

SBCCOG BOARD MEETINGS: ATTENDANCE 2025

City	July - 24	August - 24	September - 24	October - 24	November – 24	January - 25	February - 25	April - 25
Carson			Hicks	Hicks (AB 2449 virtual)	Hicks			
El Segundo	Pirsztuk			Pimentel (AB 2449 virtual)			Giroux	
Gardena	Tanaka	Tanaka	Tanaka	Tanaka	Tanaka	Tanaka	Tanaka	
Hawthorne			Monteiro	Monteiro	Monteiro	Monteiro	Monteiro	
Hermosa Beach	Massey	Massey	Massey	Massey Jackson (alt)	Massey	Jackson	Jackson	
Inglewood	Butts		Butts	Butts	Butts	Faulk (AB 2449 virtual)		
Lawndale	Suarez	Suarez	Suarez (AB 2449 virtual)	Suarez	Suarez	Suarez	Suarez	
Lomita	Waite	Uphoff	Uphoff	Uphoff Waite (alt)	Waite	Waite		
Los Angeles		McOsker		McOsker			X	
Manhattan Beach	Lesser	Lesser	Lesser	Lesser	Lesser	Lesser		
Palos Verdes Estates	Lozzi	Lozzi	Murdock	Lozzi	Lozzi	Quinn	Quinn	
Rancho Palos Verdes	Cruikshank	Cruikshank	Cruikshank	Cruikshank	Cruikshank		Bradley	
Redondo Beach	Obagi	Obagi	Obagi	Obagi	Obagi		Obagi	
Rolling Hills	Wilson Dieringer (alt)		Dieringer	Dieringer		Dieringer	Dieringer	
Rolling Hills Estates	Stegura	Huff	Huff	Stegura	Stegura	Stegura	Stegura	
Torrance	Mattucci	Mattucci	Kaji	Kaji	Mattucci			
County of Los Angeles-2nd District	Ruiz- Delgado		Ruiz-Delgado	Shamdasani	Ruiz-Delgado	Waldron (virtual – non voting)	Waldron	
County of Los Angeles- 4th District			LaMarque	Hahn Klipp (Alt)		LaMarque		
Number of Active Members	18	18	18	18	18	18	17	
Quorum Required (50% +1)	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	
Number of Members Attending	14	11	16	18	14	12	11	

For informational purposes:								
Number of members present	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Number of affirmative votes required for action	7	7	8	8	9	9	10	10

This grey chart (number of members present/number of affirmative votes required for action) is just a reference chart and doesn't have anything to do with the actual attendance from the chart above.

**SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2025
HELD VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM & IN-PERSON AT THE SBCCOG OFFICE
2355 CRENSHAW BLVD. SUITE 125, TORRANCE, CA 90501
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I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Rodney Tanaka of Gardena called the SBCCOG Board of Directors meeting to order at 6:05 pm

II. & III. CONFIRM POSTING OF THE AGENDA

Ms. Bacharach confirmed the posting of the agenda.

In attendance were the following voting elected officials:

Lance Giroux, El Segundo	Bernadette Suarez, Lawndale
Rodney Tanaka, Gardena	Craig Quinn, Palos Verdes Estates
Alexandre Monteiro, Hawthorne	Debby Stegura, Rolling Hills Estates
Ray Jackson, Hermosa Beach	Bea Dieringer, Rolling Hills
David Bradley, Rancho Palos Verdes	
Zein Obagi, Redondo Beach	
Jessalyn Waldron, LA County D-2	

Other Elected Officials in Attendance

Paige Kaluderovic, Redondo Beach

Also, in attendance were the following persons:

Andy Sywak, Metro	Lara Gerges, SBCCOG
Holly Osborne, South Bay Resident	Colleen Farrell, SBCCOG
Christina Lopez, South Coast AQMD	David Leger, SBCCOG
Colleen Villegas	Jacki Bacharach, SBCCOG
McKenzie Neely-Wright, AT&T	Natalie Champion, SBCCOG
Mike Bohlke, Metro	Ronson Chu, SBCCOG
Pamela Manning, Transtech Engineers	Kim Fuentes, SBCCOG
Stephen Sawyer, Charter Communications	
Addy Ajijolaiya, SBCCOG	
Miranda Werts, SBCCOG	

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF ANY CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None were stated.

V.COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Christina Lopez, Senior Public Affairs Specialist with South Coast AQMD, provided an update on proposed amendment rules 1111 and 1121. She announced a revised approach aimed at addressing public concerns regarding consumer choice of either gas or zero emission water heating units and the economic impacts on establishing manufacturer requirements for the sale of such appliances. She invited attendees to Public Consultation Meetings scheduled for March 6, March 21st and April 18th to discuss the proposed amendments and gather community feedback.

The flyer is accessible here: <https://cdn.southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/03214316/Tech-Showcase-Flyer-2025.pdf>

McKenzie Neely-Wright of AT&T reported on AB 470, a bill introduced by Assemblymember Tina McKinnor. This bill is similar to last year's bill, but with a new focus on network transformation. She noted that a February meeting addressed the transition from legacy to fiber infrastructure, outlining a multi-year phased implementation in coordination with the FCC and key partners.

The flyer is accessible here: https://cdn.southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/03214249/CCF_Reform-Principles_FINAL_2.13.25.pdf

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. January 23, 2025 minutes (attachments) – Approved

B. Measure R Annual Program Update (attachment) – Approved

Note: The City of LA request for MR312.48 was removed subsequent to the Transportation Committee action

C. Measure M MSP Annual Program Update & Creation of the Local Allocation Program (attachment) – Approved

D. MOU with LA County Internal Services Committee re: Decarbonization Direct Install Program (attachment) – Approved

E. Legislative Matrix (attachment) – Approved

1. Support – AB259

F. SBCCOG Monthly Reports – Received and Filed

1. City Attendance at SBCCOG Meetings (attachment)

2. Client Aid Report (attachment)

3. Media Report (attachment)

4. Transportation Report (attachment)

Ms. Bacharach presented an overview of the reports included in the Consent Calendar, with particular emphasis on the Attendance and Monthly reports. She explained the purpose of these documents is to provide timely updates to the Board and noted that the city attendance sheet for SBCCOG meetings was specifically created at the Board's request. Ms. Bacharach also discussed the Client Aid report during her presentation, noting that the SBCCOG is one of the only COGs that gives out emergency, same-day funds to the homeless through their case managers. She also provided an overview of the Media Report and Transportation Reports. She acknowledged the newest Board members who introduce themselves i- SBCCOG Board Members Lance Giroux, Craig Quinn, and Jessalyn Waldron.

MOTION by Board Member Monteiro, seconded by Board Member Obagi, to **APPROVE** the Consent Calendar. No Abstention. No Objections. **MOTION Passes.**

VII. PRESENTATIONS

A. Recognition for Harold Williams, former West Basin Municipal Water District member
Former West Basin MWD member Harold Williams was recognized for his service by WBMWD staff member Guz Mesa, who highlighted his contributions to the South Bay and the partnerships developed under his leadership. SBCCOG Deputy Director Kim Fuentes presented Mesa with a certificate and pen set to honor Harold Williams' legacy and public service which he will deliver to Mr. Williams. Additionally, it was acknowledged that Tommy Fava, a Carson resident was appointed by the WBMWD Board to represent Division 1 as the new director. Mr. Fava currently serves as a business development manager for the local union.

B. Measure A Five-Year Goals for Homeless Services

Paige Kaluderovic, Redondo Beach Councilmember and South Bay representative on the LA Executive Committee on Homeless Regional Alignment (ECHRA), presented Measure A goals, highlighting the target of a 30 percent reduction in unsheltered homelessness and increased permanent housing placements. She discussed affordable housing development dependent on federal funding, new data tracking tools, substance use disorder services, and homelessness prevention efforts now under the newly created Los Angeles County Affordable Housing Solutions Agency (LACAHSa). Board Member Bradley questioned the prioritization of goals, suggesting prevention should take precedence, and expressed concern about focusing on symptoms rather than underlying mental health and substance use issues. Ms. Kaluderovic acknowledged the cost efficiency of prevention strategies. SBCCOG Staff member Addy clarified that Goal 2 would be implemented through LA County Mental Health Department and LACAHSa. Board Member Giroux raised concerns about LACAHSa's management structure, noting that while funding exists, strategic implementation remains challenging. It was noted that LACAHSa is developing its strategic plan but has expressed apprehension about taking on prevention responsibilities due to the need to establish the new agency.

SBCCOG Staff Addy Ajijolaiya presented the Measure A Allocation and how the SBCCOG is positioned to receive Local Solutions Funds. She noted that the allocation of funds from Measure A is called out in the ballot measure and determines how funds are allocated. The Measure A revenue allocation for homelessness services totals \$1,076,076,350. Ms. Ajijolaiya explained that after deducting 0.5% (\$5,380,382) for collection and distribution costs, the remaining \$1,070,695,968 is allocated across four main categories, including Comprehensive Homelessness Services (60%) at \$642,417,581 of which the Local Solutions Fund (15%) totals \$96,362,637. Board Member Quinn inquired about affordable housing projects and the increased housing needs following recent fires. Ms. Kaluderovic confirmed the greater demand, while Chair Tanaka noted that Measure A funds will support fire victims, though housing vouchers face potential federal cuts.

Additionally, SBCCOG Staff Miranda Wert outlined various allocation scenarios for the Local Solutions Fund, with Scenario 4 potentially providing the highest allocation for the SBCCOG. Ms. Bacharach suggested that we would seek to meet with other agencies, including Long Beach and LA City, to present a unified plan to LA County. Several members discussed the negotiation process, with Ms. Bacharach emphasizing a subregional approach. Ms. Kaluderovic noted these were five-year goals and questioned allocation revisions. Board Member Obagi raised concerns about the SBCCOG's position compared to current funding and its previous stance on Measure A. Ms. Kaluderovic advocated for the SBCCOG's involvement in the decision-making process, citing lack of outcome visibility and accountability. The Board expressed concerns about priorities shifting due to the fires, realistic metrics, and affordable housing construction targets. Ms. Wert also discussed a letter to Supervisor Mitchell which advocates for the adoption of Scenario 4 for Measure A's Local Solutions Fund allocation. The letter is accessible here: https://cdn.southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/27171212/HANDOUT_Measure-A-LSF-Scenario-4-Letter-Supervisor-Mitchell.pdf Scenario 4 uses a two-year point-in-time count average and deeply impoverished families data that the SBCCOG argues is a more equitable formula as it addresses gaps in PIT count data on families, minimizes funding volatility, and prevents a potential 25% funding decrease for the South Bay region, while also suggesting that other portions of Measure A funding should be available for demonstrably effective local homelessness programs. Board Member Obagi recommended addressing the letter to all the LA County Board of Supervisors and LA City Mayor Bass, in addition to including language demonstrating support from other COGs and regions.

MOTION by Board Member Obagi, seconded by Board Member Monteiro, to **AUTHORIZE** the letter from the SBCCOG to advocate for CEO-HI's proposed Scenario 4 formula, with the requested amendments, to be sent to the LA County Board of Supervisors and LA City Mayor Karen Bass. No Objections. Abstention from Board Member Waldron. **MOTION Passes**.

VIII. SBCCOG PROGRAM ACTION ITEMS, REPORTS AND UPDATE

A. Mid Year Budget (*attachment*) – Approved

SBCCOG Staff Lara Gerges presented a PowerPoint on the budget summary and projections, noting that revenues and expenditures will increase by \$25,000 due to the new decarbonization contract. She explained that revenue primarily comes from grants and contracts (88%), followed by membership dues (7%) and general fund reserves (5%). Ms. Gerges highlighted revenue changes including interest income, Metro REAP, SCAG REAP 2.0, Measure M MSP, and the new residential direct installation decarbonization contract. On the expenditure side, she reported reductions in salaries and benefits, with increases in contractual services and costs related to the move and rent increase. Ms. Gerges also discussed new contracts including Metro REAP 2.0, SCAG 2.0, and pending grants such as the Caltrans Adaptation and Sustainability grant and the Safe Streets 4 All grant.

MOTION by Board Member Obagi, seconded by Board Member Jackson, to **APPROVE** the Mid-Year Budget. No Abstentions. No Objections. **MOTION Passes**.

B. General Assembly

Ms. Bacharach provided details about the upcoming event's speakers and thematic elements. She noted that former LA County Supervisor Don Knabe will attend discussing the organization's history and accomplishments. The event will feature a city simulator tool to assist with infrastructure protection planning and failure prevention. Additional topics will include energy efficiency, digital access, future initiatives, the blue economy, and mobility issues. Ms. Bacharach highlighted that a youth panel made up of SBCCOG Civic Spark Fellows and SBCCOG staff will share perspectives on desirable city attributes for future residents. When discussing event logistics, Ms. Bacharach proposed making lunch free for attendees and received agreement from the Board. Board Member Dieringer inquired about funding the General Assembly and Ms. Bacharach shared that \$58,000 has been secured through sponsorships to go toward event costs to date.

C. SBESC Projects and Programs (*attachment*)

Deputy Director Kim Fuentes reported on a productive meeting with SoCal Gas partners regarding energy efficiency initiatives. The session included facility staff, utility representatives, and school districts to discuss available programs, particularly those supporting transitions from gas-powered to electric equipment through preferred contractors. She noted the success of an El Segundo meeting where a facility equipment inventory was conducted; this list will be submitted to SoCal REN to identify improvements eligible for incentive programs, with lighting being a primary focus. Ms. Fuentes explained that projects under \$3,000 can generate savings for cities, and they are seeking similar opportunities across all member cities. She mentioned that three school districts still need board approval to participate, and highlighted additional funding received from a partner. She also reported on the formation of a new energy management working group that will explore potential energy efficiency projects. She emphasized the importance of enrolling more agencies in the SoCal REN program to improve access to energy incentive programs.

D. Homeless Services

No updates were provided since there was a presentation and discussion on the Measure A Five-Year Goals for Homeless Services.

E. Senior Services

Ms. Bacharach shared the SBCCOG focus on senior emergency preparedness, which includes a \$25,000 grant application to AARP in partnership with Beach Cities Health District. The funding would support emergency preparedness programs specifically designed for seniors.

F. South Bay Fiber Network

Ms. Bacharach discussed the sale of the South Bay Fiber Network to RSG Telecom, which has already met with 11 SBCCOG member cities. It was noted that the SBCCOG must approve the final purchase, and this item will be brought back to the Board for consideration. She also announced the 88 Cities Summit scheduled from 8 am to 4 pm on March 19th at the Torrance Arts and Cultural Center and that the SBCCOG will be a featured panel discussing fiber digital equity with participation from Ms. Bacharach, Wally Siembab, representatives of the new owner and Gardena Councilmember Mark Henderson.

G. Transportation Reports

1. Transportation Committee Report

SBCCOG Staff David Leger provided an update on the February Transportation Committee Meeting, noting that the upcoming meeting will feature a presentation from Glide Rail. Executive Director Jacki Bacharach discussed the \$130 million South Bay I-405 Curve project, explaining that while the SBCCOG had initially planned to contribute \$30 million in matching funds, they recently discovered that no other agencies are providing financial support. This would require the SBCCOG to be solely responsible for the entire \$130 million construction cost and any payment obligations to Caltrans. Ms. Bacharach indicated that this issue will be addressed at the next Transportation Committee meeting.

2. Metro Report – Board member James Butts/Mike Bohlke

Mike Bohlke provided an update from the Metro meeting, focusing on two key issues: the continuation of the weapons detection pilot and Phase 2 of the faregate retrofit. He noted that the Metro Board discussed the Hahn Motion, which directs staff to expand the deployment of the “pillar-type” weapons detection system at additional high-traffic transit stations for another 12 months. This AI-based system allows for concealed weapon detection without stopping passengers but has shown a high rate of false positives, necessitating additional security staff for secondary screenings. Mr. Bohlke shared that staff also tested firearm detection through video analytics, which may integrate into Metro’s upgraded digital systems. Regarding faregates, Metro staff recommended expanding the use of taller faregates at 11 additional stations to address fare evasion and improve security. These new gates will feature precise motion sensors, electromechanical locks, and large color-coded displays to detect and alert staff to unauthorized entries. The taller gates are also designed to improve accessibility and allow integration with advanced security technologies.

In terms of ridership and safety, Andy Sywak of Metro reported 26 consecutive months of ridership growth, with 242 million bus boardings and 68 million train boardings in 2024. Crime is reportedly down, and Metro has fully enclosed bus operator areas for safety. Bus lane enforcement systems are in place, issuing fines to violators using camera systems. He also shared that construction has begun on Express Lanes on the I-105 from El Segundo to Central Avenue, with night closures planned.

3. Micromobility Programs and Projects

Local Travel Network - Ms. Bacharach shared the SBCCOG is working to bring the LTN to Gardena.

E-Bike Safety Issues - No updates were provided.

H. REAP 2 Updates

Ms. Bacharach shared that the SBCCOG is exploring opportunities to increase housing development in the South Bay, including in Carson and Hawthorne, with a focus on expanding mobility hubs in the region. An RFP is being prepared, with a selection date targeted for March. SBCCOG staff will also prepare and release RFPs for the REAP 2.2 commercial redevelopment for housing grant.

I. Office Space

Mr. Leger reported ongoing discussions with the real estate agent regarding potentially adding additional office space at the proposed location. The expansion would provide a larger board room and offer storefront access from the parking lot. Options being considered include combining two spaces and exploring subleasing opportunities. He anticipates presenting a formal agreement for Board review in April. The Board directed SBCCOG staff to continue negotiations on the potential new office space and provide an update at the next meeting.

J. Legislative Briefing

Ms. Bacharach noted the upcoming February 28th Meet and Greet with Legislators and shared confirmations for LA County Supervisor Hahn, Assemblymembers Muratsuchi and McKinnor and Senator Allen.

K. Opportunity to Serve

Ms. Bacharach shared that nominations for the SCAG Regional Council, Metro Service Council and the South Bay Chambers of Commerce close tomorrow.

IX. UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Tanaka requested that the Board submit their evaluations for Ms. Bacharach's annual review by March 5th and that a reminder be sent out so that he can provide a report. Board Member Dieringer shared that on March 6th, from 6:00 to 8:30 a.m., she will attend the League of California Cities meeting to discuss fire recovery at the SoCal Edison facility in Torrance. Board Member Waldron shared that the Measure G Task Force is seeking local leadership and noted that she will share this information with Ms. Bacharach.

X. AGENCY REPORTS

NOTE: Oral reports will only be made to clarify or amplify written reports

- A. League of California Cities & LA Division Legislative Committee (Britt Huff, Jeff Kiernan, Bea Dieringer) (*attachment*)
- B. AQMD update (Brandee Keith) (*attachment*)
- C. SCAG update (Erik Rodriguez) (*attachment*)
 - 1. Regional Council (Mark Henderson, Jim Gazeley, Drew Boyles) (*attachment*)
 - 2. Community, Economic, and Human Development (Mark Henderson, Drew Boyles, Mark Waronek)
 - 3. Transportation (Jim Gazeley, Bridgett Lewis)
 - 4. Energy and Environment (Britt Huff)
- D. County Department of Public Health (Alicia Chang) (*attachment*)
- E. Metro Service Council (Don Szerlip) (*attachment*)
- F. South Bay Aerospace Alliance (Bill Uphoff/Rodney Tanaka)
- G. Area G Emergency Management (Brandy Villanueva) (*attachment*)
- H. South Bay Workforce Investment Board (Chris Cagle)
- I. Baldwin Hills and Urban Watersheds Conservancy (Katrina Manning)

- J. Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission (Dean Francois/ VACANT)
- K. South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce (Barry Waite)
- L. California Association of Councils of Governments – CALCOG (Britt Huff)

XI.ADJOURNMENT

Chair Tanaka adjourned the meeting at 8:32 pm until the next Board Meeting on Thursday, April 24, 2025, at 6 pm at the SBCCOG office.

Respectfully Submitted:
Natalie Champion
SBCCOG Staff