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SBCCOG BOARD MEETINGS: ATTENDANCE 2021

City	Jan - 21	Feb - 21	Apr - 21	May - 21	Jun - 21	Jul - 21	Aug - 21
Carson	Hicks	Dear	Hicks	Hicks	Hicks		
El Segundo	Boyles Pimentel	Boyles	Boyles	Boyles	Boyles	Boyles	
Gardena	Tanaka	Tanaka	Tanaka	Tanaka	Tanaka	Tanaka	
Hawthorne	Valentine	Valentine	Valentine	Valentine	Valentine	Valentine	
Hermosa Beach	Armato	Armato	Armato	Armato	Armato	Armato	
Inglewood		Butts	Faulk	Butts	Butts	Butts	
Lawndale	Suarez	Suarez	Suarez		Suarez	Suarez	
Lomita	Gazeley Waite	Gazeley Waite	Gazeley	Gazeley	Gazeley	Gazeley	
Los Angeles	X	Buscaino				X	X
Manhattan Beach	Stern		Stern	Stern		Stern	
Palos Verdes Estates	Roos	Roos	Roos		Roos		
Rancho Palos Verdes	Cruikshank	Cruikshank	Cruikshank	Cruikshank	Cruikshank	Cruikshank	
Redondo Beach	Horvath	Horvath	Horvath	Horvath	Horvath	Horvath	
Rolling Hills	Dieringer	Dieringer	Dieringer	Dieringer	Dieringer	Dieringer	
Rolling Hills Estates	Zuckerman Huff	Zuckerman Huff	Zuckerman Huff	Zuckerman Huff	Zuckerman	Zuckerman Huff	
Torrance	Chen Furey	Chen	Chen	Chen Furey	Chen	Chen	
County of Los Angeles-2nd District	Mitchell Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	
County of Los Angeles- 4th District	LaMarque	LaMarque	LaMarque	LaMarque	LaMarque	LaMarque	

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

**SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
THURSDAY, JULY 22, 2021
HELD VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Boyles called the SBCCOG Board of Directors meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

II. VERIFY QUORUM

In attendance were the following voting elected officials:

Drew Boyles, El Segundo	John Cruikshank, Rancho Palos Verdes
Rodney Tanaka, Gardena	Christian Horvath, Redondo Beach
Olivia Valentine, Hawthorne	Bea Dieringer, Rolling Hills
Stacey Armato, Hermosa Beach	Steve Zuckerman, Rolling Hills Estates
James Butts, Inglewood	George Chen, Torrance
Bernadette Suarez, Lawndale	Sonia Lopez, LA County D-2
Jim Gazeley, Lomita	Jennifer LaMarque, LA County D-4
Hildy Stern, Manhattan Beach	

Other elected officials in attendance:

Britt Huff, Rolling Hills Estates

Also, in attendance were the following persons:

Sharon Landers, Carson	Chris Cagle, SBWIB
Aram Chaparyan, Torrance	Jacki Bacharach, SBCCOG
Stephano Padilla, AQMD	Kim Fuentes, SBCCOG
Greg Farr, Caltrans	Steve Lantz, SBCCOG
Dr. Silvia Prieto, LA County Public Health	Wally Siembab, SBCCOG
Nancy Rodriguez, LA County Public Health	David Leger, SBCCOG
Ara An, LA County D-2	Natalie Champion, SBCCOG
Mark Dierking, Metro	Colleen Farrell, SBCCOG
Charles Gale, MWD	Laurie Jacobs, SBCCOG
Jan Vogel, SBWIB	Jim Hannon, 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 announced that the policing presentation has been postponed and in its place will be a roundtable discussion on current city issues, concerns, and priorities.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Vogel shared with the Board opportunities to work with the South Bay Workforce Investment Board, including: an employment training panel that helps reimburse businesses for training their employees, which is expected to be expanded to included public agencies and non-profits; Customer Service Training program that helps create a blueprint for employment success when working with the public; and partnerships on American Recovery Plan applications where the SBWIB can provide the workforce elements needed in the applications.

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. June Board Meeting Minutes (attachments) – Approved as amended**
- B. Metro Service Council Vacancy (attachment) – Approved**
- C. Contract Renewal with Mike Bohlke as Metro Deputy to Director Butts (attachment) – Approved**
- D. Contract Extension for Magellan Advisors (attachment) – Approved**
- E. Contract with LA DWP (attachment) – Approved**
- F. Contract Extension with Silvernest for Home Share South Bay (attachment) – Approved**
- G. Chamber of Commerce Memberships for FY 21-22 (attachment) – Approved**
- H. Purchase Order with LA Sanitation Districts (attachment) – Received and Filed**

- I. **Calendar of Board Meetings for the coming year** (*attachment*) – **Received and Filed**
- J. **Legislative Matrix with bills of interest** (*attachment*) – **Approved**
 - 1. AB 68 – Change from Oppose to Neutral
 - 2. AB 500 – Oppose
- K. **Monthly Reports – Received and Filed**
 - 1. South Bay Environmental Services Center Report (*attachment*)
 - 2. Transportation Report (*attachment*)
 - 3. City Attendance at SBCCOG meetings (*attachment*)
 - 4. Reports from Outside Agencies (*attachments for each at end of the agenda*)
 - a. League of California Cities & LA Division Legislative Committee (Bea Dieringer & Jeff Kiernan)
 - b. SCAG Committees
 - i. SCAG Regional Council (Drew Boyles, Mark Henderson, James Gazeley)
 - 1. Invest in America Fact Sheet
 - ii. SCAG Energy and Environment Committee (Britt Huff)
 - c. South Bay Workforce Investment Board (Chris Cagle)

Ms. Bacharach thanked Board Member Dieringer for pointing out an error in the minutes regarding the legislative positions that were taken. The revised minutes were shared with the Board.

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

Chair Boyles allowed Board Member Dieringer to share information about an event that she is organizing. She is working to organize an event aimed at educating residents about SB 9 and SB 10. She explained that she is currently looking at holding a hybrid event at the Nakano Theater in Torrance with a Zoom streaming feature. In order for the fees to be waived, a government agency must make the request to use the facility. Board Member Dieringer asked if the SBCCOG could act as the requesting/sponsor agency. Others would run the meeting, prepare materials, etc.

Several Board Members expressed their support for the event.

Board Member Valentine asked if there was a plan to have a balanced speaker panel (support/oppose). She also asked when the event would be and if there is confidence in the ability to carry it out on such a short timeframe. Board Member Dieringer explained that she planned on presenting the supporting arguments, but also providing the context of how none of that is achieved by the legislation. She also expressed confidence in their ability to carry out the event because there are other groups working on it as well.

Board Member Cruikshank shared that although he supports the event, he cautioned that if the SBCCOG is taking the lead that the main effort should be informational.

Board Member Armato expressed concerns about the in-person crowds, particularly given indoor mask requirements and the well-organized “YIMBYs”. She also cautioned that resources at the SBCCOG are slim right now, so there may not be much support available from staff.

Board Member Horvath noted his interest in the idea and mentioned he has done numerous townhalls over Zoom and feels it’s a great format. Having a virtual element will also help expand the reach of the event.

Ms. Bacharach shared that she has checked in with staff and due to being short-staffed, a hybrid event is much more complex than either an in-person or virtual one. Due to the departure of the Homeless Services coordinator, current staff has already assumed additional program responsibilities and is unable to assist in the logistics of the event.

Board Member Dieringer thanked everyone for the support and comments and clarified that she just hopes the SBCCOG would be able to request the room from Torrance, but that no other support would be expected, and that its name would not be included in any materials produced.

Chair Boyles suggested that if this were something the Board would like to do, the motion could be made conditionally so that the agreement with Torrance could be reviewed to ensure it allows the SBCCOG to request the use of the room and not be associated with the event and is generally satisfactory to SBCCOG Legal Counsel.

MOTION by Board Member Dieringer, seconded by Board Member Zuckerman, to **conditionally approve** SBCCOG's facility usage request to Torrance as long as the City of Torrance's processes and forms allow the SBCCOG to request usage of the facility without being associated with the event; the SBCCOG's name will not be used on any collateral/literature nor in any comments made during the event; and understanding that the SBCCOG will not be providing staffing, material, or other resources in support of the event. No objection. So ordered.

VII. PRESENTATIONS

A. Policing Post George Floyd – postponed

B. City Topics Roundtable

Chair Boyles opened the floor to Board Members who wished to share issues, concerns, and topics of interest to their city.

Board Member Valentine shared that Hawthorne is dealing with the City Hall re-opening and how to accommodate a continued virtual meeting option. She explained that the city has seen an increase in public participation since going virtual. She also added that parking continues to be an issue for the city.

Board Member Chen shared that Torrance is currently navigating an approximate \$20M budget deficit caused by the pandemic. Other areas of concern are homelessness and coyote management. Torrance is returning to in-person meetings, so they are working through those logistics.

Board Member Cruikshank reported that Rancho Palos Verdes has authorized a more aggressive approach to handling the coyote issue. The city is also concerned about homelessness although its last homeless count numbers were low compared to many others. The city is considering ways to help address the issue, particularly surrounding mental illness. There are also concerns about reckless driving and the need to calm traffic.

Board Member Stern noted that her city shares very many of the same concerns that have already been mentioned. E-bikes are of particular concern to Manhattan Beach because they speed and run stop signs, creating hazards for all users. The city is also looking into the outdoor dining program currently in place. There are topographical issues associated with it as well as reduced parking, increased congestion, and the permanence of the structures already built.

Board Member Armato shared that Hermosa Beach was able to balance its budget and avoided staff layoffs. The city's dining deck program has been extended to the end of the year, but in general, there has been support for it. The city is also working through logistics of hybrid council meetings. The council also passed an ordinance on protections for tenants living in apartment buildings whose owners intend on demolishing them. The tenant evictions would not be allowed to take place until the city has issued the demolition permit. There will be a smaller Fiesta Hermosa this year due to COVID restrictions and concerns.

Board Member Zuckerman reported that Rolling Hills Estates' budget was largely unaffected by the pandemic and that relief funds have helped the city accelerate some capital projects. The city is also benefiting from CalPERS unfunded balance refinancing that saved the city significant money with lower interest rates.

Board Member Tanaka shared that Gardena has also refinanced its CalPERS debt and is very pleased with its decision to do so. The city is in a much better financial position because of it.

Board Member Horvath added that Redondo Beach has also refinanced CalPERS debt and is also in a better position now and for years to come due to the millions in savings it will bring. The city would like to see outdoor dining grow but is also interested in a subregional approach to the issue because of Coastal Commission issues and the potential benefits of strategically working together. The city is also looking at opportunities to implement the South Bay Bicycle Masterplan, the Local Travel Network, and South Bay Fiber Network applications.

Board Member Suarez shared that Lawndale is currently dealing with a graffiti issue.

C. Service Planning Area 8 Update re: Community Health Workers & Re-Opening

Dr. Prieto provided the Board an update on COVID-19 and the Delta variant impacts. Dr. Prieto also touched on other SPA 8 activities, including an overview of SPA 8's flu vaccine efforts that will begin in August. Department of Public Health will hold flu clinics throughout the county and can work with stakeholders to hold them in their communities.

Dr. Prieto's presentation is available here:

https://www.southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/board_directors/meeting/PRESENTATION_SBCCOG%20-%20Board%20of%20Directors%20Meeting%20-%20207.22.21-FINAL.pdf

VIII. TRANSPORTATION REPORTS

A. Metro Report

Mr. Lantz reported the following items: Metro will be allocating \$1.4B in American Rescue Plan funds to help pay for operations at Metro, city/municipal operators, and paratransit. Allocations would be made in FY23; The Fareless System Initiative is also moving forward with a pilot program for K-12 and community college students. Metro intends to charge school districts \$3/student/year for K-12 and \$7/student/year for community college students. The program is expected to cost around \$50M. Metro is also evaluating expansion of the program to low-income riders but is delaying that until September when staff returns with a financial plan.

Mr. Lantz also added that the Metro Board approved the Measure R South Bay Highway Program annual update as well as the Measure R Transit Transfer.

B. Transportation Committee Report

Board Member Horvath noted that the Committee heard a presentation on EV charging innovations and heard updates on a Measure R & M subregional implementation framework.

IX. SBCCOG PROGRAM ACTION ITEMS, REPORTS AND UPDATES

A. Strategic Planning Session Update

Ms. Bacharach reported that the August Steering Committee meeting will also serve as a strategic planning session to help further develop the Work Program. It will be at an outdoor restaurant and take place from 12pm-3pm. A strengths assessment has been distributed to the Board and Chair Boyles has asked that all participants take the assessment prior to the session. Chair Boyles added that the facilitator is trained in this type of work, and he feels that it will be a great opportunity for the Board.

B. Legislative Visits and Advocacy, County Redistricting

Ms. Bacharach reported that the SBCCOG continues to monitor the LA County redistricting efforts. She added that she and Mr. Siembab regularly attend the CALE meetings on Sundays, which focus on defeating SB 9.

C. Legislative Committee

Board Member Armato shared the Committee's first meeting will take place at 4pm on September 2nd. Ms. Bacharach added that at the first meeting, there will be a committee purpose and mission drafted as well as discussion on 2-year bill positions.

D. South Bay Fiber Network

Ms. Bacharach shared that the SBCCOG office is now connected to the network. She also updated the Board on the regional broadband consortium being considered for designation by the CPUC. It appears that the CPUC will be naming LAEDC's "LA DEAL" as the recommended consortium, which is great news for the SBCCOG. The other group being considered was led by BIZFED which has consistently opposed the SBCCOG's broadband efforts.

Ms. Bacharach also added that she has heard many cities are returning to full time in-person staffing. She reminded the Board that LA County's Department of Regional Planning is a posterchild for the benefits of telework and shared some of their management techniques, such as regular department head meetings with supervisors, and weekly supervisor meetings with staff to ensure communication is continuing.

E. Homeless Services

Ms. Bacharach reported that there has been a successful match via Home Share South Bay. She also noted that there is an August 10th deadline to submit proposals for Measure H Innovation Funds that will become available January 2022. The SBCCOG has approximately \$1.9M to disburse for subregional/city projects aimed at increasing housing supplies and providing services to the homeless population in the South Bay. The SBCCOG also currently has a Client Aid program that can help fund hotel rooms and other services that will help individuals prepare for a job interview, etc. and only a few cities are using it.

F. Senior Services

Board Member Huff shared that the meeting will take place Tuesday, July 27 at 9:30am via Zoom. There will be a similar roundtable discussion on the status of seniors programs in the cities.

G. SPA 8 Working Group

Board Member Armato noted there was not much to report and that the first meeting is still being scheduled.

H. Coyote Issues

Ms. Bacharach reported that Rancho Palos Verdes has offered to serve as the lead since they are already working on a program. Although they will be leading the efforts, there will still be subregional coordination with other cities.

I. August Board meeting – virtual or in person or hybrid?

Ms. Fuentes shared that the Boardroom will not be set up in time to facilitate an August hybrid meeting. Additional equipment must be authorized, purchased, and installed. The Board discussed the benefits and challenges of in person meetings given masking requirements and the ongoing Delta variant surge. Ms. Bacharach will continue to monitor ongoing health directives and coordinate with the Board accordingly.

J. Other

Ms. Bacharach thanked Board Member Butts for organizing the SoFi Stadium tour and noted all of the positive comments she received.

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: <https://www.southbaycities.org/committees/board-directors/board-directors-meeting-73>

A. SCAG Committee

1. Transportation Committee (James Gazeley, Christian Horvath) – no oral report
2. Community, Economic, & Human Development (Mark Henderson, Drew Boyles, Frank Zerunyan) – no oral report

B. Air Quality Management District (Joe Buscaino & Stephano Padilla) – no oral report

C. Metro Service Council & Ridership Report (Don Szerlip) – no oral report

D. KHRH (Hawthorne Airport) Communities Network Committee (Olivia Valentine) – no oral report

E. Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission (Bill Brand/vacant) – no oral report

F. South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce (Olivia Valentine) – no oral report

G. South Bay Aerospace Alliance (Olivia Valentine/Rodney Tanaka) – no oral report

H. California Association of Councils of Government – CALCOG (Britt Huff) – no oral report

XI. UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Boyles adjourned the meeting at 7:53 pm to Thursday, August 26, 2021, at 6:00 pm via Zoom.

David Leger, Assistant Board Secretary