

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

Steering Committee Monday, May 11, 2026 Minutes

Attendees: Bernadette Suarez, Chair (Lawndale); Bill Uphoff, 1st Vice Chair (Lomita); Alex Monteiro, 2nd Vice Chair (Hawthorne); Rodney Tanaka (Gardena); Rob Saemann (Hermosa Beach); Barry Waite – non-voting (Lomita); Nina Tarnay (Manhattan Beach); Craig Quinn (Palos Verdes Estates); Zein Obagi, Paige Kaluderovic – non-voting (Redondo Beach); Jon Kaji - left 1:43 pm (Torrance); Jacki Bacharach, Kim Fuentes, Wally Siembab, Natalie Champion, David Leger, Ronson Chu, Colleen Farrell, Shawn Fujioka, Jake Romoff, Addy Ajijolaiya, Andrey Mulligan, Christina Martinez, Janna Jaime, Sarah Cortes, Aaron Ruiz (SBCCOG); Holly Osborne, Katie Saemann (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**
 - **HOMELESS SERVICES – COUNTY PROPOSAL FOR GOVERNANCE CHANGE**
 - **WEINGART LETTER – ACTION ITEMS**
 - **ACTION: TANAKA/MONTEIRO TO ADD TO THE AGENDA**
- IV. **PUBLIC COMMENT – 12:05 pm**
- V. **CONSENT CALENDAR – action items noted, remainder are receive & file – 12:10 pm**
 - A. April 13, 2026 Steering Committee meeting minutes – attached (Pages 5-8) -
MONTEIRO/UPHOFF
 - **ACTION:** Approved
 - B. Dominguez Channel Contract Extensions – attached (Pages 9-14)
 - 1-year extensions of cost-sharing agreements with Vopak, Shell, Torrance Refining Company, City of Compton, and City of Long Beach
 - **ACTION:** RecommendED Board Approval
 - C. 26-27 Dues as of 5/4/26 &
 - Invoices have gone out – Cities of Hawthorne and **Rancho Palos Verdes have paid and Inglewood 5/11**
 - D. Pending Grants
 - Biodiversity Grant – Presentation on SBCCOG project proposal to Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Board scheduled for May 18, 2026, where it has been recommended for full funding
 - Caltrans Sustainable Grant - application submitted in November
 - E. Monthly Reports – Receive and File

- City Attendance at SBCCOG Meetings – attached (Page 15)
- Client Aid Recap Report – to be distributed separately
- Time Limited Subsidy Recap Report – to be distributed separately

VI. ACTION ITEMS

F. Homeless Services – 12:15 pm

- 1st Amendment to Time Limited Subsidy contract with Torrance (TLS) – attached (Pages 17-18)
 - Amendment is being reviewed by Torrance City Attorney’s office but no major revisions are anticipated
- Public Defender’s Office contract – to be distributed separately
- **COUNTY MOTION ON HOMELESS GOVERNANCE**
- **WEINGART LETTER TO CARSON – PRIMROSE – MONTEIRO/TARNAY**
- **ACTION:** RecommendED Board approval of the 1st Amendment to the Torrance TLS contract subject to final review by legal counsel **MONTEIRO/QUINN - MOTION APPROVED**
- **ACTION:** RecommendED Board approval of the Public Defender’s Office contract **MONTEIRO/QUINN - MOTION APPROVED**
- **ACTION: OPPOSE COUNTY PROPOSAL TO CHANGE GOVERNANCE – AUTHORIZE LETTER TO BE SENT – KALUDEROVIC SPOKE – PLEASE SHOW UP AT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING – SEND THE LETTER TO THE OTHER COGS AND TO BOARD AND CMS - OBAGI/MONTEIRO APPROVED**

G. Housing Trust – 12:25 pm

- Update on first board meeting and regular meeting date
 - 3rd Thursday @ 3 pm – next meeting is May 21
- Funding agreement and memo re: management services attached – contract for management services to be sent separately (Pages 19-24)
- **ACTION:** RecommendED Board approval of funding agreement with Trust and contract for management services for the Trust by the SBCCOG, to be evaluated by both entities no later than December, 2026 – **OBAGI/UPHOFF - FOR BOTH FUNDING AGREEMENT AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES**

H. Board Meeting Agenda Development – 12:40 pm

- May – draft agenda attached (Pages 26-27)
 - Commercial Redevelopment REAP Study Findings with BETA tool
 - Funding Agreement with South Bay Regional Housing Trust
 - Contract for Public Defender for LACAHSAs funding
 - FY 26-27 Draft Budget
 - Nomination of Officers – **NO NOMINATING COMMITTEE THIS YEAR**
 - **EL CAMINO COLLEGE COMMUNITY SURVEY**
 - **RHPH INTERVENTION SLIDES**
- June
 - **ELECTION OF Officers**
 - FY 26-27 Budget approved
- Other topics?
- **ACTION: NONE**

I. Tours – 12:50 pm

- West Harbor Tour – May 19 – 9:45 am
- Air Force Base

■ **ACTION: NONE**

J. FY 26-27 Draft Budget – **12:55 pm**

- Results of Salary Range Analysis – Memo sent separately
- Draft budget sent out separately
- **ACTION:** Recommended Board approval of salary ranges and provide direction to the Board on the draft budget **OBAGI/UPHOFF**

K.. Approval of Invoices – **1:10 pm**

- **QUINN QUESTION RE: WLCAC FRINGE BENEFITS**
- **ACTION:** Approved invoices for payment – **QUINN/TANAKA**

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS

L. Legislation – **12:55 pm**

- Meeting with McKinnor – de-brief
- Legislative Matrix – attached (**Pages 28-36**)
- Update on RHNA Replacement efforts - **WENT TO 2300 ELECTED OFFICIALS – CALIF FOR LOCAL CONTROL – CREATING COALITION**
- **CALIFORNIA STEWARDSHIP – CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT:**
The State of California shall not impose housing mandates on any community without first establishing its physical capacity and funding the infrastructure required to support its growth. All residential growth shall produce its proportional share of workforce-accessible housing.
 - **SAEMANN – WHAT CAN WE DO, HOW CAN WE HELP?**
 - **SIEMBAB – HOUSING IS A DIFFERENTIATED GOOD, NOT A COMMODITY**
 - **SENDING LETTER TO ALL MAJOR GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATES AND STATE LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES AFTER THE PRIMARY ELECTION**

M.. Land Use and Transportation and Digital Update – **1:10 pm**

- **REAP 2.0**
 - Commercial Redevelopment - **JAKE**
 - **MONTEIRO - HAWTHORNE MALL BEING DEMOLISHED NEXT WEEK**
 - Mobility Hubs - **JAKE**
- Update on the Local Travel Network & E-Bike Safety Issues
 - SS4A grant – **FINALLY RECEIVED – TO START SOON – MICROMOBILITY SAFETY ACTION PLAN – RIDE AND DRIVE EVENT TIED TO CARSON TO THE SEA. STICKER PROGRAM TOO – EVALUATE CURRENT PROGRAMS AND GUIDE FOR SCHOOLS THAT DON'T HAVE ONE**
 - Carson to the Sea grant – **TOOLKIT OF DESIGN GUIDELINES – RIDE AND DRIVE ON LOMITA'S NATIONAL NIGHT OUT**
 - **LOMITA – OUTREACH MEETINGS AND EVENTS**
 - Measure M application for further work on e-bike safety – **FINALIZED SCOPE OF WORK – CATALOGUE OF IMPROVEMENTS FOR INTERSECTION TYPOLOGIES. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IMPORTANT – UP TO 30 INTERSECTIONS**
- **MICROMOBILITY Rebate Proposal IN CONJUNCTION WITH CVAG – PROPOSAL BEING DRAFTED**
- **SBFN**

- Status of possible transfer of ownership
 - **MEETING WITH IT DIRECTORS ON JUNE 11**
 - **ALSO INDIVIDUAL IT DIRECTOR MEETINGS**
 - **TO CITY MANAGERS AND THEN BOARD VOTE**
 - **DIGITAL EQUITY GRANTS MIGHT BE REINSTATED BY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR FUNDING WE APPLIED FOR – TO BE DECIDED BY THE COURTS**
 - **WORKFORCE PROGRAM WITH SBFN NEW POSSIBLE PROVIDER**

N. South Bay Environmental Services Center Activities – attached (Pages 38-44) – 1:25 pm

- City energy efficiency projects - Hawthorne & Inglewood lighting
- Equitable Building Decarbonization: Residential Direct Install meeting with city staff & roll out of program
- Baldwin Hills Conservancy biodiversity potential grant opportunity. SBCCOG staff reaching out to cities for potential projects.

O. Update on Senior Services – 1:35 pm

P. Working Groups Update – 1:40 pm

- Economic Development Directors Roundtable
- Communications Working Group

VIII. STRATEGIC POSITIONING ITEMS/ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES – 1:45 pm

IX. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PERFORMANCE EVALUATION – PURSUANT TO GOV. CODE § 54957 DIRECTOR – 1:50 pm (attachments to be distributed separately to the Board) - **NO ACTION WAS TAKEN**

X. NEXT STEERING COMMITTEE – Monday, June 8, 2026 @ 12:00 noon – SBCCOG office

XI. ADJOURNMENT – 1:59 pm