

## ITEM VII.A

**SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**  
**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2022**  
**HELD VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM & IN-PERSON AT SBCCOG OFFICES**  
**2355 CRENSHAW BLVD. SUITE 125, TORRANCE, CA 90501**  
**(RECORDING AVAILABLE ONLINE: <https://youtu.be/c8KqgsbS0fl>)**

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair John Cruikshank called the SBCCOG Board of Directors meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

### **II. VERIFY QUORUM**

#### **In attendance were the following voting elected officials:**

Cedric Hicks, Carson	Jim Roos, Palos Verdes Estates
Rodney Tanaka, Gardena	John Cruikshank, Rancho Palos Verdes
Olivia Valentine, Hawthorne	Bea Dieringer, Rolling Hills
Stacey Armato, Hermosa Beach	Steve Zuckerman, Rolling Hills Estates (6:10 arrival)
Bernadette Suarez, Lawndale	Aurelio Mattucci, Torrance
Barry Waite, Lomita	Alfonso Ruiz-Delgado, LA County D-2 (6:15 arrival)
Joe Buscaino, LA City	Jennifer LaMarque, LA County D-4
Hildy Stern, Manhattan Beach	

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

Britt Huff, Rolling Hills Estates (Voting rep until Steve Zuckerman's arrival at 6:10)

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

Ali Steward, Beach Cities Health District	Steve Lantz, SBCCOG
Jacqueline Sun, Beach Cities Health District	Wally Siembab, SBCCOG
Jeff Kiernan, CalCities	David Leger, SBCCOG
Lindsey Lastra, LA County Dept of Public Health	Colleen Farrell, SBCCOG
Mark Dierking, Metro	Ronson Chu, SBCCOG
Jacki Bacharach, SBCCOG	Natalie Champion, SBCCOG
Kim Fuentes, SBCCOG	Holly Osborne, Public

### **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.

### **IV. BROWN ACT DECLARATION**

Pursuant to AB 361, the Board of Directors finds that a statewide state of emergency remains in force and State and local officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing. Therefore, this meeting is being held virtually as meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees. (*attachment*) – **Approved**

**MOTION** by Board Member Tanaka, seconded by Board Member Huff, to **APPROVE** the Brown Act Declaration. No objection. Motion passes.

### **V. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF ANY CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

None.

### **VI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Kiernan shared with the Board the following four links:

Priority Bills on Gov's Desk: <https://tinyurl.com/PriorityBillsonGovsDesk>  
Cal Cities Policy Committees Application: <https://tinyurl.com/PolicyCmteApplicationCal>  
Cities President Ali Taj's Message: <https://tinyurl.com/PresidentTajMessage>  
General Assembly Action Report: <https://tinyurl.com/GenAssemblyActionReport>

## **VII. CONSENT CALENDAR**

- A. August 25, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes (attachment) – Approved**
- B. Revised Job Descriptions (attachments) – Approved**
- C. League of California Cities LA Division Appointment for SBCCOG (attachment) – Approved**
- D. Legislative Matrix – (attachment) – Received and filed**
- E. Monthly Reports – Received and filed**
  - 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. SCAG Regional Council (Mark Henderson)
    - b. SCAG Energy & Environment Committee (Britt Huff)
    - c. Metro Service Council (Don Szerlip)
    - d. South Bay Workforce Investment Board

Board Member Dieringer asked that Item B be pulled from the Consent Calendar for further discussion.

**MOTION** by Board Member Hicks, seconded by Board Member Valentine, to **APPROVE** Consent Calendar Items A and C-E. No objection. Motion passes.

### **REMOVED FROM CONSENT**

#### **Revised Job Descriptions (attachment)**

Board Member Dieringer asked that this item be tabled until after the details of the contractor to employee conversions are worked out. She noted her concerns about the piecemeal approach to approving the adjusted salary ranges in April, revised job descriptions now, and the conversion of contractors to employees at a later time. She explained that she feels the Board should understand the impact on the total proposed salaries.

Ms. Bacharach explained that the April salary range adjustments were driven by increases in the state's minimum wage. This action will create the employee positions of an Executive Director and Deputy Executive Director which would allow for the conversion from contractors to employees to take place.

Ms. Fuentes also added that staff salaries are approved by the Board through the budget process and are based off an analysis of staffing needs and revenue. Position titles were last changed in 2013 when they were first adopted. Since then, the SBCCOG has grown and is working on a wider range of programs, so these revisions were made to meet the needs of the organization today.

Board Member Suarez also shared that she would like to have more information on the conversion before she would feel comfortable approving the item.

Board Member Waite commented that he agrees with staff in that the next step in the process is creating the job descriptions and noted that a salary is not based off the job description.

**MOTION** by Board Member Waite, seconded by Board Member Valentine, to **APPROVE** Consent Calendar Item B.

**NOTE: 9 votes need to pass motion based on quorum**

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION** by Board Member Dieringer, seconded by Board Member Suarez, to **TABLE** Consent Calendar Item B until all information and costs are known for the contractor to employee conversion.

- Ayes: Suarez, Dieringer, Zuckerman
- Noes: Hicks, Tanaka, Valentine, Armato, Waite, Buscaino, Stern, Cruikshank, Ruiz-Delgado, LaMarque
- Abstentions: Roos, Mattucci

Substitute motion fails.

Original motion on the floor:

**MOTION** by Board Member Waite, seconded by Board Member Valentine, to **APPROVE** Consent Calendar Item B. Objection by Suarez & Dieringer. Abstention by Mattucci. Motion passes.

## **VIII. PRESENTATIONS**

### **A. Allcove Youth Center**

Ms. Steward provided the Board a brief presentation on Beach City Health District's new "allcove BeachCities" which will be opening at their Prospect Avenue campus and will serve young people ages 12-25. The center will provide mental health continuum for youth through prevention and early intervention with easy and affordable access. She went on to review services that will be provided at allcove and those that will be linked through allcove. More detail is available in her presentation available online here:

[https://southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/PRESENTATION\\_BCHD-AllCove-Update-to-SBCCOG-10.22.22.pdf](https://southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/PRESENTATION_BCHD-AllCove-Update-to-SBCCOG-10.22.22.pdf)

### **B. Department of Public Health**

Ms. Lastra presented a quarterly update from LA County Department of Public Health. She provided updates on COVID-19 figures and indoor masking recommendations; Monkeypox case rate data and vaccine information; new education sector liaisons to connect with school districts, early childhood education centers, and institutes of higher learning; and programs available through the Curtis Tucker Center for Community Wellness. More detail can be found in her presentation here:

<https://southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/PRESENTATION-LA-COUNTY-SPA-8-SBCCOG-Update.pdf>

## **IX. TRANSPORTATION REPORTS**

### **A. Metro Report**

Mr. Lantz reported on various updates from the Metro Board meeting including the opening of the K Line (Crenshaw/LAX); a new arts, culture, and recreation program for the 2028 Olympics and Paralympics; the I-710 South Corridor Task Force; Metro's fare capping policy; and the approval of the South Bay's Measure M MSP annual program update. Detail from Mr. Lantz's updates are available here:

[https://southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/PRESENTATION\\_Steve-Lantz-9.22-Metro-Updates-4.pdf](https://southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/PRESENTATION_Steve-Lantz-9.22-Metro-Updates-4.pdf)

Ms. Bacharach added that the SBCCOG will be asking cities to submit Measure M applications for the Local Travel Network project. SBCCOG staff is also exploring SBFN "Phase 2" transportation applications that could utilize the SBFN.

Board Member Dieringer asked Mr. Lantz if Metro is still offering free fares. Mr. Lantz explained that they stopped the free fare policy earlier in the year, but still have in place a fare capping policy. Metro is looking at federal and state funding to supplement the lost fare revenue.

### **B. Transportation Committee Report**

Mr. Lantz reported that Metro provided a presentation on the I-110 ExpressLanes as well as their FY22-23 budget.

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

### **A. Legislative Issues**

#### **1. Ballot Propositions (*attachment*)**

Mr. Leger briefly reviewed each of the ballot propositions and staff's recommended position. Ms. Bacharach noted that the recommendations are staff recommendations because the Legislative Committee was not able to reach a quorum to make recommendations to the Board.

Board Member Valentine recommended that the Board consider supporting Proposition 31 as flavored tobacco is often used to target kids and preventing smoking should be a city health priority.

**MOTION** by Board Member Valentine, seconded by Board Member Dieringer, to **SUPPORT** Proposition 31. No objection. Abstention by Board Member LaMarque. Motion passes.

The Board also discussed opposing Proposition 27 as the funding provided for homeless services would not necessarily outweigh the risks associated with gambling addiction and greater access to sports betting. They also expressed concern about how much of the funding would actually be seen by cities to support homeless services.

**MOTION** by Board Member Dieringer, seconded by Board Member Tanaka, to **OPPOSE** Proposition 27. No objection. Abstentions by Board Members LaMarque and Ruiz-Delgado. Motion passes.

**MOTION** by Board Member Tanaka, seconded by Board Member Dieringer, to **APPROVE** the remaining positions recommended by staff. No objection. Abstentions by Board Members LaMarque and Ruiz-Delgado. Motion passes.

2. Status of South Bay Regional Housing Trust  
Ms. Bacharach reported the bill is still awaiting the Governor's signature. She also shared that she met with Mr. Leger to determine next steps and reviewed the initial thoughts with the city managers at their recent meeting. Staff will refine the next steps recommendation and will return with a recommendation at an upcoming meeting.
3. Ideas for Legislation in the next session  
Ms. Bacharach shared that the Legislative Committee will start to discuss legislative requests for the new session. Ideas include funding requests for the housing trust and a sustainability center to work on adaptation/sustainability projects that would help meet state mandates. The idea would be to create something similar to the SBESC.

Board Member Valentine added that efforts to repeal SB 9 and SB 10 should be considered.

**B. Homeless Services (*attachment re: client aid services*) – APPROVED**

Ms. Bacharach explained that the SBCCOG's Client Aid program has been very successful so far. Staff would like the Board's approval to move forward with a request to re-appropriate unused LAHSA Problem Solving funding to the South Bay's Client Aid program.

**MOTION** by Board Member Tanaka, seconded by Board Member Waite, to **APPROVE** requesting additional funding for the Client Aid program. No objection. Motion passes.

Mr. Chu provided brief updates on other homeless related items. The homeless count figures were released and showed a 4% increase county-wide but a 2.5% drop in the South Bay. He noted that this is significant as the pandemic caused significant economic hardships, but the substantial federal and state funding/programs prevented significant increases in overall numbers. However, there are concerns that as eviction moratoriums expire, the figures will begin to rise again next year. LA County will be holding a regional convening in the South Bay in October to gather feedback on how cities think a \$10M pot of funding should be spent.

**C. SCAG REAP**

Ms. Bacharach reported on the following REAP projects:

- ADU Acceleration: The project aims to determine how ADUs are being used in the South Bay and the experiences of both owners and occupants. An ADU survey was distributed to over 700 ADU owners/occupants in the South Bay. So far 31 responses have been submitted, 24 of which were owners.
- Housing Education Forum: An advisory committee was formed to provide guidance on the curriculum and potential speakers. Community Development Directors have also been consulted. Speakers will soon be identified and secured with the courses to follow.
- Commercial Redevelopment Into Housing: This project looks to identify underperforming commercial property and how to convert that to housing. Consultants are working to develop the draft feasibility criteria which will be used to narrow down areas of focus within the 6 participating cities.

Ms. Bacharach added that SCAG is developing guidelines for REAP 2.0, but applications likely won't be accepted until February 2023 at the earliest. The SBCCOG will be receiving \$585,000. The SBCCOG must express interest in applying for the funding by October 14<sup>th</sup>. One project that would be eligible is the South Bay Regional Housing Trust. Reimbursable outreach must be done now so projects can be developed and submitted early in 2023.

**D. SBESC Projects and Programs**

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

Ms. Fuentes shared that the SBCCOG will be helping West Basin with their first Rain Barrel giveaway on Saturday 9/24 at Palos Verdes High School. Over 1,000 registrations have been received for this year's series of giveaways. She also shared that she was invited to speak on a panel on "Breaking Through Regional Barriers for Energy Action" at the California Climate and Energy Collaborative forum in San Diego. Ms. Fuentes' slides can be viewed here:

[https://southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/PRESENTATION\\_9-22-2022-Staff-Update-Steering.pdf](https://southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/PRESENTATION_9-22-2022-Staff-Update-Steering.pdf)

**E. South Bay Fiber Network**

Ms. Bacharach reported that staff continues to work with Carson and Torrance on a wireless pilot project that would bring SBFN coverage to underserved business areas within the cities.

**F. Local Travel Network**

Ms. Bacharach shared that there was a very productive charrette held earlier in the afternoon. The SBCCOG's technical consultant team was able to edit the designs in real time. The designs are being refined based on feedback provided. The final designs will be shared with the Board for a final decision. She asked the Board what process would make them comfortable to make a decision. Chair Cruikshank noted that he would like to bring something like that back to his council for a discussion.

**G. Senior Services**

Board Member Huff reported that the next Senior Services Working Group meeting will be September 27<sup>th</sup>. The Cities of Carson and Gardena will be presenting on their programs. Assemblymember Muratsuchi will also be attending the meeting.

**H. Other**

Ms. Bacharach shared that all dues are now paid in full.

Ms. Farrell asked the Board to share their opinions on proposed topics for the SBCCOG's next photo contest. Ms. Bacharach added that the first competition did not have a theme, but the submissions were almost exclusively coastal related. Suggested topics include South Bay landmarks, city buildings, and cultural events.

**XI. 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-78/>**

Board Member Dieringer shared that the LA Division of CalCities will be discussing a comment letter to LA County on the Land Bank pilot program that would explore possible regional models to facilitate affordable housing development. The concern is that this land banking program would not have to comply with local zoning requirements. She will share information with Ms. Bacharach to distribute to the Board.

**XII. UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Hicks: Carson will be hosting its annual jazz festival on October 1<sup>st</sup>

Mattucci: Torrance's Transportation Commission will be meeting from 6:00-7:30p on September 28<sup>th</sup> to discuss the C (Green) Line Extension project.

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair John Cruikshank adjourned the meeting at 8:11 pm to Thursday, October 27, 2022, at 6:00 pm.

David Leger, SBCCOG Staff