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Inactive Membership is automatically re-instated by attending a meeting

SBCCOG BOARD MEETINGS: ATTENDANCE 2021-22

City	Jun - 21	Jul - 21	Aug - 21	Sep - 21	Oct - 21	Nov - 21	Jan - 22	Feb - 22
Carson	Hicks		Hicks		Hicks		Hicks	
El Segundo	Boyles	Boyles	Boyles	Boyles	Boyles	Boyles	Boyles	
Gardena	Tanaka	Tanaka	Tanaka	Kaskanian	Tanaka	Tanaka	Tanaka	
Hawthorne	Valentine	Valentine	Valentine	Valentine	Monteiro	Valentine	Valentine	
Hermosa Beach	Armato	Armato	Armato	Armato	Armato	Armato	Armato	
Inglewood	Butts	Butts	Butts					
Lawndale	Suarez	Suarez	Suarez	Suarez		Suarez	Suarez	
Lomita	Gazeley	Gazeley		Gazeley	Gazeley	Gazeley	Waite Uphoff	
Los Angeles		X	X	X	X	X	X	
Manhattan Beach		Stern	Franklin	Stern	Stern	Stern	Stern	
Palos Verdes Estates	Roos		Roos		Roos		Roos	
Rancho Palos Verdes	Cruikshank	Cruikshank	Cruikshank		Cruikshank		Cruikshank	
Redondo Beach	Horvath	Horvath	Horvath Obagi	Horvath	Horvath Obagi	Horvath		
Rolling Hills	Dieringer	Dieringer	Dieringer		Dieringer	Dieringer	Dieringer	
Rolling Hills Estates	Zuckerman	Zuckerman Huff	Huff	Huff	Zuckerman Huff	Huff	Huff	
Torrance	Chen	Chen	Chen	Furey	Chen	Chen	Chen	
County of Los Angeles-2nd District	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Ruiz-Delgado	
County of Los Angeles- 4th District	LaMarque	LaMarque		LaMarque			LaMarque	

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

SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, 2022
HELD VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM
(RECORDING AVAILABLE ONLINE: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ITq-HFrdTk0&list=PLDpmJnsyVeKVXM03Lbb0WrPObE26gjV5P&index=1>)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Drew 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:

Cedric Hicks, Carson	Hildy Stern, Manhattan Beach
Drew Boyles, El Segundo	Jim Roos, Palos Verdes Estates
Rodney Tanaka, Gardena	John Cruikshank, Rancho Palos Verdes
Olivia Valentine, Hawthorne	Bea Dieringer, Rolling Hills
Stacey Armato, Hermosa Beach	Britt Huff, Rolling Hills Estates
James Butts, Inglewood	George Chen, Torrance
Bernadette Suarez, Lawndale	Alfonso Ruiz-Delgado, LA County D-2
Bill Uphoff, Lomita	Jennifer LaMarque, LA County D-4

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

Barry Waite, Lomita

Also, in attendance were the following persons:

Tom O'Brien, California State University, Long Beach (CSULB)
Greg Farr, Caltrans
Stephen Sawyer, Charter Communications
Jeff Kiernan, League of California Cities
Sarah Patterson, SCAG
Ara An, Los Angeles County
Lindsey Lastra, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health
Nancy Rodriguez, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health
Jacki Bacharach, SBCCOG
Kim Fuentes, SBCCOG
Steve Lantz, SBCCOG
Wally Siembab, SBCCOG
David Leger, SBCCOG
Natalie Champion, SBCCOG
Chandler Sheilds, SBCCOG
Ronson Chu, SBCCOG
Jonathan Pacheco Bell, SBCCOG
Laurie Jacobs, SBCCOG
Aaron Baum, 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*)

MOTION by Board Member John Cruikshank, seconded by Board Member Bill Uphoff, to **APPROVE** the Brown Act Declaration. No objection. So ordered.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF ANY CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

VII. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. November Board Meeting Minutes (attachments) – Approved**
- B. Bylaws Revisions (attachment) – Received and filed**
- C. Telework Policy (attachment) – Approved**
- D. Contract Renewal with Silvernest for Homeshare South Bay (attachment) – Approved**
- E. Torrance Water Contract Renewal Scope of Work (attachment with minor revisions noted from Steering Committee) – Approved**
- F. Metro Golden Opportunity Letter support request and 2nd letter from SBCCOG re: South Bay projects (attachment) – Approved**
- G. California Residential Property Tax Exemption and Surcharge and Housing Development Reviews Initiative (2022) – (attachments) – Opposed**
- ~~**H. 2020-2021 Audit – Received and filed**~~
- I. Actions of Steering Committee since last Board meeting (attachment) – Received and filed**
- J. 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 & Jeff Kiernan)
 - b. South Bay Association of Chamber of Commerce (Olivia Valentine)
 - c. South Bay Workforce Investment Board (Chris Cagle)
 - d. SCAG Committees:
 - i. Energy and Environment (Britt Huff)
 - ii. Regional Council (Drew Boyles, Mark Henderson, James Gazeley)
 - e. KHHR (Hawthorne Airport) Communities Network Committee (Olivia Valentine)

Ms. Bacharach shared that the audit was never received and has been removed (item H) from the consent calendar. Additionally, Ms. Bacharach asked that item D be approved contingent upon attorney approval.

MOTION by Board Member Bill Uphoff, seconded by Board Member Britt Huff, to **APPROVE** the Consent Calendar with Item H removed and Item D subject to legal counsel approval. No objection. So ordered.

VIII. PRESENTATIONS

A. California Supply Chain Success Initiative and What It means for the South Bay

Mr. O'Brien shared that Governor's office asked CSULB's Center for International Trade and Transportation (CITT) to convene stakeholders to address challenges that the supply chain faces in California. This group is called the California Supply Chain Success Initiative. Consensus concluded that the supply chain has worked well to address issues during the pandemic (including engagement with U.S. Department of Transportation). Mr. O'Brien also shared that the worst of the issues have passed that impact regions like the South Bay, with many opportunities that lie ahead for the subregion because of the lessons learned. Curbside access (i.e. last mile transportation infrastructure) will be an issue that needs to be addressed in the future.

Questions

Board Member Olivia Valentine: What opportunities/next steps can SBCCOG take?

Answer: SBCCOG can access forms hosted by California Freight Advisory Committee. There are opportunities for on-going dialogue between the state and local government regarding rail/freight issues. SBCCOG can help create these sub-regional opportunities for dialogue.

Board Member John Cruikshank: When will the Ports determine a cap on import capacity?

Answer: It is a challenge to place caps on cargo and the market can solve some instances of this problem (i.e. no definitive answer). The industry can expect to see diminishing returns on vessel sizes, with inefficiencies being placed landside on the vessel.

Board Member George Chen: Is there relation to public policy with the supply chain issue?

A: This is a global issue. Shortages were not a supply chain issue (e.g. panic buying). Multiple supply chain issues made it difficult to offload supplies to places in need but created a nimbleness to address the issues. The pandemic made this worse, enabling quicker action to address a problem that was eventually going to be encountered.

Board Member Barry Waite: What are the short-term vs. long-term issues?

A: Long term issues include digitization of data while short term issues address logistics obstacles (e.g. lowering the age of truck drivers) and inefficient chassis system that need to be evaluated.

Presentation is linked here: https://southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/PRESENTATION_SBCCOG-Presentation-on-Initiative.pdf

B. South Bay Sustainability Report 2021

Mr. Siembab shared that 2021 was significant year for climate activities and the acceleration of climate change. Extreme weather events continue to be become more prevalent. The planet is approaching a tipping point for burning fossil fuels, which is a dangerous issue. Fall out from climate change will have concerning personal effects for all generations.

Mr. Siembab also shared that global policy responses to climate change in 2021 did not report positive outlooks. 2030 is earmarked as a target for significant carbon emissions reductions. Mitigating measures that the South Bay can apply include vehicle inventory reduction and solar panel installation on government facilities (to name a few). Reducing electricity consumption in the South Bay is important to lead the fight on climate change locally. South Bay elected officials can examine policies and how they reduce carbon emissions and maximize the South Bay Fiber Network's use (e.g. fiber connectivity innovating institutional practices to reduce carbon emissions).

Board Member Britt Huff added that it is important to share this presentation with state leaders.

Mr. Leger briefly touched on examples of institutional "business as usual" and potential change options. He explained that with Caltrans grants for instance, the timeframe between a notice of funding availability to a notice to proceed could be 12 months or more. If that timeframe was reduced to a mere 3 months for example, it would allow grantees to begin working quickly to implement projects and begin addressing climate change impacts sooner. Mr. Leger also gave an example dealing with LA Metro's long-range planning. Although long-range planning and investment in rail lines is good, the impact of these lines won't be seen until 30+ years into the future. As opposed to focusing solely on those projects, Metro might consider temporarily pausing those planning efforts and investing funds into the deployment of broadband or other quick-to-implement projects that will have near-term impacts.

Questions

Board Member Olivia Valentine: What are we reviewing in Climate Action Plans (CAPs)?

A: What did the city commit to and how can the action steps be implemented. Ms. Fuentes and Ms. Bacharach added that baseline inventories are being reviewed to see if goals and targets are being met. Civic Spark fellows are assisting with this work.

Board Member Hildy Stern: Can SBCCOG help cities to research cost-effectiveness of solar for municipal facilities?

A: SBCCOG can examine a group purchase (consortium with state legislators) of solar panels among its member cities and discuss with Energy Management Working Group.

Presentation is linked here: <https://southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/PRESENTATION-1.22-Climate-2021-for-Board-.pdf>

C. SuperBowl Overview

Board Member Jim Butts was unable to attend at this time, so no presentation was given.

D. Service Planning Area 8 Update

Ms. Lastra shared that the County is continuing to seek support to combat surging COVID-19 cases (1 in 6 people have COVID-19). Vaccine and booster continue to be a protective factor to combat the spread of COVID-19. SPA 8's most densely populated communities continue to be impacted the most. Carson, Inglewood, Torrance, and Wilmington saw notable rises in cases during January. County emphasizes the importance of using medical grade masks, which are more protective than cloth masks. Testing kits are available at the following SPA 8 locations: Helen Keller Park, Lennox Library, and Lawndale Library.

Questions

Chair Drew Boyles: COVID protocols have ceased in other places, is that a good sign for the South Bay?

Answer: East coast case numbers are a good indicator of the trend that ultimately impacts the South Bay.

Presentation is linked here: <https://southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/PRESENTATION-ON-SPA-8-FOR-SBCCOG-Board-of-Directors-Meeting-01.27.22.pdf>

IX. TRANSPORTATION REPORTS

A. Metro Report

Mr. Lantz shared that the West Santa Ana Branch will be developed in two phases, from Artesia in the southeast area to the Blue Line and then from the Blue Line to downtown LA (will be built as a light rail line, phase 1 to be completed by 2035 and phase 2 by 2045). Metro is exploring electrification of the Silver Line to San Pedro. Rail-to-rail active transportation quarter was approved for \$115 million project (10-miles long from Crenshaw). Metro reported on temporary service reduction with cancellations rising from 3% to 17%, which has impacted operator workload and will reduce service frequency. The goal is to get transportation back to full service by June. Metro discussed the mental health issues that operators are facing with these conditions and issues.

B. Transportation Committee Report

Mr. Leger shared that Metro shared information about its LIFE program (50% discount on passes through June). Metro is requesting funds for projects (Golden Opportunity) via the state's budget surplus. SBCCOG will make recommendations to the Transportation Committee in February on Measure R and M budget requests. Mr. Lantz added that most of Measure M funding has been used, which will impact future project requests.

X. SBCCOG PROGRAM ACTION ITEMS, REPORTS AND UPDATES

A. Virtual/Hybrid/In-Person meetings

Ms. Bacharach asked the Board if it wanted to meet virtually or in-person next month. Chair Drew Boyles responded that the Board would like to meet virtually in February.

B. Legislative Committee

Mr. Leger shared information about the Regional Housing Trust Fund proposal. A subcommittee will be formed from existing Legislative Committee members, SBCCOG legal counsel, and group of City Managers with finance and planning expertise to discuss options before making a recommendation to the Board in the coming months.

MOTION by Board Member John Cruikshank, seconded by Board Member Rodney Tanaka, to **APPROVE** the formation of a subcommittee to address Regional Housing Trust Fund proposal. No objection. So ordered.

Board Member Bea Dieringer shared that she is interested in participating in the subcommittee.

It was reported that the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) withdrew its proposal regarding net metering and delayed any action. This was in keeping with the SBCCOG's position taken at the previous Board meeting. Another recommendation was made to oppose a competing initiative to the Neighborhood Voices initiative (supported by SBCCOG).

C. General Assembly

Ms. Fuentes shared that \$37,500 (goal is \$40,000) has been raised in sponsorships. 67 people have registered for the event (registration link: <https://southbaycities.org/event/22nd-annual-general-assembly/>). Carson Community Center requires participants to receive a COVID test 72 hours prior to event. The City is exploring a vendor to administer oversight (SBCCOG staff will update Board as event date approaches).

Ms. Bacharach and Chair Drew Boyles shared information about prospective guest speakers.

Chair Drew Boyles asked the Board if it was interested in the topic of space and aerospace in the South Bay? Board Members George Chen and Olivia Valentine expressed support. Chair Drew Boyles added that he was not sure if there should be an entire panel devoted to the topic, but representatives from those industries should be considered.

Questions

Board Member George Chen: Does everyone need to be tested for COVID-19 (even if they are vaccinated)?

A: Yes. SBCCOG will send out notices to registrants in advance of event.

Board Member Hildy Stern: Will remote attendance be available?

A: SBCCOG staff will be sending an item to Steering Committee in February with cost and recommendation.

D. Homeless Services

Ms. Bacharach shared information about the Hygiene Kit event and Redondo Beach staff thanked SBCCOG staff for facilitating the event and delivery of resources.

A short video of event was shown and is available here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=anW11Y7LHbo>.

Mr. Chu shared that Project Room Key has 4 new locations in the South Bay (Inglewood, Carson, Redondo Beach, and San Pedro) while exploring smaller options (motels) in Gardena and San Pedro. Providence Health Care is interested in building “tiny homes” in the Inglewood area. Mr. Chu also shared that there have been 4 matches for the Home Share South Bay program after getting increased exposure from PSA on local cable networks and other media efforts. A CORO fellow is helping to develop a matrix of subsidies available for homelessness.

Mr. Chu shared information about the Blue Ribbon Commission. A consensus is forming that believes that Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) is doing too much work and that it should focus on grant administration. Cities believe that more funds need to be returned to the subregion from Measure H and that there is a lack of coordination between LAHSA departments.

E. SBESC Update

Ms. Fuentes shared that all SBESC programs help cities with their CAPs. SBESC’s energy efficiency partnership ended with SoCalGas in December and SBESC exceeded its contract goal. SBESC is working with SoCalREN on a new program focusing on behavioral policy with employees that impacts energy efficiency. Ms. Fuentes also shared that West Basin Municipal Water District delivered 1200 rain barrels throughout the South Bay while hosting 2 in-person distribution events.

Ms. Fuentes shared that SBCCOG offers GIS services to its member cities, which may decrease/offset consultant costs. More information about SBCCOG’s GIS services can be found here: <https://southbaycities.org/programs/gis/>.

F. South Bay Fiber Network

Ms. Bacharach shared that SBCCOG staff are attending regional meetings and working with American Dark Fiber to extend its network.

G. Local Travel Network

Ms. Bacharach shared that SBCCOG staff is planning to meet with member cities to address opportunities for the Local Travel Network (LTN) and is working on an RFP for signage to brand the LTN.

Mr. Leger shared that Assemblymember Gipson's office is offering to sponsor LTN legislation: a Neighborhood Electric Vehicles (NEV) plan allowing for associated terminology to be used on signage/street markings and a rebate program for micromobility alternatives to e-bikes.

H. Senior Services

Board Member Britt Huff shared that the working group met this month and discussed learning resources from the Palos Verdes Library and home sharing updates from Silvernest. Mr. Chu shared that there is an AARP grant opportunity available for community garden/center development (applications are due in March). Mr. Chu will send application information to member cities. The working group meets next on March 22nd.

I. SPA 8 Working Group

Board Member Hildy Stern - no update.

J. Photo Contest

Mr. Bacharach shared that the contest has received 81 submissions and SBCCOG staff is working on a plan to judge the submission. The winner(s) will be announced at the General Assembly in March.

K. Opportunities to Serve and Annual Form 700s (*attachment*)

Ms. Bacharach shared that there are certain seats (e.g. SCAG regional council seats) that are available with the nominations opening February 1st. SBCCOG staff will send information out to those eligible to be nominated. A Metro Service Council seat is also open. There is currently no South Bay elected official on the Service Council as there has been in the past.

L. Management Services Subcommittee (*attachment*)

Board Member Cruikshank shared that the Management Services Evaluation Subcommittee (including Board Members Bernadette Suarez and Olivia Valentine) met in December and created an evaluation form for Ms. Bacharach's position (evaluates her organization, Jacki Bacharach & Associates as well). The subcommittee asks that each Board member complete this evaluation by February 15th prior to the subcommittee meeting with Ms. Bacharach for evaluation to determine if her position goes out to Request for Proposals (RFP) after her contract expires.

Board Member Bea Dieringer shared that she supported the subcommittee's initiative and timeframe provided for completing the evaluation form.

MOTION by Board Member Rodney Tanaka, seconded by Board Member Olivia Valentine, to **APPROVE** the process as recommended by the Management Services Evaluation Subcommittee and request Board participation in a performance evaluation of Jacki Bacharach & Associates by February 15. No objection. So ordered.

M. Other

Ms. Bacharach shared that SBCCOG will hire consultant regional planner, Jonathan Pacheco Bell as a SBCCOG employee in February. SBCCOG will also offer an ADU calculator to South Bay cities for their constituents to use to determine costs associated with building an ADU. Ms. Bacharach shared that 9 member cities (Hermosa Beach, Inglewood, Lomita, Manhattan Beach, Rancho Palos Verdes, Redondo Beach, Rolling Hills, Rolling Hills Estates, Torrance) have signed on to use the tool.

Question

Board Member Valentine: Who should an interested member city (i.e. City Manager) contact regarding the ADU calculator?

A: Member cities can contact Ms. Bacharach or Mr. Siembab for more information.

Ms. Bacharach also shared that SBCCOG, after receiving feedback from member cities, is exploring assuming the administration of the Alert South Bay program which is an emergency notification system for the subregion. Ms. Bacharach will bring back more information to the Board next month.

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. SCAG Committee

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

B. Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County (update on their waste program) – no oral report

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

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

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

F. KHHR (Hawthorne Airport) Committee re: Community Impacts (Olivia Valentine) – no oral report

XII. UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Patterson shared information about SCAG scholarship opportunities for high schoolers accessible via SCAG's website:

- <https://scag.ca.gov/scholarship>
- https://scag.ca.gov/sites/main/files/file-attachments/scholarshipprogram2022_flyerr1.pdf

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Drew Boyles adjourned the meeting at 8:08 pm to Thursday, February 24, 2022, at 6:00 pm via Zoom.

Chandler Shields, Transcriber