

# South Bay Cities Council of Governments

## Steering Committee Monday, February 9, 2026 Minutes

**ATTENDEES:** Bernadette Suarez, Chair (Lawndale); Bill Uphoff, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair (Lomita); Rodney Tanaka (Gardena); Alex Monteiro (Hawthorne); Rob Saemann – left at 1:20pm & Dean Francois (Hermosa Beach); Jim Butts – left at 12:53pm (Inglewood); Nina Tarnay – non-voting (Manhattan Beach); Brad Waller (Redondo Beach); Britt Huff – 12:20 arrival (Rolling Hills Estates); Jon Kaji (Torrance); Jacki Bacharach, Kim Fuentes, David Leger, Wally Siembab, Natalie Champion, Ronson Chu, Jake Romoff, Kevin Umana (SBCCOG); Holly Osborne (Public)

- 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 - MOVED SBWIB CONTRACT TO ACTION ITEMS**
- IV. **PUBLIC COMMENT – 12:05 pm - NONE**
- V. **CONSENT CALENDAR – action items noted, remainder are receive & file – 12:10 pm**
  - A. January 12, 2026 Steering Committee meeting minutes – attached (Pages 5-9)
    - **ACTION:** Approved **TANAKA/UPHOFF**
  - B. Progress re: JPA agreement approvals for LA City Non-Elected Alternate
    - **10 Approvals** – Hermosa Beach, **INGLEWOOD**, Lawndale, Lomita, Palos Verdes Estates, Rancho Palos Verdes, **REDONDO BEACH**, Rolling Hills, Rolling Hills Estates, Torrance
    - On 5 additional council agendas
    - 2/3 vote required for approval which is 12 members
  - C. Audit ending June, 2025
    - Letter attached (Pages 11-13)
    - Full audit report available @ [https://cdn.southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/02094508/2025\\_South-Bay-Cities-Council-of-Governments\\_BFS\\_FINAL-SECURED.pdf](https://cdn.southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/02094508/2025_South-Bay-Cities-Council-of-Governments_BFS_FINAL-SECURED.pdf)
  - D. Pending Grants
    - Biodiversity Grant –1<sup>st</sup> review complete, we have been asked to submit formal application
    - 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 – attached (Page 17)
    - Time Limited Subsidy Recap Report – attached (Page 19)

## VI. ACTION ITEMS

### F. Opportunities to Serve – 12:15 pm

- Defined Terms – **NOMINATIONS OPENED – DUE MARCH 20 – BOTH RESULTS NEEDED BY APRIL 17 (METRO) AND 9 (RC)**
  - Metro Election – incumbents all re-applying – David Mach, Melissa Molina, Bob Wolfe
  - SCAG Regional Council – Drew Boyles and Mark Henderson
- SBCCOG Policy Terms for 2 years
  - SCAG Policy Committees – Britt Huff – Energy and Environment
  - LCC Regional Director – Barry Waite
- **UPHOFF – KEEP TWO YEAR TERMS & SAEMANN – DON'T TAKE TO THE BOARD**
- **ACTION:** Recommended KEEPING THE SBCCOG policy of 2-year terms when they are undefined and open nominations

### G. Homeless Services – 12:25 pm

- Update on program implementation
- LACAHA Representative Mirisch Capacity Support
  - Contract attached (Pages 21-28)
- South Bay Game Plan for EHV Crisis – memo attached (Pages 29-30) - **TENANT PROTECTIONS VOUCHERS JUST RELEASED BY FEDS – MIGHT HELP US WITH THIS CRISIS. STILL WILL BE EXPIRING VOUCHERS.**
- **UPHOFF – DO WE HAVE RAPID RESPONSE TO HOMELESS PERSON – RONSON – WE FOUND MOST OF CASE MANAGEMENT SINCE COUNTY HAS PULLED BACK.**
- **MARCH 4 CITY MEETING CONCERNING THE 2026-2027 BUDGET**
- **ACTION:** Recommended Board approve contract with LACAHA for support for John Mirisch MONTEIRO/UPHOFF

### Q. Update on Senior Services – 1:50 pm – EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AND WORKFORCE RE—ENTRY.

### H. Board Meeting Agenda Development – 12:35 pm

- February draft agenda attached (Pages 31-33)
  - Housing Trust Update
  - Mid-Year Budget
  - Sanitation Districts – **PROPOSED FEE INCREASES FOR LATE SPRING – ASK THEM TO SPEAK TO THEIR RESERVES AND CASH ON HAND**
  - SBCCOG Annual media presentation by Colleen Farrell
  - Election of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair
- March – **GENERAL ASSEMBLY**
- April
  - LA Air Force Base update – tentative confirmation – **PRIVATIZATION PLAN FOR FORT MC ARTHUR – CONTRACTING OTHER FACILITIES**
  - South Bay Fiber Network Transfer of Ownership
  - Classification and Compensation Study Results

### I. Legislation – 12:40 pm

- Next date of Legislative Briefing – April 2, 3, 9, 10? - **3 IS MOST POPULAR BUT POSSIBLE MEET AND GREET? 3 IS GOOD FRIDAY**
- Metro Board Composition update

- Legislative Matrix – attached (Pages 35-36)
- Consideration to hire a lobbyist – memo attached (Pages 37-38)
- **ACTION: Leg Briefing date – APRIL 3; direction re: lobbyist, support AB 1557 and SB 868 - APPROVED**
- **LOBBYIST – SUAREZ – WAIT FOR COUNTY? MONTEIRO - ?; UPHOFF – DON'T HIRE A LOBBYIST FOR ONE BILL. WAIT FOR LACAUSA TO SEE IF WE CAN USE THEM AND THEN SEE WHAT WE CAN GET FROM CITY LOBBYISTS**
- **OUR JPA AMENDMENT – 10 APPROVALS; 5 ON AGENDAS – IF GET TO 12 BEFORE THE BOARD MEETING AND WE GET A LETTER FROM LA, THE LA ALTERNATE CAN BE SEATED**

J. New Position – Data Analyst – 12:50 pm

- Memo attached (Pages 39-42)
- **ACTION: Recommended Board approval BUTTS/UPHOFF**

K. Executive Director Salary Adjustment for FY2025-2026 – 12:55 pm

- Memo attached (Pages 43-44)
- **ACTION: Recommended Board approval MONTEIRO/BUTTS**

L. Mid Year Budget – 1:00 pm

- To be sent separately – **KIM PRESENTED POWERPOINT, NO QUESTIONS ASKED**

M. Approval of Invoices – to be sent separately – 1:15 pm

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

**ADD SBWIB CONTRACT – KIM PRESENTED – WALLER/MONTEIRO APPROVED**

- South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) Apprenticeship Outreach Opportunity
  - Memo attached (Page 53)

**VII. INFORMATION ITEMS**

N. General Assembly Update – 1:20 pm

- Sponsors, Speakers, Site, Gift, Parking
- **QUESTIONS FOR SPEAKERS??**

Swietlana Cahill	General Manager, westdrift Hotel	Panel 1 - increase tourism, growth of business
Allen Sanford	Entrepreneur, Restaurateur and Founder of BeachLife Festival	Panel 1 - arts
Elizabeth Hause	Redondo Beach Community Services Director	Panel 2 or 1 - local facilities
Dan Rodman	LA City Olympics and Paralympics liaison Senior VP Facility & Campus Ops at Sofi Stadium & Ho Park	Panel 3?
Otto Benedict	Economics	Panel 2 or 1 - logistics
Larry Kosmont	Metro - transportation	Keynote
Joe Forgiarini	Metro - transportation	Panel 3 - how to move people

Eric Johnson  
Mayors' Panel -  
confirmations

Geo. Chen, Torr; Chris  
Pimentel, El Seg.

Mayor's panel  
moderator - meeting  
to see if possible  
emcee 2/24

Mark Rogondino Fox 11 sports newscaster

O. Land Use and Transportation and Digital Update – 1:25 pm

■ REAP

○ Housing Trust

■ Progress on the Approvals

- **6 AGREE TO JOIN – EL SEGUNDO, Hawthorne, INGLEWOOD, Lawndale, RANCHO PALOS VERDES, REDONDO BEACH**
- **APPROVALS OF JPA – INGLEWOOD AND LAWDALE**
- Council presentations scheduled for remaining cities except Carson, Palos Verdes Estates and Rolling Hills - **(ADD GARDENA) 4 CITIES WILL NOT BE CONSIDERING THIS BEFORE THE MARCH 31 DEADLINE**
- Cities have been asked to consider the issue by March 31 so they can attend the first meeting currently planned for April 23

■ JPA document out for city attorney review again

- All cities will need to approve final revised document – **SENT FINALTODAY**

■ Legislation

- SB799 currently in the Assembly – plans to add ability to fund moderate/workforce housing and remove alternate restrictions

○ Commercial Redevelopment – **STILL WORKING ON METRICS. GIS BETA TOOL AVAILABLE SHOWING EVERY PROPERTY IN THE SOUTH BAY. TO BE SENT TO CITIES AT CONCLUSION OF THE PROJECT. CAN BE UPDATED BY SBCCOG STAFF. SCHEDULING DEVELOPER MEETINGS TO GET THEIR INSIGHT. THEN WILL BRING FIT AND FEASIBILITY TESTS TO EACH CITY INVOLVED.**

○ Mobility Hubs **HCD REQUIRED METRICS SUBMITTED. MEETINGS COORDINATED WITH MERCHANTS OF AMENITIES FOR HUBS. FEHR AND PEERS HAS INVITED US TO BE ON A PANEL AT THE APA SEPT. CONF – JAKE TO SPEAK**

○ **THESE PROJECTS WORK WITH LTN AND SBFN – WE ARE TRYING TO INTEGRATE ALL. - NOT SILOS**

○ **UPHOFF – WHEN READY, TAKE BETA TOOL TO CITY MANAGERS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORS**

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

■ SBFN – plan is to go to City Managers with new purchase arrangement in March

P. South Bay Environmental Services Center Activities – attached (Pages 45-51) – 1:40 pm

■ **LOCAL GOVERNMENT CLIMATE ALLIANCE – PRESENTED INFORMATION ON JOINING MONTEIRO/UPHOFF - JOIN - UPHOFF SOMEWHAT SKEPTICAL. WAIVE FEE FOR FIRST YEAR? WALLER – WE SHOULD JOIN. TRY FOR ONE YEAR. LET'S US KNOW IF WE SHOULD BE INTERESTED.**

■ **KAJI – SBCCOG INTERESTED IN MICROGRID – WE ARE INTERESTED.**

■ **MONTEIRO – CPA INTERESTED IN MICROGRIDS – CPUC AND SCE ARE AGAINST.**

■ **Energy Efficiency Awards Criteria for 2026-2027 – WENT THROUGH SUMMARY OF CHANGES IN CRITERIA**

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

**IX. NEXT STEERING COMMITTEE – Monday, March 9, 2026 @ 12:00 noon – SBCCOG office**

**X. ADJOURNMENT**