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SBCCOG BOARD MEETINGS: ATTENDANCE 2022

City	Feb - 22	Mar - 22 <i>(special)</i>	Apr - 22 <i>(special)</i>	Apr - 22	May - 22	Jun - 22	Jul - 22
Carson	Hicks	Hicks	Hicks	Hicks		Hicks	
El Segundo	Boyles	Boyles	Boyles	Boyles	Boyles	Boyles Pimentel	
Gardena	Tanaka	Tanaka	Tanaka	Tanaka		Tanaka	
Hawthorne	Valentine	Valentine	Valentine	Valentine	Valentine	Valentine	
Hermosa Beach	Armato		Armato	Armato	Armato	Armato	
Inglewood	Butts						X
Lawndale	Suarez			Suarez Cuevas	Suarez	Suarez	
Lomita	Waite Uphoff	Waite	Waite Uphoff	Waite Uphoff	Waite Uphoff	Waite	
Los Angeles	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Manhattan Beach	Stern		Stern	Stern	Stern	Stern	
Palos Verdes Estates	Roos		Roos				X
Rancho Palos Verdes	Cruikshank	Cruikshank	Cruikshank	Cruikshank	Cruikshank	Cruikshank	
Redondo Beach	Horvath	Horvath	Horvath	Horvath	Horvath	Horvath	
Rolling Hills	Dieringer			Dieringer	Dieringer		
Rolling Hills Estates	Huff	Huff	Zuckerman Stegura	Huff	Zuckerman	Zuckerman Huff	
Torrance	Chen	Chen	Chen	Chen	Chen	Chen	
County of Los Angeles-2nd District	Ruiz-Delgado	Ruiz-Delgado	Ruiz-Delgado	Ruiz-Delgado	Ruiz-Delgado	Ruiz-Delgado	
County of Los Angeles- 4th District	LaMarque	LaMarque				LaMarque	
Number of Active Agencies	16	16	16	16	16	16	14
Quorum Required (50% +1)	9	9	9	9	9	9	8
Number of Agencies Attending	16	11	12	14	12	14	

**SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 2022
HELD VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM
(RECORDING AVAILABLE ONLINE: <https://youtu.be/dLqiPcY1IFU>)**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Drew Boyles called the SBCCOG Board of Directors meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

II. VERIFY QUORUM

In attendance were the following voting elected officials:

Cedric Hicks, Carson	Hildy Stern, Manhattan Beach
Drew Boyles, El Segundo	John Cruikshank, Rancho Palos Verdes
Rodney Tanaka, Gardena	Christian Horvath, Redondo Beach
Olivia Valentine, Hawthorne	Steve Zuckerman, Rolling Hills Estates
Stacey Armato, Hermosa Beach	George Chen, Torrance
Bernadette Suarez, Lawndale	Alfonso Ruiz-Delgado, LA County D-2
Barry Waite, Lomita	Jennifer LaMarque, LA County D-4

Also in attendance were the following non-voting elected officials:

Chris Pimentel, El Segundo
Britt Huff, Rolling Hills Estates

Also, in attendance were the following persons:

Ara An, LA County D-2	Steve Lantz, SBCCOG
Jeff Kiernan, CalCities	David Leger, SBCCOG
Sarah Patterson, SCAG	Natalie Champion, SBCCOG
Mark Dierking, Metro	Colleen Farrell, SBCCOG
Lindsey Lastra, LA County Dept of Public Health	Ronson Chu, SBCCOG
EJ Caldwell, West Basin MWD	Marni Ruhland, SBCCOG
Gregory Reed, West Basin MWD	Lara Gerges, SBCCOG
Becky Cheng, Asm. Muratsuchi's Office	Laurie Jacobs, SBCCOG
Jacki Bacharach, SBCCOG	Michael Jenkins, Best Best & Krieger
Kim Fuentes, SBCCOG	

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. 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*) – **Approved**

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

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF ANY CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Ms. Bacharach asked that the Board consider adding the FY22-23 contract between West Basin Municipal Water District and the SBCCOG to the Consent Calendar under item H-3 for approval.

MOTION by Board Member Tanaka, seconded by Board Member Valentine to **ADD** the West Basin contract to the Consent Calendar . No objection. So ordered.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

VII. CLOSED SESSION

Chair Boyles recessed to Closed Session at 6:08pm to discuss personnel matters related to:

- A. Government Code Section 54957. Employee Performance Evaluation. Title: Executive Director**
- B. Government Code Section 54957.6. Conference with Labor Negotiator. SBCCOG Negotiator: John Cruikshank, Subcommittee Chair. Unrepresented Employee: Executive Director.**

The Closed Session was adjourned at 7:01pm and the Regular Board Meeting resumed. No action was taken.

VIII. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. May 26, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes (attachment) – Approved**
- B. Contract with Magellan for Technical Support for the South Bay Fiber Network (attachment) – Approved**
- C. Contract with Fehr and Peers for LTN Signage (attachment) – Approved**
- D. Contract Amendment with Steve Lantz for Transportation Advisory Services (attachment) – Approved**
- E. Contract Amendment with Siembab Corporation (attachment) – Approved**
- F. REMOVED FROM CONSENT - Contract Amendment with Jacki Bacharach and Associates for Management Services**
- G. Contract for Website Managed Services (attachment) – Approved**
- H. Contracts not reviewed by Steering Committee meeting – received after the meeting (attachments)**
 - 1. Contract Amendment with McGowan for Pest Management Outreach Services – **Approved**
 - 2. Contract for Civic Spark Fellows – **Approved**
 - 3. Contract with West Basin Municipal Water District for Outreach Services – added to agenda – **Approved**
- I. Legislative Matrix – (attachment) – Approved**
- J. Monthly Reports – Received and filed**
 - 1. Transportation Report (attachment)
 - 2. City Attendance at SBCCOG meetings (attachment)
 - 3. Media Report (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 Regional Council (Drew Boyles, Mark Henderson, James Gazeley)
 - c. South Bay Workforce Investment Board

Board Member Suarez asked that Item F be pulled from the Consent Calendar for a separate vote.

MOTION by Board Member Cruikshank, seconded by Board Member Hicks, to **APPROVE** Consent Calendar Items A-E and G-J. No objection. So ordered.

REMOVED FROM CONSENT

Contract Amendment with Jacki Bacharach and Associates for Management Services (attachment)

MOTION by Board Member Valentine, seconded by Board Member Hicks, to **APPROVE** the contract amendment with Jacki Bacharach and Associates. Opposed by Board Member Suarez. Motion passed. So ordered.

VIII. PRESENTATIONS

A. Service Planning Area 8 Update

Ms. Lastra's presentation highlighted some key data from the Office of Violence Prevention's 2021 Data Report. Information provided included maps and data points on providers of senior services, veterans services, mental health services, early childhood education services, and more in the SPA 8 area and how they compare to other SPAs. Ms. Lastra's presentation is available here: https://southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/PRESENTATION_SBCCOG.BoardDirectorsMtg.62322.pdf
Her presentation can be viewed online here: <https://youtu.be/dLgiPcY1IFU?t=423>

Department of Public Health's full 2021 Violence Prevention Indicators Data Package is available here: https://southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/PRESENTATION-HANDOUT_OVP-Violence-Prevention-Data-Package-updated-Spring-2022.pdf

IX. TRANSPORTATION REPORTS

A. Metro Report

Mr. Lantz provided the following updates from the Metro Board of Directors meeting:

- Metro requested federal earmarks in the amount of \$45M for the I-105 ExpressLanes and \$450M for the West Santa Ana branch projects.
- Metro decided not to pursue a widening project on the I-710 and will instead focus on community impact abatement projects. The SBCCOG will be asking Metro to evaluate impacts of this decision on the I-110 freeway as it could serve as an alternative route for trucks looking to avoid the I-710.
- Metro has entered into a land bank partnership with LA County to improve the LA River corridor. The concept envisions LA County acquiring property with Metro providing the improvements.
- Ara Najarian was elected to serve as Metro's new Board Chair, with Jackie Dupont Walker as Vice Chair, and Supervisor Hahn as 2nd Vice Chair.
- Metro approved both the South Bay's Measure R project list, as well as the nominees for the South Bay Service Council.
- Metro will also be hiring two firms to roll out an Ambassador pilot program to help riders at stations and on buses/rail cars. The goal is to increase the feeling of safety for riders.

B. Transportation Committee Report

Board Member Pimentel reported that the committee heard presentations from Metro on their I-105 Integrated Corridor Management Project and the Vermont Corridor South extension feasibility study. The I-105 project would create an integrated system that allows the multiple jurisdictions' traffic management systems to communicate with each other to better manage issues caused by incidents. The Vermont Corridor project is exploring the feasibility of extending the Vermont Transit Corridor project south from its current terminus at 120th Street to Pacific Coast Highway. The study's initial findings concluded that the extension would likely not have sufficient ridership numbers for the investment required. Mr. Lantz added that SBCCOG staff and local municipal operators will be looking into opportunities to grow ridership along the corridor using existing service.

C. Comment Letter to Metro on I-405 Comprehensive Multi-Modal Corridor Plan (attachment) – APPROVED

Mr. Leger explained that this letter is in response to Metro's draft I-405 CMCP which is a document that looks at a multitude of solutions to the I-405 freeway congestion throughout the county. In order to qualify for SB1 Solutions for Congested Corridors funding, an adopted CMCP must be in place, and a project must be included in the project list in the document. Metro has engaged in extensive stakeholder outreach to develop the CMCP and the letter provides feedback on the draft plan.

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

X. SBCCOG PROGRAM ACTION ITEMS, REPORTS AND UPDATES

A. 2022-2023 SBCCOG Budget (attachment) – Approved

Ms. Ruhland reviewed the proposed FY22-23 budget. She highlighted key changes from the adopted FY21-22 mid-year budget and also touched on potential grant revenues that would help close the operating deficit. She also noted that the SBCCOG's reserve has been fully funded at the \$405,000 goal set by the Board.

Board Member Waite thanked Ms. Ruhland for the presentation and materials and noted how helpful they were in understanding the budget.

Board Member Zuckerman asked what CPI index was used in estimating the FY22-23 budget. Ms. Ruhland explained that it was a rate of 3%.

B. Alert South Bay

Ms. Bacharach reported that the City Managers have agreed that Alert South Bay operations will be assigned to Area G Disaster Management, and not the SBCCOG.

C. SCAG REAP

Ms. Bacharach shared that the SB330 form project was completed and shared with cities. The ADU project continues and is looking to determine who is living in South Bay ADUs; what the rental rates are; and if they are successful in adding housing supply. The REAP Commercial Redevelopment Project is just beginning as the contract was recently awarded to Studio One Eleven. The project aims to determine a methodology for determining if a commercial property is underperforming and what it would take to convert that into housing. The last REAP project is a housing education forum for elected officials, commissioners, and staff. The curriculum is being developed, but Ms. Bacharach asked for volunteers to sit on an Advisory Committee to review the curriculum and recommend speakers.

D. Homeless Services

Mr. Chu reported that Torrance will be holding a ribbon cutting ceremony for their pallet shelter project at City Hall on June 29th. He also reported that 11 participants have engaged in the Client Aid program so far for a total of \$6,000 and that of the 11, 8 have already been housed and 3 are awaiting placement.

Ms. Jacobs announced that service providers are looking for help supplying and creating “welcome kits” for newly housed individuals. The kits would include basic supplies needed for those individuals. Companies or service groups that might be interested in donating should contact the SBCCOG.

E. Legislative Committee Report

a. Report on Regional Housing Trust Fund status

Board Member Armato reported that SB 1444, the South Bay housing trust formation bill, was heard on Consent Calendar at the Assembly Local Government Committee hearing on June 8th. An “oppose unless amended” letter was submitted by the South Bay Association of Realtors. She noted that most of their concerns, largely around taxing and rent control powers have to do with SB 679, which would create a housing agency in LA County. The SBCCOG and Senator Allen’s office are working to address their concerns. SB 1444 will be heard at the Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee on June 29th. Chair Boyles will be testifying in support of the bill at the meeting in Sacramento. She also noted that funding opportunities this fiscal year appear to be dimming, but efforts are still underway to secure some amount of funding to help start the housing trust.

b. SBCCOG Legislative Requests

Mr. Leger reported that AB 2432 which would allow South Bay cities to adopt NEV plans in support of the Local Travel Network, was recently amended to cover the entirety of LA County. SBCCOG staff felt this was an acceptable amendment as it did not jeopardize South Bay initiatives and would now allow any city within the county to adopt an NEV plan.

F. SBESC Projects and Programs

a. South Bay Environmental Services Center Report (attachment)

Ms. Fuentes reported that the SoCal REN is implementing a new program to increase EV charging in disadvantaged communities. The project could work in conjunction with SoCal Edison’s Charge Ready program. She also noted that several Vanpool providers are looking into converting vehicles to electric. SBCCOG staff continued outreach efforts in June in support of program goals.

G. South Bay Fiber Network

Ms. Bacharach announced that there will be a LATA Grant opportunity that provides planning funds for network expansion. The SBCCOG is considering an application. A workshop is being held for city staff on June 30th.

H. Local Travel Network

Ms. Bacharach announced that SBCCOG staff will be presenting the project to the Lomita City Council in July.

I. Senior Services

Mr. Chu reported that LA County Department of Aging presented at the May Senior Services Working Group meeting. The group’s next meeting is July 26th.

J. SPA 8 Working Group

Ms. Bacharach noted that the group is going on a one-month hiatus and will be re-evaluating its mission and goals to minimize duplication of efforts with existing working groups.

K. Election of Officers

a. Nominating Committee report *(attachment)*

Chair Boyles reviewed the Committee’s recommended slate.

Officers: John Cruikshank, Chair; Cedric Hicks, 1st Vice Chair; Rodney Tanaka, 2nd Vice Chair.

At-Large Steering Committee members: Barry Waite, Bernadette Suarez.

Chair Boyles solicited nominations from the floor for both Officer positions as well as at-large Steering Committee members. No nominations were received.

b. Close nominations from the floor and hold election

MOTION by Board Member Horvath, seconded by Board Member Armato, to **CLOSE NOMINATIONS**. No objection. So ordered.

MOTION by Board Member Horvath, seconded by Board Member Valentine, to **APPROVE** the Nominating Committee’s recommended slate of officers and 2 at-large Steering Committee members. No objection. So ordered.

Board Member Cruikshank took this time to thank Chair Boyles for his service to the SBCCOG and highlighted some of the accomplishments achieved under his leadership. Board Members and guests took time to share their sentiments as well.

L. Other

None.

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/>.

XII. UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Board Member Cruikshank shared that Rancho Palos Verdes will be having a July 4th celebration and carnival from 11am-4pm at Point Vicente Park.

Board Member Waite announced that Lomita will be hosting a firework display as part of their Founder’s Day celebration on Saturday. Board Member LaMarque added that Supervisor Hahn is facilitating a mobile vaccine clinic at the Founder’s Day celebration.

Board Member Valentine shared that Hawthorne is celebrating its 100th Anniversary and will be hosting a series of events.

Board Member Horvath shared that there will be two firework displays in Redondo Beach for July 4th, one at the harbor, and one at Riviera Village.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Drew Boyles adjourned the meeting at 8:24 pm to Thursday, July 28, 2022, at 6:00 pm.

David Leger, SBCCOG Staff