

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

Steering Committee Monday, April 13, 2026 Minutes

Attendees: Bernadette Suarez, Chair (Lawndale); Rodney Tanaka (Gardena); Rob Saemann (Hermosa Beach); Jim Butts – virtual/non-voting (Inglewood); Barry Waite (Lomita); Aksel Palacios – left at 12:25 (LA City); Nina Tarnay (Manhattan Beach); Craig Quinn (Palos Verdes Estates); Zein Obagi (Redondo Beach); Bea Dieringer (Rolling Hills); Jon Kaji – left at 1:30pm (Torrance); Jacki Bacharach, Kim Fuentes, Wally Siembab, Natalie Champion, David Leger, Lara Gerges, Ronson Chu, Jake Romoff, Kevin Umana, Addy Ajijolaiya, Anna Xue, Marolly Vasquez (SBCCOG); Andy Sywak (Metro) Tom Lasser (South Bay Aerospace Alliance)

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 – 12:05 pm**

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

A. March 9, 2026 Steering Committee meeting minutes – attached

- **ACTION: Approved TANAKA/TANAY**

B. Pending Grants

- Biodiversity Grant – expecting to hear any day now
- Caltrans Sustainable Grant - application submitted in November

C. Monthly Reports – Receive and File

- City Attendance at SBCCOG Meetings – attached (Page)
- Client Aid Recap Report – attached
- Time Limited Subsidy Recap Report – attached (Page)

VI. **ACTION ITEMS**

D. Opportunity to Serve – **12:15 pm**

- Uncontested
 - SCAG Regional Council - #28 Mark Henderson and #40 Jim Light
 - SCAG Energy and Environment Policy Committee – Britt Huff
 - Metro Service Council – Melissa Molina, Bob Wolfe, David Mach (Incumbents)
- Contested – League LA Division Regional Director – Barry Waite & Bea Dieringer – statements attached
 - Each candidate will make a 3 minute statement_

■ **ACTION:** Recommended appointment of candidates for uncontested positions and interview contested candidates for contested position and recommend appointment to the Board

TANAKA/OBAGI - RECOMMEND APPOINTMENT OF UNCONTESTED POSITIONS

OBAGI/WAITE - DEFER LEAGUE REGIONAL DIRECTOR TO THE MAY BOARD

E. Homeless Services - **12:30 pm**

- SBCCOG Local Solutions Fund (LSF), and LACAHSAs Prevention Budget.26-27 & rollover from 25-26 - memo attached
- LACAHSAs representative – vacancy in July
- **ACTION:** Approved FY 26-27 Local Solutions Fund Budget, FY 25-26 LSF Rollover Budget, and FY 26-27 LACAHSAs Renter Protection and Homeless Prevention Budget and notify the Board. This is required due to time constraints.**WAITE/OBAGI**
- **ACTION:** Recommended Board support of Paige Kaluderovic for the soon to be vacant LACAHSAs seat to have continuity in representation **DIERINGER/QUINN**

F. Housing Trust – **12:40 pm**

- First meeting of Trust Board has been changed to April 30 @ 4 pm
 - a. Possible agenda items
 - **Elect Chair & Vice Chair – Jacki (5-10 minutes)**
 - **Presentation and Discussion of JPA agreement -Lauren (10-15 minutes)**
 - **Approve Bylaws – Adam (5-10 minutes)**
 - **Presentation: Trust 101 – Adam (10-15 minutes)**
 - **Presentation: Basics of Affordable Housing & LACAHSAs Funding**
 - **Approve COG/Trust funding agreement – Lauren (10-15 minutes)**
 - **Discuss and Approve Trust Management options – Jacki (10-15 minutes)**
 - **Approve interim legal services – Jacki (5-10 minutes)**
 - **Approve Interim Trust Budget – 2 ½ month budget – Ronson (10-15 minutes)**
 - **Select Regular meeting date**
 - **SB 799 status – memo attached – **AND MODERATE INCOME FACT SHEET****
 - b. **ACTION: KAJI – TORRANCE HAS TALKED TO POLICE AND FIRE UNIONS AND MAJOR CORPORATIONS – HE WILL WORK ON A LETTER TO SENATOR ALLEN**
- City appointments to the Trust Board and 2 housing experts for the Trust Board selected by the city managers
 - a. Memo attached
 - b. **ACTION:** Recommend city managers’ nominees for the Trust Board to the SBCCOG Board for approval – **DEFER TO BOARD**

G. Board Meeting Agenda Development – **12:50 pm**

- April - draft agenda attached
- May
 - Subregional GHG emissions inventory
 - Funding Agreement with South Bay Regional Housing Trust
 - Contract for Public Defender for LACAHSAs funding
- **ACTION:** Provide direction

- H. Possible Tour to West Harbor Entertainment complex - – 12:55 pm
- **ACTION: QUINN & DIERINGER – YES GO FORWARD**
- I. General Assembly Evaluation – 1:00 pm
- **WAITE – GRAND – NETWORKING GREAT. EXAMPLE IS ECON DEV DIR MTG RE: BRANDING. GOOD ENERGY. LEAVING AT END IS NORMAL – PEOPLE NEED TO GO SOMEWHERE. METRO DID GREAT JOB. SURPASSED EXPECTATIONS. FOOD OK. PHOTOGRAPHER ANNOYING TRYING TO GET PANEL AT EVERY ANGLE.**
 - **TARNAY – VENUE FABULOUS. A LITTLE TIGHT CONFIGURATION OF THE TABLES. PEOPLE WHO HAD NEVER BEEN THERE WERE EXCITED.**
 - **SUAREZ – LOVED IT. WELL ORGANIZED. PRETTY SEAMLESS. GREAT FEEDBACK.**
 - **DIERINGER – VERY INFORMATIVE AND GOOD EXHIBITS**
 - **FLOW WAS BETTER THAN CARSON. EXHIBIT FLOW WAS BETTER.**
 - **376 attendees/SLIDES PRESENTED**
- J. Legislation – 1:10 pm
- Legislative Briefing – de-brief
 - Date with McKinnor – her answers were in opposition to our positions on RHNA and the trust – **WAITE, WARONEK, SUAREZ, DIERINGER – GET MEETING DATE**
 - Metro Board composition - memo attached
 - Legislative Matrix – attached
 - **ACTION:** RecommendED Board approve no change to Metro’s Board composition due to the expansion of the LA County Board of Supervisors and authorize a letter to be sent to Metro stating our position **TANAKA/DIERINGER - emailed to LA County COG Directors 4/13/26**
 - **ACTION:**
 - Support – AB 2741, SB 417, AB 1708, AB 2279, AB 1569, AB 2346
 - Oppose – AB 1621, SB 1014, SB 1117, AB 1953, AB 1198. AB 1976, SB 866
 - **SAEMANN/DIERINGER - APPROVED RECOMMENDATIONS**
- K. RHNA Replacement Update– 1:20 pm
- **ACTION:** Send policy to all gubernatorial candidates and South Bay state legislative candidates – **SAEMANN/DIERINGER - APPROVED**
- L. South Bay Environmental Services Center Activities – attached – 1:30 pm
- Organic waste – met with city staff - no role for SBCCOG at this time
 - Kits for Kids, Palos Verdes, Volunteers doubled
 - Accreditation Pilot:- LEED certification for city staff – memo attached
 - Training provided at no cost to the cities and covered by a grant to the SBCCOG
 - **ACTION:** RecommendED Board approve training through Green Building Education Services (GBES) Option 3 for a total of \$10,000 and authorize payment in the amount of up to \$18,000 for exam fees. **OBAGI/QUINN**
- M. Proposed Revised Classification Specifications - 1:35 pm
- Memo and background documents attached
 - **ACTION:** RecommendED board approve the proposed revised classifications -
 - **TARNAY/WAITE - LOOK AT TITLES AS MENTIONED BY RONSON – DIERINGER OPPOSED**

PROVIDE A LINK TO JOB DESCRIPTIONS FOR THE BOARD

N. Approval of Invoices – 1:50 pm

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

N.1 - 5th Amendment to Eide Bailly Contract for Additional Accounting Services as needed – 1:55 pm

- Memo and Agreement Exhibit A documents attached
- **ACTION: RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD – TANAKA/SUAREZ**

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS

O. Land Use and Transportation and Digital Update – 1:55 pm

- REAP 2.0
 - Commercial Redevelopment
 - Jake to demonstrate the GIS tool for cities
 - Refinement will be scheduled with participating cities' staff
 - Mobility Hubs
- **MICROMOBILITY – SCAG LETTER AND RETURN WITH CARB PROPOSAL - MAY**
- Update on the Local Travel Network & E-Bike Safety Issues
 - Measure M application for further work on e-bike safety
- EV Rebate Proposal
- SBFN
 - Conduit and access are being asked for with Measure M and R fiber projects

P. Update on Senior Services – 2:00 pm

Q. Economic Development Directors Roundtable – 2:05 pm

- Meeting on April 30 @ 10 am with Larry Kosmont to follow-up on GA discussion of South Bay joint marketing

VIII. STRATEGIC POSITIONING ITEMS/ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES – 2:10 pm

IX. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PERFORMANCE EVALUATION – PURSUANT TO GOV. CODE § 54957 (*attachment to be sent separately to delegates and alternates only*) - 2:15 pm

X. NEXT STEERING COMMITTEE – Monday, May 11, 2026 @ 12:00 noon – SBCCOG office

XI. ADJOURNMENT