



X: Inactive (missed last 3 meetings in a row)
Inactive Membership is automatically re-instated by attending a meeting

SBCCOG MEETINGS: ATTENDANCE 2020

City	Apr - 20	May - 20	June - 20	July - 20	Aug - 20	Sep - 20	Oct - 20
Carson	Hicks	Hicks	Hicks	Hicks	Hicks	Hicks	
El Segundo	Boyles	Boyles	Boyles	Boyles		Boyles	
Gardena	Tanaka	Tanaka	Tanaka	Tanaka Francis	Tanaka	Tanaka	
Hawthorne	Valentine	Valentine	Valentine	Valentine	Valentine	Valentine	
Hermosa Beach	Armato	Armato	Armato	Armato	Armato	Armato Massey	
Inglewood	Franklin Butts	Franklin	Franklin Butts	Franklin Butts	Franklin Butts	Franklin	
Lawndale		Suarez			Suarez	Suarez	
Lomita	Gazeley	Gazeley	Gazeley	Gazeley Waronek		Gazeley	
Los Angeles	X	Buscaino	Buscaino		Buscaino		
Manhattan Beach	Stern	Stern	Stern	Stern	Stern	Stern	
Palos Verdes Estates	Kao	Kao	Kao	Kao	Kao	Kao	
Rancho Palos Verdes	Cruikshank	Cruikshank Alegría	Cruikshank	Cruikshank	Cruikshank	Cruikshank	
Redondo Beach	Horvath	Horvath	Horvath Emdee	Horvath	Horvath	Horvath	
Rolling Hills	Dieringer	Dieringer	Dieringer	Dieringer	Dieringer		
Rolling Hills Estates	Huff	Huff	Huff	Huff	Huff	Huff	
Torrance	Chen Furey	Chen	Chen	Chen	Chen	Chen	
County of Los Angeles-2nd District	Johnson	Johnson				X	X
County of Los Angeles- 4th District	LaMarque	LaMarque	LaMarque	LaMarque			

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

**SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2020
HELD VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Valentine called the SBCCOG Board of Directors meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

II. VERIFY QUORUM

In attendance were the following voting elected officials:

Cedric Hicks, Carson (6:07pm arrival)	Jim Gazeley, Lomita
Drew Boyles, El Segundo	Hildy Stern, Manhattan Beach (6:03 arrival)
Rodney Tanaka, Gardena	Kenny Kao, Palos Verdes Estates
Olivia Valentine, Hawthorne	John Cruikshank, Rancho Palos Verdes
Stacey Armato, Hermosa Beach	Christian Horvath, Redondo Beach
Ralph Franklin, Inglewood	Britt Huff, Rolling Hills Estates
Bernadette Suarez, Lawndale	George Chen, Torrance

The following non-voting elected officials were in attendance:

Justin Massey, Hermosa Beach

Also, in attendance were the following persons:

Martha Hurtado, El Segundo	Kim Fuentes, SBCCOG
Aksel Palacios, LA CD-15	Steve Lantz, SBCCOG
Dr. Thomas Parham, CSUDH	David Leger, SBCCOG
Dr. Khaleah Bradshaw, CSUDH	Natalie Champion, SBCCOG
Scott Barrett, CSUDH	Colleen Farrell, SBCCOG
David Gamboa, CSUDH	Grace Farwell, SBCCOG
Guillermo Blanco, CSUDH	Laurie Jacobs, SBCCOG
Jeff Kiernan, League of CA Cities	Stephen Sawyer, Charter/Spectrum
Sarah Patterson, SCAG	Claudette Moody, WSP
Jacki Bacharach, SBCCOG	

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 item 6B was sent out in a supplemental mailing.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was received.

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. August 20 and August 27 Board Meeting Minutes (*attachments*) – Approved**
- B. Contract with ICF for regional engagement, outreach, and implementation support for the Southern California Regional Energy Network (SoCalREN) Residential Sector (*attachments*) – Approved**
- C. Water Replenishment Contract Renewal (*attachment*) – Approved**
- D. Hawthorne Green Business Assist Program Renewal (*attachment*) – Approved**
- E. Salary Schedule Adjustments Required by State Law (*attachment*) – Approved**
- F. Status of Legislation of Interest to SBCCOG (*attachment*) – Approved**
 - 1. Support HR 7197 & S 4012 Restaurant Act of 2020**
 - 2. November 2020 Ballot Measures – take no positions**
- G. PATH Contract for 3-month extension (*attachment*) – Received and Filed**
- H. Monthly Reports – Received and Filed**
 - 1. South Bay Environmental Services Center Report (*attachment*)**
 - 2. Transportation Report (*attachment*)**

3. Reports from Outside Agencies (*attachments for each at end of the agenda*)

- a. League of California Cities & LA Division Legislative Committee (Bea Dieringer & Jeffrey Kiernan)
- b. SCAG Regional Council (Drew Boles, Mark Henderson, James Gazeley)
- c. South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce (Olivia Valentine)
- d. South Bay Aerospace Alliance (Olivia Valentine/Rodney Tanaka)

MOTION by Board Member Franklin, seconded by Board Member Tanaka, to **APPROVE** the Consent Calendar. No objection. So ordered. (Hicks, Stern not present for this vote)

VII. PRESENTATIONS

A. CSUDH: 60 Years of Growth; Burgeoning Moments of Inspiration

Dr. Thomas Parham, President of CSU Dominguez Hills, provided the Board of Directors an update on the school and important things taking place on campus. Dr. Parham touched on CSUDH's growth, including the largest student population ever at over 17,000, and more than 38,000 applications. There are more than 100,000 alumni worldwide, but more than 60% live within 25 miles of the campus.

Dr. Parham touched on courses, as well as impacts of COVID-19 on the campus including the abrupt shift to virtual teaching. 95% of classes are currently online, and the Fall 2020 semester will be remote and will most likely continue into Spring 2021. In Fall 2023, CSUDH will begin the first professional doctorate degree in occupational therapy in a public university. There are also new undergraduate programs including Women, and Asian Pacific Studies.

Dr. Parham concluded by highlighting some of the growth happening on campus such as the new Science and Innovation Building that will house teaching and lab space. He also announced that as part of the recently approved University Master Plan, parts of the campus will be built out to include mixed use residential and retail space that will help create passive income streams for the university that will support future educational programs

Chair Valentine thanked Dr. Parham for his presentation and mentioned that as a professor at the campus, she sincerely appreciated his help and guidance as the campus quickly shifted to online education.

Other Board Members expressed their gratitude for the work that CSUDH does throughout the South Bay and the resource it has become.

VIII. TRANSPORTATION REPORTS

A. Metro Report

Mr. Lantz reported the following items from the Metro Board meeting: Staff concerns on the ability to complete the Crenshaw/LAX line by December. There is considerable testing needed, that even if construction was completed by the end of 2020, it would likely be mid-2021 before it would be operational; The new budget was adopted, but can be updated in January if needed. Current ridership levels coupled with social distancing requirements have meant Metro is running approximately 70% of its fleet. The CEO currently has authority to add service as necessary; The Green Line Extension to Torrance EIR was initiated; The Board adopted the new Long-Range Transportation Plan which is a 30-year aspirational plan of projects that could be accomplished. They also approved the 10-year Short-Range Transportation Plan which is the plan that drives Metro's programs and projects; There was also more discussion on the fareless idea proposed by Phil Washington, as well as a fare capping system during the transition to a fare-free system.

B. Transportation Committee report

Board Member Horvath reported that the Committee had been dark for a couple months, but met in September. There was a presentation by the Caltrans District 7 Director on their new Ambassador Program which assigned a Deputy Director to a particular set of cities within District 7. These Ambassadors will serve as liaisons for their cities and help further collaboration between municipalities and Caltrans. There were also updates provided on the Measure R Transit Transfer policy and the NextGen Bus Study as well.

Mr. Lantz also updated the Board on the FY20-21 Metro Budget Request and funding updates. He explained that due to pandemic impacts on sales tax, there will likely be funding reductions to the Measure M MSPs that will reduce the ability to fund new projects. If funding is available, it will be made available to existing projects that require additional funding to complete.

IX. SBCCOG PROGRAM ACTION ITEMS, REPORTS AND UPDATES

A. AQMD Vacancy – endorsement of Hermosa Beach Councilman Justin Massey – APPROVED

Ms. Bacharach reported due to Councilmember Judy Mitchell's retirement, there will be a seat open on the AQMD Governing Board. Hermosa Beach Councilmember Justin Massey is running for that seat and would like the endorsement of the SBCCOG. She further provided background on the seat, explaining that it serves the western cities within LA County and is elected the City Selection Committee.

Board Member Massey gave a brief introduction about himself and his work as an environmental lawyer, and why he wants to serve on the AQMD Governing Board.

Board Member Chen asked if the SBCCOG normally endorses candidates. Ms. Bacharach explained that the SBCCOG will often endorse for regional representative bodies such as the AQMD, but does not endorse in Council races, Senate races, etc.

MOTION by Board Member Franklin, seconded by Board Member Boyles, to **ENDORSE** the Justin Massey for the AQMD Governing Board Vacancy). No objection. So ordered.

B. South Bay Fiber Network

Ms. Bacharach reported that the core ring is operational and there are currently 28 sites connected. She also announced that a new working group was formed consisting of representatives from different city departments as well as Board Member Horvath and Councilmembers Henderson (Gardena) and Kempes (PVE) who both work in IT. The cross-department group will help the SBCCOG and its members better understand carrier rights and authorities as well as application development. This group will also help identify Tech Talk topics. Staff is also working on a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the completion of the network as well as thank those who helped make it happen. The event is being considered for late October. Several Board Members expressed concern over that week due to the upcoming Council elections, so Ms. Bacharach will look for dates in November.

C. SCAG Regional Early Action Program funds to accelerate housing

Ms. Bacharach explained that SCAG will be working with the COGs to fund ideas to help promote housing. Ideas were solicited from the cities. SCAG will make approximately \$600,000 available to the SBCCOG over the next three years. She and Mr. Siembab continue to work with Community Development/Planning Directors on project proposals. They will be meeting with them again next week as SCAG has requested ideas by September 30th. If any Board Members have an idea that they would like to have considered, Ms. Bacharach urged them to contact her.

D. Senior Services

Board Member Huff announced that the working group met this week and heard a presentation on a recent County proposal to create a standalone Department of Aging. It is currently housed within another multi-purpose department. The plan could take 2-3 years to develop. There was also a presentation on the SBCCOG's new HomeShare South Bay program.

E. Homeless Services

Ms. Farwell provided the Board an overview on HomeShare South Bay which is a program that aims to match those who may have "extra home" with those who may be facing homelessness. The program is being funded through the LA County Homeless Innovation Funds. Silvernest, the company that runs the program, is providing \$100,000 in insurance to the homeowner for potential damage caused by the housemate, as well as \$10,000 renters insurance for the housemate's belongings. The funding will also help pay for background checks on potential housemates. Silvernest also recently changed their fee structure to now only consist of a 5% fee based on monthly rent.

Board Member Franklin asked about evictions and how that works under this type of structure. Ms. Farwell explained that Silvernest has been around for approximately 3 years and at this point, the issue has not arisen, likely due to the extensive work done prior to two individuals ever living together.

Ms. Bacharach also reported that she was contacted earlier in the day by the San Gabriel Valley COG inquiring about issues with LAHSA and its bureaucracy. There are efforts underway at the County that will look at potential restructuring plans that could potentially give the COGs a seat on a governing board of the organization.

F. Tech Talk

Discussed as part of the South Bay Fiber Network update.

G. Police Operations and Public Safety in the South Bay

Ms. Bacharach explained that there have been two special meetings so far, and that a committee consisting of Chair Valentine and Board Members Boyles, Horvath, and Stern has been meeting to discuss future meetings. They are also being advised by Mayor Butts. The committee has put together a list of questions for Councilmembers to ask their police chiefs on a variety of topics. The questions are being finalized and will be distributed in the coming days.

Chair Valentine added that the basic purpose is to help the councilmembers learn what is going on within their police departments, their methods, use of force statistics, etc. Board Member Horvath added that it will help councilmembers be better informed when they are asked questions by their constituents.

Board Member Tanaka added that it is very important to obtain a copy of the department's Use of Force policy and read it.

H. Other

Ms. Bacharach introduced Colleen Farrell, the new Senior Project Manager for Communications. She also reported that the Legislative Briefing was rescheduled to October 16th at 9am. Currently Senator Ben Allen has indicated he will participate. The Steering Committee also expressed interest in organizing a virtual lobbying trip to Sacramento, perhaps between the election and Thanksgiving. Lastly, if a Board Member is interested in a tour of the new SBCCOG offices, please contact Ms. Bacharach to set up an appointment.

I. Pandemic Update – sharing/discussion

Mr. Kiernan reported that Governor Newsom signed an Executive Order that allows cities to extend commercial eviction moratoriums until March 2021.

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-65>

- A. South Bay Workforce Investment Board** – No report given.
- B. Metro Service Council Report by Don Szerlip** – No report given.
- C. SCAG Committees** – No meetings in August
 - 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)
- D. Air Quality Management District** (Judy Mitchell, Joe Buscaino & Denny Shaw)
- E. Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission** (Bill Brand/Kenneth Kao) – No report given.
- F. Stormwater Funding**
 - 1. CCCA/LCC Stormwater Funding Options Committee – No report given.
- G. KHR (Hawthorne Airport) Committee re: Community Impacts**
- H. California Association of Councils of Governments** – No report given.

XI. UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Board Member Chen announced that Torrance's long-time City Manager, LeRoy Jackson is retiring as of September 30th, after 54 years of service to the City. Aram Chaparyan has been selected as the new City Manager.

Ms. Bacharach announced that at the October Board meeting, there will be a presentation by Dr. Daar on the COVID-19 vaccine; on October 1st is the CSUDH Economic Forecast event; and at the November Board meeting, there will be a thank you ceremony for the SBCCOG/SBESC volunteers as well as outgoing former Board Chairs.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Valentine adjourned the meeting at 8:04 pm to Thursday, October 22, 2020 at 6:00 pm. The meeting will be held virtually via Zoom until further notice.

David Leger, Assistant Board Secretary