

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

Steering Committee Monday, July 14, 2025 Minutes

ATTENDEES: Bernadette Suarez, Lawndale; Bill Uphoff, Lomita; Raymond Jackson, Hermosa Beach; Rodney Tanaka, Gardena; Nina Tarnay, Manhattan Beach; Britt Huff, Rolling Hills Estates; Craig Quinn, Palos Verdes Estates; Alex Monteiro, Hawthorne; Zein Obagi, Redondo Beach; SBCCOG staff: Jacki Bacharach, Kim Fuentes, David Leger, Ronson Chu, Wally Siembab, Natalie Champion; Amanda Chapman, Fehr & Peers; Holly Osborne, Public

- I. CONFIRM THE QUORUM – 12:09 noon**
- II. REPORT OF POSTING OF THE AGENDA**
 - **ACTION:** Received and filed
- III. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF ANY CHANGES TO THE AGENDA - none**
- IV. PUBLIC COMMENT – 12:05 pm - none**
- V. CONSENT CALENDAR – action items noted, remainder are receive & file – 12:10 pm**
 - A. June 9, 2025 Steering Committee meeting minutes – attached **TANAKA/MONTEIRO**
 - **ACTION:** Approved
 - B. Fifth Amendment with McGowan Consulting for Integrated Pest Management website posting and marketing in support of the Beach Cities Watershed Management Group and the Peninsula Watershed Management Group (funds to the SBCCOG)
 - Amendment attached
 - **ACTION:** Recommended board approval
 - C. No Pending Grants - both not funded; de-briefing requested
 - Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant – Climate Adaptation Planning (SBCCOG South Bay Environmental Services Center Program Lead)
 - Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant – Sustainable Communities (Transportation Program Lead)**NEW - LA2050 GRANT FOR E-BIKE LENDING LIBRARY PLAN – EXPECT TO HEAR IN OCTOBER**
 - D. Monthly Reports – Received and Filed
 - City Attendance at SBCCOG Meetings – attached
- VI. ACTION ITEMS**
 - E. **CARSON – HICKS WILL HANDLE THIS. SUAREZ WILL COME TO A MEETING IF NEED BE**
 - F. Opportunity to Serve – **12:15 pm**
 - Vacancy on the Metro South Bay Sector Council – memo attached
 - **CHARLES DEEMER INTERESTED**
 - **ACTION:** Decide whether to solicit for an additional member – **ASK SUPERVISOR MITCHELL TO RECOMMEND A CANDIDATE FROM SOUTH CENTRAL LA**

G. REAP 2.0 – **12:20 pm**

- Housing Trust Feasibility Study
 - 2nd meeting of Advisory Committee on July 17
 - Possible changes to legislation and/or JPA – no bill this year
- Commercial Redevelopment
- Micro-Mobility Hubs Consultant Selection to be sent in the supplemental
- **ACTION:** Recommended consultant selection for Mobility Hub project to the Board – **UPHOFF/MONTEIRO**

H. Homeless Services – **12:30 pm**

- Client Aid Recap Report – attached
- **LA COUNTY HOMELESS WENT DOWN 4% - UNSHELTERED 9%**
- Recap of meetings with CEO-HI, LACAHSA and others and policy issues being addressed
- SBCCOG Measure A Program Budget – memo attached
 - LACAHSA
 - LACAHSA MOU - attached
 - LACAHSA Vendor Contracts – WLCAC/SMC; HIRO; CRCP (to be available at the Board meeting)
 - Measure A Contract/SOW (attached)
 - Draft CEO-HI SBCCOG LSF Contract (pending legal review)
 - LSF Vendor Contracts - to be sent in the supplemental
- **ACTION:** Recommended Board approval and no substantive changes – SBCCOG Measure A Program budget, LACAHSA MOU and Measure A Contract/SOW **MONTEIRO/UPHOFF**

I. Legislation – **12:45 pm**

- Legislative Matrix & 2 Year Bills – attached
- August 14 is the Legislative Briefing – remote only
- **ACTION:** Recommend that the Board change position on AB 1154 from oppose to monitor - **LEAVE OPPOSE**
- **HELP WITH SHORT TERM RENTALS- NEED TO DETERMINE IF, WHEN AND HOW – BILLIONAIRES PUSHING BACK - JACKSON**

J. Office Move Items – **12:50 pm**

- Audio Vision Equipment for the Board room– to be sent in the supplemental
 - **ACTION:** Recommended Board approval for the recommendation **\$68,115.85 - SHARP – UPHOFF/TANAKA**

K. Board Meeting Agenda Development – **1:00 pm**

- July – draft attached
 - Housing Trust Update
 - Civic Spark Fellows Project Overviews
 - **WALLY’S TEASER RE: AI**
- August
 - Wally and Kim – SBCCOG Sustainability Program
- September
 - WSPA re: impacts of some of the refinery closures (both confirmed and rumored) on the state and particularly the South Bay

- 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 – set date after General Assembly
 - **OLYMPICS UPDDATE**

L. November Steering Committee meeting date – **1:05 pm**

- For the past few years, we have confirmed the date of the November Steering Committee because it has been the observance of Veteran's Day. This year, the Steering Committee is on Monday, November 10. The holiday will be Tuesday, November 11.
- Also, because the Board meeting is the 3rd Thursday, November 20, it would give the staff more time to prepare the agenda if the Steering Committee was November 3.
- **ACTION:** Keep regular date of November 10 or change to November 3. – **CONSENSUS FOR NOVEMBER 3**
- **PRE-AUTHORIZE EXPENSES IN OCTOBER THAT WE CAN**

M. HR Compensation and Classification Study – **1:10 pm**

- Staff would like to do a compensation and classification study. Previous studies have been in house and with the growth of programs and staff in the organization, an outside study is proposed.
- 3 proposals were received but since they just arrived, we will be sending them in the supplemental mailout with a recommendation
- **ACTION:** Recommend **ED** that the Board approve the staff-selected HR firm – **TANAKA/JACKSON**

N. Election Procedures – **1:20 pm**

- This item was requested by a board member to be considered– to develop a policy on election of officers. Items to be included:
 - Selection to have a nominating committee if no candidates come forward
 - Every candidate to be given an opportunity to make a 3 minute speech
 - Using a **secret WRITTEN** ballot for a contested positions and announcing the vote as legally required
 - Other?
- **ACTION:** Review the items and direct staff to bring back a policy on election procedures at the August meeting – **BRING POLICY BACK. ALL CANDIDATES SPEAK. STILL NOMINATING COMMITTEE.**

O. Approval of Invoices – to be sent in supplemental distribution – **1:30 pm**

- **ACTION:** Approve **D** invoices for payment **UPHOFF/TANAKA**

DUES THAT WE HAVE RECEIVED AS OF JULY 9: HAWTHORNE, INGLEWOOD, LAWNSDALE, PALOS VERDES ESTATES, RANCHO PALOS VERDES, TORRANCE, LA COUNTY.

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS

P. SBFN – **1:35 pm**

- Update on status of the network and the transition

Q. Update on South Bay Environmental Services Center Activities – attached – **1:40 pm**
CLEAN POWER ALLIANCE MEETING – VERY INTERESTED IN JOINING. MIGHT BE NEXT YEAR, NOT THIS YEAR. – BRING BACK A POLICY ON WHAT A PARTNER IS.

BIODIVERSITY GRANT POSSIBLE

R. Update on Senior Services – **1:45 pm**
■ Meeting July 22

S. Update on the Local Travel Network & E-Bike Safety Issues – **1:50 pm**

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

- **LA DIVISION MEETING – IN PALOS VERDES ESTATES – AUGUST 7 – PLEASE COME.**
- **UPHOFF GOING TO NLC TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE**
- **JACKSON – WANTS TO DE-MYSTIFY COASTAL COMMISSION – MEETING TO LA IN OCTOBER – MAYBE A WORKSHOP AT THAT TIME WITH THE COG – ASK KIERNAN TO HELP**
- **QUINN – WHAT IMPACT IS ICE ACTIVITY HAVING?**
- **CHU – SEEKING CLIENT AID FOR THE RENT. THIS POPULATION DOESN'T SEE GOVERNMENT SERVICES – NOT A LOT.**
- **JULY 31 – LAX/TRANSIT CENTER**

IX. NEXT STEERING COMMITTEE – Monday, August 11, 2025 @ 12:00 noon – SBCCOG office

X. ADJOURNMENT