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**Inactive Membership is automatically re-instated by attending a meeting**

**SBCCOG BOARD MEETINGS: ATTENDANCE 2023**

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

**SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 24, 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/GRyy9Jh3Sas?si=-PFUJL8DY8q\\_1Mgg](https://youtu.be/GRyy9Jh3Sas?si=-PFUJL8DY8q_1Mgg))**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Cedric Hicks of Carson called the SBCCOG Board of Directors meeting to order at 6:04 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
Katrina Manning, Hawthorne	Zein Obaji, Redondo Beach
Justin Massey, Hermosa Beach	Patrick Wilson, Rolling Hills
Alfonso Ruiz-Delgado, LA County D2	Aurelio Mattucci, Torrance
Jennifer LaMarque, LA County D4	
Sirley Cuevas, Lawndale	
Barry Waite, Lomita	

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

Dionne Faulk, Inglewood (arrived at 7:57 pm)

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

Ray Hollar, Lawndale resident	Collen Villegas, South Bay resident
Niki Negrete-Mitchell, Redondo Beach Quality of Life	Chelsea Schreiber, South Bay resident
Kevin Mitchell, Redondo Beach Quality of Life	Jill Love, South Bay resident
Erik Rodriguez, SCAG	Rhonda Hofmann Gorman, South Bay resident
Vic Nol, LA 28	Jacki Bacharach, SBCCOG
Ellie Parfrey Talyor, LA 28	Kim Fuentes, SBCCOG
Sam Morrissey, LA28	Natalie Champion, SBCCOG
David McNeill, Baldwin Hills & Urban Watersheds Conservancy	Ronson Chu, SBCCOG
Brandee Keith, AQMD	Colleen Farrell, SBCCOG
Jill Love, South Bay resident	Lara Gerges, SBCCOG
Holly Osborne, Redondo Beach resident	Dakota Townson SBCCOG
Rose Rodriguez, Lawndale resident	Jonathan Pacheco Bell, SBCCOG
Ryan Rodriguez, Lawndale resident	Cathy Hetzer, SBCCOG
Jennifer Dodge, South Bay resident	Keenan Leary, SBCCOG
John Schreiber, South Bay resident	Mike Jenkins, SBCCOG Legal Counsel
	Karen Kanda, SBCCOG volunteer

**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**

South Bay residents expressed concerns about the proposed Metro rail extension project to Torrance. They emphasized issues related to pipelines, property damage, and noise and concerns around property value loss, noise, and potential hazards associated with the project. One comment was that the project involves relocating pipelines and running both Metro and freight trains in a narrow right-of-way, causing concerns about property damage. Public comments also raised questions about the validity of Metro's community poll data which indicated support for the project. Public comments also emphasized the need for a thorough assessment of the project's

impact on their communities. Full comments are accessible here: [https://youtu.be/GRyy9Jh3Sas?si=-PFUJL8DY8q\\_1Mqq](https://youtu.be/GRyy9Jh3Sas?si=-PFUJL8DY8q_1Mqq)

## **VI. CONSENT CALENDAR**

- A. July 27, 2023 minutes (*attachment*) – Approved
- B. Third Amendment to MOU with McGowan Consulting LLC (funding to the SBCCOG) (*attachment*) – Approved
- C. Third Amendment with Siembab Corporation for REAP funded projects (funding from the SBCCOG) (*attachment*) – Approved
- D. Actions of Steering Committee since last Board meeting (*attachment*) – Approved
  - 1. Legislative Matrix (*attachment*) – Approved
  - 2. Local Travel Network work orders (*attachment*) – Approved

NOTE: Item E was received after the Steering Committee meeting but the Board has previously approved the scope of work

- E. Local Solutions Contract with LA County for Homeless Services (funding to the SBCCOG) (*attachment*) – Approved

**MOTION** by Board Member Cruikshank, seconded by Board Member Tanaka, 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-89/>

- 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)
  - c. Baldwin Hills and Urban Watersheds Conservancy (Katrina Manning)
  - d. South Bay Workforce Investment Board (Chris Cagle)
  - e. AQMD update (Brandee Keith, Sr. Public Affairs Specialist, AQMD)
  - f. South Bay Aerospace Alliance (Bill Uphoff/Rodney Tanaka) – *Bill Uphoff shared that the SBCCOG/Transportation Committee continues to discuss the C Line (Green)/K Line (Crenshaw-LAX) with a recommendation from the Metro Board later this year.*

**VII. PRESENTATIONS** – all prepared presentations are posted @ <https://southbaycities.org/event/board-of-directors-meeting-89/>

### **LA28 Olympic and Paralympic Games**

Vic Nol, Director of Venue and Cities Relations for LA28, shared that LA28 is a private non-profit organization with a volunteer Board of Directors. Mr. Nol discussed the scale of the Olympic and Paralympic Games, comparing it to hosting multiple Super Bowls daily and that LA 28 is responsible for organizing the games, receiving financial support from commercial partners, ticket sales, and the International Olympic Committee. Unlike in other parts of the world, Mr. Nol stated that the games in Los Angeles will utilize existing stadiums and infrastructure, resulting in a more fiscally responsible and sustainable approach. He mentioned the venues that will be used, including the Coliseum, USC and UCLA campuses, Crypto.com, Microsoft Theater, Los Angeles Convention Center, and various locations in the San Fernando Valley, Pasadena, Santa Monica, Long Beach, Anaheim, Inglewood, and the South Bay. Mr. Nol noted that the Olympic planning is still in development and may undergo changes in terms of the sports included. Mr. Nol introduced Ellie Taylor, who will provide an overview of the transportation plans and strategy for the games. Ms. Taylor discussed the mission of providing a seamless transportation system for athletes, spectators, and stakeholders during the games. She emphasized the importance of transforming the way people travel to benefit the region long-term using guiding principles including sustainability, legacy, equity, and innovation. Ms. Taylor mentioned LA28 is collaborating with public agencies such as LA County, Metro, Metrolink, LADOT, SCAG and Caltrans and working with their LA28 community working group, composed of cities and other agencies to represent the diversity needed to co-create the transportation plan. The focus of the plan involves moving constituents efficiently, utilizing existing and enhanced transportation, and ensuring LA residents can still move during the Olympics. She highlighted mobility hubs, supplemental busing, and a games route network. Additionally, there will be mobility hubs for commuters, tourists, and residents, while public transport will remain open to everyone. Both Vic and Ellie mentioned that efforts are being made to improve the City of Los Angeles before the

Olympics, to ensure a positive experience for visitors and that they were working with various agencies to capitalize on existing infrastructure projects and make LA a city to be proud of. Ms. Taylor noted that venues are strategically chosen based on transportation and infrastructure support. Mr. Nol emphasized that the benefits of the Olympics will extend not just regionally to the South Bay, but also economically and shared the importance of collaboration and feedback from elected officials and other organizations as they continue to plan and share more detailed information, such as transportation plans.

### **Watershed Improvement Planning Project**

David McNeill, the Executive Officer of the Baldwin Hills & Urban Watersheds Conservancy, highlighted the mission to acquire open space in Ballona Creek and protect wildlife habitats. Mr. McNeill explained the availability of grant funds for municipalities through Proposition 68, a California bond measure authorizing billions for parks, environmental projects, water infrastructure and flood protections. Examples of the types of project that can access funding include climate adaptation, habitat restoration, stormwater capture, wildfire prevention, and community access to parks. Mr. McNeill discussed the expansion in the South Bay and the increase in their territory through the Baldwin Hills Conservancy Act of 2023 and noted that SBCCOG Hawthorne Board Member Katrina Manning represents the SBCCOG and that he hopes to increase coordination around the Watershed Resilience and Improvement Plan by reviewing existing plans and creating a blueprint for climate resilience. Additionally, Mr. McNeill invited those interested in informing this process complete the Conservation Planning Survey using the following link: <https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=QYvkSjcBmUWGYfXkH-d76gUo8H4EkUBCs2rVWpy4JPIUNkRVNkFGOEIIMzZHUFNPSk1VSkxYS1cxMy4u>. Mr. McNeill highlighted that funding is a crucial aspect, and that the Conservancy hopes to secure state, federal, and local funding through project proposals and ballot initiatives. The plan also involves leveraging local money to maximize resources and support the building of knowledge and capacity within the community. Moreover, the Watershed Improvement Plan is a long-term strategy that covers various areas, including Lynwood Park and other locations in Los Angeles. The survey will seek community inputs to address shocks, stressors, and community needs related to climate, sustainability, transportation, and housing. More detail on the presentation is available here: [https://southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/PRESENTATION\\_BH-UWC-Urban-Conservation-Planning-SBCCOG-1.pdf](https://southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/PRESENTATION_BH-UWC-Urban-Conservation-Planning-SBCCOG-1.pdf)

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

### **A. Employment Agreement with Jacki Bacharach – memo of required actions (*attachment*)**

1. Agreement (*attachment*) – **Approved**
2. Recission and Termination of existing contract with Jacki Bacharach & Associates (*attachment*) – **Approved**
3. Notice is hereby given that the Board at its September regular meeting will be asked to adopt the amendment to the SBCCOG Bylaws shown in the attachment to this report as a new paragraph i. in Article IX which would have the effect of requiring that any modification to the SBCCOG Employee Policy Manual that increases costs or increases employee compensation or benefits is subject to Board approval (*attachment*) – **Received and filed**

SBCCOG Attorney Mike Jenkins mentioned the transition of Executive Director Jacki Bacharach’s contract into a full-time employee status. Mr. Jenkins advised the Board that it must first terminate its contract with Jacki Bacharach & Associates prior to approving Ms. Bacharach’s employee contract. Additionally, Mr. Jenkins summarized the benefits outlined in the employee contract and discussed Ms. Bacharach’s at-will status as an employee. Additionally, Mr. Jenkins discussed an amendment to the bylaws, which would require approval from the board for any changes to employee policies that increase costs or employee compensation. The amendment will be formally presented for adoption at the next meeting in September. SBCCOG Redondo Beach Board Member Obagi stated that the Board should consider an agreed upon employee evaluation and Rancho Palos Verdes Board Member Cruikshank noted that the SBCCOG has an existing evaluation process and which can be amended as appropriate but has been agreed upon by the SBCCOG Board members. Manhattan Beach Board Member Lesser asked about how this transition impacts the insurance liabilities covered by the SBCCOG with Mike Jenkins stating that workers compensation insurance is in place and that there should be no impact on liability insurance.

**MOTION** by Board Member Obagi, seconded by Board Member Cruikshank, to **APPROVE** the termination of the agreement with Jacki Bacharach and Associates. No Abstentions. No Objections. **MOTION** Passes.

**MOTION** by Board Member Obagi, seconded by Board Member Tanaka, to **APPROVE** the employee contract agreement for Jacki Bacharach as of September 1, 2023 with a credit of three days of sick leave to her account as an amendment to the agreement previously seen by the Board but recommended by the Steering Committee. No Abstentions. No Objections. **MOTION** Passes.

### **B. SBESC projects and programs**

1. South Bay Environmental Services Center Report (*attachment*)

Deputy Director Kim Fuentes provided an update on the energy efficiency work and the process of finishing the climate action plans, including greenhouse gas inventories and energy efficiency audits. She noted that staff is reaching out to school districts and cities that haven't provided data yet. Additionally, Ms. Fuentes invited everyone to the 20th anniversary celebration of the South Bay Environmental Services Center, where they will show congratulatory videos from legislators and highlight collaborations with partners. Notably, Ms. Fuentes cited the SBESC/SBCCOG partnership with West Basin and the SoCal REN and emphasized that collaboration is critical for SBESC programs like rebates for electric vehicle chargers and replacing landscaping equipment and how SBESC/SBCCOG plans to ask AQMD to become an official partner in promoting these programs. Brandee Keith of South Coast AQMD invited attendees to their 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Environmental Justice Conference entitled, "Building a Clean Air Future Together" and shared the organization's latest newsletter. Ms. Keith mentioned that rebates are available through AQMD and offered to connect the SBESC/SBCCOG to strengthen a partnership.

2. Transportation Report

Metro is dark in August and there was no update provided.

**C. Local Travel Network**

Ms. Bacharach provided an update on the pilot project in El Segundo and the SBCCOG plan to advertise at the El Segundo Farmers' Market that "The Turtle is Coming" every other week. She stated that the installation date will be in the Fall.

OTHER - Ms. Bacharach also discussed the C-Line extension and emphasized that The Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA), which requires cities and counties to plan for new housing, has not been re-evaluated since 1968.

**D. SCAG REAP**

SBCCOG Staff Jonathan Pacheco Bell discussed Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) and one of the projects which addresses Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) acceleration. Mr. Bell shared that the final report is under review with the SBCCOG and will be complete by August 31 and the findings presented to the Board in September, including the feasibility of commercial redevelopment for housing. Mr. Bell highlighted the Housing Forums sessions completed to date with a designated page on the SBCCOG website of the forum recordings (Forums accessible using this link: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLDpmJnsyVeKWogPh4oJVEHJnQErzFIFh>). Moreover, Mr. Bell shared that the South Bay Regional Housing Trust and Commercial Redevelopment into Housing Phase Two (REAP 2) are in review and that Metro views this as a competitive option for micromobility and mobility hubs and is seeking to recruit consultants for the subregional partnership for the noncompetitive earmark. SCAG asked about procurement documents.

**E. South Bay Fiber Network**

Ms. Bacharach shared that the network is looking to identify resiliency centers with digital connections within the next two weeks. These centers would house 3D printers, EV charging stations, microgrids for energy and serve as a community hub addressing various challenges, including heatwaves, grid outages, and climate change. Ms. Bacharach emphasized the importance of proximity of these centers to transit hubs, in order to potentially create a regional transit connection.

**F. Homeless Services - Client Aid report (*attachment*)**

SBCCOG Staff member Ronson Chu shared the LA County Board of Supervisors decision to establish an Executive Committee of elected officials to develop a plan to address homelessness, establish a common set of performance indicators and align resources and provide oversight. Ms. Bacharach asked Board members of their interest in representing the South Bay on this Executive Committee. Mr. Chu discussed Hurricane Hilary and how four people were able to receive shelter through Client Aid. He asked Board Members if their cities would be interested in conducting a separate regional homeless count and how he is speaking with City Net, who does the Redondo Beach survey. Board Members recommended reaching out to city managers to gauge interest and the need to determine the costs if multiple cities collaborate on this separate count. The goal would be for HUD and LAHSA to accept this count. Lastly, Mr. Chu shared a video of the August 10<sup>th</sup> halfway home program implementation by Los Angeles County, in collaboration with various departments and organizations, which provided immediate housing for 50 individuals experiencing houselessness.

**G. Senior Services**

Mr. Chu introduced Cathy Hetzer and Keenan Leary, the newest SBCCOG staff members who will focus on finding housing for seniors and serving as a housing concierge respectively. Mr. Chu emphasized the importance of connecting with property managers and landlords. He also invited those in attendance to the Homeless Taskforce

Meeting on September 6 and Ms. Hetzer also shared about the Senior Services Working Group on September 26 and how the focus of the meeting will be on adding new agencies to prevent homelessness among seniors. Mr. Chu mentioned Pathway Home, the impact of health insurance on homelessness efforts to provide housing solutions for vulnerable populations. Board Members commended Mr. Chu and his team for their work in getting people housed.

#### **H. Other**

Ms. Bacharach discussed the upcoming General Assembly on March 28, 2024 and asked for input from the Board around topics. One idea expressed was around the impact of Artificial Intelligence (AI) on various city services. Board Member Massey cautioned that AI is still a new and evolving field, and its full potential is not yet known and suggested incorporating AI as a sub-topic rather than making it the main focus of the General Assembly. Ms. Bacharach mentioned identifying speakers from cities implementing AI. Other topics of interest included facial recognition software.

#### **X. 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-89/>

##### **A. SCAG**

- i. Community, Economic, & Human Development (Mark Henderson, Drew Boyles, Frank Zerunyan & Mark Waronek)
- ii. Transportation (James Gazeley, Bridgett Lewis)
- iii. Energy & Environment Committee (Britt Huff)
- iv. Regional Council (Mark Henderson, Jim Gazeley & Drew Boyles)

##### **B. Area G Emergency Management (Brandy Villanueva)**

##### **C. County Department of Public Health information flyers (Alicia Chang)**

##### **D. Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission (Dean Francois/Eric Alegria)**

##### **E. Metro Service Council (Don Szerlip)**

##### **F. South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce (Eric Alegria)**

##### **G. California Association of Councils of Governments - CALCOG (Britt Huff)**

#### **XI. UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rancho Palos Verdes Board Member Cruikshank mentioned his city is celebrating its 50-year anniversary at Terranea Resort. Hermosa Beach Board Member Massey shared the Last Days of Summer Beach Concerts and Movies at the Beach. Gardena Board Member Tanaka discussed the upcoming 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Gardena Jazz Festival and Redondo Beach Board Member Obagi mentioned the grand opening of Holy Cow BBQ Cow. Carson SBCCOG Chair Hicks highlighted the upcoming September 9 Prostate Cancer Walk and 9/11 Heroes' Day.

#### **XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Hicks adjourned at 8:28 pm until the next board meeting on Thursday, September 28, 2023, at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Natalie Champion, SBCCOG Staff