South Bay Cities Council of Governments

Steering Committee
Monday, December 8, 2025
MINUTES

Attendees: Bernadette Suarez, Chair (Lawndale); Bill Uphoff, 1st Vice Chair (Lomita); Ray Jackson, 2nd Vice Chair (Hermosa Beach); Rodney Tanaka (Gardena); Alex Monteiro (Hawthorne); Nina Tarnay (Manhattan Beach); Craig Quinn (Palos Verdes Estates); Zein Obagi (Redondo Beach); Britt Huff (Rolling Hills Estates); Bubba Fish & Viviana Gomez (SD-4); Anne Yoon & Irma Galicia (SD-2); Kim Turner & David Mach (Torrance); Jacki Bacharach, Kim Fuentes, Wally Siembab, David Leger, Natalie Champion, Ronson Chu, Jake Romoff, Eleanor Murphy, Anne Tsai, Aaron Ruiz, Kevin Umana (SBCCOG); Paul Silvern (HRA Advisors); Chelsea Schreiber, John Schreiber, Niki Negrete-Mitchell, Ray Hollar, Barry Ogle, Andrew Blackney, Devon Hollowood; Brianna Egan, Holly Osborne, Adam Schwartz, Annette Owens (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
- **Monteiro/Tanaka - to add C Line – approved**
- **POSSIBLE NEED FOR TREASURER**

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT – 12:05 pm

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

A. November 3, 2025 Steering Committee meeting minutes – attached **(Pages 5-8)**
- **ACTION:** ApproveD

B. Resolution 2025-4 – to submit a Proposition 68 Lower Los Angeles River (LLAR) Grant Program Application to the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC)
- Resolution attached **(Page 9)**
- **ACTION:** ApproveD

C. Messaging Privacy Policy and Terms & Conditions
- Memos attached **(Pages 11-13)**
- **ACTION:** ApproveD

D. New Job Position for a Financial Analyst
- Memo attached **(Pages 15-18)**
- **ACTION:** ApproveD

E. Agreement with Jackson Lewis P.C. for Specialized Labor and Employment Legal Services
- Memos attached **(Pages 19-28)**

- **ACTION:** ApproveD

F. Issuance of Cashier's Check for Dominguez Channel Services
- Memo attached **(Page 29)**
- **ACTION:** ApproveD

G. Metro Service Council
- A unanimous vote was taken at the last meeting to change the time and date to the first Monday of each month at 5pm. The change will be made with the January meeting as they will be dark for December

H. Progress re: JPA agreement approvals
- 5 Approvals – Hermosa Beach, Lawndale, Lomita, Rolling Hills Rolling Hills Estates

I. Pending Grants
- Biodiversity Grant –1st review complete, we have been asked to submit formal application
- Caltrans Sustainable Grant - application submitted in November

J. Monthly Reports – Receive and File
- City Attendance at SBCCOG Meetings – attached **(Page 31)**
- Client Aid Recap Report – attached **(Pages 33-34)**
- Time Limited Subsidy Recap Report – attached **(Pages 35-36)**

VI. ACTION ITEMS

K. Homeless Services – **12:20 pm**
- Budget Modification: Measure H Carry-Over Funds – memo attached **(Pages 37-39)**
- Financial Consultant to analyze housing projects for LACAHSA funds
  - Proposal review and possible interviews in process – recommendation for Apex an HSR approved as a bench **MONTEIRO/TARNAY**
- **ACTION:** Approve Measure H Budget Modification and Financial Consultant **QUINN/OBAGI**

L. Board Meeting Agenda Development **– 12:35 pm**
- January
  - Classification and Compensation Study Results
  - West Basin Municipal Water District re: grass replacement
  - Baldwin Hills Conservancy Update
  - Time Limited Subsidy program re-cap or February
- February
  - Our County Sustainability Plan presentation
  - Cool Roofs Study presentation
  - LA Air Force Base update – invite Commander
  - Housing Trust Update and Recommendation
- Special meeting possibilities
  - Harbor-UCLA Tour of new facilities
  - Torrance Refinery

M. Legislation – **12:40 pm**
- A new legislative session is starting January 5, 2026
- Legislative Briefing – January 8 and Meet and Greet is January 30.

- **ACTION:** Cancel January 8? - **YES – CANCEL - MONTEIRO/UPHOFF**
  Discuss possible legislation to send to our representatives to advance our programs

N. Approval of Invoices – attached – **12:50 pm**
- **ACTION:** ApproveD invoices for payment **TANAKA/OBAGI**

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS

O. Meeting with LA Councilman McOsker **– 12:55 pm**
- Report on November 21 meeting attended by Bernadette Suarez, Ray Jackson, Rodney Tanaka and Jacki Bacharach
- **OFFICERS THOUGHT THAT THE MEETING WAS SUCCESSFUL WITH COUNCILMAN McOSKER SHARING HIS CONCERNS AND THE SBCCOG OFFICERS ADDRESSING THEM**

P. General Assembly Update – **1:05 pm**
- Site – westdrift Hotel, Manhattan Beach
- Sponsors – **8 SPONSORS, $30,000 TO DATE**
- Speakers
  - **ALLEN SANFORD FROM BEACH LIFE WILL PARTICIPATE**
  - **SEASIDE LAGOON AND PERFORMING ARTS CENTER – ELIZABETH HAUSE MIGHT BE A SPEAKER**

Q. Update on the Local Travel Network & E-Bike Safety Issues – **1:15 pm**
NO NEW INFO AT THIS TIME

R. Land Use and Transportation Update & REAP – **1:20 pm**
- Housing Trust Feasibility Study – cost vs. Benefit - **NOV. BOARD RECOMMENDED CITIE'S APPROVAL – STAFF IS SCHEDULING COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS AS REQUESTED**
- Commercial Redevelopment – **ALL CITY AND SBCCOG SITES HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED. FIT AND FEASIBILITY ANALYSIS BY KOSMONT HAS BEGUN.**
- Micro-Mobility Hubs -**RECEIVED INITIAL ORIGIN/DESTINATION ANALYSIS. DEVELOPING SCREENING CRITERIA TO DETERMINE SITES FOR ANALYSIS.**

S. South Bay Environmental Services Center Activities – attached **(Pages 41-47)** – **1:30 pm**

T. SBFN – **1:40 pm**
- Update on status of the network and the transition – **NEGOTIATIONS STILL UNDERWAY WITH POTENTIAL BUYER OF THE NETWORK AND AMERICAN DARK FIBER**

U. Update on Senior Services – **1:45 pm – NEXT MEETING – JANUARY 27, 2026**

V. ISSUE RE: TREASURER – NEED TO BE A CPA BY CALIF. JPA LAW – COMING BACK FOR RECOMMENDATION JANUARY

C-LINE – comments.
Obagi – hear comments. Adopt Transportation Committee position and say that we received significant disagreement to the ROW to Metro with the CRD – support of the project, not transit – alignment neutral - MOTION – OBAGI/QUINN - 8 yes, 1 no, 2 abstain

VIII. STRATEGIC POSITIONING ITEMS/ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES – 1:50 pm

- December 11 – Energy and Climate Recognition Awards Luncheon – flyer attached **(Page 49)**
- January 22, 2026 - Cybersecurity Presentation – flyer attached **(Pages 51-52)**
- January 30, 2026 – Meet and Greet with the South Bay Legislators

ADDED JANUARY 15 GARDENA RIBBON CUTTING EVENT WITH CITY AND BUSINESSES

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

X. ADJOURNMENT