

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

Steering Committee Monday, August 11, 2025 Minutes

Attendees: Bernadette Suarez, Chair (Lawndale); Ray Jackson, 2nd Vice Chair (Hermosa Beach); Cedric Hicks (Carson); Rodney Tanaka (Gardena); Barry Waite (Lomita); Zein Obagi (Redondo Beach); Bea Dieringer (Rolling Hills); Irma Galicia – left at 1:30pm (LA County – D2); Jim Butts – virtual non-voting (Inglewood); Jacki Bacharach, Kim Fuentes, Wally Siembab, David Leger, Natalie Champion, Ronson Chu, Jake Romoff, Eleanor Murphy, Lara Gerges, Andrey Mulligan (SBCCOG)

I. CONFIRM THE QUORUM – 12:05 noon

II. REPORT OF POSTING OF THE AGENDA

- **ACTION:** Received and filed

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF ANY CHANGES TO THE AGENDA – Wally report and Metro Service Council

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT – 12:05 pm – Bea Dieringer – She wants to go back to being the SBCCOG representative for the LCC LA Division. She wants an agenda item on the next meeting to re-consider the policy. For LA Division representative – change the policy?

**V. CONSENT CALENDAR – action items noted, remainder are receive & file – 12:10 pm
HICKS/TANAKA**

A. July 14, 2025 Steering Committee meeting minutes – attached (Pages 5-8)

- **ACTION:** Approved

B. Contract with Sanitation Districts (funding to SBCCOG)

Scope of work attached (Pages 9-11)

- **ACTION:** Recommended board approval

C. Metro Service Council Vacancy

- The call for nominations in the South LA portion of the jurisdiction has been distributed and Supervisor Mitchell's office is also looking for a replacement

D. Outstanding Dues Payments as of 8/4/25

- Carson, City of Los Angeles
- If dues are not received by August 15 per the JPA agreement, the city loses its vote

E. Pending Grants -

- LA 2050 – plan for micromobility lending of vehicles at senior facilities – notification expected in October
- Biodiversity Grant – application to be submitted in October

F. Monthly Reports – Receive and File

- City Attendance at SBCCOG Meetings – attached (Page 13)

VI. ACTION ITEMS

G. General Assembly location and topics – 12:15 pm

■ Memo attached (Pages 15-16)

- **HICKS – SOUTH BAY SPORTS EVENTS IN THE NEXT SEVERAL YEARS**
- **OBAGI – SPORTING LATE?**
- **HICKS – INFRASTRUCTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**
- **WAITE – 25 TRANSIT CENTERS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY – FOR SECURITY AND CONGESTION. SO MANY MOVING PARTS. IMPORTANT TOPIC. BIG AND FUN MESSY.**
- **JACKSON – GA OR BREAKOUT AFTER THE GA – DE-MYSTIFYING THE COASTAL COMMISSION**
- **LET'S THE GAMES BEGIN: HOW SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT ARE SHAPING THE SOUTH BAY**
- **BUTTS - POSSIBLE VENUES**
 - **UTUBE THEATRE**
 - **WE PLAY THEATRE**

■ **ACTION: RECOMMENDED TO THE BOARD**

H. SBCCOG Agency Partnership Policy – 12:25 pm

■ Memos attached (Pages 17-20)

■ **ACTION:** Review and if agreeable, recommendED board approval – **TANAKA/HICKS**

I. Legislation – 12:35 pm

■ Legislative Matrix – attached (Pages 21-30)

■ August 14 is the Legislative Briefing – remote only

■ **ACTION:** Support: AB 261, AB 300, SB 454, SB 346, SB 74 Oppose unless amended: SB 707 Oppose: AB 1061

DIERINGER – AB 470 WE SHOULD OPPOSE. - MOTION TO ADD TO MATRIX – NO SECOND

TANAKA/JACKSON - APPROVE MATRIX POSITIONS

J. Board Meeting Agenda Development – 12:45 pm

■ August – draft attached (Pages 31-33)

- Wally and Kim – SBCCOG Sustainability Program
- MWD request for support of the Delta Project
- **DIERINGERS'S REQUEST FOR ITEM FOR AN EXCEPTION FOR LCC SEAT, LA DIVISION – BARRY WANTS TO FILL OUT HIS TERM. - JACKSON NOT INTERESTED IN RECONSIDERING. WHY DO WE HAVE THE 2 YEAR TERM?**
- **ANY INTEREST IN RE-VISITING THE 2 YEAR POLICY? - IN JANUARY BEFORE NEXT SELECTION PROCESS**

■ September

- WSPA re: impacts of some of the refinery closures (both confirmed and rumored) on the state and particularly the South Bay
- Baldwin Hills Conservancy Update

■ October

- Waymo?
- **HOUSING TRUST**

- November 20 – **one week early**
 - Classification and Compensation Study
 - **VOLUNTEER RECEPTION AND OPEN HOUSE**
- Potential Speakers
 - Mayor Bass – invite us to Getty House
 - Andrew Dermanoski, Colonel, USSF, LAAFB
- Special meeting possibilities
 - Alta Sea Wave Project
 - Sanitation District Water Treatment Plant Tour
 - Harbor-UCLA Tour of new facilities – **POSSIBLE DATE IN OCTOBER**

K. Election Procedures – **12:50 pm**

- **POLICY MEMO IN THE SUPPLEMENTAL**
- **JACKSON – WE DON'T NEED A NOMINATING COMMITTEE**
- **ACTION: NO NOMINATING COMMITTEE. MODIFIED ELECTION PROCEDURES TO BE SENT TO THE BOARD**

L. Approval of Invoices – to be sent in supplemental distribution – **1:00 pm**

- **ACTION: Approved invoices for payment TANAKA/HICKS**

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS

M. REAP 2.0 – **1:05 pm**

- Housing Trust Feasibility Study – **NEXT SPAC MEETING JPA & OTHER INFORMATION**
- Commercial Redevelopment – **MET WITH HAWTHORNE AND TORRANCE – NEED TO MEET WITH CARSON. USER FRIENDLY GIS MAP IN ALL CITIES FOR SITES FOR REDEVELOPMENT.**
- Micro-Mobility Hubs - **KICK-OFF PLANNED AFTER CONTRACT SIGNED**

M. SBFN – **1:25 pm**

- Update on status of the network and the transition – **SERVICE RUNNING WITH NO PROBLEMS. LOOKING FOR NEW INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDER TO EXPAND**
- **ADDRESSING COUNTY SUSTAINABILITY PLAN**
 - **WALLY FEEDBACK – LA TIMES FEATURE ON IMAGINING LA'S FUTURE. IDEA TO URBANIZE SUBURBS IS THE THINKING EMBEDDED TODAY. IT IS NEW URBANISM OR SMART GROWTH – ANYONE YOUNGER THAN 60 LEARNED THIS.**
 - **PRINCIPLES UNDERLYING NEW URBANISM WERE BEFORE THE INTERNET OR EV'S AND NEV'S PART OF OUR SOCIETY.**
 - **CLIMATE SOLUTIONS AND OUR PROGRAMS ARE A PUSHBACK FROM NEW URBANISM – OUR PROGRAMS ARE A NEW FUTURE BECAUSE LA AND THE WAY WE LIVE IS NOW BASED ON INTERNET AND EV'S AND NEV'S HAVE A ROLE WITH SHORT TRIPS.**
 - **FUTURE OF LA IS WHAT WE DO TODAY. NEED TO GET DONE BY 2030.**
 - **COUNTY SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY – INCLUDES SOME GOOD THINGS BUT IS BASED ON THE OLD PARADIGM.**

N. Homeless Services – **1:10 pm**

- Client Aid Recap Report – **DISTRIBUTED IN SUPPLEMENTAL**
- Time Limited Subsidy Recap Report – attached (**Page 35**)

- Recap of meetings with CEO-HI, LACAHSa and others and policy issues being addressed
 - SBCCOG Measure A Program
 - LACAHSa
 - Homeless Services
 - **2 CASE STUDIES FOR OUR CLIENT AID – ON SLIDES**
 - **BOTH MEASURE A CONTRACTS SIGNED – LACAHSa & COUNTY.**

MEETING WITH COG OFFICERS – SGV AND GATEWAY – TRY TO ARRANGE

- N. Update on South Bay Environmental Services Center Activities – attached – **1:30 pm**
(Pages 37-42) - ELEANOR PRESENTED. WENT THROUGH THE REPORT

SHOW ENERGY SAVINGS FOR THEIR PROJECTS TO CITY COUNCILS

- O. Update on Senior Services – **1:40 pm**
GRANT POSSIBILITY

- P. Update on the Local Travel Network & E-Bike Safety Issues – **1:45 pm**

CARSON AND EL SEG EXECUTED THEIR FUNDING AGREEMENTS FOR LTN

SS4A LEGAL LANGUAGE BEING WORKED ON
PENINSULA PROCEEDING WITH E-BIKE SAFETY ISSUES – MORE STICKER PROGRAMS

WALLY:

- **NEW URBANISM IS ABOUT PUBLIC TRANSIT, BIKING AND**
- **WE ARE TALKING ABOUT SAVING THE SUBURBS**
- **RHNA DRIVING BY THIS NEW URBANISM STRATEGY**

- Q. Office Move Update – **1:50 pm**

- Move Memo – attached (Page 43)
- **AV SYSTEM BEING PROCURED. FINAL INVOICES COMING IN.**
- **DON'T WANT TO PASS THE MIKES – MAKE SURE THAT THERE ARE ENOUGH**
- **ACTION: Received and Filed**

VIII. STRATEGIC POSITIONING ITEMS/ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES – 1:55 pm

- **METRO SERVICE COUNCIL – ALL OTHERS MEET AT 5 OR 6 PM OR 6:30 PM. OURS MEETS AT 9:30 AM. HAVE BEEN COMPLAINTS.**
FROM METRO SERVICE COUNCIL STAFF: In terms of time, Community Relations said that meetings generally have the best attendance at or after 6p. I would suggest a 6p start time. Gateway Cities used to meet at 6p but moved to 5p as their meetings generally run approximately 2 hours. Most of their members /public take transit, and there is reduced frequency and connections after 8p for their available transit options.

MEETING SHOULD BE FOR THE PUBLIC AND IN THE EVENING – SEND A LETTER TO SERVICE COUNCIL WITH THIS DIRECTION

- **ANNOUNCE ME GONE FOR MUCH OF SEPTEMBER**
- **JANICE HAHN – FREE EVENT FOR WOMEN – GIVING TIPS – TRAILBLAZING EVENT. IN CERRITOS – THIS COMING THURSDAY @ 6 PM. OPEN TO COMMUNITY. KATRINA FOLEY AND OTHERS.**

DIERINGER’S RETIREMENT PARTY AT THE LADERA LINDA COMMUNITY CENTER – SEPT 24

- IX. NEXT STEERING COMMITTEE – Monday, September 8, 2025 @ 12:00 noon – SBCCOG office**
- X. ADJOURNMENT**