

“South Bay Sustainability in Action” 2024 Photo Contest
Rules & Regulations
October 12, 2023 [Updated November 27, 2023]

The South Bay Cities Council of Governments is celebrating the 20th Anniversary of its South Bay Environmental Services Center (SBESC) program. For two decades, the SBESC has worked with its member cities and their utilities to provide resources about energy efficiency, water conservation, transportation options (such as carpool and vanpool), waste reduction and recycling to South Bay cities, school districts, residents and businesses.

As part of the festivities, the SBCCOG is inviting the community to submit photos that demonstrate sustainable action in their community. We welcome your creativity, but some ideas include replacing grass with drought tolerant plants, planting a tree, taking part in a beach cleanup, installing solar panels and collecting water in a rain barrel. We want to see how you are being a good steward to this beautiful place we call the South Bay.

All photos should reflect places in any of the following cities of the South Bay:

Cities of Carson, El Segundo, Gardena, Hawthorne, Hermosa Beach, Inglewood, Lawndale, Lomita, Manhattan Beach, Palos Verdes Estates, Rancho Palos Verdes, Redondo Beach, Rolling Hills, Rolling Hills Estates, Torrance, along with the Harbor City/San Pedro/Wilmington communities of the City of Los Angeles and unincorporated areas of the County of Los Angeles Districts 2 and 4.

Please read the following Rules, Terms, and Conditions before submitting any photos.

Who May Enter: Anyone ages 12 and up, both amateur and professional photographers may enter. SBCCOG board members and staff are not eligible to participate. Photos must be entered by individuals, not corporations.

What to Enter: Submit digital images depicting sustainable actions in your city or the South Bay. Entries may be submitted in any format (digital files, color prints, transparencies), **but must be submitted electronically via the contest web page. High resolution photos are encouraged (300 DPI/PPI or higher; up to 10MB per file) for optimal publication quality.**

Each photographer may submit up to three photos total.

Naming Convention: Please name each of the photos with the following format: Photo Name_Photo Location_Photographer First Initial Last Name. For example, a photo depicting a beach cleanup taken in Torrance by Mary Jones would be named Beach Cleanup_Torrance_Mjones

Deadlines: The following is the deadline for submission:

January 4, 2024, at 5 p.m.

All entries must be submitted via online submission system at SouthBayCities.org/photo-contest.

SBCCOG reserves the right to extend these deadlines.

Eligible Photography: Previously published material for which non-exclusive rights were granted may be entered if, at the time of submittal you maintain the right to grant SBCCOG a license. (See “Your Rights” below). The photographer must be able to disclose, upon request, when and where the photo appeared previously. Minor changes to photographs are acceptable, but photographs that have been significantly enhanced or altered will not be accepted in this contest. Images that, in the sole judgment of SBCCOG, violate these enhancement/alteration criteria will be disqualified.

Judging: A panel of judges, including a member of the South Bay media, the officers of the SBCCOG board of directors and SBCCOG leadership and staff will judge the entries to select the top-10 finalists. The winner will be selected by a voting opportunity presented via email of those who have RSVPd to attend the 24th General Assembly. The winner will be announced at the event on March 28, 2024. Images will be judged on their

representation of criteria that may include, but is not limited to, scenic beauty, originality, technical excellence, composition, overall impact and artistic merit. The judges will follow these guidelines:

- Images must represent locations in the South Bay region of Los Angeles County. Areas must be publicly accessible. Submissions should be taken within the last three to five years, so that they are representative of the location as it currently appears.
- Please also avoid any trademarked products or logos in your photos.

SBCCOG will determine the winner's eligibility in its sole and absolute discretion. All decisions by judges are final. The photo contest is not open to SBCCOG staff or board members.

One winner will be selected from 10 finalists. The finalists will be notified via email or phone after January 4, 2024. SBCCOG plans to notify the winner on or after March 28, 2024., according to the schedule, but reserves the right to alter these dates if needed.

Photographer Rights: Each photographer retains all rights to any photographs submitted—including ownership, if applicable—other than those rights licensed in the next sentence:

By entering "South Bay Sustainability in Action," Photo contest you hereby grant to SBCCOG the following:

- (i) a non-exclusive, irrevocable, non-expiring, royalty-free license to reproduce, distribute and publicly display the photographs you submit to SBCCOG, and,
- (ii) the right to use your name, city, state of residence in promotions and other publications.

All photographs in media publications will be credited with the caption "Photo Name by Photographer Name – Courtesy of SBCCOG" whenever used by SBCCOG.

All photographs used on SBCCOG's social media (Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn) accounts, website or publications will be credited with the photographer's name, website, and social media handles as provided and as space permits. SBCCOG has final approval of any language that appears on its website with any of the photos.

SBCCOG will not encourage downloads of any featured entries via our website or social media platforms. The photo contest site states that photos should not be used for any purpose without the express permission of the photographer. However, SBCCOG is not responsible for any such activity on the part of our website visitors and social media followers.

Prizes: The winning photo will be announced on SBCCOG social media pages (Twitter and Facebook), in the issue of South Bay Watch following selection of each winner, in the South Bay Environmental Services Center's monthly news eblast and on SouthBayCities.org. Each winner's name and city of residence will also be announced.

Questions: All questions about the "South Bay Sustainability in Action" Photo Contest can be directed to Colleen Farrell at Colleen@southbaycities.org.