

SBCCOG BOARD MEETINGS: ATTENDANCE 2023

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

For informational purposes:									
Number of members present	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Number of affirmative votes required for action	6	7	7	8	8	9	9	10	10

**SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 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=axvboWOZSxE>)**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Cedric Hicks of Carson called the SBCCOG Board of Directors meeting to order at 6:11 pm.

II. VERIFY QUORUM AND VOTES NEEDED FOR ACTION

Rancho Palos Verdes Board Member Councilmember Eric Alegria requested to vote virtually via AB 2449 and Chairman Hicks asked for a motion to approve the request.

MOTION by Board Member Suarez, seconded by Board Member Waite, to **APPROVE** the request for Rancho Palos Verdes Board Member Eric Alegria to participate and vote virtually. Board Member Alegria abstained from the vote. No objections.
MOTION Passes.

Board Member Alegria noted that he did not have anyone 18 or older present at his location where he is participating in the meeting. Chair Hicks shared that because there is someone voting virtually, the law requires all votes to be taken by roll call. A roll call voting sheet accompanies these minutes.

In attendance were the following voting elected officials:

Cedric Hicks, Carson

Rodney Tanaka, Gardena

Alexandre Monteiro, Hawthorne

Lance Giroux, El Segundo

Alfonso Ruiz-Delgado, LA County D2

Jennifer LaMarque, LA County D4

Barry Waite, Lomita

Bernadette Suarez, Lawndale

Eric Alegria, Rancho Palos Verdes (AB 2449)

Zein Obagi, Redondo Beach

Debby Stegura, Rolling Hills Estates

Aurelio Mattucci, Torrance

Dionne Faulk, Inglewood

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

Britt Huff, Rolling Hills Estates

Katrina Manning, Hawthorne

Chris Pimentel, El Segundo (virtual non voting)

Also, in attendance were the following persons:

Leah Myhre, SoCal REN, The Energy Coalition

Ivana Dorin, SoCal REN, The Energy Coalition

Jimmy Gow, Asm. Muratsuchi's Office

Christina Cruz, Clean Power Alliance

Ray Hollar, Lawndale resident

Melody Lawrence, Torrance Transit

Dana Rush, Torrance Transit

Cac Le Ortonio, City of Carson

Niki Negrete-Mitchell, Redondo Beach Quality of Life

Kevin Mitchell, Redondo Beach Quality of Life

Holly Osborne, Redondo Beach resident

Jennifer Vasquez, West Basin MWD

Harold Williams, West Basin MWD

E.J. Caldwell, West Basin MWD

Gus Meza, West Basin MWD

Robert Fortunato, For Strategy Consulting Inc.

Fage Norman, Venice Family Clinic

Charlene Jia, volunteer

Margie Waite, former COG Consultant bookkeeper

Daniel Lim, Torrance Transit

Collen Villegas, South Bay resident

Chelsea Schreiber, South Bay resident

Jill Love, South Bay resident

Jacki Bacharach, SBCCOG

Kim Fuentes, SBCCOG

Natalie Champion, SBCCOG

Rosemary Lackow, SBCCOG

Ronson Chu, SBCCOG

Lara Gerges, SBCCOG

Keenan Leary, SBCCOG

Jan Parsons, SBCCOG

David Hines, SBCCOG CivicSpark Fellow

Anne Tsai, SBCCOG CivicSpark Fellow

Martha Segovia, SBCCOG

Talia Perluss, SBCCOG

Dakota Townson SBCCOG

David Leger, SBCCOG

Katty Segovia, SBCCOG

Eleanor Murphy, SBCCOG CivicSpark Fellow

Andrey Mulligan, SBCCOG

Aaron Baum, SBCCOG

Wally Siembab, SBCCOG

Cathy Hetzer, SBCCOG

Karen Kanda, SBCCOG volunteer

Mike Bohlke, Metro Board Member Consultant

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF ANY CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

V. SOUTH BAY ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES CENTER 20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Chair Hicks provided a review of the many accomplishments of the SBESC over the last 20 years as we celebrated the 20th anniversary of the SBESC. He shared the presentation with 1st Vice Chair Rodney Tanaka and 2nd Vice Chair Bernadette Suarez. An explanation of the partners and information on the services provided were also featured and shared video congratulatory messages from Congresswoman Barragan, Congressman Ted Lieu, Senators Ben Allen and Steven Bradford and Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi, LA County District 2 Supervisor Holly Mitchell and LA City Councilman Tim McOsker were shown. The full celebration and presentation is accessible here: <https://youtu.be/axvboWOZSxE?si=9eNdoYDV36gdA9FR>

VI. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Niki Negrete-Mitchell, Redondo Beach Quality of Life, discussed the marked graves along the Metro right-of-way and her concern that the Metro Board will vote on moving forward (Full comment available here: [Public-Comment Niki-Mitchell-SBCCOG-BoD-92823.pdf \(southbaycities.org\)](#)). Chelsea Schreiber provided public comment regarding the graves and used her phone to show those in attendance. Holly Osborne referenced the graves using her map (Accessible here: [Public-Comment -Holly-Osborne-TrainNorthwithgravePDF.pdf \(southbaycities.org\)](#)). Lastly, Kevin Mitchell, a Redondo Beach resident, shared about the Greenline extension and the development around the Expo Line. Full comments are accessible here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=axvboWOZSxE>

VII. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. August 24, 2023 minutes (*attachment*) – Approved
- B. Ramp Capital Improvement costs for Torrance 3290 Temporary Villa (*attachment*) – Approved
- C. Work Order #7 – SBFN Connection for Hermosa Beach City Yard (*attachment*) – Approved
- D. Measure R SBHP/SBTIP & Measure M MSP funds for FY24-25 (*attachment*) – Approved

NOTE: Recommendation from Transportation Committee

MOTION by Board Member Monteiro, seconded by Board Member Tanaka, to **APPROVE** the consent calendar, pending the correction of the August Board Minutes to add Board Member Huff to the attendance record. Roll call vote on voting spreadsheet Abstention by Board Member Suarez on Item D. No Objections. **MOTION** Passes.

- E. Employee Manual Revisions (*attachments*) – Approved
- Executive Director Jacki Bacharach noted that changes to the Bylaws require a 2/3 vote.

MOTION by Board Member Obagi, seconded by Board Member Tanaka, to **APPROVE** the employee manual revisions, pending the footer being changed to reflect the date the Board approved the amendment per the request of Rolling Hills Estates Board Member Stegura. Roll call vote on voting spreadsheet– all affirmative, no Abstentions, No Objections. **MOTION** Passes.

- F. SBCCOG 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-90/>

- 1. Transportation Report (*attachment*)
- 2. Client Aid Report (*attachment*)
- 3. City Attendance at SBCCOG meetings (*attachment*)
- 4. Media Report (*attachment*)

- G. Revised June Board Meeting Minutes – clarified to reflect recording (*attachment*) – Approved

VIII. SBCCOG PROGRAM ACTION ITEMS, REPORTS AND UPDATES

- A. Bylaws Amendment (*attachment*) – Approved Roll call vote on voting spreadsheet– all affirmative, no Abstentions, No Objections. **MOTION** Passes.

Legislative Matrix (*attachment*) – Approved

- 1. Change position on AB 531, The Behavioral Health Infrastructure Bond Act of 2023 – Opposed

Ms. Bacharach noted legislation opposed by SBCCOG, notably [AB 531](#) pertaining to The Behavioral Health Infrastructure Bond Act of 2023 amendment that allows for by-ride approvals outside of residential zones, which reduces local control for cities.

MOTION by Board Member Tanaka, seconded by Board Member Suarez, to **APPROVE** staff recommendation to oppose AB 531. Abstentions by Board Members Ruiz Delgado and Board Member La Marque. Roll call vote on voting

spreadsheet No Objections. **MOTION** Passes.

2. Added AB 825, Vehicles: bicycles on sidewalks – Opposed

Additionally, Ms. Bacharach highlighted [AB 825](#), which would prohibit the operation of a bicycle on sidewalks and would prevent a local authority from prohibiting the operation of a bicycle on a sidewalk adjacent to a highway or corridor that does not include a dedicated bikeway. Ms. Bacharach is recommending the SBCCOG oppose this bill. Redondo Beach Obagi asked if the SBCCOG has taken a position on [AB 530](#), which regulates e-bikes through a e-bike license program and prohibit persons under 12 years of age from riding e-bikes. Ms. Bacharach stated that the SBCCOG has not taken a position on AB 530 and recommended adding this bill to the matrix for further consideration as it is a 2 year bill. Furthermore, Rolling Hills Estates Board Member Stegura shared that the city opposed AB 825 and will take further action on regulating e-bikes within the city.

MOTION by Board Member Obagi, seconded by Board Member Stegura, to **APPROVE** staff recommendation to oppose AB 825. Roll call vote on voting spreadsheet Abstentions by Board Members Ruiz Delgado and Board Member La Marque. No Objections. **MOTION** Passes.

B. Homeless Services

1. Motel Leasing and SRO Beds Pilot Program with Redondo Beach and MOU (*attachments*) – Approved

SBCCOG Staff Ronson Chu discussed the Memorandum of Understanding between the SBCCOG and the City of Redondo Beach pertaining to the use of funds from LA County for the leasing of motel and single occupancy beds. Mr. Chu shared that this pilot program increases the capacity of participating cities in providing shelter for those that are unhoused, by providing an additional \$235,150 to the current \$350,000 SRO Bed Leasing Program. Torrance Board Member Mattucci asked if the additional funds include provisions for wrap-around services or if the funding is only for the beds. Mr. Chu responded the funding is for the beds but the city and its nonprofit partners do identify wrap-around services for those occupying the beds. Mr. Chu also shared that there is a time limit of 3 months to 1 year for those in the program to transition into more permanent housing. Board Member Mattucci wanted to know if long term motel stays triggered some sort of residential zoning notice and Mr. Chu cited a 2022 law, AB 1991, which allowed motels to be used as a shelter without triggering a landlord tenant relationship. Therefore, this program is in compliance.

MOTION by Board Member Monteiro, seconded by Board Member Tanaka, to **APPROVE** the memorandum of understanding. Roll call vote on voting spreadsheet– all affirmative, no Abstentions, No Objections. **MOTION** Passes.

Mr. Chu introduced Jan Parsons, the newest member to the SBCCOG Housing team, and provided a Client Aid update detailing the fund distributed to each city, totaling approximately \$96,694. Mr. Chu also shared a case in Hawthorne where a city employee on the verge of houselessness was able to receive assistance via the Client Aid program.

C. Transportation Reports

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

2. Transportation Committee report – Chris Pimentel/David Leger

- a. ~~If the Metro Board will be making a decision on the Locally Preferred Alternative for the C-Line Extension at their October meeting, the Transportation Committee is requesting that the Board delegate authority to the Transportation Committee to take a position for the SBCCOG at a special meeting at 10:30 on Monday, October 16 with the understanding that special notices will be provided to encourage all members to attend and participate.~~ Approved Metro postponed their decision on the Locally Preferred Alternative for the C Line so this item was no longer time critical and therefore not presented.

Metro Board Member Consultant Mike Bohlke discussed that Metro approved the 3% contribution guideline revisions with substantive changes to local contributions including Metro allowing competitive grant funds to be credited toward a jurisdiction's 3% local contribution, expanding cities' support for major rail projects. Mr. Bohlke also shared that the Micro Transit Pilot Project, which provides flexible, on-demand transit service in 8 Micro Transit Zones throughout Los Angeles County was discussed at the Metro Board meeting. The Metro Board recommended staff identify key metrics to determine the project's sustainability due to the increased cost per rider and the variation in ridership performance across the transit zones. Furthermore, Mr. Bohlke addressed the public comment concerns about the discovery of grave markers and noted that Metro must follow the CA Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). He cited an example of how Metro had to delay development of the Gateway Plaza Express Bus Elevated entrance due to the archaeological discovery and preservation process for indigenous gravesites. Chair Pimentel cancelled the SBCCOG Transportation Committee meeting in October to allow for more time to discuss the selection of the local alternatives for the C-Line extensions, since Metro is adding an additional 6-month extension for the contract. She said the next Transportation Committee meeting will be November 6. Mr. Bohlke said the SBCCOG has time to make a decision. Ms. Bacharach discussed that the SBCCOG is working with Metro staff to plan a walking tour of the right-of-way for the Board Members in October and Mr. Bohlke said that he is trying to get more information around other elements to include in the tour. Board Member Obagi inquired about why the SBCCOG selection of the locally preferred alternative for the C-Line Extension is being postponed and Ms. Bacharach shared that

Board Members should have an opportunity to tour the cite to inform the discussion for the November Transportation meeting. Board Member Suarez wants to also include stakeholder recommendations on areas to review during the tour.

D. Local Travel Network

Ms. Bacharach highlighted the upcoming ribbon-cutting ceremony on November 2nd at 3 pm, which will include vendors who sell neighborhood electric vehicles and it will include have a mini-parade of slow speed zero emission vehicles in El Segundo. She also noted that the signs of the Turtles are going up and that the trademark for the Turtle has been filed.

E. SBCCOG Housing Trust Fund

Ms. Bacharach encouraged Board Members to attend a forum prior to the October Board meeting on the 26th at 4 pm where colleagues from San Gabriel Valley and Gateway Cities Councils of Governments will be present to discuss the Trust and their formation experiences and lessons learned. Ms. Bacharach has sent them questions compiled by the South Bay city managers to address at the meeting, in order for the SBCCOG to be helpful in determining the best approach to proceed. The questions are accessible using the following link: [PRESENTATION Housing-trust-formation-Questions-for-SGV-Gateway-colleagues.pdf \(southbaycities.org\)](#)

Ms. Bacharach also mentioned that the October Board meeting will include a discussion of a Joint Powers Authority draft document that has been prepared by the City Managers for SBCCOG Board review before it goes to the cities. Lomita Board Member Waite recommended asking the San Gabriel and Gateway Cities COGs about their expectations for the Trust and whether they have been fulfilled..

F. SBESC projects and programs

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

Deputy Director Kim Fuentes mentioned the goal for the equipment facility inventory is to visit every city hall in the South Bay before the end of the year to assess each city's inventory, which will help the SBCCOG advocate for each city's needs. Ms. Fuentes also discussed new SoCal REN funding for the next 8 years and how the SBESC is trying to promote the work of its partners by also enrolling school districts into partner programs, including water, turf removal, water bottling stations, waste reduction as well as other energy efficient programming. Currently, the SBESC has four school districts enrolled and plans on meeting with school boards and invited SBCCOG Board Members to help connect staff to get onto the district agendas.

G. SCAG

1. SoCal Connect Special Meeting request

Ms. Bacharach mentioned that every four years, SCAG prepares its long-range regional transportation plan – Connect SoCal – and is required by law, SB 375, to host elected official briefings. Ms. Bacharach suggested having it after the Steering Committee meeting in December or possibly November 16th if Board Members can attend. Erik Rodriguez from SCAG elaborated on what they would be reviewing at the meeting. He said SCAG would pay for dinner and it was decided to have this special meeting on November 16 at 5 pm for one hour before the Board meeting.

2. REAP - final reports completed for ADU & Commercial Redevelopment Studies

Ms. Bacharach shared that the final reports were completed and available on SBCCOG website: <https://southbaycities.org/programs/housing/>

H. History of the South Bay Sustainability Plan

Postponed discussion to address at another meeting.

I. South Bay Fiber Network

Ms. Bacharach shared that the SBCCOG is working with the City of Hermosa Beach to extend fiber to their city yard. Additionally, the SBCCOG is working on a digital equity plan targeting disadvantaged areas in order to determine what people know about technology usage/payments. SBCCOG Consultant Wally Siembab noted that the 20th anniversary of the SBCCOG Sustainable Land Use and Transportation Policy work.

J. Senior Services

Mr. Chu discussed two programs that help seniors who are facing housing insecurity or eviction - an 18-month subsidy program from Adult Protective Services and a new assisted living program. Chair Hicks asked about housing for veterans and Mr. Chu cited U.S Vets in Inglewood that provides services and shelter, specifically for male veterans.

K. Other

Ms. Bacharach shared that the SBCCOG first meeting of the South Bay city clerks was held and 11 cities participated, discussing various topics such as systems used by each city clerk's office. There was consensus to continue meeting on a quarterly basis.

Legislative Briefing - Ms. Bacharach also invited Board Members to send their questions for legislative offices to address at the upcoming Legislative Briefing on October 12.

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-90/>

- A. League of California Cities & LA Division Legislative Committee (Britt Huff, Bea Dieringer & Jeff Kiernan) (*attachment*)
- B. SCAG Update (Erik Rodriguez) (*attachment*)
 - i. Regional Council (Mark Henderson, Jim Gazeley & Drew Boyles) (*attachment*)
 - ii. Community, Economic, & Human Development (Mark Henderson, Drew Boyles, Frank Zerunyan & Mark Waronek)
 - iii. Transportation (James Gazeley, Bridgett Lewis)
 - iv. Energy & Environment Committee (Britt Huff)
- C. AQMD update (Brandee Keith, Sr. Public Affairs Specialist, AQMD) (*attachment*)
- D. Baldwin Hills and Urban Watersheds Conservancy (Katrina Manning)
- E. Area G Emergency Management (Brandy Villanueva)
- F. County Department of Public Health information flyers (Alicia Chang)
- G. Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission (Dean Francois/Eric Alegria)
- H. Metro Service Council (Don Szerlip) (*attachment*)
- I. South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce (Eric Alegria)
- J. South Bay Aerospace Alliance (Bill Uphoff/Rodney Tanaka)
- K. California Association of Councils of Governments - CALCOG (Britt Huff)
- L. South Bay Workforce Investment Board (Chris Cagle) (*attachment*)

X. UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Bacharach shared that Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi is hosting a Townhall in Gardena on October 7th at 10 am. Hawthorne Board Member Monteiro shared the city will be distributing rain barrels in collaboration with West Basin MWD on October 7th.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hicks adjourned at 8:01 pm until the next board meeting on Thursday, October 26, 2023, at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:
Natalie Champion, SBCCOG Staff

Roll Call Votes - September 28, 2023 Board of Directors Meeting

	VII. Consent Calendar	VIII-A. By Laws Amendment	VIII-B.1. Legislative Matrix - AB 531	VIII-B.2. Legislative Matrix - AB 825	VIII-C. Motel Leasing/SRO Beds
Carson	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
El Segundo	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Gardena	Second - Y	Second - Y	Motion - Y	Y	Second - Y
Hawthorne	Motion - Y	Y	Y	Y	Motion
Hermosa Beach	not present	not present	not present	not present	not present
Inglewood	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Lawndale	- abstain on	Y	Second - Y	Y	Y
Lomita	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Los Angeles	not present	not present	not present	not present	not present
Manhattan Beach	not present	not present	not present		not present
Palos Verdes Estates	not present	not present	not present	not present	not present
Rancho Palos Verdes	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Redondo Beach	Y	Motion - Y	Y	M	Y
Rolling Hills	not present	not present	not present	not present	not present
Rolling Hills Estates	Y	Y	Y	S	Y
Torrance	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
LA County District 2	Y	Y	Abstain	Abstain	Y
LA County District 4	Y	Y	Abstain	Abstain	Y