vote on as well as quarterly updates to the Steering Committee. However, it is possible that the Board could amend the budget as often as they wish.

Board Member Dieringer also expressed her concerns that the deficit will prompt additional dues increases despite the conclusion of the 5-year dues increase plan. Board Members Horvath and Franklin clarified that the 5-year plan was not to prevent future dues increases but was implemented to help create an emergency reserve and help address a cashflow issue.

Board Member Dieringer requested that the budget not be included on the consent calendar on the June agenda.

The full budget is available online here:

http://southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/board_directors/meeting/12_Updated%20Proposed%20Budget%202019-2020%20%26%20Narrative.pdf

VIII. Transportation Reports

A. Metro Report by Board Member James Butts/Mike Bohlke

Mr. Lantz reported that the Metro Board approved a \$9.9M two-year contract with LA County Dept. of Health Services for homeless outreach on the transit system. The Board also adopted the \$7.2B budget.

B. SBCCOG Transportation Update by Steve Lantz

No update given.

IX. SBCCOG PROGRAM ACTION ITEMS, REPORTS AND UPDATES

A. Contract Amendment with City of Hawthorne to Assist them with their Green Business Assist Program (attachments) – APPROVED

Ms. Bacharach reported that this item was not received prior to the Steering Committee meeting for their review. The amendment provides the SBCCOG with \$20,000 in additional funding.

MOTION by Board Member Horvath, seconded by Board Member Alegria, to **APPROVE** the amendment. No objection. So ordered.

B. Appointments to Outside Agencies (attachment) – APPROVED

Ms. Bacharach explained that most appointments were not contested except for the SCAG Community, Economic, and Human Development Committee which had two applicants: Frank Zerunyan (incumbent) and Chris Pimentel. Ms. Bacharach read a statement from Mr. Pimentel who was unable to attend the meeting in person. Mr. Zerunyan noted his years of service on various SCAG committees over the past 16 years.

MOTION by Board Member Horvath, seconded by Board Member Gazeley, to **APPROVE** the appointments as recommended and to **APPOINT** Frank Zerunyan to the SCAG Community, Economic, and Human Development Committee. No objection. So ordered.

C. Nominating Committee Report – NOMINATIONS OPENED

Chair Huff opened nominations and reviewed the Nominating Committee recommendations that if approved, would make Board Member Horvath Chair on July 1st, Board Member Valentine Vice Chair, and Board Member Boyles 2nd Vice Chair. At large Steering Committee members nominated are Councilmembers Hicks, Tanaka & Cruikshank. Chair Huff asked if there were any other Board Members interested in being a member of the SBCCOG Steering Committee.

D. Senior Services

Chair Huff reported that the next meeting will be taking place on Tuesday at 9:30am. There will be a speaker from Doorsquad, which is a relocation concierge service that helps older adults in the down-sizing process. Ms. Bacharach added that the SBCCOG is looking into a \$150K grant from Kaiser and other possible partners to begin work on making the South Bay an age-friendly region.

E. Homeless Services

Ms. Bacharach reported that there were five elected officials at the last meeting, which was a great turnout. There was a brief presentation on the Coordinated Entry System. The group also discussed the desperate need for interim housing since permanent housing cannot be built fast enough. There are efforts to turn rooms at motels into interim housing locations. The homeless count is expected to be released May 31st with city-specific counts released in June. There will be a housing resource fair in San Pedro as well.

F. Regional Broadband Initiative

Ms. Bacharach reminded the Board that Metro provided approval of the \$4.4M in MSP funding to construct the fiber ring. SBCCOG staff is currently working with cities to identify specific locations that they want to connect to the network. Ms. Bacharach added that there must be at least 35 sites identified based on the proposal by the preferred proposer. SBCCOG staff is also working with Metro, LA County DPW, and city staff to develop short-term implementable transportation projects, one of which is integration with Metro’s Regional Integrated Intelligent Transportation Systems (RIITS) network and LA County’s Information Exchange Network (IEN).

Board Member Valentine asked what the benefits are of joining the RIITS and IEN networks. Mr. Lantz explained that cities often have their own traffic management systems that include data for their own city. By joining RIITS and IEN, a city would be able to get real time data from neighboring cities’ that will allow for better management of recurring and emergency congestion. Without this connection, getting that data would be incredibly cumbersome.

Board Member Horvath added that these projects are the easily achieved projects that can provide some immediate benefits. He went on to stress that this is essentially a do-or-die moment that will not come again. The SBCCOG has been authorized to use \$4.4M to cover the capital costs for cities which means that cities would only have to cover the monthly service costs. In his city, they are already committed to two other carriers, but have determined that by joining the SmartNet now, they will easily save money in the long run by being able to eliminate at least one of the current providers.

Mr. Lantz added that as government becomes more electronic, high bandwidth connections will be even more critical.

G. Slow Speed/Local Travel Network Project

Ms. Bacharach reported that a very successful kickoff meeting was held with Fehr and Peers earlier in the day.

H. Office Move

Ms. Bacharach announced that there were two sites still under consideration. One is located on Vermont Ave/190th St and the other is located at Sepulveda Blvd/Crenshaw Blvd. Meetings are being held with space planners for both sites as they are currently empty shells.

Caltrans also plans to begin working out of the SBCCOG office starting next week. Caltrans staff will work out of the SBCCOG office as a local resource for South Bay city staff. If the project proves to be successful, a more permanent arrangement will be considered for the new office.

I. Other

Ms. Bacharach noted that the Housing Forum went well and that the most popular panelists were Wally Siembab and Bill Brand. There was a lot of interest in Mr. Siembab's policy ideas.

Lastly, Ms. Bacharach reported that Adaptation Chapters for Climate Action Plans are being drafted right now and will be going to cities for review in the coming weeks.

X. AGENCY REPORTS

A. League of California Cities & LA Division Legislative Committee

Mr. Kiernan announced that SB50 was held in the Appropriations Committee last week and has turned into a two-year bill. Mr. Kiernan also touched on the AB 1356 cannabis legislation and AB 849 districting legislation that the League is opposing. Mr. Kiernan concluded by announcing a training session being held as part of the Executive Forum on June 19th and 20th.

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.

On behalf of Ms. Patterson, Ms. Bacharach shared the Connect SoCal workshops flyer for the 2020-2045 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy that will present a long-range vision for future mobility and housing needs with economic, environmental and public health goals. There will be a May 30th workshop at the Carson Community Center.

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

E. Stormwater Funding

1. CCCA/LCC Stormwater Funding Options Committee – No report given.
2. County Water Resilience Working Group – No report given.

Board Member Fangary took this opportunity to announce that he will no longer be serving on the SBCCOG Board of Directors. Councilmember Massey will be replacing him on the Board. Board Member Fangary will continue to serve on these committees.

F. South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce – No report given.

G. South Bay Aerospace Alliance – No report given.

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

Board Member Valentine explained that KHHR is the call sign for the Hawthorne Airport. Members include neighboring cities. The second meeting of the group was held on April 18th. They discussed impacts of the flight path and requested more in-depth discussions on specific data. The goal is to create a mechanism to help process community concerns and identify potential fixes. Meetings will be held quarterly.

I. South Bay Workforce Investment Board – No report given.

Mr. Cagle passed out the 3rd Quarter Report. The job fair in Carson for youth/young adults was very successful with over 800 people attending. 150 were hired on the spot and over 200 were invited back for second interviews.

J. California Association of Councils of Governments

Chair Huff reported that next CALCOG meeting will take place next week.

XI. UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Huff (Rolling Hills Estates): The Palos Verdes Street Fair is taking place June 7-9.

Valentine (Hawthorne): A Senior Intervention Fair is being held on June 4th from 10am-1pm.

Fangary (Hermosa Beach): Fiesta Hermosa is taking place this weekend and will feature two stages with between 50-100K attendees expected.

Alegria (Rancho Palos Verdes): There will be a Memorial Day ceremony at the Green Hills cemetery on Monday.

Horvath (Redondo Beach): Following the RPV Memorial Day event, there will be one at 1pm at Veterans' Park

Hicks (Carson): There will be a Memorial Day veterans event at the Carson Community Center tomorrow.

XII. APRIL SBCCOG COMMITTEE MEETINGS & WORKING GROUPS

Consult website for specific times and places for other meetings – www.southbaycities.org

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Huff adjourned the meeting at 8:16 pm to June 27th at 6:00 pm.

David Leger

Assistant Board Secretary