

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

Steering Committee Monday, June 9, 2025 Minutes

Attendees: Bernadette Suarez, First Vice-Chair (Lawndale); Cedric Hicks (Carson); Ray Jackson (Hermosa Beach); Barry Waite (Lomita); Nina Tarnay (Manhattan Beach); Zein Obagi (Redondo Beach); Britt Huff (Rolling Hills Estates); Jon Kaji (Torrance); Jacki Bacharach, Kim Fuentes, Wally Siembab, David Leger, Natalie Champion, Lara Gerges, Ronson Chu, Jake Romoff, Anne Tsai (SBCCOG); Karen Nobrega, Karen Herrera (CalConsulting); Holly Osborne (Public)

I. CONFIRM THE QUORUM – 12:00 noon

II. REPORT OF POSTING OF THE AGENDA

- **ACTION:** Receive and file

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF ANY CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT – 12:00 pm

HOLLY OSBORNE, RESIDENT, EMPHASIZED THE NEED FOR CLARIFICATION ON THE WIDTH OF THE ROW (RIGHT-OF-WAY) AND REQUESTED AN ENGINEER'S INPUT.

KAREN HERRERA, REPRESENTING CALIFORNIA CONSULTING, INTRODUCED THEIR GRANT WRITING SERVICES AND COMPLIANCE SUPPORT FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, HIGHLIGHTING THEIR SUCCESS IN SECURING GRANTS FOR VARIOUS CITIES.

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

A. May 12, 2025 Steering Committee meeting minutes – attached (Pages 5-10)

- **ACTION:** Approved

B. Homeless Services Contract Amendments

- Memo – attached (Pages 11-25)
- **ACTION:** Recommended Board Approval

C. FY 25-26 Contract with Siembab Corporation – attached (Pages 27-34)

- **ACTION:** Recommended Board Approval

D. Contract with West Basin Municipal Water District for FY25-26 (payment to the SBCCOG)

- Agreement attached expires June 30, 2026, \$171,370
- **ACTION:** Recommended Board Approval

E. Chamber of Commerce Memberships

- Memo – attached (Pages 35-36)
- **ACTION:** Recommended Board Approval

F. Pending Grants that have been submitted

- Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant – Climate Adaptation Planning (SBCCOG South Bay Environmental Services Center Program Lead) – awards spring or later

- Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant – Sustainable Communities (Transportation Program Lead) – awards expected spring or later

G. Monthly Reports – Receive and File

- City Attendance at SBCCOG Meetings – attached (Page 37)

VI. ACTION ITEMS

H. Office Move Items – 12:20 pm

- Update Memo – attached (Pages 39-40)
- Network Cabling & Information on Audio-Visual System – memo attached
- **ACTION:** ApproveD the cabling and discuss the audio-visual/teleconferencing proposals and report to the Board **JACKSON/TARNAY**
- **THE NEW AUDIO-VISUAL SYSTEM FOR THE BOARDROOM SHARP PROPOSAL EXCEEDS \$70,000. STAFF DECIDED TO SEEK ADDITIONAL QUOTES FOR THE AV SYSTEM.**
- **PROPOSAL FOR REMOVING EQUIPMENT FROM THE CURRENT OFFICE WAS APPROVED. IT WAS AGREED TO HOLD IN-PERSON MEETINGS TEMPORARILY UNTIL A NEW AV SYSTEM IS SELECTED, AS THE CURRENT SYSTEM IS OUTDATED AND AFFECTS SOUND QUALITY. THE NEW OFFICE LEASE IS FOR 7 YEARS WITH AN OPTION TO RENEW.**
- **COMPLETE OFFICE MOVE BY JULY 14 STEERING COMMITTEE MTG**

I. Homeless Services – 12:35 pm

- Client Aid Recap Report – attached (Page 41-42)
- Recap of meetings with CEO-HI, LACAHSa and others and policy issues being addressed
- Review of comments to be submitted on the LACAHSa guidelines
- **CONCERN THAT NEW COUNTY GUIDELINES MIGHT ELIMINATE IPORTANT SERVICES LIKE HOMELESS COURT AND RESTRIT RENT SUBSIDIES. SBCCOG MAKING COMMENTS**
- **CONCERN EXPRESSED BY MEMBER KAJI RE: TORRANCE OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED HOME KEY PROJECT.**
- **DISCUSSED CRIMINAL RECORD CLEARING PROJECTS AND THE NEED TO ADVOCATE FOR FUNDING THROUGH LA CASA, AS THE COUNTY HAS CURTAILED THESE PROGRAMS AT THE SERVICE LEVEL.**
- **CONCERNS ABOUT A NEW COUNTY ENTITY BEING FORMED, EMPHASIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF AVOIDING DUPLICATE SYSTEMS AND ADVOCATING FOR THEIR PERSPECTIVE IN UPCOMING MEETINGS AND FEEDBACK PERIODS.**
- **ACTION:** Provide direction **PREPARE LETTERS RE: CONCERNS FOR CITIES TO POTENTIALLY USE AS TEMPLATES**

J. Legislation – 12:55 pm

- Legislative Matrix – attached (Pages 43-50)
- July Legislative Briefing postpone due to office move? Reschedule for August?
- **ACTION:** RecommendED that the Board support AB 726 – **OBAGI/HUFF**
 - **AB 726 WOULD ALLOW CITIES TO CLAIM CREDIT IN THEIR ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORTS FOR PRESERVING EXISTING AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS.**
 - **AGREED TO RESCHEDULE THE LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING FROM JULY TO AUGUST 14TH, POTENTIALLY AS A HYBRID ZOOM MEETING.**

K. Board Meeting Agenda Development – 1:00 pm

- June – draft agenda – attached (Pages 51-53) - @ NAKAOKA CENTER IN GARDENA
 - Election of Officers
 - **COORDINATE WITH WAYMO FOR POTENTIAL PRESENTATION**
- July
 - Housing Trust Update
 - Civic Spark Fellows Project Overviews
- Potential Speakers
 - Mayor Bass – invite us to Getty House
 - Andrew Dermanoski, Colonel, USSF, LAAFB
- Special meeting possibilities
 - **OLYMPICS PLANNING PRESENTATION**
 - **TOUR OF LAX/METRO TRANSIT FACILITY**
 - **TOUR OF PEOPLEMOVER WHEN IT OPENS IN JANUARY**
 - Alta Sea Wave Project
 - Sanitation District Water Treatment Plant Tour
 - Harbor-UCLA Tour of new facilities – set date after General Assembly

L. Draft FY25-26 Budget – 1:05 pm

- Summary presentation slides & budget – attached (Pages 55-74)
- **ACTION:** Provide further direction and recommendED board approval **JACKSON/HICKS KEY CHANGES INCLUDED INCREASES IN GRANTS AND CONTRACTS, SALARIES, AND BENEFITS. THERE ARE SEVERAL PENDING GRANTS, INCLUDING A POTENTIAL SS4A GRANT AND TWO CALTRANS GRANTS. THERE IS ALSO A NEW GRANT APPLICATION TO LA 2050 FOR SENIOR MOBILITY INITIATIVES. DUE TO THE RECENT INCREASE IN HOMELESS SERVICES FUNDING, IT WILL BE ADDED TO THE BUDGET WHEN THE PROGRAMS ARE BETTER DEFINED.**

M. Auditing Firm Recommendation – 1:10 pm

- Memo distributed separately – CHALLENGE OF FINDING A FIRM BECAUSE OF OUR SIZE
- **ACTION:** RecommendED Board Approval – **KAJI/SUAREZ**

N. Approval of Invoices – to be sent in supplemental distribution – 1:15 pm

- **ACTION:** Approved invoices for payment **JACKSON/HUFF**

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS

O. Update on South Bay Environmental Services Center Activities – attached – 1:20 pm (Pages 75-82)

- **COORDINATE WITH CLEAN POWER ALLIANCE TO ESTABLISH FORMAL PARTNERSHIP WITH SBCCOG**
- **SEVERAL ONGOING PROJECTS, INCLUDING A COMMERCIAL DIRECT INSTALL PROGRAM FOCUSING ON ENERGY EFFICIENCY AUDITS IN GARDENA, WHICH HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL WITH NO-COST INSTALLATIONS FOR BUSINESSES.**
- **COMPLETED GREENHOUSE GAS REPORTS FOR NINE CITIES AND ARE WORKING WITH FOUR CITIES ON RESILIENCY HUBS, WHILE ALSO HANDLING AB 802 COMPLIANCE REPORTS FOR 15 CITIES.**
- **THE TEAM DECIDED NOT TO PROCEED WITH A CALIFORNIA GREEN BUSINESS NETWORK CONTRACT DUE TO LIABILITY CONCERNS, AND THEY ADJUSTED**

**STAFFING BY MOVING A CIVIC SPARK FELLOW BACK TO THE PROGRAM WHILE
RETAINING ZORAN AS A PART-TIME EMPLOYEE FOR SPECIFIC PROJECTS.**

P. REAP 2.0 – 1:30 pm

- Housing Trust Feasibility Study
 - 2nd meeting of Advisory Committee on May 22
 - Working with Jenkins and consultant re: possible changes to legislation and/or JPA
 - **HOUSING TRUST NEEDS ASSESSMENT REVEALED A SIGNIFICANT FUNDING GAP OF OVER \$1 BILLION ANNUALLY, LEADING TO CONCERNS ABOUT THE FEASIBILITY OF IMPLEMENTING THE REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT.**
- Micro-Mobility Hubs update
 - **COORDINATE WITH CITY STAFF TO FIND MEMBERS FOR REVIEW OF RFPS RECEIVED**
- Commercial Redevelopment
 - **FINALIZE CONTRACT WITH CONSULTANT FOR JUNE 15 KICKOFF MEETING**

Q. SBFN – 1:40 pm

WORK WITH CITY MANAGERS TO CONDUCT NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND ASSET INVENTORY FOR SOUTH BAY FIBER NETWORK EXPANSION

R. Update on Senior Services – 1:45 pm

DID NOT RECEIVE AN AARP GRANT FOR EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PROGRAMS. WILL EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF WORKING WITH THE COUNTY TO CREATE A CALL SYSTEM FOR SENIORS DURING EMERGENCIES.

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

PREPARE REVISED BUDGET INCLUDING POTENTIAL \$400,000 SS4A GRANT FOR BOARD MEETING AFTER THURSDAY'S FEDERAL MEETING

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

IX. NEXT STEERING COMMITTEE – Monday, July 14, 2025 @ 12:00 noon – SBCCOG office

X. ADJOURNMENT – 1:40 PM