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SBCCOG BOARD MEETINGS: ATTENDANCE 2021

City	May - 21	Jun - 21	Jul - 21	Aug - 21	Sep - 21	Oct - 21	Nov - 21
Carson	Hicks	Hicks		Hicks		Hicks	
El Segundo	Boyles	Boyles	Boyles	Boyles	Boyles	Boyles	Boyles
Gardena	Tanaka	Tanaka	Tanaka	Tanaka	Kaskanian	Tanaka	Tanaka
Hawthorne	Valentine	Valentine	Valentine	Valentine	Valentine	Monteiro	Valentine
Hermosa Beach	Armato	Armato	Armato	Armato	Armato	Armato	Armato
Inglewood	Butts	Butts	Butts	Butts			
Lawndale		Suarez	Suarez	Suarez	Suarez		Suarez
Lomita	Gazeley	Gazeley	Gazeley		Gazeley	Gazeley	Gazeley
Los Angeles			X	X	X	X	X
Manhattan Beach	Stern		Stern	Franklin	Stern	Stern	Stern
Palos Verdes Estates		Roos		Roos		Roos	
Rancho Palos Verdes	Cruikshank	Cruikshank	Cruikshank	Cruikshank		Cruikshank	
Redondo Beach	Horvath	Horvath	Horvath	Horvath Obagi	Horvath	Horvath Obagi	Horvath
Rolling Hills	Dieringer	Dieringer	Dieringer	Dieringer		Dieringer	Dieringer
Rolling Hills Estates	Zuckerman Huff	Zuckerman	Zuckerman Huff	Huff	Huff	Zuckerman Huff	Huff
Torrance	Chen Furey	Chen	Chen	Chen	Furey	Chen	Chen
County of Los Angeles-2nd District	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez
County of Los Angeles- 4th District	LaMarque	LaMarque	LaMarque		LaMarque		

Number of Active Agencies	17	17	16	16	16	16	16
Quorum Required (50% +1)	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
Number of Agencies Attending	15	15	15	15	12	14	12

**SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2021
HELD VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM
(RECORDING AVAILABLE ONLINE: [HTTPS://YOUTU.BE/LHVPNILLXNI](https://youtu.be/LHVPNILLXNI))**

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	Hildy Stern, Manhattan Beach
Rodney Tanaka, Gardena	Christian Horvath, Redondo Beach
Olivia Valentine, Hawthorne	Bea Dieringer, Rolling Hills
Stacey Armato, Hermosa Beach	Britt Huff, Rolling Hills Estates
Bernadette Suarez, Lawndale	George Chen, Torrance
Jim Gazeley, Lomita	Sonia Lopez, LA County D-2

Other Elected Officials in attendance:

Harold Williams, West Basin Municipal Water District

Also, in attendance were the following persons:

E.J. Caldwell, West Basin Municipal Water District
Jeff Kiernan, League of California Cities
Portland Bates, City of El Segundo
Charles Gale, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
Ara An, Los Angeles County
Alfonso Ruiz, Los Angeles County
Lindsey Lastra, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health
Nancy Rodriguez, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health
Raffi Hamparian, LA Metro
Jacki Bacharach, SBCCOG
Kim Fuentes, SBCCOG
Steve Lantz, SBCCOG
David Leger, SBCCOG
Natalie Champion, SBCCOG
Colleen Farrell, SBCCOG
Chandler Sheilds, SBCCOG
Ronson Chu, 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. BROWN ACT DECLARATION

Pursuant to AB 361, the Board of Directors finds that a statewide state of emergency remains in force and State and local officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing. Therefore, this meeting is being held virtually as meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees. (*attachment*)

MOTION by Board Member by Board Member Olivia Valentine, seconded by Board Member Rodney Tanaka, to **APPROVE** the Brown Act Declaration. No objection. So ordered.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF ANY CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Ms. Bacharach announced the addition of 2 items: Legislative Committee item (X-A) exploring a regional housing trust fund and Metro Report item (IX-A) addressing Metro staff's recommendation for \$75.2 million for law enforcement services.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

VII. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. October Board Meeting Minutes (attachments) – Approved**
- B. Neighborhoods Initiative resolution (attachment) – Approved**
- C. Letter to LA County Redistricting Commission (attachment) – Approved**
- D. Metro - Letter of Support for Zero Emission Silver Line - Harbor Transit Way (attachment) – Approved**
- E. Budget Modification from First Innovation Fund for Torrance Shelter Project (attachment) – Approved**
- F. Website maintenance (attachment) – Approved**
- G. 2022 Policy Platform (attachment) – Approved**
- H. Bylaws Revisions (attachment) – Received and filed**
- I. 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. Media Report (attachment)
 - 5. 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 Regional Council (Drew Boyles, Mark Henderson, James Gazeley)
 - c. South Bay Workforce Investment Board (Chris Cagle)
 - d. KHHR (Hawthorne Airport) Communities Network Committee (Olivia Valentine)

Question

Board Member Bea Dieringer: Are the recently added agenda items going to be on Consent Calendar?

Answer: No.

MOTION by Board Member Jim Gazeley, seconded by Board Member Rodney Tanaka, to **APPROVE** the Consent Calendar. No objection. So ordered.

VIII. PRESENTATIONS

A. Service Planning Area 8 Update

Ms. Lastra shared that the COVID-19 vaccine for children is being rolled out. Booster shots and masks are still recommended while the County also recommends that holiday gatherings be hosted outdoors. The County has hired additional community health workers to conduct outreach regarding vaccines in areas identified where there are low COVID-19 vaccination rates. Outreach was recently performed in Lawndale and Gardena.

Ms. Lastra also shared information about the County's "Winter Parks After Dark" event on December 11, 2021 and the Red Cross Blood Drive on December 23, 2021.

Questions

Board Member Olivia Valentine: What is the latest COVID-19 data for SPA 8?

Answer: The County is not seeing the same surge in cases/deaths compared to the same period last year.

Ms. Lastra will provide more information to Ms. Bacharach to share with the Board.

Board Member Bernadette Suarez: Can the County share more information about outreach being performed in Lawndale?

Answer: Yes.

Presentation is linked here: https://southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/PRESENTATION_SBCCOG-Board-of-Directors-Meeting-11.18.21.pdf.

B. Drought 2021

Director and President of the Board Harold Williams shared information on behalf of West Basin Municipal Water District (West Basin) about the State of California's drought emergency declaration and its impact on local water supply. West Basin Directors are willing to present to cities about West Basin's programs and drought information.

Mr. Caldwell shared that baseline data for urban water management plan is from 2020. West Basin is saving water during the drought through recycled water and water conservation efforts. The South Bay is currently experiencing an "extreme drought". Imported water is supplied to Southern California via the California Aqueduct and the Colorado River Aqueduct. West Basin customers are currently receiving Colorado River Aqueduct water supply exclusively (not from the California Aqueduct). Water reserves in Northern California are experiencing extreme shortages, which impacts water imported to Southern California. Drought declarations have been released statewide and locally (as recently as this month).

Mr. Caldwell also shared that Metropolitan Water District has asked West Basin to make water supply adjustments, including water conservation and water use efficiency measures. West Basin has positioned itself to meet these demands and ensure reliability of water supply to customers via water recycling efforts with: SoFi Stadium in Inglewood which is one the newest West Basin customers and water conservation outreach (programs available include grass replacement rebates that will increase to \$4 - \$6 per square foot). West Basin's Change and Save program is currently offering the highest rebate in the country (\$500) for high-efficiency clothes washers. It targets disadvantaged communities (DACs).

Questions

Board Member George Chen: Is West Basin considering ocean desalination?

Answer: West Basin has been pursuing ocean desalination as a solution but has not received a lot of support from its beach city customers. West Basin is continuing to seek more support and considering the option for its future water portfolio.

Board Member Christian Horvath: Are materials available to promote water conservation programs for cities to share?

Answer: Yes, Mr. Caldwell will provide grass replacement rebate information and other water conservation materials with Ms. Bacharach to share with the Board.

Board Member Hildy Stern: Do you anticipate future restrictions/recommendation regarding water use for landscaping?

Answer: Yes, other areas in West Basin's service area have restrictions in place that limit outdoor water use.

Board Member Bea Dieringer: Is the grass replacement program retroactive?

Answer: Past participants received \$2 to \$3 per square foot while increased rebates are only available to future participants.

Board Member Olivia Valentine: Will water project inspection trips resume in the future?

Answer: West Basin is expecting the trips to resume in the future (possibly in 2022). Interested parties can contact West Basin for more information.

Board Member Britt Huff: Has groundwater percentage of local water supply diminished in recent years?

Answer: Groundwater supply has decreased since 2000 but has otherwise remained stable (historically). Oil extraction has not had impact on groundwater usage.

Presentation is linked here: https://southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/PRESENTATION_11-18-21-South-Bay-COG-Board-Meeting-Drought-PPT-V2.pdf.

C. SuperBowl preparations and what South Bay Cities Need to Know

This presentation was cancelled due to Mayor Butts having problems joining the meeting

D. Update on Federal Infrastructure Bill and What It Means for Los Angeles

Mr. Hamparian reported that the legislation has 35 – 37% appreciation in federal transportation funding including \$72 billion for Surface Transportation Block Grant program, additional funding for the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality program, and doubling the funding (\$4.6 billion) for the Capital Investment Grant program. \$23 billion is available for “state of good repair” projects for public transit vehicles. Grade separation funding is included in the legislation.

Mr. Hamparian also shared that this money will be available soon and that this legislation is comprised of 2 parts: \$650 billion authorization bill and Build Back Better Plan (social spending and transportation provisions). Provisions worth noting include funding (\$9 billion - \$10 billion) for the Affordable Housing Access program and \$10 billion in a reconciliation measure for high-speed rail.

IX. TRANSPORTATION REPORTS

A. Metro Report

Mr. Lantz reported that the Green Line neighborhood virtual tour has been accessed by 1,500 people and that Metro is actively meeting with Lawndale and Redondo Beach regarding Green Line development prospects. SBCCOG recently sent a letter requesting an appeal process for the Highway Modernization program, which Metro accepted. Metro’s Public Safety Advisory Committee advised that police funding for the Sheriff’s Department not be extended after December 2021 while Metro’s Board is currently exploring the option for contract termination based on non-performance. Board Member Janice Hahn proposed that agencies operating Metro transit mandate COVID-19 vaccinations for employees and contracted personnel.

Ms. Bacharach shared SBCCOG’s letter of support for Metro’s staff recommendation to continue Metro’s policing services.

MOTION by Board Member Bea Dieringer, seconded by Board Member Olivia Valentine, to **APPROVE** letter. No objection. So ordered.

B. Transportation Committee Report

Board Member Christian Horvath shared that SBCCOG and Gateway COG want to draft a letter to Metro addressing the 30-year maintenance schedule and budget (to be addressed at the next meeting). The new committee Chair is El Segundo Councilmember Chris Pimentel.

Mr. Lantz also shared that new project proposals (or projects that need additional funding) need to be sent to SBCCOG staff by December 1, 2021.

X. SBCCOG PROGRAM ACTION ITEMS, REPORTS AND UPDATES

A. Legislative Committee

Board Member Stacey Armato shared that the committee recommended approval for the 2022 policy platform, adding support for legislation that enhanced public safety in South Bay communities. Additional discussion topics worth noting included legislation supporting Local Travel Network, obtaining feedback on local housing voucher program, and supporting land use/zoning as a matter of community affair (not state interest).

Ms. Bacharach shared that SBCCOG is asking for approval of 2 legislative pieces that address neighborhood electric vehicles designation in the State of California and rebates for slow-speed vehicles.

MOTION by Board Member Stacey Armato, seconded by Board Member Christian Horvath, to **APPROVE** neighborhood electric vehicle and slow-speed vehicle legislation that SBCCOG is proposing. No objection. So ordered.

Ms. Bacharach shared that regional housing trust fund has been brought to SBCCOG’s attention to address housing issues. Ms. Bacharach and Board Member Stacey Armato spoke with SGVCOG to discuss its regional housing trust fund and reached out to SBCCOG legal counsel (Mike Jenkins) about preparing legal documents (at a cost) in support of this initiative. Board Member Stacey Armato also shared that supporting this idea would insulate member cities from strike force scrutiny and make money accessible from the State of California (that member cities are currently not receiving). Feedback from SGVCOG was positive regarding its own regional housing trust fund.

Board Member Bea Deringer shared feedback on Mike Jenkins' draft documentation. Board Member Stacey Armato recommended that SBCCOG Board provide feedback to its Legislative Committee. SBCCOG Board would then offer consolidated feedback from the committee to Mike Jenkins to draft JPA documentation for SBCCOG's regional housing trust fund.

MOTION by Board Member Olivia Valentine, seconded by Board Member Stacey Armato, to **APPROVE** funds not to exceed \$5,000 for Mike Jenkins to draft JPA documentation for SBCCOG's regional housing trust fund. Objection by Board Member George Chen. Motion passes. So ordered.

B. Homeless Services

Mr. Chu shared that SBCCOG is ready to move forward with MOUs with the cities for innovation funds project spending. SBCCOG staff wants to execute MOU before 2022 and so it will be agendaized on member city council agendas. The Homeless Count is taking place on January 26, 2022. SBCCOG is looking for winter shelter cities in the South Bay. Rent relief is still available via the State of California.

Ms. Bacharach shared that a letter will be sent to the County on December 1, 2021, regarding lack of flexibility in LAHSA system. Rodney Tanaka will be new chair of the Homeless Services Task Force. Mr. Chu added that the letter advocates for more local and regional representation as well as access to more robust data reporting from the County.

Mr. Chu shared the PSA video for Home Share South Bay (available here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ovhtpalkzYcv>).

Questions

Board Member Olivia Valentine: When will video be available to share?

Answer: Soon and staff will share with SBCCOG Board.

Board Member Christian Horvath shared that the County Blue Ribbon Commission has continued to meet every other week. Frustrations were expressed regarding information shared via LAHSA about Measure H. The commission is exploring ways to address governance and spending.

C. South Bay Fiber Network

Ms. Bacharach shared that SBCCOG and ADF continue to explore opportunities to expand fiber connectivity into member cities' business and residential communities.

D. Local Travel Network

SBCCOG staff is meeting with city staff and are hoping to obtain legislation sponsorship. An RFP for Local Travel Network signage is in development.

E. SBESC Update

Ms. Fuentes shared that SBCCOG is updating SBCCOG website with water conservation materials via West Basin. Several energy efficiency audits are taking place at municipal facilities in Gardena. A gas savings facility project in Carson recently concluded, saving 2,059 therms.

F. Senior Services

Board Member Britt Huff and Mr. Chu shared that the next Senior Services Working Group meeting is taking place on December 7, 2021 with a presentation about Harbor Interfaith and case studies via PATH.

G. SPA 8 Working Group

Board Member Hildy Stern shared that recent meeting on November 4, 2021 took place and discussed the 988 program that will launch in Summer 2022, offering a 24/7 crisis response team (for mental health issues) that will address cases that public safety responders typically respond to.

Board Member Hildy Stern also shared that there is a need to address opiate issues in South Bay cities. Meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month.

H. General Assembly

Ms. Bacharach shared that the General Assembly has 3 sponsors (COX, Port of LA, and WRD). SBCCOG is looking for speakers and is currently developing the program.

Ms. Fuentes added that sponsors are expressing interest in the exhibit hall for this upcoming event.

I. Other

Ms. Farrell shared new South Bay Watch newsletter layout, which recently debuted for the newsletter's Fall 2021 issue (which can be found here: <https://southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/South-Bay-Watch-Fall-2021.pdf>).

XI. 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://southbaycities.org/event/board-of-directors-meeting-77/>.

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

B. SCAG Committee

1. Transportation Committee (James Gazeley, Christian Horvath) – no oral report
2. Community, Economic, & Human Development (Mark Henderson, Drew Boyles, Frank Zerunyan & Mark Waronek) – no oral report
3. SCAG Energy and Environment Committee (Britt Huff)
4. Metro Service Council & Ridership Report (Don Szerlip)

C. Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission (Bill Brand/Eric Alegria) – no oral report

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

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

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

XII. UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Steering Committee meeting is on December 13, 2021 (Board meeting is dark in December).

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Drew Boyles adjourned the meeting at 7:54 pm to Thursday, January 27, 2022, at 6:00 pm via Zoom.

Chandler Shields, Transcriber