

SBACC Board of Directors August 5th Meeting Report -

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Introductions and Announcements

The meeting began with introductions and announcements, including the SBCCOG providing updates on the new meeting location and technology setup. Andy Sywak from Metro then presented details on the new shuttle system to SoFi Stadium and the opening of the LAX Metro Transit Center.

Federal Legislative Update

Jennings Imel from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce provided an update on federal legislative priorities, including concerns around tariffs and the recently passed tax bill. He encouraged members to share stories and feedback from their businesses to help with advocacy efforts.

State Legislative Update

Jeff Kiernan from the League of California Cities and Charles Gale from the Metropolitan Water District discussed state-level legislation, including an update on AB 580 regarding surface mining and the governor's focus on the Delta Conveyance Project. Cody Bridges from Assemblymember Muratsuchi's office also provided an update on state bills.

AI Regulation Concerns

The group discussed concerns around new and emerging AI regulations, including the risk-based approach, challenges with national/international consistency, and the potential impact on small businesses using AI tools. The SBCCOG opposed several bills in this area.

Water Decoupling Legislation

The group discussed support for SB 473, which would decouple water agency revenue from water usage, helping to stabilize rates while promoting conservation. Kimberly Caballero from California Water Service provided an update on the bill's status.

Website and Membership Updates

Henry Rogers provided an overview of the new website and membership portal features, which will allow members to manage their accounts, renew memberships, and track event attendance and donations.

Upcoming Events

The group discussed plans for the upcoming South Bay Summer Mixer on October 6th, including the venue, timing, sponsorship levels, and outreach to local elected officials. They also confirmed the date change for the September meeting.

Financial Report

Julia Parton from Malaga Bank provided the financial report, highlighting the organization's strong cash position, revenue growth, and strategic balance sheet cleanup.

Closing and Next Steps

The meeting concluded with additional announcements, including an update on the AT&T sponsorship bill, and a reminder of the next meeting on September 9th at the WISPA offices (970 W. 190th Street, Torrance 90503).