

## **South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce**

### **Board Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** June 3, 2025

#### **Attendees (In Person):**

- Kimberly Caceres, Chair (PBF Energy)
- Mark Warneck, Past Chair Advisor (M&M Consulting Group)
- Chloe Tachivana (Assembly Member Muratsuchi's office)
- Mara Santos, CEO (Redondo Beach Chamber of Commerce)
- David Leger (South Bay Cities Council of Governments)
- Henry Rogers (SBACC staff)
- Barry Waite (SBCCOG)
- McKenzie Neely-Wright (AT&T)

#### **Attendees (Virtual):**

- Maria Camacho (Los Angeles Rams)
- Heidi Butzine (Lomita Chamber of Commerce)
- Marilyn (Peninsula Chamber)
- Aurelia Friedman (Congressman Lieu's office)
- Brandee Keith (South Coast Air Quality Management District)
- Chad (LAX Postal)
- Donna Duperron (Torrance Chamber)
- Alicia Mendez (Metropolitan Water District)
- Gabriela Medina (SoCalGas)
- George Kivett (Wilmington Chamber)
- McKenzie (AT&T)
- Patty Senecal (WSPA)
- Sherry (Continental Development)
- Tracy Maestro (Cal Water)
- Laura Kenya (note taker)
- Aura Ahn (Supervisor Holly Mitchell's office)
- Charles Gale (Metropolitan Water District)
- Various other attendees

**Welcome and Introductions:** Henry Rogers conducted virtual introductions, and Chair Caceres led in-person introductions. Special welcome was extended to Mara Silvers as the new CEO of the Redondo Beach Chamber of Commerce, who shared her 16-year history with the Chamber, including her background through the One Stop program.

#### **Guest Speakers:**

*Metropolitan Water District Pure Water Program* Elisa Mendez from Metropolitan Water District presented the Pure Water Southern California program, a regional recycled water initiative to develop 150 million gallons per day of purified water. Key highlights:

- Partnership with LA County Sanitation Districts at Carson facility
- \$8.5 billion program cost with significant funding secured
- Economic benefits: \$15.1 billion output, 75,000 construction jobs
- Environmental review process ongoing through July 14, 2025
- Final approval targeted for Q1 2026
- Invitation extended for future SBACC meeting at their facility

*AQMD Board Member Presentation* Vice Mayor Brenda Olmos of Paramount and AQMD Board Member provided updates on air quality regulations:

- Rules 1111 and 1121 regarding gas water heaters and furnaces scheduled for Friday vote
- Emphasis on business community engagement in rulemaking process
- Port ISR rule development for upcoming year
- Brandy Keith noted Carl Moyer Program applications currently being accepted
- Board Member Olmos offered to coordinate roundtable discussions for SBACC members

*Calibrate Coalition Presentation* Stella Vaso presented on California's Zero Emission Vehicle mandate challenges:

- 35% ZEV requirement by 2026 (recently delayed by CARB)
- Full gas-powered vehicle ban by 2035
- Concerns about infrastructure readiness and consumer affordability
- Coalition seeking more practical transition approach

#### **Office Holder Reports:**

- Supervisor Holly Mitchell's office (Aura Ahn): Confirmed interest in hosting "Day at the County" event in July
- Assemblymember Muratsuchi's office: Eight bills passed Appropriations Committee, Summer Scam Workshop July 11th
- Congressman Lieu's office: Youth Advisory Council applications open, federal conversion therapy ban reintroduced
- Metro (Andy Sewak): LAX Metro Transit Center opening Friday, water taxi feasibility study moving forward

**Government Affairs Report:** Henry Rogers presented legislative updates and recommendations:

#### *Approved Motions:*

- **AB 342 (Haney)** - Hospitality zones allowing 4 AM alcohol service: Motion to support by Maria Camacho, seconded by McKenzie. **PASSED** with abstentions from WSPA, Torrance Chamber, and Peninsula Chamber.

- **AB 649 (Lowenthal)** - Small business ADA compliance program: Motion to support by Heidi Butzine, seconded by Barry Waite. **PASSED** with Long Beach Chamber abstaining.
- **AB 986 (Muratsuchi)** - Landslide emergency response: Motion to support, seconded by Chloe Tachivana. **PASSED** unanimously.
- **SB 263 (Gonzalez)** - Tariff impact study on ports: Motion to support by Mark Warnick, seconded. **PASSED** unanimously.
- **SB 630 (Allen)** - Film/TV tax credits: Motion to support by Donna Duperron, seconded by McKenzie. **PASSED** unanimously.
- **Water Taxi Feasibility Study**: Motion to support by Kimberly Caceres, seconded by Donna Duperron. **PASSED** unanimously.
- **Calibrate Coalition Membership**: Motion to join by Chair Caceres, seconded. **PASSED** with Barry Waite opposed and McKenzie (AT&T) abstaining.

**Secretary's Report:** Heidi Butzine requested approval of minutes:

- May 2025 informational meeting minutes: Motion to receive and file by Kimberly Caceres, seconded by Tracy Maestro. **PASSED**
- April 2025 meeting minutes: Motion to approve by Mark Warneck, seconded. **PASSED**

**Financial Report:** Deferred due to bookkeeper Ava's medical emergency. Financial reports to be distributed by Friday.

**Chair's Report:**

- No July meeting scheduled
- August meeting to be held at new COG facility (357 Van Ness Way, Torrance)
- Summer mixer planned for August
- Working to secure additional guest speakers

## Action Items

Task Description	Responsible Party	Deadline
Coordinate with AQMD to schedule roundtable discussion for SBACC members	Henry Rogers	Before August meeting
Email members regarding Calibrate Coalition presentation info & SBACC's decision to join	Henry Rogers	Within one week
Follow up with Charles Gale regarding hosting future SBACC board meeting at Metropolitan Water District facility	Henry Rogers	July 2025
Henry with Aura Ahn to plan "Day at the County" event for July, confirm date/details	Henry Rogers	By end of June
Distribute SBACC financial reports to members by Friday (once received from Ava)	Henry Rogers	June 7, 2025