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SBCCOG BOARD MEETINGS: ATTENDANCE 2023

City	Oct - 22	Nov - 22	Jan - 23	Feb - 23	April - 23	May - 23	June - 23	July - 23
Carson	Hicks		Hicks	Hicks	Hicks	Hicks	Hicks	
El Segundo	Boyles	Pimentel	Boyles	Boyles	Pimentel		Boyles Pimentel (alt)	
Gardena		Tanaka	Tanaka	Tanaka	Tanaka	Tanaka	Tanaka	
Hawthorne	Valentine	Valentine	Monteiro		Monteiro	Monteiro	Monteiro (AB 2449-1)	
Hermosa Beach			Massey	Massey	Massey	Jackson	Massey	
Inglewood	Faulk				Butts		Butts Faulk (alt)	
Lawndale		Suarez	Suarez	Suarez	Suarez	Suarez	Suarez	
Lomita	Waite	Waite		Waite Uphoff	Waite		Waite	
Los Angeles			McOsker				X	
Manhattan Beach	Stern	Stern	Lesser	Lesser	Lesser	Lesser	Lesser	
Palos Verdes Estates		Murdock	Lozzi	Lozzi	Lozzi		Lozzi	
Rancho Palos Verdes	Cruikshank		Cruikshank	Cruikshank		Cruikshank	Cruikshank	
Redondo Beach	Obagi Horvath	Horvath	Obagi	Obagi Horvath	Obagi	Obagi	Obagi	
Rolling Hills	Dieringer	Dieringer		Dieringer Wilson	Dieringer	Wilson Dieringer (alt)	Wilson	
Rolling Hills Estates	Huff	Zuckerman Huff	Stegura Huff	Stegura	Stegura Huff (alt)	Stegura Huff (alt)	Stegura (AB 2449-1) Huff (alt)	
Torrance	Chen		Chen	Kaji	Kaji		Mattucci	
County of Los Angeles-2nd District	Ruiz-Delgado	Ruiz-Delgado	Ruiz-Delgado	Lopez	Ruiz-Delgado	Ruiz-Delgado		
County of Los Angeles- 4th District		LaMarque		LaMarque	LaMarque	LaMarque	Hahn LaMarque (alt)	
Number of Active Members	18	18	18	18	18	18	17	
Quorum Required (50% +1)	10	10	10	10	10	10	9	
Number of Members Attending	12	12	14	15	17	12	16	
Number of members present	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
Number of affirmative votes required for action	7	7	8	8	9	9	9	

**SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 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=szpUb9i_0mY)**

Board Members Stegura (Rolling Hills Estates), Monteiro (Hawthorne) and Obagi (Redondo Beach) will be participating virtually as allowed for "just cause" under AB 2449.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair John Cruikshank of Rancho Palos Verdes called the SBCCOG Board of Directors meeting to order at 6:09 pm.

II. VERIFY QUORUM

In attendance were the following voting elected officials:

Cedric Hicks, Carson
Drew Boyles, El Segundo

Rodney Tanaka, Gardena
Alex Monteiro, Hawthorne
Justin Massey, Hermosa Beach
James Butts, Inglewood
Alfonso Ruiz-Delgado, LA County D2
Supervisor Janice Hahn, LA County D4
Bernadette Suarez, Lawndale
Barry Waite, Lomita

David Lesser, Manhattan Beach
Victoria Lozzi, Palos Verdes Estates
John Cruikshank, Rancho Palos Verdes
Zein Obagi, Redondo Beach
Patrick Wilson, Rolling Hills
Debby Stegura, Rolling Hills Estates
Aurelio Mattucci, Torrance

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

Britt Huff, Rolling Hills Estates
Dionne Faulk, Inglewood
Chris Pimentel, El Segundo
Jennifer LaMarque Zivkovic, LA County D4
Scott Houston, West Basin MWD
Harold Williams, West Basin MWD

Also, in attendance were the following persons:

Jeff Kiernan, CalCities
Mark Dierking, Metro
Mike Bohlke, Metro Deputy to Mayor Butts
Jacki Bacharach, SBCCOG
Natalie Champion, SBCCOG
Stephen Sawyer, Charter Communications/Spectrum
Ronson Chu, SBCCOG
Colleen Farrell, SBCCOG
Wally Siembab, SBCCOG
Lara Gerges, SBCCOG
Laurie Jacobs, SBCCOG
David Leger, SBCCOG
Jonathan Pacheco Bell, SBCCOG
Chelsea Schreiber, South Bay resident
Colleen Villegas, South Bay resident
Karen Calderon, Congressmember Lieu
Lizeth Chimal, Assemblymember Lowenthal
Erik Rodriguez, SCAG

Ray Hollar, Lawndale resident
Niki Negrete-Mitchell, Redondo Beach Quality of Life
Jacob Burman, L.A. City – Councilmember McOsker
Gene Seroka, Port of Los Angeles
Kerry Cartwright, Port of Los Angeles
Moises Aglipay, Assemblymember Gipson
Jimmy Gow, Assemblymember Muratsuchi
Kasie Hervey, Congresswoman Barragán
Jasmine Leon Guerrero, State Senator Bradford
Hayley Hutt, Assemblymember McKinnor
Ari Ruiz, Congresswoman Waters
Jim Goodhart, former councilmember Palos Verdes Estates, SBCCOG Board Chair
Jacqueline Sun, Beach Cities Health District
Danny Milla, Cox Communications
Daniel Lim, Torrance Transit
Jeff Kiernan, League of CA Cities
Rhonda Hofmann, Lawndale resident

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

Niki Negrete-Mitchell provided public comment, as a Redondo Beach resident representing Right of Say/Redondo Beach Quality of Life, on the Green Line. She shared the coalitions demands for Metro to build the C-Line (Green Line) Extension to Torrance elevated down Hawthorne Boulevard (Alternative 2e), and not through residential communities. She mentioned the report conducted by Metro and criticized the credibility and the efficacy of the Metro report.

Heidi Osborne, a Redondo Beach resident distributed a handout map regarding the residential development and she discussed the pipeline markers and the issue with more tracks impeding the residential structures in the area.

Full comments are accessible here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=szpUb9i_0mY

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. May 25, 2023 minutes (attachment) – Approved**
- B. 2023-2024 Budget (attachment) – Approved**
- C. Sanitation District Agreement Renewal Scope of Work (attachment) – Approved**
- D. Contract Amendment Extension with Mike Bohlke for Services to Metro Board Member (attachment) – Approved**
- E. Contract Amendment with Jon Rodman for GIS Services (attachment) – Approved**
- F. Contract Amendment for Siembab Corporation for Special Projects & Grants (attachment) – Approved**
- G. Contract with Rosemary Lackow for Special On Call Services (attachment) – Approved**
- H. Contract Amendment with SCAG for Regional Early Action Planning 1.0 (attachment) – Approved**
- I. Licenses for Wireless Access Points in SBCCOG Office (attachments) – Approved**
- J. Measure H Local Solutions Fund Scope of Work and MOU Extensions for Gardena, Hawthorne, and Redondo Beach (attachments) – Approved**
- K. Legislative Matrix (attachment) – Approved**
- L. Change to Public Comment Instructions on Agendas (attachment) – Approved**
- M. Actions of Steering Committee since last Board meeting (attachment) – Received and filed**

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

VII.PRESENTATIONS - all prepared presentations are posted @ <https://southbaycities.org/event/board-of-directors-meeting-87/>

1.Supervisor Janice Hahn

Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn shared how the all women Board of Supervisors are leading during an unprecedented time. She noted the redistricting commission and shared that the Board of Supervisors could not weigh in on the redistricting process. Supervisor Hahn highlighted that the Fourth District has lost the Beach cities, and now represents the Palos Verdes Peninsula 4 cities, Lomita and Lawndale within the South Bay. Regarding public safety, the Supervisor mentioned that it comprises 24 percent of the budget and half of the budget is allocated for public assistance programs that serve as a safety net for residents in need. She emphasized that there is no defunding of law enforcement, which has a \$3.9 billion budget and the challenge to recruit and retain public safety officers. Specifically, Supervisor Hahn discussed the addition of eight new academy classes to fill 50 positions and noted that the Sheriff is working closely with the Board of Supervisors to address public safety concerns. Additionally, Supervisor Hahn focused on the multi-layered approach, citing Metro hiring 300 Metro ambassadors that serve as liaisons between armed-law enforcement and civilians and as a first responder for Metro. Moreover, she noted that the Metro Board moved towards creating its own transit law enforcement department within Metro and re-emphasized the importance of addressing the concerns and safety of those who are transit dependent. Supervisor Hahn also described the crime concerns in Palos Verdes and shared that she is holding a Public Safety Townhall on July 17 at the Palos Verdes Art Center. She mentioned the gun buyback event she hosted in partnership with the Los Angeles Police Department, with 1,125 guns taken off the streets at 6 events since last May. The gun buyback events use groceries and gift cards as incentives and the Supervisor invited the SBCCOG to participate in hosting such events. Regarding homelessness, Supervisor Hahn discussed Project Homekey and how the County and Volunteers of America purchased the Best Western Hotel on Gaffey Street in San Pedro, which

now houses 60 veterans in the reformed hotel. Supervisor Hahn also announced the County will be accelerating CARE Court (Community Assistance, Recovery and Empowerment) and making it mandatory for each district in LA County, since it serves as a missing link in helping those with mental illness. CARE Court will launch in December and the first location will be in Norwalk. CARE Court serves as a model of compassionate care for those most vulnerable. Regarding houselessness, Supervisor Hahn discussed Inside Safe, Los Angeles' citywide housing-led strategy that dispatches a team of service providers and care to bring people residing in tents and encampments into housing and wraparound services. Moreover, Supervisor Hahn noted that Pathway Home will work with COGs and cities to identify the most problematic encampments. Torrance Board Member Mattucci emphasized that peer support is needed to help encourage the houseless to make the transition into permanent housing. Supervisor Hahn shared that the new LA County Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) focuses on major job loss scenarios and provides free job training for career pathways. Lawndale Board Member Suarez asked about compensation for employees while participating in the training and Supervisor Hahn affirmed compensation is provided. Hermosa Beach Board Member Massey mentioned that to increase ridership on Metro lines, riders need to feel safe. Board Member Massey also shared findings from the UC San Francisco study which found that losing income is the number one reason Californian end up unhoused. He emphasized that prevention of houselessness needs to be a priority, protection of mobile homes, and the importance of rental assistance, especially for seniors who are at highest risk. Furthermore, Board Member Massey spotlighted that government programs are not easily accessible and that there needs to be more mobile friendly access. SBCCOG staff Chu thanked Supervisor Hahn for supporting the SBCCOG homeless programs.

2.Port of Los Angeles Executive Director Gene Seroka

Executive Director Eugene Seroka stated that the San Pedro Bay Port Complex serves as an economic driver for the region and that LA has the largest customs in the nation, with the Port providing 1 in 9 jobs in the five-county region. Mr. Seroka shared the various kinds of commodities imported and exported and highlighted the Cruise ships impact. Additionally, Mr. Seroka explained the economic importance of trade between China and the U.S. and stressed that the consumer-driven economy sustains the nation and outlined the improvements in the supply chain. During the pandemic, Mr. Seroka discussed his strategy of meeting with companies and government entities to explain the benefits of the Port and the reality of essential workers at the Port in providing continuity in service delivery during trade drops sparked by China/U.S. tariffs in 2018/19 and the impacts of COVID-19. Mr. Seroka discussed the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) that provided \$3 billion to fund zero-emission port equipment and technology, with the Port of LA focusing on Technology Acceleration to provide the Port's partners with information on how to better operate. The Control Tower system was created to generate better communication between the port and its users and to establish a Cyber Resilience Center, resulting in the termination of 12 cyber threats. Notably, Mr. Seroka shared the Goods Movement Training Campus set to open in 2029, which will provide a centralized location to train and equip supply chain workers and generate more jobs to move more cargo – creating a job multiplier for the region. Mr. Seroka thanked the SBCCOG contribution of \$49.3 million in funding towards the Vincent Thomas Bridge/Harbor Blvd. Interchange and the \$10.2 million in Measure R transportation funds for the Avalon Pedestrian Bridge. Lomita Board Member Waite asked about the reduction of air pollution at the Port with Mr. Seroka responding that regionally unifying around growth and getting funding from Washington is important in navigating environmental concerns over economic growth. Rolling Hills Board Member Wilson cited the need for public charging stations for trucks in order to meet the 2030 zero emission goal. The presentation is available on the SBCCOG website: https://southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/PRESENTATION_G-SEROKA-South-Bay-Cities-Council-of-Governments-6-22-23-FINAL-compressed.pdf

VIII. SBCCOG PROGRAM ACTION ITEMS, REPORTS AND UPDATES

A. City of Rolling Hills Dues Proposal (*attachment*) – Discuss and Take Action. Staff recommendation is to oppose the Rolling Hills Mayor's proposal

Rolling Hills Board Member Wilson framed the dues as an equity issue around costs and noted that the city's \$6,817 dues, with the additional \$2000 for the assessment is disproportionately more and creates a disparity in cost per resident in comparison to other member cities. SBCCOG Executive Director Bacharach cited dues are based on a formula proposed by the city managers and adopted by the Board. Furthermore, Ms. Bacharach referenced that in 2000, the SBCCOG Member cities City Managers decided that the minimum dues amount for member cities would be \$3,500 and with inflation, that amount would be \$6200. She enumerated the services Rolling Hills receives from membership in the SBCCOG providing saving to the city, including the Fiber network, energy efficiency, to name a few. Additionally, Ms. Bacharach shared that Rolling Hills receives indirect benefits through local control and regional projects and urged that the dues formula remain and the dues and assessment for Rolling Hills stay as previously approved. It was substantiated that the SBCCOG Finance Committee did meet on this issue and documented that if Rolling Hills leaves the SBCCOG, it would impact the COG's budget. Torrance Board Member Mattucci corroborated Mr. Wilson's concern as legitimate. Rolling Hills Estates Board Member Debby Stegura asked

about the dues amount expectation for Rolling Hills in the upcoming fiscal year and Lomita Board Member Waite acknowledged the size of Rolling Hills comparable to the benefits it receives from the SBCCOG. Palos Verdes Estates Board Member Lozzi recognized the need to maintain the SBCCOG budget and revisit the formula to consider population size. Ms. Bacharach commented that the formula established in 2000 is 50% population and 50% general fund. El Segundo Board Member Boyles remarked that special consideration for a member city that is struggling financially is a reason to consider reducing the dues, but if fiscal hardship is not an issue, the SBCCOG would create a precedent which could be problematic and recommended to maintain the dues formula. Rolling Hills Board Member Wilson mentioned that the City is facing a structural deficit and observed the city is an outlier with a \$2 million budget. Board Member Wilson distinguished that his city is looking for equity, not special treatment. Hermosa Beach Board Member Massey asked if there was a minimum dues fee, with Ms. Bacharach stating \$3,500; Board Member Massey agreed with Board Member Boyles and argued that exceptions could become a precedent. Inglewood Board Member Butts acknowledged that that Rolling Hills consideration should be temporary and not permanent. Manhattan Beach Board Member Lesser mentioned the SBCCOG provides regional benefits that impact cities and shared his concern with other cities re-considering dues amounts in the future. Mr. Wilson advised that the incoming Chair attend the upcoming Rolling Hills council meeting to share the value of the SBCCOG. Board Member Stegura compared the benefits Rolling Hills receives from the SBCCOG as outsized by its population, which accounts for half of the formula and encouraged Mr. Wilson to convey this to the Rolling Hills council.

MOTION by Board Member Obagi, seconded by Board Member Suarez, to **APPROVE** a one-time exemption for Rolling Hills for the \$3,500 dues and \$1,000 assessment. The vote was 9 to 5 with no abstentions. Support was from Board Members Monteiro, Hicks, Butts, Suarez, Waite, Lozzi, Cruikshank, Wilson and Obagi. Objections from Board Members Tanaka, Boyles, Massey, Lesser and Stegura. Not present during vote Board Members Mattucci and LA County District 2. **MOTION** Passes.

B. SBESC projects and programs

1. South Bay Environmental Services Center Report (attachment)

Ms. Bacharach provided the update and discussed the increase in funding in 2024 for SBCCOG programs around electric vehicles and energy efficiency, which will assist in sustaining the Green Business Program for Torrance, Hawthorne and El Segundo. Ms. Bacharach shared that the SBESC has completed all inventory of measuring efficiency for the city halls in the South Bay and the increase in outreach around the Cash for Kitchens program and other upcoming events. The SBESC report is available using the following link: https://southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/17_06.2023-SBESC-Activities-Report.pdf

C. Transportation Reports

1. Metro Report

Inglewood Board Member Butts mentioned the election of officers and that City of L.A. Mayor Bass will be the Chair and Supervisor Hahn will be Vice Chair. He shared that the board adopted the C-2 option for the C (Green) and K (Crenshaw-LAX) lines configuration. Board Member Butts also noted the ExpressLanes Pay-as-You-Go pilot was approved and that Metro plans to bring policing in-house and its financial planning to address the projected \$750 million budget shortfall.

2. Transportation Committee Report

SBCCOG Staff David Leger reported on the C Line (Green)/K Line (Crenshaw-LAX) Line Operating Plan and the Metro ExpressLanes Net Toll Revenue Grants and how Round 3 will award \$72.5M in grant funds towards projects that improve transit uses, system connectivity, and roadway improvements within 3 miles of the 110/10 freeways. Applications for funding are due August 6th. The Transportation Committee minutes are available using the following link; <https://southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Attachment-A-June-2023-Transportation-Committee-minutes.pdf>

3. Scope Modification for Measure M Project MM4602.01 (attachment) – Approved

Mr. Leger noted that Beach Cities Health District is managing a bike path design process and remarked that Redondo Beach is ready to move forward, but Torrance is not ready to move forward. Metro signed off on the Redondo Beach portion of the path. Redondo Beach Board Member Obagi mentioned that the bike path will greatly improve safety and accessibility.

MOTION by Board Member Butts, seconded by Board Member Lesser, to **APPROVE** the scope modification. No Abstentions. No Objections. **MOTION** Passes.

D. Local Travel Network

Mr. Leger shared that the pilot with the City of El Segundo is moving forward and the Incremental implementation should begin in the Fall and that staff will work with the cities for the route refinement and applications.

E. SCAG REAP

1. Housing Education Forums (attachment)

2. Update on projects underway and submittals

SBCCOG Staff Jonathan Pacheco Bell discussed REAP 1, the ADU acceleration and the survey providing an ADU forecast to ascertain its impact on cities infrastructure. The final report and presentation should occur late summer. Mr. Pacheco Bell discussed the analysis on what would it take to convert underperforming commercial sites into housing and provided a recap of the Housing Education Forum with a focus on planning and land use in the South Bay and positive feedback captured in the post-event survey. Moreover, Mr. Pacheco Bell reported on REAP 2 implementation of the subregional non-competitive earmark including the South Bay Regional Housing Trust and Expansion of Commercial Real-Estate into Housing, both being evaluated by SCAG. He mentioned the Metro competitive option on micro-parking and electric vehicles and that the SBCCOG is hopeful of success in the applications. Ms. Bacharach mentioned that the city managers met to prepare the Joint Powers Authority document for the South Bay Regional Housing Trust and will report back to the Board on how it should be structured and staffed.

F. South Bay Fiber Network - No update provided.

G. Homeless Services

SBCCOG Staff Ronson Chu reported on the homeless count coming out July 1 and shared that he will be touring the CARE Court facilities.

H. SPA 8 Working Group – No update provided.

I. Senior Services – Mr. Chu announced that the meetings will be postponed until August or September.

J. Election of Officers

1. Nominating Committee report (attachment)

Chair Cruikshank reviewed the Committee’s recommended slate.

Officers: Carson Board Member Cedric Hicks as the 2023-2024 chair; Gardena Board Member Rodney Tanaka as 1st Vice Chair, and El Segundo Board member Chris Pimentel as 2nd Vice Chair. Lawndale Board Member Bernadette Suarez was nominated from the floor at the previous meeting.

2. Close nominations from the floor and hold election

MOTION by Board Member Lesser, seconded by Board Member Boyles, to **CLOSE NOMINATIONS**. No objections. No abstentions. So ordered.

After discussion regarding the 2 candidates for 2nd Vice Chair there was a MOTION by Board Member Butts, seconded by Board Member Boyles to **APPROVE** Carson Board Member Cedric Hicks for Chair, Gardena Board Member Rodney Tanaka for 1st Vice Chair and Lawndale Board Member Bernadette Suarez for 2nd Vice Chair No objections. No abstentions. So ordered.

K. Other – No update provided.

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-86/>

X.UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Cruikshank adjourned the meeting at 8:40 pm to next board meeting on Thursday, July 27, 2023, at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Natalie Champion, SBCCOG Staff