



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

## SBCCOG BOARD MEETINGS: ATTENDANCE 2023

City	Nov - 22	Jan - 23	Feb - 23	April - 23	May - 23	June - 23	July - 23	August - 23
<b>Carson</b>		Hicks	Hicks	Hicks	Hicks	Hicks	Hicks	
<b>El Segundo</b>	Pimentel	Boyles	Boyles	Pimentel		Boyles Pimentel (alt)		
<b>Gardena</b>	Tanaka	Tanaka	Tanaka	Tanaka	Tanaka	Tanaka	Tanaka	
<b>Hawthorne</b>	Valentine	Monteiro		Monteiro	Monteiro	Monteiro (AB 2449-1)	Monteiro Manning(alt)	
<b>Hermosa Beach</b>		Massey	Massey	Massey	Jackson	Massey	Massey	
<b>Inglewood</b>				Butts		Butts Faulk (alt)		
<b>Lawndale</b>	Suarez	Suarez	Suarez	Suarez	Suarez	Suarez	Cuevas	
<b>Lomita</b>	Waite		Waite Uphoff	Waite		Waite	Waite	
<b>Los Angeles</b>		McOsker				<b>X</b>	McOsker	
<b>Manhattan Beach</b>	Stern	Lesser	Lesser	Lesser	Lesser	Lesser	Lesser	
<b>Palos Verdes Estates</b>	Murdock	Lozzi	Lozzi	Lozzi		Lozzi		
<b>Rancho Palos Verdes</b>		Cruikshank	Cruikshank		Cruikshank	Cruikshank	Cruikshank	
<b>Redondo Beach</b>	Horvath	Obagi	Obagi Horvath	Obagi	Obagi	Obagi	Behrendt	
<b>Rolling Hills</b>	Dieringer		Dieringer Wilson	Dieringer	Wilson Dieringer (alt)	Wilson	Wilson Dieringer (alt)	
<b>Rolling Hills Estates</b>	Zuckerman Huff	Stegura Huff	Stegura	Stegura Huff (alt)	Stegura Huff (alt)	Stegura (AB 2449-1) Huff (alt)	Stegura	
<b>Torrance</b>		Chen	Kaji	Kaji		Mattucci	Kaji	
<b>County of Los Angeles-2<sup>nd</sup> District</b>	Ruiz-Delgado	Ruiz-Delgado	Lopez	Ruiz-Delgado	Ruiz-Delgado		Ruiz-Delgado	
<b>County of Los Angeles- 4<sup>th</sup> District</b>	LaMarque		LaMarque	LaMarque	LaMarque	Hahn LaMarque (alt)		
<b>Number of Active Members</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	
<b>Quorum Required (50% +1)</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	
<b>Number of Members Attending</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>16</b>	
<b>Number of members present</b>	12	13	14	15	16	17	16	
<b>Number of affirmative votes required for action</b>	7	8	8	9	9	9	9	

**SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, JULY 27, 2023  
HELD VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM & IN-PERSON AT THE SBCCOG OFFICE  
2355 CRENSHAW BLVD. SUITE 125, TORRANCE, CA 90501  
(RECORDING AVAILABLE ONLINE: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U50K-2c8yQE>)**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**II. VERIFY QUORUM AND VOTES NEEDED FOR ACTION**

**In attendance were the following voting elected officials:**

Cedric Hicks, Carson	David Lesser, Manhattan Beach
Rodney Tanaka, Gardena	John Cruikshank, Rancho Palos Verdes
Alex Monteiro, Hawthorne	Scott Behrendt, Redondo Beach
Justin Massey, Hermosa Beach	Patrick Wilson, Rolling Hills
Tim McOsker, Los Angeles	Debby Stegura, Rolling Hills Estates
Alfonso Ruiz-Delgado, LA County D2	
Sirley Cuevas, Lawndale	
Barry Waite, Lomita	

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

Bea Dieringer, Rolling Hills  
Katrina Manning, Hawthorne

**Also, in attendance were the following persons:**

Jeff Kiernan, CalCities	Jacki Bacharach, SBCCOG
Mark Dierking, Metro	Kim Fuentes, SBCCOG
Mike Bohlke, Metro Deputy to Mayor Butts	Natalie Champion, SBCCOG
Ray Hollar, Lawndale resident	Ronson Chu, SBCCOG
Glen Acosta, LA County Sanitation Districts	Colleen Farrell, SBCCOG
Robert Ferrante, LA County Sanitation Districts	Lara Gerges, SBCCOG
Niki Negrete-Mitchell, Redondo Beach Quality of Life	Laurie Jacobs, SBCCOG
Kevin Mitchell, Redondo Beach Quality of Life	David Leger, SBCCOG
Sarah Patterson, SCAG	Jonathan Pacheco Bell, SBCCOG
Devin Louie, South Bay resident	
Lauren Estrella, SBCCOG	
Talia Perluss, SBCCOG	

**III. CONFIRM POSTING OF THE AGENDA BY TORRANCE CITY CLERK**

Ms. Bacharach confirmed that the agenda was properly posted in the City of Torrance.

**IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF ANY CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

There were no changes to the agenda.

**V. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Kevin Mitchell, a South Bay resident representing Right of Say/Redondo Beach Quality of Life provided a public comment on the C Line. Niki Negrete-Mitchell a Redondo Beach resident representing Right of Say/Redondo Beach Quality of Life, discussed the City of Torrance alignment and the frequency and timing of the Green Line trains, in addition to the disruptions for residents. Full comments are accessible here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U50K-2c8yQE>

**VI. CONSENT CALENDAR**

- A. June 22, 2023 minutes (*attachment*) – Approved
- B. Contract with SHARE! For homeless services (*attachment*) – Approved
- C. Legislative Matrix– (*attachment*) – Approved
  1. AB 41 – change of position to Support unless Amended

**MOTION** by Board Member Tanaka, seconded by Board Member Cruikshank, to **APPROVE** the consent calendar. No Abstentions. No Objections. **MOTION** Passes.

### **Monthly Reports – Received and Filed**

**NOTE:** All reports that were submitted or handed out are available here: <https://southbaycities.org/event/board-of-directors-meeting-88/>

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 ([Britt Huff](#), Bea Dieringer & [Jeff Kiernan](#))
  - b. SCAG Update (Erik Rodriguez)
    - i. Regional Council ([Mark Henderson](#), Jim Gazeley & Drew Boyles)
    - ii. Energy & Environment Committee (Britt Huff)
  - c. California Association of Councils of Governments - CALCOG (Britt Huff)
  - d. South Bay Workforce Investment Board (Chris Cagle)

**VII. PRESENTATIONS** – all prepared presentations are posted @ <https://southbaycities.org/event/board-of-directors-meeting-88/>

### **Update on the Clearwater Project (Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts)**

Robert Ferrante, Chief Engineer and General Manager, highlighted that the Clearwater Project is 20 years in the making and is halfway completed. Mr. Ferrante noted that 5.5 million people are served through Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts and invited the SBCCOG to the August 5 Public Tour of the Joint Water Pollution Control Plant. Mr. Ferrante stated that the cost of the project is over \$700 million and is partially financed through state and federal loans. Public outreach is central to the project, which has taken place over 17 years, with over 500 group meetings, with key stakeholders including residents and schools. The tunneling commenced November 2021 and is mostly under public roadways, with a depth of 50 to 460 feet underground. Some of the primary impacts to the community are vibrations and noise to residents and commercial facilities. Mr. Ferrante noted that the tunnel serves as a retention basin and the Pure Water Southern California recycling project will provide locally sourced water to 1.5 million residents in Southern California during droughts. More detail is available in the presentation available online here: [https://southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/PRESENTATION\\_July-2023-Clearwater-Update.pdf](https://southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/PRESENTATION_July-2023-Clearwater-Update.pdf)

### **Civic Spark Fellows Program Year Review and Achievements & Recognition Program Update**

Deputy Director Kim Fuentes and Executive Director Jacki Bacharach introduced Lauren Estrella and Talia Perluss, both Civic Spark fellows and shared their contributions to the cities via their respective projects.

Ms. Estrella presented on the Greenhouse Gas Emissions and discussed the inventory calculations from the city's emissions and the reduction targets adopted for their respective Climate Action Plans (CAP). She presented the timeline and the gathering of data from Google Environmental Insights Explorer (Google EIE) and SCAG, including municipal emissions such as fleets and city halls. She mentioned the collection and results of the data and said that she needs to compile the data for El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Rancho Palos Verdes and Torrance and will present findings to the cities. Overall greenhouse emissions have significantly decreased, and the energy mix and usage for both commercial and residential is cleaner due to the increased use of more renewable energy. Board Member Monteiro recommended using the Clean Power Alliance data for greater detail on energy use and Hermosa Beach Board Member Justin Massey said his city wants to quantify the clean emission data. Chair Hicks also recommended showing city specific data on which interventions helped in reducing emissions. More detail can be found on her presentation available here: [https://southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/PRESENTATION\\_Lauren-CivicSpark\\_CAAP\\_Board\\_Presentation\\_07.27.23.pdf](https://southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/PRESENTATION_Lauren-CivicSpark_CAAP_Board_Presentation_07.27.23.pdf)

Ms. Perluss discussed the Energy Efficiency Support, Equipment Inventory and AB 802 Compliance. She shared that SoCalREN provides a no cost service to make it easier to save energy. She mentioned the South Bay Energy and Climate Recognition Program and that Hawthorne is at the Gold level. Ms. Bacharach added that the City of L.A. could be eligible for the program but is not yet a member of SoCalREN. Ms. Perluss noted that the Energy Star Portfolio Manager is a free interactive online tool to track energy use in properties and that AB 802 requires commercial multi-family and government to share their energy use. Lastly, Ms. Perluss detailed the Facility Equipment Inventory, which catalogues inventories and data to make recommendation on what buildings can do to reduce utility bills and noted participating cities including Carson, El Segundo, Gardena, Hawthorne, Hermosa

Beach, Inglewood, Lomita, Manhattan Beach, Rolling Hills Estates and Torrance. Board Member Massey recommended pitching energy efficiency as a way to lower the cost for operating the city as a good message to share with constituents. Ms. Bacharach shared that getting more buildings included in the inventory helps make more accurate assessments of the cities' needs. More detail can be found on her presentation available here: [https://southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/PRESENTATION\\_Talia-CivicSpark\\_EE\\_Board\\_Presentation\\_07.27.23.pdf](https://southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/PRESENTATION_Talia-CivicSpark_EE_Board_Presentation_07.27.23.pdf)

## **VIII. SBCCOG PROGRAM ACTION ITEMS, REPORTS AND UPDATES**

### **A. SBESC projects and programs**

South Bay Environmental Services Center Report (*attachment*)

Ms. Fuentes shared updates of leveraging other partner relationships to assist with looking at potential opportunities for turf replacement. Ms. Bacharach asked Board Members to save the date of September 28 at 4:30 pm to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the SBESC prior to the Board Meeting and also stated that legislative offices and partners have been invited. More detail is available online here: [https://southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/8\\_07.2023-Staff-Updates-1.pdf](https://southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/8_07.2023-Staff-Updates-1.pdf)

### **B. Transportation Reports**

#### **1. Metro Report - Board member James Butts/Mike Bohlke**

Mike Bohlke spoke about the unfunded mandated State VMT Mitigation Program. The Metro VMT Mitigation Program is supposed to reduce GhG and VMT through Transit/ Vanpool, Active Transportation, Land Use and Pricing Mitigation Strategies, plus equity criteria related to fair and just access to opportunities. He also emphasized that the Board is mindful of the costs of the four South Bay Highway Projects in the South Bay subject to VMT mitigation including: I-405, I-110, I-105, and SR 91 Ramp and Interchange Improvements; I-405/I-110 HOV Connect Ramps and Interchange Improvements; I-110 Express lanes Extension south to I-405/I-110 Interchange; and I-405 South Bay Curve Improvements. Mr. Bohlke also noted that the Board has concerns about overruns on all projects, which will create a tipping point for future projects. Ms. Bacharach expressed concern about SB 743 and inquired about Metro staff interpretation on the level of service and costs for VMT Mitigation Programs.

#### **2. Transportation Committee Report**

SBCCOG Staff David Leger discussed the Inglewood Regional Connector Project and the additional \$6.3 million towards the project that supplements other state funding, including \$68.7 million through the 2023 Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program. He noted that the goal is for construction to be complete prior to the 2028 Summer Olympics.

### **C. Local Travel Network**

Mr. Leger mentioned working with El Segundo and provided an update on the LTN signs and upcoming ribbon cutting. He also noted that Redondo Beach submitted its application for Measure M funding and noted that he is waiting to hear from Caltrans concerning the grant submitted for addressing gaps in the network. Manhattan Beach Board Member David Lesser expressed concern with framing the Local Travel Network as a regional network for routes instead of sharing information on established routes within communities that residents are already familiar with and asked if the LTN would create more congestion on roadways. (It should create less congestion)

### **D. SCAG REAP**

Jonathan Pacheco-Bell updated the Board on REAP 1.0 ADU Acceleration occurring in 8 South Bay cities and reviewed all the deliverables, including the no cost time extension, which will be presented to the Board in the Fall. He outlined that the focus of REAP is on turning underperforming commercial redevelopment into housing and discussed the upcoming first draft of the report with additional analysis. Mr. Pacheco-Bell also discussed REAP 2 and the partnership with Metro, which includes a focus on micro mobility and housing. He noted both projects will begin in 2024 and shared how he has assisted cities in regional planning. He also highlighted that the Regional Housing Trust which is a REAP 2 project which will identify how the trust will work, what its potential in the South Bay will be and how it should be organized. Chair Hicks inquired about how many cities want to be a part of the Regional Housing Trust and Ms. Bacharach stated that the REAP 2 project will be providing more information so cities can decide whether they want to join. That project will have a consultant who will speak with consultants and developers about the opportunities in the South Bay for funding from a trust fund to make a difference. Board Member Cruikshank asked about city managers' perspectives on the value of the Regional Trust Fund. SBCCOG Attorney Mike Jenkins advised that any approval for funding on a specific project by the trust must be approved by the city within which is it located. He also noted that the Trust could direct funding and accept funding to leverage projects to reduce their costs. Furthermore, Mr. Jenkins shared that for cities that do not want to pay the administrative costs, the costs would still be determined by active projects getting approved by cities and could

create an opportunity to better leverage housing in the region. Ms. Bacharach shared that the SBCCOG could consider convening a forum on the Regional Housing Trust, which would engage Board members and their City Managers. Chair Hicks shared that cities are concerned about paying out additional funding and the increased pressure added to cities compared to the return on investment.

No Updates:

- E. South Bay Fiber Network**
- F. Homeless Services**
- G. SPA 8 Working Group**
- H. Senior Services**

**I. Other**

Ronson Chu discussed **BeWell Orange County** and invited Board Members to attend a virtual presentation on August 24 to learn about its expanding campus through a private/public partnership that focuses on the behavioral health needs of unhoused populations and provides an alternative crisis response. Mr. Chu noted that SBCCOG Staff member Laurie Jacobs will be retiring on August 3 and thanked her for her work around Homeless and Senior Services. Lastly, Mr. Chu highlighted the **Winter Shelter Program** and shared that during last year's storms, two people died from lack of shelter. He noted that the SBCCOG is increasingly provided supplemental services to the 2-1-1 system by providing hotel/motel vouchers to vulnerable residents in the South Bay and invited Board members to share how the SBCCOG can partner with cities to find facilities in preparation for this Winter.

**IX. 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-88/>

- A. SCAG**
  - i. Community, Economic, & Human Development (Mark Henderson, Drew Boyles, Frank Zerunyan & Mark Waronek)
  - ii. Transportation (James Gazeley, Bridgett Lewis)
- B. AQMD update** (Brandee Keith, Sr. Public Affairs Specialist, AQMD)
- C. Area G Emergency Management** (Brandy Villanueva)
- D. County Department of Public Health information flyers** (Alicia Chang)
- E. Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission** (Dean Francois/Eric Alegria)
- F. Metro Service Council** (Don Szerlip)
- G. South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce** (Eric Alegria)
- H. South Bay Aerospace Alliance** (Bill Uphoff/Rodney Tanaka)
- I. Baldwin Hills and Urban Watersheds Conservancy** (Katrina Manning)

**X. UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rolling Hills Board Member Bea Dieringer invited Board Members to the League of CA Cities Installation Program Dinner on August 3, 2023.

Chair Hicks recessed the meeting at 7:57 pm to go into Closed session.

**XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Government Code Section 54957  
Employee Performance Evaluation  
Title of Employee: Executive Director  
Government Code Section 54957.6  
Conference with Labor Negotiator  
SBCCOG designated negotiator: Board Chair  
Unrepresented Employee: Executive Director

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

Closed session adjourned at 9:05 with no reportable action taken. The next board meeting will be on Thursday, August 24, 2023, at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Natalie Champion, SBCCOG Staff