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SBCCOG MEETINGS: ATTENDANCE 2019 - 2020

City	Oct - 19	Nov - 19	Jan - 20	Feb - 20	Apr - 20	May - 20	June - 20
Carson			Hicks	Hicks	Hicks	Hicks	
El Segundo	Pimentel	Boyles	Pimentel	Boyles	Boyles	Boyles	
Gardena	Medina	Medina	Medina	Medina Tanaka	Tanaka	Tanaka	
Hawthorne	Valentine	Monteiro	Monteiro	Valentine	Valentine	Valentine	
Hermosa Beach	Massey			Massey	Armato	Armato	
Inglewood	Franklin	Franklin Butts	Franklin	Franklin	Franklin Butts	Franklin	
Lawndale	Suarez	Suarez Osborne	Suarez	Suarez		Suarez	
Lomita		Gazeley	Gazeley		Gazeley	Gazeley	
Los Angeles	X	X	X	X	X	Buscaino	
Manhattan Beach	Stern	Stern		Stern	Stern	Stern	
Palos Verdes Estates	Kao		Kao	Kao	Kao	Kao	
Rancho Palos Verdes		Alegria	Cruikshank	Cruikshank	Cruikshank	Cruikshank Alegria	
Redondo Beach	Horvath	Horvath	Horvath	Horvath	Horvath	Horvath	
Rolling Hills	Dieringer	Dieringer		Dieringer	Dieringer	Dieringer	
Rolling Hills Estates	Huff	Huff	Huff	Huff	Huff	Huff	
Torrance	Rizzo	Rizzo	Rizzo	Rizzo	Chen Furey	Chen	
County of Los Angeles-2nd District		Johnson			Johnson	Johnson	
County of Los Angeles- 4th District	LaMarque	LaMarque	LaMarque	LaMarque	LaMarque	LaMarque	

Number of Active Agencies	15	17	16	17	17	17	17
Quorum Required (50% +1)	8	9	9	9	9	9	9
Number of Agencies Attending	13	14	13	15	16	16	

**SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
THURSDAY, MAY 28, 2020
HELD VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Horvath called the SBCCOG Board of Directors meeting to order at 6:02pm.

II. INTRODUCTIONS**In attendance were the following voting elected officials:**

Cedric Hicks, Carson	Hildy Stern, Manhattan Beach
Drew Boyles, El Segundo	Kenny Kao, Palos Verdes Estates
Rodney Tanaka, Gardena	John Cruikshank, Rancho Palos Verdes
Olivia Valentine, Hawthorne	Christian Horvath, Redondo Beach
Stacey Armato, Hermosa Beach	Bea Dieringer, Rolling Hills
Ralph Franklin, Inglewood	Britt Huff, Rolling Hills Estates
Bernadette Suarez, Lawndale	George Chen, Torrance
Jim Gazeley, Lomita	Lacey Johnson, SD-2
Joe Buscaino, LA City	Jennifer LaMarque, SD-4

The following non-voting elected officials were in attendance:

Eric Alegria, Rancho Palos Verdes

Also, in attendance were the following persons:

Jacob Haik, LA CD-15	Wally Siembab, SBCCOG
Aksel Palacios, LA CD-15	Steve Lantz, SBCCOG
Denny Shaw, AQMD	David Leger, SBCCOG
Stephen Sawyer, Charter/Spectrum	Grace Farwell, SBCCOG
Jeff Kiernan, League of CA Cities	Natalie Champion, SBCCOG
Glenda Silva, LAWA	Rosemary Lackow, SBCCOG
Sarah Patterson, SCAG	Brooke Heri, SBCCOG
Jacki Bacharach, SBCCOG	Deborah Deets, Public
Kim Fuentes, SBCCOG	Holly Osborne, 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

In an effort to ensure business is completed in a timely manner, Chair Horvath announced that he is moving item 7A to after item 9.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Osborne asked what the tentative dates are for public meetings on the environmental process for Metro's Green Line extension to Torrance project as well as the availability of meeting notes for any meetings held on the matter since January 2020. SBCCOG staff will look into the inquiry and provide Ms. Osborne a response.

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. April Board Meeting Minutes (attachment) – Approved**
- B. Amendment to Agreement with Agnes Walker (attachment) – Approved**
- C. Amendment to County Contract re: Sanitation Stations for the Homeless (attachment) – Approved**
- D. West Basin Municipal Scope of Work for FY 20-21 (attachment) – Approved and directed staff to execute the contract**
- E. Financial Reserve Policy (attachment) – Approved**
- F. Monthly Reports – Receive and Filed**
 - 1. South Bay Environmental Services Center Report (attachment)**
 - 2. Transportation Report (attachment)**
 - 3. Reports from Outside Agencies**

- a. League of California Cities & LA Division Legislative Committee (Bea Dieringer & Jeffrey Kiernan) *(attachment)*
- b. SCAG & Committees *(attachment)*
 - 1. Regional Council (Judy Mitchell, Mark Henderson, James Gazeley)
- c. South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce (Olivia Valentine) *(attachment)*
- d. South Bay Aerospace Alliance (Olivia Valentine/Rodney Tanaka) *(attachment)*
- e. Metro Service Council Report by Ralph Franklin Chair *(attachment)*

Board Member Dieringer asked to remove Item E from the Consent Calendar to discuss further.

MOTION by Board Member Hicks, seconded by Board Member Valentine, to **APPROVE** all items of the Consent Calendar except Item E. No objection. So ordered.

ITEM E. Board Member Dieringer explained that she felt the Financial Reserve Policy should be discussed further. Previously, the 5-year dues increase plan was intended to build the reserves for the organization. This policy would more than double the prior reserves and she feels there isn't enough information to say why.

Ms. Bacharach noted that this policy is set on a more tangible set of data to establish the reserve amount. Ms. Bacharach explained that the close down costs (such as outstanding rent obligations, staffing close out costs, etc.) is about \$400,000. The reserve would be built up over time with the \$90,000 payment this year coming from existing accounts and interest. Future deposits would be \$37,000/year for the next four years. She also noted there is no dues increase taking place this year, so dues increases are not the only way to build the reserve. The Steering Committee believed it was prudent to set a realistic close-down cost-based reserve.

Chair Horvath added that this is a reallocation of existing funds and it's up to SBCCOG staff to determine where it comes from.

MOTION by Board Member Franklin, seconded by Board Member Boyles, to **APPROVE** Item E. All Board Members present voted Yes, except Board Members Dieringer and Chen who opposed. Motion passed. (16 yes, 2 no).

VII. PRESENTATIONS

A. 2020-2021 Budget Review

Ms. Bacharach gave a brief overview of the budget, noting it is balanced. Due to the receipt of a large REN contract and additional homeless funding, there is need to hire additional staff in order to support those contracts. Ms. Bacharach also noted the \$100,000 allocation for a website update, explaining that the platform supporting the current website is no longer supported. Staff will begin drafting an RFP for website services to determine the actual cost.

Board Member Valentine asked if the pandemic has reduced any grants. Ms. Bacharach explained that so far, it has not. Some grants are due to end anyway, such as the Caltrans grant, but are not ending due to the pandemic. Staff is always looking for additional grant opportunities regardless.

Board Member Boyles indicated that El Segundo recently updated their website and it cost approximately \$250,000, so it may be worth bidding out so the budget could be adjusted higher if needed. He added that the City's website is more involved and likely more complex, so it may not be the same for the SBCCOG. Chair Horvath explained the he believes it can be accomplished for under the \$100,000 budget.

Board Member Chen asked for further explanation of why additional staff is needed, particularly as cities are facing massive layoffs. He added that it seems to send a bad message. Ms. Fuentes explained that SBCCOG staff are funded largely through grant revenue. Because the organization received additional grants, there is not adequate capacity left with existing staff. She reminded the Board that two positions were eliminated last year, so the staff size has been minimal since then. The positions are directly tied to grant revenue received. Ms. Bacharach added that the SBCCOG positions would be open to qualified city staff who may have been laid off as well.

Board Member Dieringer noted her agreement with issues raised by Board Member Chen and asked for a specific breakdown of salaries paid out to JB&A subcontractors.

Board Member Cruikshank expressed his disagreement with Board Members Chen and Dieringer, explaining that the SBCCOG should be hiring if it can. If the work and funding are there, it only benefits SBCCOG member cities.

VIII. SBCCOG PROGRAM ACTION ITEMS, REPORTS AND UPDATES

A. Nominating Committee report (attachment) – NOMINATIONS OPENED

Chair Horvath thanked Board Member Huff for serving as Chair of the Nominating Committee and asked her to review their recommendations. Board Member Huff placed in nomination on behalf of the committee Board Member Valentine - Chair, Board Member Boyles – 1st Vice Chair, and Board Member Cruikshank - 2nd Vice Chair. At large Steering Committee members nominated are Board Members Hicks, Kao, Suarez, and Stern. Board Member Huff thanked Board Members Gazeley and Osborne for their assistance on the Nominating Committee.

MOTION by Board Member Dieringer, seconded by Board Member Gazeley to open nominations and nominate the names listed above. No objection. So ordered.

B. Legislation of Interest to SBCCOG (attachment) – APPROVED

1. Finance SB 795 – Support

2. Housing - AB 3107 – change Monitor to Oppose; SB 1299 – Support

Ms. Bacharach reported the Legislature is meeting this week under a rule with a reduced number of bills allowed to be introduced (due to pandemic impacts). SB 795 has changed significantly but no change in position is recommended and support should be reaffirmed. Consensus to reaffirm support position.

The Community Development Directors group asked the SBCCOG Board to take an oppose position on AB 3107 as they feel it will remove local control. This bill would mandate that a housing development in which at least 20% of the units have an affordable housing cost be an authorized use on a site designated in any element of the general plan for commercial uses.

MOTION by Board Member Hicks, seconded by Board Member Valentine to **OPPOSE** AB 3107. No objection. Abstention by Board Members LaMarque and Johnson. Motion passed.

Board Member Boyles asked for information on AB 2580 and questioned if the SBCCOG should oppose it. Mr. Kiernan explained that this bill would allow a motel/hotel under ministerial rights to convert to residential housing. These would likely be underperforming motels.

MOTION by Board Member Boyles, seconded by Board Member Tanaka to **OPPOSE** AB 2580. No objection. Abstention by Board Members LaMarque and Johnson. Motion passed.

Regarding SB 902, Ms. Bacharach noted that amendments had been made, but that the Board may choose to reaffirm their opposition. Mr. Kiernan added that the bill is now an opt-in program and that the League of CA Cities will continue to monitor.

MOTION by Board Member Franklin, seconded by Board Member Hicks to **CONTINUE OPPOSITION** to SB 902. No objection. Abstention by Board Members LaMarque and Johnson. Motion passed.

Ms. Bacharach explained that she is recommending a support position for SB 1299 which would allow a city to receive commercial property tax revenues for 7 years if the parcel is converted to housing. This is a program that would incentivize the conversion of idle commercial properties as opposed to mandating certain things like most other housing legislation.

MOTION by Board Member Dieringer, seconded by Board Member Huff to **SUPPORT** SB 1299. No objection. Abstention by Board Members LaMarque and Johnson. Motion passed.

C. South Bay Fiber Network

Ms. Bacharach reported that there is approximately \$15,000 in monthly service commitments so far, still below the minimum requirement of \$35,000 needed by July. Ms. Bacharach asked the Board to work with their IT Directors and City Managers to sign the service agreements. Per the contract with ADF, the SBCCOG is

liable for the balance of the unmet monthly recurring costs. Cities that have already connected and signed agreements should have service beginning sometime in June/July.

D. Senior Services

Board Member Huff reported that at the meeting earlier in the week, there was a presentation by Donna Benton, a gerontology professor at USC who has been serving on the Masterplan on Aging stakeholder group. The group has just sent a list of objectives for long term support services to Governor Newsom. This project is a 10-year time frame, so hopefully after the pandemic related financial hardships, the State will be able to allocate funds for these recommendations.

E. Homeless Services

Ms. Farwell explained that the County is currently working to identify hotels/motels throughout the County to participate in Project Roomkey which temporarily converts hotel/motels to housing for homeless individuals to help them isolate during the pandemic. Lawndale, Lomita, and LA City (San Pedro) have hotels participating in the program. There have been over 400 people housed so far. Board Member Buscaino expressed his support for the program and offered to arrange tours of the San Pedro site. Board Member Suarez noted Lawndale's experience was not as positive because the City was not consulted during the process. Ms. Farwell noted that the County has improved the communication channels and works to notify the city manager and SBCCOG prior to a signed agreement with the hotel. Lastly, Ms. Farwell congratulated Board Member Buscaino on the two Bridge Homes that will soon be opening in CD-15. Board Member Buscaino noted that other cities need to step up and build more shelters to help address the homelessness crisis.

F. Other

Ms. Bacharach announced that there was a telework workshop for city staff held via Zoom yesterday by the SBCCOG and it was well attended. The recording will be posted to the SBCCOG website.

IX. TRANSPORTATION REPORTS

A. Metro Report

Mr. Lantz reported that the Metro Board received a report that the Crenshaw-LAX line will complete construction by December, followed by a 4-5-month testing period. The line is expected to open May 2021. The Board also approved design work for the Centinela Grade Separation. Mr. Lantz reported that due to the pandemic, Metro has lost 70-80% of their weekly ridership and 95% of their fares. Metro is projecting a \$1 billion loss in sales tax revenue over the next two years. Ridership has started to slowly return as the restrictions are lifted. Metro is assigning busses on a daily basis depending on ridership and the need to maintain social distancing requirements. CEO Phil Washington has put together the Metro Mobility and Affordability Plan that will lay out Metro's efforts to adapt to the economic downturn. A continuing resolution was passed, but a new budget will be voted on in September covering the remainder of FY20-21. Metro continues to evaluate the impacts on numerous projects and programs. The Board continues to urge the development of the 4 pillar projects that were supposed to be completed by the Olympics, one of which is the Green Line extension to Torrance. There will be further information provided at the June meeting.

B. Metro Service Council Appointments (attachment) – APPROVED

Board Member Franklin reported that interviews were held via Zoom and that all present candidates were very good nominees. After discussion, the interview panel unanimously recommended the slate of Luis Duran, David Mach, Glenda Silva for three year terms and Rochelle Mackabee for a one year term.

MOTION by Board Member Franklin, seconded by Board Member Gazeley, to **APPROVE** the Metro Service Council nominees as recommended. No objection. So ordered.

Sharing City Responses to the Coronavirus and Reopening Strategies and Challenges

Board Members shared their city's ongoing responses to the pandemic. Coastal cities have been working together with LA County on coordinated beach reopening. Efforts to allow restaurants to reopen are ongoing and depend on state approval. Various cities have also started delivering meals to at-risk groups such as seniors to help reduce their exposure. All cities expressed ongoing concerns over revenue losses due to the economic shutdown. Board Member Buscaino noted that as President of National League of Cities, he is working with Congressional representatives to pass the SMART Act that will funnel billions of dollars into cities of all sizes (The CARES Act had a minimum population size that kept all but large cities from participating). Board Members thanked Supervisor Hahn and LA County Health Department for leadership.

X. AGENCY REPORTS

NOTE: Oral reports are only made to clarify or amplify written attachments. All reports that were submitted or handed out are available online here: <http://southbaycities.org/committees/board-directors/board-directors-meeting-61>

- A. SCAG Committees** – No report given.
 - 1. **Energy and Environment** (Judy Mitchell, Jim Osborne)
 - 2. **Transportation** (James Gazeley, Drew Boyles)
 - 3. **Community, Economic, & Human Development** (Mark Henderson, Frank Zerunyan & Mark Waronek)
- B. Air Quality Management District** (Judy Mitchell, Joe Buscaino & Denny Shaw)
Board Member Buscaino reported that Daimler Trucks North America will be building electric trucks and conduct a demonstration with truck haulers. There will also be a Replace Your Ride program to encourage EV adoption.
- C. South Bay Workforce Investment Board** (Chris Cagle) – No report given.
- D. Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission** (Bill Brand/Kenneth Kao) – No report given.
- E. Stormwater Funding**
 - 1. CCCA/LCC Stormwater Funding Options Committee – No report given.
- F. South Bay Aerospace Alliance** – No report given.
- G. California Association of Councils of Governments** – No report given.

XI. UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Horvath adjourned the meeting at 8:26 pm to Thursday, June 25, 2020 at 6:00 pm. The meeting will be held virtually via Zoom until further notice.

David Leger
Assistant Board Secretary