

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

Steering Committee Monday, September 8, 2025 MINUTES

Attendees: Bernadette Suarez, Chair (Lawndale); Bill Uphoff, 1st Vice Chair (Lomita); Ray Jackson, 2nd Vice Chair (Hermosa Beach); Cedric Hicks (Carson – left at 1:20pm); Rodney Tanaka (Gardena); Craig Quinn (Palos Verdes Estates); Jon Kaji (Torrance); Britt Huff (Rolling Hills Estates – left at 1:15pm); Bea Dieringer (Rolling Hills); Zein Obagi Jr. (Redondo Beach); Nina Tarnay (Manhattan Beach); Irma Galicia (SD-2); Bryan Fish (SD-4 – left at 12:10pm); Jacki Bacharach (left at 1 pm), Kim Fuentes, Wally Siembab, David Leger, Ronson Chu, Natalie Champion, Jake Romoff, Anne Tsai, Kevin Umana (SBCCOG); Tom Lasser (South Bay Aerospace Alliance); Nisha Gaston (West Athens Westmont Task Force)

I. CONFIRM THE QUORUM – 12:00 noon

II. REPORT OF POSTING OF THE AGENDA

- **ACTION:** Received and filed

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF ANY CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

- **MINOR CHANGES TO HOMELESS SERVICES SCOPES OF WORK - REDLINED.**
- **ADD FUNDING AGREEMENT FOR MOBILITY HUBS PROJECT WITH METRO FOR RECOMMENDED APPROVAL TO BOARD.**

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

LASSER: UPDATES ON THE SOUTH BAY AEROSPACE ALLIANCE. THERE IS A CONCERN THAT THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION MAY TRY TO CLOSE LAAFB THROUGH A SURPRISE EXECUTIVE ORDER AND AVOID A FORMAL BRAC PROCESS. SPACEFORCE COMMAND WAS RELOCATED FROM COLORADO TO ALABAMA THIS WAY.

**V. CONSENT CALENDAR – action items noted, remainder are receive & file
TANAKA/HICKS**

A. August 11, 2025 Steering Committee meeting minutes – attached (Pages 5-9)

- **ACTION:** Approved

B. Resolution 2025-3 - Records retention schedule

- **Memos – attached (Pages 11-23)**
- **ACTION:** Recommended board approval

C. CivicSpark Contract amendment

- **Attached (Pages 25-28)**
- **ACTION:** Recommended board approval

D. Contract with Sanitation Districts

- **Attached (Pages 29-31)**
- **ACTION:** Approved (was on August Board meeting agenda, time critical)

- E. Measure A Contracts for Homeless Services
 - Scopes of work – attached (**Pages 33-95**)
 - **ACTION:** Approved (was on August Board meeting agenda, time critical)
- F. Outstanding Dues Payments as of 9/2/25
 - City of Los Angeles - we were notified that it is in process– city has no vote until dues are paid
- G. Pending Grants
 - LA 2050 – plan for micromobility lending of vehicles at senior facilities – notification expected in October
 - Biodiversity Grant – application to be submitted in October
- H. Monthly Reports – Received and Filed
 - City Attendance at SBCCOG Meetings – attached (**Page 97**)

VI. ACTION ITEMS

- I. Metro Service Council Vacancy
 - There is one vacancy on the Metro Service Council expiring July 2027. At the last meeting, the Steering Committee restricted the selection to someone from the northern portion of the service territory. Supervisor Mitchell's office has nominated Nisha Gaston who lives in West Athens.
 - Ms. Gaston's statement of interest – attached. Her resume has also been requested, and she has been invited to the meeting to introduce herself and make a 3-minute statement. (**Page 99**)
 - **ACTION:** Consider Ms. Gaston's nomination and decide whether to approve Nisha Gaston for the vacant seat on the Metro Service Council expiring in July 2027 for recommendation to the Metro Board.

GASTON – INTRODUCED HERSELF AND SHARED HER EXPERIENCE WORKING WITH METRO AND CONCERNS AROUND SAFETY AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION.

ACTION: OBAGI/UPHOFF – RECOMMENDED SBCCOG BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATE NISHA GASTON TO FILL SERVICE COUNCIL VACANCY

- J. Request from LA Council District 15 to amend the Joint Powers Authority to allow for a non-elected alternate for the LA City member
 - Request letter and relevant JPA sections attached (**Pages 101-102**)
 - **UNDER THE JPA, EVERY CITY HAS TO NOMINATE AN ELECTED OFFICIAL AS AN ALTERNATE, COUNTY CAN NOMINATE STAFF. IN THIS SITUATION, LA CITY IS MORE AKIN TO THE COUNTY THAN OTHER CITIES. TIM MCOSKER IS REQUESTING AN AMENDMENT TO THE JPA TO ALLOW LA CITY TO NAME A STAFF PERSON. STAFF WOULD RECOMMEND THE BOARD APPROVE THIS REQUEST.**
 - **DIERINGER: SHOULD BE SOMEBODY HIGHER LEVEL OR WITH AUTHORITY, SIMILAR TO THE COUNTY REQUIREMENT.**

- **ACTION:** Recommended Board approval for amending the Joint Powers Authority for this purpose **UPHOFF/TANAKA WITH SIMILAR LANGUAGE AS COUNTY ALTERNATE REQUIREMENTS**

K. AI Working Group

- Memo attached (Page 103)

PVE COUNCILMEMBER DEREK LAZZARO PROPOSED GIVING A CYBER SECURITY PRESENTATION WITH OFFICERS FROM THE FBI. IT COULD BE OCTOBER 30 INSTEAD OF THE FIRST AGENDA THAT WAS INCLUDED IN THE PACKET. ALTERNATIVELY, IT COULD BE NOVEMBER 12 @ 3 PM. SBCCOG STAFF WILL DO A RUN-THROUGH WITH HIM OCTOBER 6.

- **ACTION: SUAREZ: STICK WITH INTRODUCTORY AGENDA FOR OCTOBER #) AND THEN DO THE CYBER SECURITY NOVEMBER 12.**

L. Legislation

- Legislative Matrix – attached (Pages 105-115)
 - Current and Two-Year Bills
- Follow-up re: August 14 Legislative Briefing – format suggestions? In person vs. Hybrid? Networking?
- Next Legislative Briefing is October 9 – during LCC conference. Change it to October 16?

ACTION: UPHOFF: PREFERENCE IS TO DO IN PERSON, BUT THAT'S A CHALLENGE. HYBRID SEEMS TO BE BEST OPTION.

CHANGE DATE TO OCTOBER 16.

M. Board Meeting Agenda Development

- September – draft agenda – attached (Pages 116-118)
 - WSPA re: impacts of some of the refinery closures (both confirmed and rumored) on the state and particularly the South Bay
 - Baldwin Hills Conservancy Update
 - 3rd Quarter Progress Report on Energy & Climate Recognition Program
- October
 - Waymo?
- November 20 – **one week early**
 - Classification and Compensation Study
- 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 – October/November

N. Approval of Invoices – to be sent in supplemental distribution

- **ACTION:** Approved invoices for payment
TANAKA/TARNAY

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS

O. Land Use and Transportation Update & REAP

- Housing Trust Feasibility Study
 - **THERE WILL BE A NEED FOR DUES FOR THE HOUSING TRUST. ONE OPTION IS TO FORM THE ORGANIZATION AS A SHELL ESSENTIALLY BUT HOLD BACK ON HIRING AND ROLLING OUT PROGRAMS UNTIL THE INITIAL MEASURE A HOUSING CALL IS COMPLETED. THAT WILL REDUCE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS TO VERY MINIMAL.**
- Commercial Redevelopment
 - **ROMOFF – MEETING WITH FINAL PARTICIPATING CITY IS BEING SCHEDULED. CITY GETS TO PICK SITES THAT ARE ANALYZED. A SUBREGION-WIDE UNDERUTILIZED SITE MAP IS BEING DEVELOPED. AFTER ALL MEETINGS WITH PARTICIPATING AGENCIES ARE COMPLETED, A FIT AND FEASIBILITY ANALYSIS WILL BE CONDUCTED FOR THOSE SITES.**
- Micro-Mobility Hubs
 - **ROMOFF – MOBILITY HUBS PROJECT KICKS OFF ON WEDNESDAY WITH FEHR & PEERS WHO THE BOARD SELECTED AS THE CONSULTANT.**

ADDED ACTION: TANAKA/UPHOFF – RECOMMEND BOARD APPROVAL OF THE METRO FUNDING AGREEMENT FOR THE MOBILITY HUBS PROJECT.

P. South Bay Environmental Services Center Activities – 1:15 pm – attached (Pages 119-124)

- Update on Cool Roof study and programs for businesses

RESIDENTIAL DIRECT INSTALL STARTING WHICH INCLUDES GAS STOVE AND WATER HEATER REPLACEMENTS FOR ELECTRIC UNITS. ONLY TARGETING SELECTED AREAS RIGHT NOW. CEC IS HAVING THEM FOCUS ON VERY FAST-START LOCATIONS. INCLUDED MOBILE HOMES AFTER OUR ADVOCACY.

THE COUNTY HAS ASKED SBCCOG IF WE WOULD LIKE TO BE THE MAIN CONTACT FOR RESIDENTS HELPING THEM THROUGH THE PROGRAM PROCESS FOR AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$200K/YR FOR THE NEXT THREE YEARS. TAKING ON THIS ADDITIONAL WORK WOULD REQUIRE MORE TECHNICAL SUPPORT AND STAFF THAN THE SBCCOG CURRENTLY HAS.

QUINN - HAVE YOU BEEN IN TOUCH WITH CITY MANAGERS ABOUT THE FACILITIES?

FUENTES – IT HAS NOT BEEN AN ISSUE OF CITIES BEING UNRESPONSIVE, CITY STAFF HAS BEEN GOOD. WHAT WE ARE FINDING IS THAT THERE ISN'T A LOT OF INCENTIVE FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR HVAC PROJECTS RIGHT NOW. ONE THING THAT THE REN IS DOING IS WORKING WITH TRADE PARTNERS TO IDENTIFY TECHNOLOGIES THAT CAN BE ADDED TO EXISTING EQUIPMENT TO MAKE IT MORE EFFICIENT. WE ARE LOOKING AT DOING A VENDOR FAIR TO CONNECT CITIES WITH VENDORS.

Q. SBFN

- Update on status of the network and the transition

STAFF IS EXPLORING TWO COMPANIES WHO ARE INTERESTED IN TAKING OVER AS THE INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDER. BOTH HAVE COMMITTED TO WORKING TO EXPAND THE NETWORK. MORE RESEARCH IS BEING DONE AND WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE BOARD IN THE FUTURE.

R. Homeless Services

- Client Aid Recap Report – attached (Page 125)
- Time Limited Subsidy Recap Report – attached (Page 127)
- Update on policy issues being addressed
- Introduction of new employees

CHU: WITH THE CHANGES TO FUNDING PROGRAMS, THERE IS LESS FUNDING FOR INTERIM HOUSING AND MORE FOR PERMANENT HOUSING AND SERVICES. ADVOCACY FOR MORE LOCALLY BASED WORK IS UNDERWAY. WHEN HOMELESS SERVICES ARE CENTRALIZED IN A COUNTY AS LARGE AS LOS ANGELES, YOU LOSE SIGHT OF THE EFFECTIVE LOCAL SOLUTIONS.

HUFF – HOW DO YOU GET THE WORD OUT FOR THESE PROGRAMS? CHU – THERE IS FUNDING IN MEASURE A FOR PROMOTION.

KEVIN UMANA WAS INTRODUCED AS A NEW HOUSING COORDINATOR.

S. Update on Senior Services

CHU – AGENDA BEING DEVELOPED FOR SEPTEMBER

HUFF – PLEASE HAVE YOUR SENIOR CENTERS ATTEND. WE ARE TRYING TO HIGHLIGHT THINGS THAT ARE HAPPENING IN EACH CITY

T. Update on the Local Travel Network & E-Bike Safety Issues

TSAI: NO MAJOR LTN UPDATES THIS MONTH. THE CONSULTANT TEAM WORKING ON THE CARSON TO THE SEA PROJECT IS CONDUCTING A GAP ANALYSIS WITH RECOMMENDATIONS EXPECTED NEXT YEAR. METRO IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE OPEN STREETS GRANT THAT WOULD SUPPORT EVENTS FOR THE WORLD CUP AND OLYMPICS. SBCCOG CAN TRY TO COORDINATE IF THERE ARE MULTIPLE CITIES CONSIDERING AN APPLICATION. THERE IS A 30% MATCH REQUIRED.

OBAGI – TOOK KIDS ALONG MANHATTAN BEACH BOULEVARD OVER THE WEEKEND ON BIKES. THERE ARE GOOD MARKED BIKE LANES IN REDONDO BEACH BUT ONCE YOU GET INTO THE MANHATTAN BEACH AREA, THEY ARE NON-EXISTENT AND SIMILARLY IN TORRANCE, THERE ARE DISJOINTED SECTIONS OF BIKE LANES. CITIES NEED TO WORK TOGETHER BETTER ON THESE PROJECTS.

TARNAY: WE DEFINITELY WANT TO START WORKING TOGETHER ON THIS. WOULD LOVE TO SEE MORE MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL PROJECTS.

JACKSON: PROPS TO REDONDO BEACH FOR THEIR BIKE PROJECTS.

DIERINGER: IS THERE A BIG MAP OF THE LTN?

SIEMBAB – YES, BUT THE PROJECT IS MORPHING INTO A MORE DIFFUSE PROJECT OF ZONES AND NOT SPECIFICALLY LANES.

SUAREZ: IT'S ALSO IMPORTANT TO IDENTIFY WHERE PEOPLE ARE GOING.

U. General Assembly location update

- Intuit Dome – Discounted community rate of \$500/hour, with all staffing expenses charged on top
- Other locations are being considered and will be reported on at the meeting

FUENTES: TOUR OF COSM IN INGLEWOOD SCHEDULED. MAY REQUIRE A RETHINKING OF THE PROGRAM AND EVENT DUE TO VENUE LAYOUTS AND COSTS.

V. Office Move Update

- Sound system and monitor screen installation status –
WAITING ON ADDITIONAL MICROPHONES UNTIL THE CURRENT SYSTEM IS IN AND TESTED DURING A REAL USE-CASE. SYSTEM WILL BE INSTALLED THE WEEK OF BOARD MEETING AND SHOULD BE OPERATIONAL BY THE MEETING.

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

CO-SPONSOR SBACC FALL MIXER? OCTOBER 6 – 5 PM TO 7 PM @ BOTANIC GARDENS – NO OBJECTION

**(COASTAL COMMISSION RECEPTION OCTOBER 7 – REDONDO BEACH
LCC ANNUAL CONFERENCE OCTOBER 8-10 – LONG BEACH)**

DIERINGER – RETIRING FROM THE COUNTY, WILL BE HAVING A RETIREMENT PARTY. INFORMATION WAS SENT OUT.

IX. NEXT STEERING COMMITTEE – Monday, October 13, 2025 @ 12:00 noon – SBCCOG office

X. ADJOURNMENT – 1:28pm