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SBCCOG BOARD MEETINGS: ATTENDANCE 2022

City	Mar - 22 <i>(special)</i>	Apr - 22 <i>(special)</i>	Apr - 22	May - 22	Jun - 22	Jul - 22	Aug - 22
Carson	Hicks	Hicks	Hicks		Hicks	Hicks	
El Segundo	Boyles	Boyles	Boyles	Boyles	Boyles Pimentel	Boyles	
Gardena	Tanaka	Tanaka	Tanaka		Tanaka	Tanaka	
Hawthorne	Valentine	Valentine	Valentine	Valentine	Valentine	Valentine	
Hermosa Beach		Armato	Armato	Armato	Armato		
Inglewood						Faulk	
Lawndale			Suarez Cuevas	Suarez	Suarez		
Lomita	Waite	Waite Uphoff	Waite Uphoff	Waite Uphoff	Waite	Waite	
Los Angeles	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Manhattan Beach		Stern	Stern	Stern	Stern	Stern	
Palos Verdes Estates		Roos				Roos	
Rancho Palos Verdes	Cruikshank	Cruikshank	Cruikshank	Cruikshank	Cruikshank	Cruikshank	
Redondo Beach	Horvath	Horvath	Horvath	Horvath	Horvath		
Rolling Hills			Dieringer	Dieringer		Dieringer	
Rolling Hills Estates	Huff	Zuckerman Stegura	Huff	Zuckerman	Zuckerman Huff	Huff	
Torrance	Chen	Chen	Chen	Chen	Chen	Chen	
County of Los Angeles-2nd District	Ruiz-Delgado	Ruiz-Delgado	Ruiz-Delgado	Ruiz-Delgado	Ruiz-Delgado		
County of Los Angeles- 4th District	LaMarque				LaMarque	LaMarque	
Number of Active Agencies	16	16	16	16	16	16	16
Quorum Required (50% +1)	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
Number of Agencies Attending	11	12	14	12	14	13	

**SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
THURSDAY, JULY 28, 2022
HELD VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM
(RECORDING AVAILABLE ONLINE: <https://youtu.be/jP7dDzzpFgM>)**

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
Drew Boyles, El Segundo	John Cruikshank, Rancho Palos Verdes
Rodney Tanaka, Gardena	Bea Dieringer, Rolling Hills
Olivia Valentine, Hawthorne	Britt Huff, Rolling Hills Estates
Dionne Faulk, Inglewood (left at 7:15pm)	George Chen, Torrance
Barry Waite, Lomita	Jennifer LaMarque, LA County D-4
Hildy Stern, Manhattan Beach	

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

Aurelio Mattucci, Torrance

Also, in attendance were the following persons:

Ted Semaan, Redondo Beach	Wally Siembab, SBCCOG
Sarah Patterson, SCAG	David Leger, SBCCOG
Mark Dierking, Metro	Colleen Farrell, SBCCOG
Lindsey Lastra, LA County Dept of Public Health	Ronson Chu, SBCCOG
Dr. Alicia Chang, LA County Dept of Public Health	Marni Ruhland, SBCCOG
Victor Ibarra, SoCalGas	Lara Gerges, SBCCOG
Jacki Bacharach, SBCCOG	Shawn Fujioka, SBCCOG
Kim Fuentes, SBCCOG	Anne Youngdahl, SBCCOG
Steve Lantz, SBCCOG	Amina Karwa, SBCCOG

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 Huff, seconded by Board Member Valentine, to **APPROVE** the Brown Act Declaration. No objection. So ordered.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF ANY CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Ms. Bacharach asked that the Board consider adding the FY22-23 contract between West Basin Municipal Water District and the SBCCOG to the Consent Calendar under item H-3 for approval.

MOTION by Board Member Tanaka, seconded by Board Member Valentine to **ADD** the West Basin contract to the Consent Calendar . No objection. So ordered.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

VII. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. June 23, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes (*attachment*) – Approved**
- B. Chamber of Commerce Memberships (*attachment*) – Approved**

- C. **Sustainability Program Partnership Scope of Work with Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County** (*attachment*) – **Approved**
- D. **Amendment to Contract with Magellan Advisors to assist with Grant Writing** (*attachment*) – **Approved**
- E. **Legislative Matrix** – (*attachment*) – **Approved**
- F. **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. League of California Cities & LA Division Legislative Committee (Bea Dieringer & Jeff Kiernan)
 - b. South Bay Workforce Investment Board
 - c. SCAG Regional Council (Drew Boyles, Mark Henderson, James Gazeley)
 - d. SPA 8 Dept. of Public Health Report

Board Member Dieringer asked that Item E be pulled from the Consent Calendar to request the addition of bills she was made aware of by the Contract Cities. Chair Cruikshank noted the last-minute nature of the request. Board Member Dieringer proposed the Board delegate authority to the Legislative Committee. Ms. Bacharach added that the Board could delegate authority to the Steering Committee which meets two days prior to the Legislative Committee.

MOTION by Board Member Tanaka, seconded by Board Member Valentine, to **APPROVE** Consent Calendar Items A-D and F. No objection. So ordered.

REMOVED FROM CONSENT
Legislative Matrix (*attachment*)

MOTION by Board Member Boyles, seconded by Board Member Hicks, to **APPROVE** the Legislative Matrix as presented and return Board Member Dieringer’s requested additions to the Steering Committee for action. No objection. So ordered.

VIII. PRESENTATIONS

A. Civic Spark Fellows Program End Work Summary and Achievements

1. Anne Youngdahl

Ms. Youngdahl presented a brief overview of her work with the SBCCOG as a Civic Spark Fellow focusing on climate action planning. She reviewed work on energy emissions analyses and inventories; research and data support for air quality and transportation related efforts; and a solar initiative. More detail is available in the presentation here: https://southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/PRESENTATION_CivicSpark-CAP.pdf

2. Shawn Fujioka

Ms. Fujioka also presented on her work as a Civic Spark Fellow, with a focus on energy efficiency. Ms. Fujioka’s project included energy benchmarking and AB 802 compliance; city/school district enrollment in the Southern California Regional Energy Network; facility equipment inventories; and development of an award recognition program for cities. More information is available here: https://southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/PRESENTATION_CivicSpark-EE.pdf

IX. TRANSPORTATION REPORTS

A. Metro Report

Mr. Lantz reported that the Metro Board was dark this month.

Mr. Dierking announced that Metro will be holding a series of community meetings regarding the C Line (Green Line) extension to Torrance. More details are available here: <https://southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/C-Line-Green-Extension-to-Torrance-Community-Open-House-Meetings.pdf>

B. Focus on Goods Movement

Ms. Bacharach explained that there has been discussion about the impacts of Metro’s decision to not expand the I-710 on truck traffic and the I-110. There will be a letter going to the Transportation Committee asking that Metro look at the I-110 in future studies of the I-710. Many years ago, the SBCCOG held a

series of workshops on goods movement for city councilmembers and city staff. The workshops were held in conjunction with the Center for International Trade & Transportation at CSULB. The SBCCOG is exploring opportunities to hold similar workshops looking at the increasing port traffic and the movement of goods via truck, rail, and air out of the ports and throughout the region.

Several Board Members expressed support for the workshops. Board Member Waite added that the SBACC should also be involved.

C. Measure M project amendment for the City of Redondo Beach (attachment) – Approved

Mr. Lantz explained that the SBCCOG received a request from the City of Redondo Beach to amend an existing Measure M project to include additional funding for the purchase of right of way and additional design costs. Mr. Semaan further elaborated that the City had the opportunity to purchase a parcel that would allow them to build a mobility hub at a major intersection of several bike routes that go through the City.

Board Member Dieringer expressed her concerns that the City would be receiving regional funding to purchase property and suggested they should be required to fund a portion of the purchase. She further explained that it was unclear how the improvements would benefit the region as opposed to just that area of Redondo Beach. Mr. Semaan explained that the parcel is at the intersection of several major North-South and East-West bike routes either existing, in construction, or planned, and is also very near the Redondo Beach Transit Center.

MOTION by Board Member Dieringer, seconded by Board Member Roos, to **APPROVE** the funding request if the City of Redondo Beach contributes half of the cost of the right of way acquisition.

Yes: Waite, Roos, Dieringer, Huff, Chen

No: Hicks, Boyles, Tanaka, Hawthorne, Stern, Cruikshank

Abstain: LaMarque

MOTION FAILED

MOTION by Board Member Boyles, seconded by Board Member Waite, to **APPROVE** the staff recommendation.

Yes: Hicks, Boyles, Tanaka, Valentine, Waite, Stern, Cruikshank, Huff, Chen

No: Dieringer

Abstain: Roos, LaMarque

MOTION PASSED. So ordered.

X. SBCCOG PROGRAM ACTION ITEMS, REPORTS AND UPDATES

A. 2022-2023 SBCCOG Budget (attachment) – TABLED UNTIL AUGUST

Ms. Bacharach began by noting the Board approved the FY22-23 budget at the June meeting, but there were significant changes that she felt the Board should be aware of and consider adopting a revised budget.

Ms. Ruhland explained that revisions to the budget reduced the amount of unreserved fund balance used to balance the budget from \$403,228 to \$20,628. She shared that the first revision decreased the anticipated Shared Mobility grant revenues from \$50,000 to zero. After adoption of the budget in June, it became less likely that the contract was going to be renewed. The second change corrected the amount of contractual services by eliminating the inclusion of \$432,600 in management services expenditures. That figure had been mistakenly counted in two separate lines.

Board Member Dieringer asked why there was a discrepancy between the management services change and the amount of the JB&A contract. Ms. Ruhland will look into that and will provide additional information at the next meeting. Ms. Bacharach proposed that the Board table the item until August at which point there will be a response to Board Member Dieringer's question.

B. SCAG REAP

Ms. Bacharach reported that the SB330 form project was completed and shared with cities. SBCCOG staff recently went on a tour of the South Bay with the technical consultant to observe ADUs as part of the ADU study. The goal of the ADU project is to determine who is living in South Bay ADUs; what the rental rates are; and if they are successful in adding housing supply. The REAP Commercial Redevelopment Project is also underway. The project aims to determine a methodology for determining if a commercial property is

underperforming and what it would take to convert that into housing. The last REAP project is a housing education forum for elected officials, commissioners, and staff. The curriculum is being developed with the help of an advisory committee. Speaker recruitment is also underway. Chair Cruikshank added that Rancho Palos Verdes will be discussing ADUs at an upcoming council meeting as there are concerns that ADUs are being turned into other uses, such as a weight room. The council will also be discussing the fact that it does not appear the state requires ADUs be made affordable/low-income.

C. Homeless Services

Mr. Chu reported that local Girl Scouts are helping assemble welcome kits for newly housed individuals. He also reported that Hermosa Beach's Homeless Court program recently opened and is being managed by the Redondo Beach Homeless Court. Torrance is looking into opening their own homeless court as well. Hawthorne's LA CADA project is also progressing well and has been able to house 8 individuals in the last quarter, and sheltered even more individuals. Mr. Chu also announced that the national 988 number has rolled out in LA County. The County is aiming to provide 24hr mental health assistance through that service, but services are stretched thin at the moment so quick responses are not guaranteed.

D. Legislative Committee Report

1. Report on Regional Housing Trust Fund status

Ms. Bacharach reported that the trust fund legislation is still in the State Assembly awaiting a vote.

2. SBCCOG Legislative Requests (attachment)

Ms. Bacharach announced that the SBCCOG did not receive \$50M from the State's budget for the Housing Trust Fund nor the \$5M for the sustainability programs implementation. She elaborated that in conversations with Senator Allen's staff previously, it was indicated that there would be summer budget amendments during which the request could be considered. Upon submittal of the request, legislative offices indicated that deadlines were earlier in the year, and there were no opportunities during the summer. City lobbyists were made available to the SBCCOG by Gardena and Rancho Palos Verdes, both of which said there was a potential junior budget bill being worked on and that there was a slight chance at receiving less than \$5M as part of that process. Chair Cruikshank submitted a letter to South Bay legislators requesting \$3M in seed funding for the Housing Trust Fund and \$1M for implementation of sustainability programs.

3. Letter to County Board of Supervisors re: mandatory mask mandate (attachment) – APPROVED

Board Member Boyles began the discussion by noting El Segundo's decision that if a county-wide mask mandate were to be imposed, the city would not be using its resources to enforce it and would instead encourage individuals to make those decisions. He went on to note that several colleagues suggested the SBCCOG take a similar position. Although the County had been considering a mandate as early as the July 29th, it appears that decision has been deferred to next week as case numbers have leveled off.

Dr. Chang provided a brief overview of the Dr. Ferrer's view on the ongoing pandemic, explaining that she takes each death personally and that mask mandates are not meant to be punitive in any way. She elaborated that masking is one tool that can help curb spread of COVID-19 and as case numbers have risen in recent weeks, masking may be implemented to ensure hospitals are not overly stressed.

Several Board Members commented that given the evolution of the pandemic and the roll-out of vaccines over the last year, mask mandates should not be imposed, but recommended instead.

Other Board Members expressed caution for submitting a letter, particularly as the County has deferred any decisions and at this point looks to not be leaning towards a mandate. There were also concerns raised about the employees who work at businesses, particularly in at-risk communities, that do not have the ability to miss work due to catching COVID-19, and that impacts should be considered beyond just the businesses who might have to enforce a mandate.

MOTION by Board Member Valentine, seconded by Board Member Tanaka, to submit a letter opposing a mask mandate to the LA County Board of Supervisors.

Yes: Boyles, Tanaka, Valentine, Cruikshank, Dieringer, Chen

No: Hicks, Waite, Stern

Abstain: Roos, Huff, LaMarque

MOTION PASSED. So ordered.

SUBSEQUENT TO THIS MEETING, IT WAS DETERMINED THAT THIS VOTE WAS NOT VALID SINCE THERE WERE NOT A MAJORITY PLUS ONE OF AFFIRMATIVE VOTES. THE LETTER, WHICH HAD BEEN SENT, WAS RESCINDED.

E. SBESC Projects and Programs

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

Ms. Fuentes reported that Ygrene is no longer doing residential PACE financing, but continues to do commercial. The SBCCOG is working with the SoCalREN to help the City of Carson install EV Chargers at City Hall after Edison decided to not fund the project. SBCCOG is also recruiting for new Civic Spark fellows.

F. South Bay Fiber Network

Ms. Bacharach announced that SBCCOG staff is working on a LATA Grant opportunity that provides planning funds for network expansion and would help pay for a market analysis of the South Bay, with a focus on disadvantaged communities. The SBCCOG is soliciting letters of support from cities and will be submitting an application by August 19th.

G. Local Travel Network

Ms. Bacharach announced that SBCCOG hired Fehr and Peers as technical consultants for the wayfinding/signage and branding work. SBCCOG staff continues to work with cities on route refinement. There will be a charrette on August 18th to begin developing a brand and signage for the project and all cities are encouraged to participate.

H. Senior Services

Board Member Huff reported that there was a presentation by SCAN on their Independence at Home program. There was also a presentation by the Westside Pacific Village. At the next meeting, Board Member Hicks will be presenting on programs taking place in the City of Carson.

I. DPH SPA 8 report schedule

Ms. Bacharach announced that she and Ms. Lastra decided that due to staffing shortages at DPH, they will now be presenting updates to the Board quarterly. They settled on quarterly updates as a way to maintain the relationship that developed over the past couple years.

J. SPA 8 Working Group

Ms. Bacharach noted that the group has not met, but will be discussing “field trips” to see things first hand. They are looking into touring mental health facilities at Harbor UCLA for example. The Working Group is on a one-month hiatus and will be re-evaluating its mission and goals to minimize duplication of efforts with existing working groups.

K. Other - None.

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-73/>.

XII. UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Board Member Waite announced that there will be a Relay for Life event taking place in Carson on August 13th.

Board Member Hicks shared that he will be hosting the 2nd annual prostate cancer awareness 5K walk on September 17th in Carson.

XIII. CLOSED SESSION – THE BOARD POSTPONED THE PLANNED CLOSED SESSION TO A FUTURE MEETING.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Chair John Cruikshank adjourned the meeting at 8:26 pm to Thursday, August 25, 2022, at 6:00 pm.

David Leger, SBCCOG Staff