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SBCCOG MEETINGS: ATTENDANCE 2019

City	Apr - 19	May - 19	Jun - 19	Jul - 19	Aug - 19	Sept - 19	Oct - 19
Carson	Hicks Hilton	Hicks		Hicks	Hicks		
El Segundo	Boyles	Boyles	Boyles				X
Gardena	Tanaka		Medina	Medina	Medina	Medina	
Hawthorne	Monteiro	Valentine	Valentine	Valentine	Valentine	Valentine Monteiro	
Hermosa Beach	Campbell	Fangary		Massey	Massey		
Inglewood		Franklin	Franklin				X
Lawndale	Suarez	Suarez Pullen-Miles	Suarez Osborne Pullen-Miles	Suarez	Suarez	Suarez	
Lomita		Gazeley	Gazeley	Gazeley	Gazeley	Gazeley	
Los Angeles	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Manhattan Beach	Hersman Hadley		Hadley	Stern			
Palos Verdes Estates	Kao	Kao	Kao	Kao		Lozzi	
Rancho Palos Verdes	Alegria	Alegria	Alegria Cruikshank	Cruikshank	Alegria	Alegria	
Redondo Beach	Horvath	Horvath	Horvath	Horvath	Horvath	Horvath	
Rolling Hills	Dieringer	Dieringer		Dieringer	Dieringer	Dieringer	
Rolling Hills Estates	Huff	Huff Zerunyan	Huff Zuckerman	Huff	Huff	Huff Mitchell	
Torrance	Herring		Rizzo Herring	Rizzo		Rizzo	
County of Los Angeles-2nd District			Johnson		Johnson	Johnson	
County of Los Angeles- 4th District	LaMarque		LaMarque		LaMarque		

Number of Active Agencies	17	17	17	17	17	17	15
Quorum Required (50% +1)	9	9	9	9	9	9	8
Number of Agencies Attending	13	12	14	13	12	11	

**SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2019
KATY GEISSERT CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY
3301 TORRANCE BOULEVARD, TORRANCE, CA 90503**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Horvath called the SBCCOG Board of Directors meeting to order at 6:07pm.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

In attendance were the following voting elected officials:

Dan Medina, Gardena	Eric Alegria, Rancho Palos Verdes
Olivia Valentine, Hawthorne	Bea Dieringer, Rolling Hills
Bernadette Suarez, Lawndale (7:00 departure)	Britt Huff, Rolling Hills Estates
Jim Gazeley, Lomita (6:45 departure)	Geoff Rizzo, Torrance
Victoria Lozzi, Palos Verdes Estates	Lacey Johnson, SD-2 (6:35 arrival)
Christian Horvath, Redondo Beach	

The following non-voting elected officials were in attendance:

Alexandre Monteiro, Hawthorne
Judy Mitchell, Rolling Hills Estates

Also, in attendance were the following persons:

Ara Mihranian, RPV	Chandler Sheilds, SBCCOG
Jeff Kiernan, League of CA Cities	David Leger, SBCCOG
Chris Cagle, SBWIB	Natalie Champion, SBCCOG
Jacob Haik, LA CD-15	Karen Kanda, SBCCOG Volunteer
Patrick Sheilds, WBMWD	Stephen Sawyer, Charter
Jacki Bacharach, SBCCOG	Ashleigh McCurchin, Public
Kim Fuentes, SBCCOG	T. Richardson, DNA
Steve Lantz, SBCCOG	

III. CONFIRM POSTING OF THE AGENDA BY THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Jacki Bacharach confirmed that the agenda was properly posted in the City of Torrance.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF ANY CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

No changes to the agenda.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment received.

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. August Board Meeting Minutes (attachment) – Approved**
- B. Subregional Adaptation Plan and Strategies (attachment) – Approved**
- C. Contract with McGowan Consulting, LLC for Services to Beach Cities & Peninsula Watershed Management Groups (attachment) – Approved**
- D. Status of Legislation of Interest to SBCCOG (attachment) – Approved**
- E. Monthly Reports – Receive and Filed**
 - 1. South Bay Environmental Services Center Report (attachment)**
 - 2. Transportation Report (attachment)**
 - 3. Service Council Report by Ralph Franklin, Chair (attachment)**

MOTION by Board Member Gazeley, seconded by Board Member Medina, to **APPROVE** the Consent Calendar. No objection. So ordered.

VII. PRESENTATIONS

A. Water Supply Reliability in the South Bay

Mr. Sheilds, General Manager of West Basin Municipal Water District (WBMWD) presented on WBMWD's efforts to secure Southern California's water future by ensuring reliable water service and supply. Mr. Sheilds began by providing a brief history of WBMWD and the current challenges facing a reliable water future such as droughts, earthquakes, aging infrastructure, and more. Mr. Sheilds also discussed WBMWD's efforts to diversify its sources of water since it began as well as the projected sources through 2030. Mr. Sheilds reviewed West Basin's programs, such as the Recycled Water Program that just celebrated its milestone of producing 200B gallons of recycled water and the impact of the program. Mr. Sheilds then touched on a few recent developments including the passage of Measure W, a regional brackish water reclamation program with Water Replenishment District, and the status of the WBMWD's proposed desalination plant. Mr. Sheilds concluded by inviting the Board of Directors to the Edward C. Little Water Recycling Facility Visitor Center Grand Re-Opening Ceremony on October 3rd.

Mr. Sheilds' full presentation is available online:

http://southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/board_directors/meeting/PRESENTATION_West%20Basin_Securing%20our%20Water%20Future_Patrick%20Sheilds.pdf

VIII. SBCCOG PROGRAM ACTION ITEMS, REPORTS AND UPDATES

A. Office Move – APPROVE I.T. Moving Costs

Ms. Bacharach reported that the lease for the new office was executed earlier in the month and that despite expeditious efforts, the new office will likely not be ready for move-in until after January 1st. SBCCOG staff is currently looking into a telework setup for the month of December as well as available office space in city buildings. Ms. Bacharach added that SBCCOG staff may reach out to cities to see if there is storage space available as well.

Ms. Fuentes explained that SBCCOG staff is creating an inventory of furniture/furniture needs that will help determine what furniture is kept and if any is bought. Ms. Fuentes then reviewed the I.T. approval request, explaining that the quotes are for removing the SBCCOG's current system, installing it in the new office, and other move related I.T. expenses. Also included is the cost to move and setup the Xerox printer.

Ms. Dieringer noted that there is no mention of how this expense fits within the overall cost of the move. Ms. Fuentes explained that this is all within the \$100,000 move budget that was approved by the Board.

MOTION by Board Member Valentine, seconded by Board Member Alegria, to **APPROVE** the agreement for I.T. moving costs. No objection. So ordered.

B. South Bay Fiber Network

Ms. Bacharach explained that the SBCCOG is currently asking for commitment from cities on the sites that they want to connect. That number currently stands at 37, which is enough to get the project started. Ms. Bacharach urged the Board to get any other interested sites sent to the SBCCOG staff because the available funding will likely all be used. Site surveys are still being conducted by ADF (contractor). Ms. Bacharach announced that the Measure M funding agreement for the project has been executed; the agreement with ADF is still being reviewed by legal; and that considerations are being made to ensure the lateral connections to city sites are owned by the city but maintained by the contractor.

Ms. Bacharach also touched on an LA Times article suggesting that the Measure M funding was not an appropriate use of funding for a broadband project. Ms. Bacharach explained that the Metro Board approved the South Bay's Measure M MSP program of projects, of which the SBFN project was one. The actual broadband project was approved at an earlier Metro Board meeting. No new action was taken by the Metro Board on the SBFN project.

C. Ad Hoc Finance Committee

Chair Horvath announced that all agencies have responded except for the two county districts and Hermosa Beach. He added that a poll was sent out to determine meeting times, which will likely begin in early November.

D. Communications Needs Assessment

Ms. Bacharach reported that SBCCOG staff will be meeting with the Tripepi Smith team on Monday and that further updates will be provided next month.

E. Regional Housing Needs Assessment

Ms. Bacharach reported on the workshop held prior to the Board meeting, noting that some of the big takeaways were that data sets should be accurate; consideration of ADUs, live-aboard boats, and others should be made; and caution should be given as to not over burden disadvantaged communities.

Board Member Valentine noted that she particularly agreed with Councilmember Emdee's point that housing should be where jobs are.

Board Member Medina asked for the Board Members to send him letters in advance of the October 7th meeting as he is one of the SBCCOG's representatives to SCAG.

Chair Horvath shared that his takeaway from the workshop was that SCAG is sticking to their existing timeline with the final recommendation going to the Regional Council on November 7th. There is very little that will likely be changed about the current methodology being considered for recommendation. He urged his colleagues to send letters to the Regional Council representatives (Jim Gazeley, Dan Medina, and Judy Mitchell) as any changes made will likely be done by elected officials and not SCAG staff.

Board Member Mitchell echoed Chair Horvath and asked the Board Members to submit letters to the representatives named, as well and Councilmember Zerunyan from Rolling Hills Estates as he sits on SCAG's RHNA subcommittee.

F. Senior Services

Board Member Huff reported that there was a presentation from Affordable Living for the Aging which aims to match those seniors in need of housing with those who have room at their homes. Ms. Bacharach added that the SBCCOG is currently looking into what it would take to become an age-friendly region and is currently looking for funding from health organizations to implement the concept. The League of Women Voters will be helping in the cities of Inglewood and Hawthorne. In order to begin the process, cities must send a letter to AARP. There was also a presentation by Buck Doyle (SBCCOG contractor) on the SBCCOG's Local Travel Network project.

G. Homeless Services

Ms. Bacharach announced that the SBCCOG will likely be getting approximately \$739,000 in one-time funding from LA County (based on homeless population) to spend in the South Bay. SBCCOG staff is currently looking into potential regional programs such as a house sharing program to prevent individuals, likely seniors, from becoming homeless. There is also the chance to use some of the funding on motel rooms, but like the County, there may be ordinances that prevent motels from converting into housing units for individuals experiencing homelessness. The funding should become available in January 2020. Ms. Bacharach asked for the Board to submit ideas to her.

Board Member Valentine asked for more information on the motel program. Ms. Bacharach explained that LA County has investigated converting motels into housing, but that there are often ordinances in place that prevent motels from becoming permanent housing. If these issues were overcome, the County could enter an MOU with the motel.

Ms. Bacharach added that LA County Homeless Initiative is holding 8 policy summits on different topics. The SBCCOG has requested speakers from each COG and Chair Horvath and two others will speak on the November 7th panel on cities. These conversations will help influence how Measure H funding is spent over the next three fiscal years. Chair Horvath urged the Board and their city staff to attend these meetings because Measure H funding is very limited for cities now. If funding eligibility is broadened, it may allow the South Bay to get funding for projects that were previously ineligible.

Board Member Johnson noted that Supervisor Ridley-Thomas is the Vice-Chair of the Governor's Task Force on Homelessness and the Task Force is meeting tomorrow at King Drew Medical Center.

H. Slow Speed/Local Travel Network Project

Ms. Bacharach reported that the first outreach event was at the Senior Services Working Group meeting, with many more presentations to be made. A draft map of the potential network is being created currently.

I. Other – No report given.

IX. TRANSPORTATION REPORTS

A. Metro Report

Mr. Lantz reported the following from the Metro Board:

- 1) Approved the purchase of 330 CNG busses and 40 EV busses. This is relevant as the Metro Board had previously envisioned being all electric by 2030, however, they've realized that goal may not be as realistic as they hoped while still being able to provide reliable service.
- 2) Approved \$115M in funding for the South Bay's Measure M MSP programs. If your city was approved for a project, please begin working with Metro on the funding agreement.
- 3) There was a lengthy discussion on improvements needed for the I-710N. Metro was considering a tunnel to connect the freeway with the 210 freeway, but this was deemed infeasible. Instead, Metro allocated over \$700M for local street improvements including ATP/Complete Streets type projects that served local trips. Metro Board Member Bonin was upset that no such projects were recommended for funding by Metro Highway Department staff. Metro staff defended their recommendation by saying those types of projects were considered, but that there were more important highway projects to build. Mr. Lantz noted that this is important as the South Bay may face the same type of issue.

Mr. Lantz also noted that he attended the California Transportation Commission (CTC) meeting last night in Lynwood that would give Metro the authority to create a new ExpressLane on the I-105. Three years ago, the Project Study Report indicated it would likely take approximately \$150M to implement the project. Metro has already allocated \$175M. However, the estimate to construct currently stands at \$500M because of new technological accommodations that were considered. Metro will have to issue bonds to pay for the project. This is crucial because Metro had previously intended to borrow surplus revenues from the I-110 to build the I-105, then take those surplus revenues to build the next ExpressLanes project. This idea appears dead at this time because if Metro must bond to build the I-105 project, any surplus revenues will be used to pay back the debt service on those bonds. This will also eliminate the funding for local projects that are paid for by the net-toll revenues. The SBCCOG Board was asked to consider approving a letter to urge the CTC and Metro to consider incorporating an Integrated Corridor Management system into the overall project and include funding for it as part of the bonding. This project would allow freeway signals to communicate with street signals and will help guide traffic during incidents.

Ms. Bacharach added that the letter is not to be an endorsement of the ExpressLanes project but should urge them to consider looking at these other connected projects that could be implemented along side the project.

Board Member Dieringer expressed that she thought it was a good idea to send the letter since it appears the SBCCOG is the only agency thinking ahead.

The Board had no objection to a letter being submitted to the CTC and Metro.

X. AGENCY REPORTS

A. League of California Cities & LA Division Legislative Committee

Jeff Kiernan announced that Governor Newsom has until October 13th to sign or veto legislation. The housing bills on his desk have not been touched yet. Mr. Kiernan noted that SB 266 which would have burdened cities with paying for CALPERS pension payments that were previously approved but subsequently disallowed, was pulled after passing the Legislature but prior to making it to the Governor's desk which is uncommon. Mr. Kiernan added that SB 54 and AB 1080 were bills that would have empowered CalRecycle to reduce the amount of single-use plastics in the state while increasing the use of recycled plastics. However, these bills did not make it out of the legislature but will likely be back next cycle. This issue is increasingly important as offshore recyclers no longer want our plastic trash. If unaddressed, this will lead to huge cost increases for trash hauling contracts. Mr. Kiernan concluded by inviting the Board to the League's annual conference taking place in two weeks.

Board Member Dieringer added that the League will be voting on resolutions at the Friday session. One of the resolutions was sponsored by Rancho Palos Verdes and Rolling Hills Estates that calls on the CPUC to

amend rule 20A to allow the use of funds for undergrounding utility lines in areas of high fire risk. This is particularly pressing for the Palos Verdes Peninsula as it is in an area of extremely high fire danger. Currently, this rule only allows for undergrounding due to blight, not for safety reasons.

B. South Coast Air Quality Management District

Board Member Mitchell reported that the AQMD Board voted to accept mitigation offers from the two refineries still using Modified Hydrofluoric Acid (MHF). AQMD staff was ready to recommend a phase out of the chemical, but the refineries submitted letters to the Board offering additional safety measures in exchange for the phase out being taken off the table. Board Member Mitchell and Supervisor Hahn were the two SBCCOG representatives that voted against taking the refineries' offers. Secondly, the US EPA recently issued a press release indicating that the Federal Government will begin revoking highway funding because the state has not complied with reporting/plan requirements. Board Member Mitchell explained that this is totally incorrect and that the only plan that is not approved yet is due to US EPA inaction, not inaction by California. Lastly, Board Member Mitchell touched on the battle between California Air Resources Board and the Trump Administration's elimination of California's stricter air quality standards. The action has been challenged in court by the ARB and 23 other states.

C. SCAG & Committees

1. **Energy and Environment** – No report given.
2. **Transportation** – No report given.
3. **Community, Economic, & Human Development** – No report given.
4. **Regional Council** – No report given.

D. Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission – No report given.

E. Stormwater Funding

1. CCCA/LCC Stormwater Funding Options Committee – No report given.

F. South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce – No report given.

G. South Bay Aerospace Alliance – No report given.

H. KHHR (Hawthorne Airport) Committee re: Community Impacts – No report given.

I. South Bay Workforce Investment Board

Mr. Cagle thanked Board Member Valentine for inviting the SBWIB's Aeroflex program graduates to a Hawthorne City Council meeting to be honored. The students' families, teachers, and guests all attended and were very excited to see the students' recognition. Mr. Cagle noted that the SBWIB does do a lot of work on homelessness and suggested that the SBCCOG could consider working with the SBWIB on a project using the additional Measure H funding beginning in January. Mr. Cagle also added that the SBWIB's sites will be connected to the South Bay Fiber Network.

Mr. Cagle concluded by inviting everyone to attend the SBWIB's annual Alumni Event on October 10th. This year's event will also honor Supervisor Ridley-Thomas for his continued support over the years.

J. California Association of Councils of Governments – No report given.

XI. UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 2 and 23: Boring Company Tunnel Tour

October 10: Legislative Briefing and Breakfast, Inglewood Senior Center

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Horvath adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm to Thursday, October 24, 2019 at 6:00 pm at the Redondo Beach Main Library.

David Leger
Assistant Board Secretary