

South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce
Meeting of August 2, 2022

The South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce (SBACC) had its monthly hybrid meeting on August 2, 2022. Here are the highlights of that meeting:

Henry Rogers of Pear Strategies gave an extensive Government Affairs Report, with a Summer Recess Recap of the 2022 Policy Platform and Legislative Tracking, 2022 Legislative Timelines, 2022 California budget, Ballot Propositions, and the Healthcare Workers Minimum Wage.

- August 25th is the last day to amend bills that are on the floor.
- The budget amounts to \$235 billion in general fund spending for 2022-23, which is a significant increase over the 2021-22 general fund budget of \$196 billion. A central component of the budget is a \$17 billion relief package, with a refund of up to \$1,050 that will benefit millions of Californians based on income level and the size of the household.

Jeff Kiernan, of California Cities (Cal Cities) reported the following:

- SB 1383 will be implemented, requiring that jurisdictions conduct education and outreach on organics recycling to all residents, businesses (including those that generate edible food that can be donated), haulers, solid waste facilities, local food banks and other food recovery organizations. He said it is an unfunded mandate and that Cal Cities has requested that the cities receive funding for its implementation.
- The State budget has allocated \$2.5 billion for housing. Home Key is converting hotels to homeless residences, mostly in the City of Los Angeles.

Lomita Councilmember Barry Waite discussed the City of Carson's proposed new ordinance to require additional conditions to most new industrial projects. He said it has the potential to stop future warehouse/logistics facility projects as well as to stop modernization of construction projects in existing buildings. He also said there are many pro-business entities as well as Biz-Fed who are opposing this project.

Charles Gale of the Metropolitan Water District reported that the Draft EIR for the proposed Delta Conveyance Project will soon be available for public review and comment.

He also said that there is a pipe leak in the water system, which will result in a prohibition on outside watering for 2 weeks in September.

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