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SBCCOG BOARD MEETINGS: ATTENDANCE 2023

City	Aug - 22	Sep - 22	Oct - 22	Nov - 22	Jan - 23	Feb - 23	April - 23	May - 23
Carson		Hicks	Hicks		Hicks	Hicks	Hicks	
El Segundo	Boyles		Boyles	Pimentel	Boyles	Boyles	Pimentel	
Gardena	Tanaka	Tanaka		Tanaka	Tanaka	Tanaka	Tanaka	
Hawthorne	Monteiro	Valentine	Valentine	Valentine	Monteiro		Monteiro	
Hermosa Beach		Armato			Massey	Massey	Massey	
Inglewood			Faulk				Butts	
Lawndale	Suarez	Suarez		Suarez	Suarez	Suarez	Suarez	
Lomita	Waite	Waite	Waite	Waite		Waite Uphoff	Waite	
Los Angeles	X	Buscaino			McOsker			
Manhattan Beach	Stern	Stern	Stern	Stern	Lesser	Lesser	Lesser	
Palos Verdes Estates	Roos	Roos		Murdock	Lozzi	Lozzi	Lozzi	
Rancho Palos Verdes	Cruikshank	Cruikshank	Cruikshank		Cruikshank	Cruikshank		
Redondo Beach	Obagi		Obagi Horvath	Horvath	Obagi	Obagi Horvath	Obagi	
Rolling Hills	Dieringer	Dieringer	Dieringer	Dieringer		Dieringer Wilson	Dieringer	
Rolling Hills Estates	Huff	Zuckerman Huff	Huff	Zuckerman Huff	Stegura Huff	Stegura	Stegura Huff (alt)	
Torrance	Chen	Mattucci	Chen		Chen	Kaji	Kaji	
County of Los Angeles-2nd District	Ruiz-Delgado	Ruiz-Delgado	Ruiz-Delgado	Ruiz-Delgado	Ruiz-Delgado	Lopez	Ruiz-Delgado	
County of Los Angeles- 4th District		LaMarque		LaMarque		LaMarque	LaMarque	
Number of Active Members	16	18	18	18	18	18	18	
Quorum Required (50% +1)	9	10	10	10	10	10	10	
Number of Members Attending	13	15	12	12	14	15	17	

Number of members present	14	15	16	17	18	18	18
Number of affirmative votes required for action	8	9	9	10	10	10	10

**SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2023
HELD VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM & IN-PERSON AT THE SBCCOG OFFICE
2355 CRENSHAW BLVD. SUITE 125, TORRANCE, CA 90501
(RECORDING AVAILABLE ONLINE: <https://youtu.be/muxVoWejPYg>)**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Councilmember Cedric Hicks of Carson called the SBCCOG Board of Directors meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

II. VERIFY QUORUM

In attendance were the following voting elected officials:

Cedric Hicks, Carson	Jennifer LaMarque Zivkovic, LA County D4
Chris Pimentel, El Segundo	Barry Waite, Lomita
Rodney Tanaka, Gardena	David Lesser, Manhattan Beach
Alex Monteiro, Hawthorne	Victoria Lozzi, Palos Verdes Estates
Justin Massey, Hermosa Beach	Zein Obagi, Redondo Beach
Jim Butts, Inglewood	Bea Dieringer, Rolling Hills
Bernadette Suarez, Lawndale	Debby Stegura, Rolling Hills Estates
Alfonso Ruiz-Delgado, LA County D2	Jon Kaji, Torrance

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

Britt Huff, Rolling Hills Estates

Also, in attendance were the following persons:

Christian Horvath, Redondo Beach	Sharis Rhodes, Inglewood
Sean Moore, Lawndale City Manager	Mike Bohlke, Metro Deputy to Mayor Butts
Becky Cheng, Assemblymember Muratsuchi Office	Ronson Chu, SBCCOG
William Mitchell, Assemblymember McKinnor David	Colleen Farrell, SBCCOG
Jake Ettinger, Senator Ben Allen Office	Kim Fuentes, SBCCOG
Sergio Carrillo, Councilmember Tim McOsker	Shawn Fujioka, SBCCOG
McNeil, Baldwin Hills Conservancy	Lara Gerges, SBCCOG
Danial Hernandez, Baldwin Hills Conservancy	Mark Dierking, Metro
Ryan Ferguson, Kaiser Permanente	Laurie Jacobs, SBCCOG
Erik Rodriguez, SCAG	Karen Kanda, SBCCOG volunteer
Barbara Taylor, Southern CA Edison	Steve Lantz, SBCCOG
Holly Osborne, Redondo Beach resident	David Leger, SBCCOG
Jeff Kiernan, League of CA Cities	Brigitte Calderon, Urban Semillas
Jacki Bacharach, SBCCOG	Lisa Trifiletti, Trifiletti Associate
Natalie Champion, SBCCOG	Olivia Valentine, Hawthorne Resident
Ray Hollar, Lawndale resident	Office
Melissa Franklin, LA County	Adjoa Jones, LA County Dept. of Public Health
Michelle Rand, Relay for Life	Trena Lawson, South Bay resident
Nancy Gutzmer, Relay for Life	Patrick Furey, Torrance resident
Niki Negrete-Mitchell, South Bay resident	Brandy Villanueva, Area G Disaster Management
Kevin Mitchell, South Bay resident	Lindsey Lastra, LA County Dept. of Public Health
Kim Turner, Torrance Transit	James Lee, Torrance Transit
Alicia Change, LA County Dept. of Public Health	David Mach, City of Torrance
	Trena Lawson, South Bay resident

Jill Liu, LA Metro
Steve Cotton, Inglewood Clothing Store
John Schreiber, South Bay resident
Melody Lawrence, South Bay resident
Stephen Sawyer, Charter Communications/Spectrum
Chris Robert, The Robert Group

Chelsea Schreiber, South Bay resident
Rhonda Hofmann Gorman, Lawndale resident
Candace Nafissi, South Bay resident
Eli Lipmen, Move LA

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.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF ANY CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Ms. Bacharach requested that the presentations proceed before the public comments portion of the agenda.

VI. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were a number of public comments. Full comments are available here: <https://youtu.be/muxVoWejPYg>

Michelle Rand provided a public comment presentation on Relay for Life. Ms. Rand shared the \$3.9 million raised for the American Cancer Society and how the Relay for Life celebrates survivors and would like to connect with South Bay cities that do not currently have relays to organize a South Bay Relay to end cancer.

VII. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. February 23, 2023 minutes (*attachment*) – Approved
- B. First Amendment to Contract with El Segundo for the SBCCOG to provide services to the city for the Green Business Certification Program (*attachment*)
- C. Amendment #3 to Measure R South Bay Highway Program with Metro (*attachment*)
- D. PATH Contract (*attachment*)
- E. Contract with the Gas Company (*attachment*)
- F. Dominguez Channel Individual Permit Holder MOU Template - NOTE: This item received after the Steering Committee meeting (*attachment*)
- G. Appointments to SCAG Policy Committee & Metro South Bay Service Council (*attachment*)
- H. Legislative Matrix (*attachment*)
- I. Actions of Steering Committee since February Board meeting (*attachment*)

MOTION by Board Member Tanaka, seconded by Board Member Huff, to **APPROVE** the Consent Calendar. Approved without objection.

J. Monthly Reports – Receive and File

NOTE: All reports that were submitted or handed out are available online here: <https://southbaycities.org/event/board-of-directors-meeting-85/>

- a. Transportation Report (*attachment*)
- b. City Attendance at SBCCOG meetings (*attachment*)
- c. Media Report (*attachment*)
- d. Reports from Outside Agencies (*attachments for each at end of the agenda*)
 - i. League of California Cities & LA Division Legislative Committee (Britt Huff, Bea Dieringer & Jeff Kiernan)
 - ii. AQMD update (Brandee Keith, Sr. Public Affairs Specialist, AQMD)
 - iii. South Bay Workforce Investment Board (Chris Cagle)
 - iv. SCAG Spotlight

VII. PRESENTATIONS – (all prepared presentations will be posted <https://southbaycities.org/event/board-of-directors-meeting-85/>)

1. Sheriff Luna

Sheriff Luna discussed his service as a police chief and the need to improve public trust and eradicate challenges in accountability. Mr. Luna highlighted The Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission County Civilian Oversight Commission and how he is emphasizing communication between departments and commissioners. Hiring is also a priority for Sheriff Luna, with a focus on diversity, as well as technology and modernization. Mr. Luna referenced the Office of Constitutional Policing and Policy and how LA County has the largest custody facility in the world, with a daily intake of 14,000 and the growing necessity to de-populate the facilities to comply with the constitution. Sheriff Luna mentioned that mental illness is a primary issue and the need for more mental health and addiction services. He cited his commitment to reducing crime, improving the quality of life and doing so in a constitutional manner and stated that collaboration and partnership with cities is key. Inglewood Board Member Butts and Lomita Board Member Waite thanked Sheriff Luna and commended him on his progress. Carson Vice Chair Hicks invited the Sheriff to come back for a follow-up dialogue.

2. Department of Public Health- Adjoa Jones, African American Infant & Maternal Mortality (AAIMM) Initiative

Lindsey Lastra introduced Adjoa Jones and the African American Infant and Maternal Mortality (AAIMM) Initiative. Ms. Jones emphasized the importance of community and government working together to elevate the concerns to support the needs of Black women, who have the highest maternal mortality rates and are faring worse than women in underdeveloped countries. Ms. Jones cited that racism is a root cause for the disproportionate Black infant and maternal death rates. Ms. Jones further highlighted that fostering equity does not tolerate victim blaming but centers on identifying the resources and supports needed to address the inequities in birthing outcomes. Ms. Jones noted that in the United States, Black women are 243 percent more likely to die from pregnancy related causes than white women and how AAIMM community teams are guiding what needs to happen to reduce these numbers. Ms. Jones cited Cherished Futures for Black Babies that work with hospitals to improve outcomes, the Community Doula program, and [SB 65 The California Momnibus Act](#). The presentation is available here for additional detail: https://southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/PRESENTATION_AAIMM-CAT-BIMH-.pdf

3. Area G – Brandy Villanueva

Ms. Villanueva discussed that 14 of the South Bay cities are working with emergency managers to improve response times in preparation for a disaster, including FEMA declarations, advance tsunami planning, and the planning for the potential refinery releases. Ms. Villanueva cited that statewide communication drills ensure efficiency for evacuations. Additionally, Ms. Villanueva mentioned that LA County Emergency Management conducts exercises for communities to review their response to cyber-attacks and their ability to function. She highlighted work with local partners for updating Hazard plans and working with the County regarding Extreme Heat in order to identify cooling centers for preparedness. Lastly, Ms. Villanueva discussed the Regional Alert South Bay contracts and the commencement of services for all 14 cities, which includes bringing training to local communities.

4. Recognition for Christian Horvath, Former SBCCOG Chair leaving elected office

Former Redondo Beach Councilmember and SBCCOG Board Chair and member Christian Horvath was presented with a pen set and a card honoring his years of services to the South Bay, Redondo Beach and the SBCCOG. Board Members noted his numerous contributions and Mr. Horvath shared the importance of the SBCCOG and its benefits to cities within the South Bay.

5. Update on City Recognition Program for first quarter – Shawn Fujioka, SBCCOG Staff

Ms. Fujioka elaborated on the Energy and Climate Recognition Program and shared how the program will expand to other agencies in 2023. She shared the SBCCOG cities that have achieved the Bronze level including El Segundo, Hermosa Beach, Rancho Palos Verdes and Torrance and how they are provided a certificate and recognition on the SBCCOG website. Ms. Fujioka displayed the tracker for each city that shows the progress of activities and points needed to advance to various tier levels. She also noted that Hawthorne and Rolling Hills Estates are at Silver Status and the progress of the other cities. Lastly, Ms. Fujioka cited that cities could earn bonus points by completing activities such as greenhouse gas emissions inventory, participation in SBCCOG sustainability initiatives such as Local Travel Network, complete energy efficiency projects and climate action benchmarking. The presentation is available here for additional detail: https://southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/PRESENTATION_Energy-Climate-Program-.pdf

VIII. SBCCOG PROGRAM ACTION ITEMS, REPORTS AND UPDATES

A. Dues Increase (*attachment*)

Ms. Bacharach reviewed the Dues increase and the various scenarios. Lawndale Board Member Suarez noted her city's concern in being able to opt out of the assessment for the regional planner since this is will be their first year of being included. She requested that the SBCCOG keep Lawndale's assessment separate. Rolling Hills Board Member Dieringer cited the difference in the cost per resident for the smallest city in the South Bay compared to the largest city and noted that Rolling Hills' primary source of revenue comes from property taxes and services. Ms. Dieringer emphasized that Rolling Hills is looking at reducing costs. Although the city finds the SBCCOG to be valuable, Ms. Dieringer shared statistics from the Department of Finance and how Carson pays \$.36 per resident versus Rolling Hills paying \$4.38 per resident. Ms. Bacharach mentioned that this issue was discussed at the Steering Committee and that the Steering Committee voted that the dues formula remain. Additionally, the Rolling Hills City Council voted at a recent meeting to not pay any more than \$2000 for SBCCOG. While Ms. Dieringer voted against the motion, it did pass. Inglewood Board Member Butts supported the request from Ms. Dieringer. Lomita Board Member Waite shared that the city still receives advantages not related to population size. Palos Verdes Estates Board Member Victoria Lozzi inquired about the assessment of the regional planner and asked if the cost was tiered. Ms. Lozzi stated that the assessment for the regional planner should be separate from the general dues. Ms. Bacharach emphasized that the regional planner is a function of the SBCCOG and that the smaller cities receive more SBCCOG services than the larger ones since they have smaller staffs. Deputy Director Fuentes reminded the Board that the calculation for the budget needs to be provided at the May Board Meeting. Board Member Butts suggested that Rolling Hills does not benefit the same as other cities from the SBCCOG, with Redondo Beach Board Member Obagi and Rolling Hills Estates Board Member Huff agreeing.

MOTION by Board Member Butts, seconded by Board Member Dieringer, to **APPROVE** an exemption for Rolling Hills for dues to be \$2,275. Six ayes, 4 abstentions, 7 nays. Motion did not pass.

Further discussion on the item continued and Ms. Bacharach mentioned that the regional planner assessment can be part of the dues but Lawndale did not use the assessment. Ms. Bacharach explained separating the assessment for another year can be done. Board Member Lozzi expressed that the assessment for the regional planner should wait until the completion of what she said was a 3 year pilot program. Hermosa Beach Board Member Justin Massey shared that this agenda item has been reviewed by the Finance and Steering Committees and that ad hoc decision-making at the Board meeting sets bad precedent.

MOTION by Board Member Suarez, seconded by Board Member Dieringer, to **APPROVE** to separate the special assessment for the regional planner and approve the dues as presented in Option 3 reflecting the consumer price index. 9 ayes, 1 abstention, 5 nays. Motion passes.

B. Transportation Reports

1. Transportation Committee report – Chris Pimentel/Steve Lantz
 - a. Measure M Project Applications (*attachment*)
 - b. Request from City of Inglewood (*attachment*)

There were several public comments. Full comments are available here: <https://youtu.be/muxVoWejPYg>

MOTION by Board Member Monteiro, seconded by Board Member Obagi, to **APPROVE** Measure M Transit applications totaling \$27,459,400 in Measure M Multiyear Subregional Program (MSP) funding for new Measure M projects, bringing the total to \$156.5 million.

MOTION by Board Member Monteiro, seconded by Board Member Obagi to APPROVE the South Bay MSP funding of \$101.3 million earmarked for a planned grade separation of the Crenshaw/LAX (K-Line) be reallocated toward the Inglewood Transit Connector for a backstop to the funding over and above the contingency – only to be used if needed. There were several contingencies included in the motion which can be found in the staff report dealing with the timing of the full funding agreement being received and the project being completed. No objections, No abstentions. Motion passes.

2. Metro Report – Board member James Butts/Steve Lantz
 - a. Green Line extension EIR status update

There were several public comments. Full comments are available here: <https://youtu.be/muxVoWejPYg> Ms. Bacharach highlighted option 2 and advised Board Members to complete the survey to support this option.

C. General Assembly Comments and Review

- D. SBESC projects and programs
 - 1. South Bay Environmental Services Center Report (*attachment*)
- E. Local Travel Network
- F. SCAG REAP
 - 1. Commercial Redevelopment to Housing study
 - 2. Housing Education Forums (*attachment*)

G. Homeless Services

Ms. Bacharach asked Board Members to share the May 10 meeting with their city managers and homeless staff – as the meeting will discuss the SBCCOGs direct service role, including client aid, housing subsidies, motel stays and alignment with Local Solutions Programming.

- H. SPA 8 Working Group
- I. Senior Services
- J. South Bay Fiber Network
- K. Other

Items C-K were tabled to the next Board Meeting on May 25 for further discussion. Ms. Bacharach noted that highlights for these items would be sent separately in the Board Highlights available using the following link:

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-85/>

- e. SCAG
 - i. Community, Economic, & Human Development (Mark Henderson, Drew Boyles, Frank Zerunyan & Mark Waronek)
 - ii. Transportation (James Gazeley)
 - iii. SCAG Regional Council (Drew Boyles, Mark Henderson, James Gazeley)
 - iv. SCAG Energy and Environment Committee (Britt Huff)
- f. County Department of Public Health information flyers (Lindsey Lastra)
- g. Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission (Bill Brand/Eric Alegria)
- h. Metro Service Council (Don Szerlip)
- i. California Association of Councils of Governments - CALCOG (Britt Huff)
- j. South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce (Eric Alegria)
- k. South Bay Aerospace Alliance (Bill Uphoff/Rodney Tanaka) – encouraged to participate in C/K Line community meetings
- l. Baldwin Hills and Urban Watersheds Conservancy (Katrina Manning)

X. UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rolling Hills Board Member Dieringer mentioned her new role as the Vice President for the LA County Division of the League of California Cities.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Councilmember Cedric Hicks adjourned the meeting at 9:06 pm to Thursday, May 25, 2023, at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:
Natalie Champion, SBCCOG Staff