AGENDA

I. CONFIRM THE QUORUM

II. REPORT OF POSTING OF AGENDA
   ■ ACTION: Receive and file

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF ANY CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

V. CONSENT CALENDAR – action items noted, remainder are receive & file – 12:05 pm
   A. Steering Committee – September 14, 2020 meeting minutes attached (Pages 5-8)
      ■ ACTION: Approve
   B. Police Practices
      ■ Questions to ask Police Departments sent to SBCCOG Board members & City Managers
      ■ Subcommittee will meet after October 26 when answers are due for those that want to share
         with the SBCCOG
   C. Dues Outstanding
      ■ LA County – being processed. According to the SBCCOG Joint Powers Authority agreement,
         they cannot participate and have no vote until dues are paid
   D. City Attendance at SBCCOG meetings
      ■ Matrix attached (Page 9)
   E. South Bay Environmental Services Center Activities Report – attached (Pages 11-15)

VII. ACTION ITEMS
   A. Appointment to SCAG Energy and Environment Committee – 12:10 pm
Applications received from Chris Pimentel and Christian Horvath. Deadline Sept. 30
– Huff application received Oct. 2. Bio from Huff attached (Page 17)
Current SBCCOG reps on SCAG – El Segundo, Gardena, Hawthorne, Lomita (2),
Rolling Hills Estates
**ACTION:** Listen to 3 minute presentations by the applicants and make a
recommendation to the Board

B. Legislative Issues – 12:20 pm
- Legislative Briefing – Friday, October 16, 9 am – 10:30 am – CHANGED DATE
- Senators Allen and Bradford, Assemblymember Burke in attendance
- Legislative Matrix – attached (Pages 19-20)
- The HOPE Act – tabled from last Steering Committee meeting - memo attached (Pages 21-22)
- **ACTION:** Recommend no position on the HOPE Act
- SBACC Vote from a Chamber – suggestions
- Sacramento virtual visit messages
- Working with 4 lobbyists (Inglewood, Carson, Redondo Beach, Torrance). Phone call on
  October 7 to discuss further details
- Active vs. reactive public policy (ex. SCAG at telework & Skinner – increasing housing supply,
  reduces price and needs to be next to jobs)

C. Board Meeting agenda development – 12:35 pm
- October - Dr. Eric Daar, M.D. re: Coronavirus vaccine development. He is a Division
  Chief at Harbor and Professor of Medicine at UCLA School of Medicine, is an
  Infectious Disease specialist and has been selected by Dr. Fauci to be one of the
  directors of a Covid vaccine testing site. (draft agenda attached) (Pages 23-24)
- November – Pros & Cons on Balanced Energy? – honor former chairs leaving public
  office (Ralph, Jim & Judy all confirmed) and volunteers
- January – LTN report & SCAG President Rex Richardson listening session (consider
  changing Richardson to February as AQMD election will probably be in January)
- **ACTION:** Recommend programs of interest for Board presentations

D. Update on Homeless Program and Innovation Project Funding – 12:45 pm
- Home Share South Bay (a new regional home sharing pilot program of the
  SBCCOG) – we are looking for a graduate intern to help with the implementation of
  this pilot project to help people find each other for home sharing to prevent someone
  from falling into homelessness or someone who is homeless. Soft launch in October.
- Torrance MOU for Innovation Funds (to be available at the meeting)
- **ACTION:** Recommend Board approve MOU with Torrance

E. Approval of Invoices – available at the meeting – 12:50 pm
- **ACTION:** Approve invoices for payment

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS
F. South Bay Fiber Network – 12:55 pm
- November 17 event
- Briefings to Assemblyman Muratsuchi and CENIC (school districts’ network)
- October 19 is next meeting of SBFN Working Group

G. Local Travel Network Update – 1:10 pm

H. SCAG Regional Early Action Program funds to accelerate housing – 1:20 pm
- Working with Community Development Directors on projects to submit to SCAG before
  November 30 deadline

I. Update on Senior Services – 1:30 pm
- Next meeting of the Senior Services Working Group is on Tuesday, December 1 from
9:30-11:30am via zoom.

J. Regional Coyote Management – survey – 1:35 pm

K. General Assembly Update – March 18, 2021 – 1:40 pm

VIII. STRATEGIC POSITIONING ITEMS/ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES
   Other updates since agenda distribution – 1:50 pm

NEXT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING – Monday, November 9, 2020 @ 12:00 pm via zoom
South Bay Cities Council of Governments

Steering Committee
FOLLOW-UP AGENDA
September 14, 2020

Attendance:
Elected Officials - Olivia Valentine (Chair – Hawthorne); Drew Boyles (1st Vice Chair – El Segundo; John Cruikshank (2nd Vice Chair -Rancho Palos Verdes); Christian Horvath (Redondo Beach); Stacey Armato & Justin Massey (Hermosa Beach); Rodney Tanaka (Gardena); Ralph Franklin & Jim Butts (Inglewood); Bernadette Suarez (Lawndale); Pat Furey & Michael Griffiths (Torrance); Jim Gazeley (Lomita); Hildy Stern (Manhattan Beach); Kenny Kao (Palos Verdes Estates); Britt Huff (Rolling Hills Estates);
Member Agency Staff: Laura Guglielmo (Palos Verdes Estates); Martha Guzman-Hurtado (El Segundo); Pamela Manning (LA County DPW);
SBCCOG – Jacki Bacharach, Kim Fuentes, Steve Lantz, Wally Siembab, Colleen Farrell, David Leger, Natalie Champion;
Metro – Mark Dierking;
Public – Eric Newland

I. CONFIRM THE QUORUM – INTRODUCED COLLEEN

II. REPORT OF POSTING OF AGENDA
    ■ ACTION: ReceiveD and fileD

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF ANY CHANGES TO THE AGENDA - ADD 3 MONTH PATH CONTRACT AMENDMENT TO CONSENT CALENDAR

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

V. CONSENT CALENDAR – action items noted, remainder are receive & file - 12:05 pm
TANAKA/BOYLES
A. Steering Committee – August 10, 2020 meeting minutes attached
    ■ ACTION: ApproveD

B. Hawthorne Green Business Assist Program
    ■ Contract and letter from city attached
    ■ ACTION: RecommendED Board approval

C. Water Replenishment District Contract Renewal – 12:50 pm
    ■ Amendment attached
    ■ ACTION: RecommendED Board approve

D. Status of 2020 General Assembly Sponsorships
    ■ 23 sponsorships totalling $71,000 have agreed that SBCCOG can keep their contribution
    ■ 7 sponsorships totalling $17,750 have received refunds or didn’t send their payments
    ■ 1 sponsor at $2,500 requested their contribution to rollover to 2021

E. Dues Outstanding
    ■ Gardena, Lawndale (IN THE MAIL), Manhattan Beach & LA County

F. City Attendance at SBCCOG meetings
    ■ Matrix attached
ADDED - 3 MONTH PATH CONTRACT AMENDMENT – APPROVED – told Grace 9/15/20 to move forward

VII. ACTION ITEMS

G. Legislative Issues – 12:10 pm
- Legislative Briefing – Friday, October 16, 9 am – 10:30 am – CHANGED DATE
- Legislative Matrix – attached – LETTERS HAVE BEEN SENT TO THE GOVERNOR
- Propositions on the November Ballot – attached
- **ACTION:** Recommend no position on the November 2020 ballot measures – **NO OPPOSITION**
- The HOPE Act – tabled from last Steering Committee meeting - memo attached
- **ACTION:** Recommend no position on the HOPE Act – **FRANKLIN/BOYLES - TABLED UNTIL THE NEXT STEERING COMMITTEE**
- Californians for Local Control – information from Torrance attached
- **ACTION:** GRIFFITHS ASKED FOR US TO BE AWARE OF THIS EFFORT. HE WILL KEEP US UPDATED. CALIFORNIA ALLIANCE FOR LOCAL ELECTEDS IS A SISTER ORGANIZATION (MORE SPECIFIC RE: RHNA, ETC.)
- Restaurant Act – memo attached
- **ACTION:** GRIFFITHS ASKED FOR US TO BE AWARE OF THIS EFFORT. HE WILL KEEP US UPDATED. CALIFORNIA ALLIANCE FOR LOCAL ELECTEDS IS A SISTER ORGANIZATION (MORE SPECIFIC RE: RHNA, ETC.)

H. AQMD Vacancy - 12:25 pm
- The South Bay’s current representative on the AQMD Board is Judy Mitchell and she is not running for re-election. Hermosa Beach Councilman Justin Massey is running to fill this position. Fact sheet attached –
- There appears to be one other candidate – Cudahy Mayor Elizabeth Alcantar.
- **MASSEY SPOKE.** FRANKLIN ASKED IF WE HAD INVITED THE MAYOR OF CUDAHY. BACHARACH SAID NO – KEEPING IT IN THE SOUTH BAY IS IMPORTANT. FRANKLIN UNDERSTOOD.
- **ACTION:** Recommend the Board endorse Justin Massey to fill the seat which will be vacant in December. **FRANKLIN/SUAREZ**

I. Board Meeting agenda development – 12:30 pm
- September – Dr. Thomas Parham, President, Cal State Dominguez Hills – (draft agenda attached)
- October - Dr. Eric Daar, M.D. re: Coronavirus vaccine development.
- November – Pros & Cons on Balanced Energy? **AND RECOGNITION TO OUR VOLUNTEERS AND HONOR OUR FORMER CHAIRS**
- JANUARY – LTN REPORT & SCAG PRESIDENT REX RICHARDSON LISTENING SESSION
TOUR FOR RALPH FRANKLIN OF THE OFFICE – **set for Oct. 8**

J. 3rd Special Board meeting - 12:35 pm
- Subcommittee met and felt it would be helpful to provide elected officials a list of questions to ask their Police Chiefs and then decide from what we learn from that for the agenda for a 3rd special meeting. Butts provided a good list of questions to ask, the subcommittee is finalizing that list. It’s important to ask, but how much do you want to share regionally? That is one concern, so responses to SBCCOG would be voluntary.

Butts: Sharing is important because w/no perspective of what you’re looking at, you won’t know if those numbers are out of line, etc. Looking at it with no insight doesn’t give you relevance if they’re high/low etc. You’d see year to year changes only.
- **ACTION:** DEFINITELY WANT TO GET QUESTIONS OUT. MAYBE JUST GENERAL DISCUSSION WITH THE BOARD.

K. SCAG Regional Early Action Program funds to accelerate housing – 12:40 pm
■ RHNA APPEALS – PVE, RPV AND PICO RIVERA, MAYBE EL SEGUNDO
■ Memo attached – WALLY – EXPLAINED OUR PROPOSAL
  • Siembab: This is the state getting really serious about RHNA targets. Housing crisis (pre-covid) has forced them to force cities to meet targets. LEAP (went to cities) and REAP (to COGS). We have to use the money we have been allocated (about $600,000) or lose it. We polled the cities to see what ideas they have. There is a stringent requirement that proposals must lead directly to housing development (such as rezoning, etc). Ideas from Comm. Dev. Directors are being vetted with SCAG to see if those would qualify before moving forward with them. SBCCOG project - directing attention to identifying commercial parcels that are obsolete/underperforming and looking at what it would take to move those to residential
  • Bacharach: We’d like to have somebody like Kosmont to help with the proposal but also pay them to be part of the study to give expert analysis.
  • Franklin: re Larry Kosmont being a consultant, if so, do we have a funding source and cost?
  • Wally: it’d be covered by the grant, but it’d mainly determined on what help we need to do the proposal.

■ HORVATH – RESURRECT LEGISLATIVE MEETINGS THAT WE WERE PLANNING TO DO ON SACRAMENTO TRIP – IN THE SOUTH BAY AND AROUND THE STATE
■ CONTACT TONY RICE AND/OR REDONDO BEACH LOBBYIST TO SET UP MEETINGS – contacted city managers re: their lobbyists 9/17/20
■ ACTION: ApproveD approach

L. Salary Schedule Adjustments Required by State Law - 12:45 pm
■ Memo attached
■ Fuentes gave the update. Implementing new increases to the ESA 1 staff and Accountant 1. Staff is going to do a benefits/salary survey with a recommendation to other changes.
■ ACTION: RecommendED Board approve increasing salary tier levels that need to be brought into compliance with State law FRANKLIN/TANAKA

M. Approval of Invoices – available at the meeting – 12:50 pm
■ ACTION: ApproveD invoices for payment – BOYLES/TANAKA

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS
■ N. South Bay Environmental Services Center Activities Report – attached – 12:55 pm
Fuentes summarized the report
KAO – FUEL MITIGATION AND HARDENING GRANTS AVAILABLE RE: WILDFIRES? FUENTES – POSSIBLE RESILIENCY FUNDING FROM THE STATE. WE WILL WATCH FOR THIS.

■ O. LA vs. Hate – 1:05 pm
■ Logo attached and uses

■ P. South Bay Fiber Network – 1:10 pm
Up and running as of end of August. We are working on a virtual thank you event to thank those people who helped make this happen.

■ Q. Tech Talks – 1:15 pm
■ Subcommittee being created – Henderson, Kemps, Horvath & STAFF TO HELP DEVELOP TOPICS

■ R. Update on Homeless Program and Innovation Project Funding - 1:20 pm
Home Share South Bay (a new regional home sharing pilot program of the SBCCOG) – we are looking for a graduate intern to help with the implementation of this pilot project to help people find each other for home sharing to prevent someone from falling into homelessness or someone who is homeless. Soft launch in October.

Pallet Shelters – FEMA funding FOR CAPITAL – RB POSSIBLY INTERESTED IN 15 UNITS. NEED TO FIND RESTROOM FACILITY. POSSIBLY BY RB PERFORMING ARTS? BCHD PROPERTY? WOULD THERE BY MEASURE H FOR OPERATING COSTS – ELECTRIC HOOKUPS, SECURITY, BATHROOMS, ETC.

a. FRANKLIN: what about RoomKey folks when hotel re-converts? HORVATH: LAHSA is looking at making sure they all make it into something else and not back on the street.

Safe Parking – working on potential site

S. Update on Senior Services – 1:25 pm
■ Next meeting of the Senior Services Working Group is on Tuesday, September 22nd from 9:30-11:30am via zoom.
■ An overview of the plans for a stand-alone LA County Dept of Aging, as approved by Board of Supervisors will be presented

T. Regional Coyote Management – interest from Torrance and possibly Hermosa Beach – 1:30 pm POSSIBLE SITINGS FROM HAWTHORNE AND RANCHO PALOS VERDES, LOMITA

U. General Assembly Update – March 18, 2021 – 1:35 pm WILL BE VIRTUAL. WILL BE LOOKING FOR A CONSULTANT TO HANDLE THE LOGISTICS. WILL NEED TO SHOWCASE OUR SPONSORS AND HAVE A VIRTUAL EXHIBIT HALL.

V. Office Procedures dealing with COVID-19 – 1:40 pm
■ Includes checklist, visitors will have a procedure to ensure prevention. General procedures to implement, etc. Outbreak procedures should one occur.
■ Boyles: are we considering telework on a more permanent basis?
■ Fuentes: we’ve always offered it. Right now, only on occasion are we actually in the office. We’ll still have a significant telework program, but not necessarily all the time/everyday.
■ Bacharach - we didn’t luckily didn’t get the extra space we wanted. What we have should be fine.

W. CSUDH South Bay Economic Forecast will be held on Thursday, October 1, 2020, 2pm to 3:30pm, in a virtual ballroom. The theme this year is Adapting to Change: Thriving and Surviving Disruption. – we are a partnering organization – 1:45 pm

They are offering our cities discounted registration.

VIII. STRATEGIC POSITIONING ITEMS/ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES
■ Other updates since agenda distribution – 1:50 pm
■ SCAG EEC VACANCY – NOTICE TO GO OUT TOMORROW TO CLOSE SEPT. 30. NEXT MONTH, MAKE APPOINTMENT – e-mail out to elected 9/14/20
■ CITY OF LAWNDALE NAMING SBCCOG IN LAWSUIT RE: CEQA AND THE I-405 AUXILIARY LANES PROJECT

NEXT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING – Monday, October 12, 2020 @ 12:00 pm via zoom
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South Bay Cities Council of Governments

October 12, 2020

TO: SBCCOG Steering Committee

FROM: Jacki Bacharach, SBCCOG Executive Director
Kim Fuentes, Deputy Executive Director

SUBJECT: Environmental Activities Report – September 2020

Adherence to Strategic Plan:
Goal A: Environment, Transportation, and Economic Development. Facilitate, implement, and/or educate members and others about environmental, transportation, and economic development programs that benefit the South Bay.

I. PROGRAMS - TECHNOLOGY, PLANNING, & RESEARCH

Water Conservation
West Basin Municipal Water District Programs (West Basin)
Contract year is July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021

Task - Educational Outreach Support

Exhibit Events
Contract goal: 100 exhibit events, presentations, workshops, networking opportunities, etc.
Status of goal: 31 exhibit events, presentations, workshops, networking opportunities, etc. as of the month of September 2020

Staff continues to work with West Basin and community event planners to identify opportunities to provide information virtually.

Water Bottle Filling Station Program
Contract goal: To assist with identifying locations for stations.
Status: Public sites are eligible to install two (2) water bottle filling stations per Tax ID.

SBCCOG staff continues promoting the program through social media and SBCCOG working groups.

Task - Support for Workshops, Events, & Webinars

Educational Classes
Contract goal: 10 classes or webinars
Status of goal: 2 completed (virtual classes); 1 class was held in September; in-person classes are on hold

Staff continues to work with West Basin staff to hold classes via webinar or Zoom.

Rain Barrel Giveaway
Contract goal: minimum of 5 and maximum of 6 events
Status of goal: rain barrel events are on hold at this time

West Basin is looking at different delivery options as opposed to holding the standard drive through an event. One option includes SBCCOG staff coordinating with residents to schedule delivery of the rain barrels.
West Basin staff have presented options to their Board of Directors and are currently awaiting approval. Rain barrel distribution will hopefully begin again in early 2021. The next planning call with West Basin, LADWP, Torrance, and the SBCCOG is being scheduled.

Task - Cash for Kitchens

*Contract goal*: distribute pre-rinse spray nozzles, sink flow restrictors, window clings, & program materials to 86 prior survey sites
*Status of goal*: 0 outreach to business and agencies was on hold per West Basin, but is scheduled to relaunch in Oct.

West Basin staff is moving forward with a Cash for Kitchens online portal and is planning to relaunch this program in October. SBCCOG staff and West Basin had a meeting on September 23rd to discuss the final details of this upcoming relaunch.

Task - Change & Save (DAC) Program

*Contract goal*: Receive, document, and track customer calls; assist customers with online survey and applying for $500 High-Efficiency Clothes Washer Rebate
*Status:

Number of calls: 30 in September
Number of surveys completed: 500 surveys completed - GOAL MET
Number of customers assisted with rebate application: 10 in September

SBCCOG staff continues to work with West Basin to help customers estimate their rebates prior to purchase of new units. The program has been so successful that West Basin is planning a second outreach that includes program enhancements based on lessons learned. A West Basin training was held on September 16th for SBCCOG staff and provided information about how to create applications, how SoCalWaterSmart handles the approval of applications, and what may cause a delay in the rebate process. West Basin wants SBCCOG staff to be more involved with the resident application process, assuming many of the Allegra Consulting tasks. Staff has also been working to tailor promotional language for e-blasts.

Torrance Water

*Contract year is July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021*

Torrance is temporarily postponing the Cash for Kitchens Program, including outreach. SBCCOG staff have received the new contract for 2020-2021.

Water Replenishment District of Southern California (WRD)

*Contract year is July 1, 2019-September 30, 2020.*

Ongoing promotion of WRD programs continues through the SBCCOG’s e-newsletters and other social media channels.

Sanitation Districts of LA County (LACSD)

*Contract year is July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021*

Task 1. Educational Outreach Support

*Exhibit Events

*Contract goal*: 100 exhibit events, presentations, workshops, networking opportunities, etc.
*Status of goal*: 31 exhibit events, presentations, workshops, networking opportunities, etc. as of the month of September 2020
SBCCOG staff has distributed information on Sanitation programs and virtual events via social media and e-blasts.

Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP)

Contract year is January 1-December 31, 2020.

Contract goals:
- 8-12 targeted special exhibit events - Status of goal: 6 completed
- 1 training for SBCCOG Volunteers on LADWP programs - Status of goal: To be scheduled after October 2020.
- 6-8 commercial kitchens to be identified for water assessments and conservation training Status of goal: Staff continues to work with business organizations to identify locations for future assessments and trainings. SBCCOG staff contacted LADWP staff to discuss the commercial kitchen assessments in District 15.

Energy Efficiency Partnership Program – Southern California Gas Company (SCG)
SBCCOG staff, along with the energy engineer, met with the cities of Torrance, Rolling Hills Estates, Lomita, and Manhattan Beach to discuss SoCalGas project potential. The team also continues to work with cities to record gas accounts into Energy Star Portfolio Manager and benchmark facilities. Staff was successful in reaching Redondo Beach School District to introduce energy efficiency programs. The school district staff will be attending a training session in Oct. and SBCCOG will work to set up a follow up meeting in Nov.

Energy Efficiency Partnership Program – Regional Energy Network (REN)
SBCCOG staff and REN met with the cities of Torrance, Rolling Hills Estates, Lomita, and Manhattan Beach to kick off the REN programs. Additional city meetings are being scheduled for Oct.

PACE
SBCCOG continues to promote PACE financing for homeowners.

YGRENE: Proceeds from Ygrene for 2020 Q2 = $51.72. Total since the program start in 2015 = $9,150.60. Payment for 2020 Q3 will be reported out in Nov 2020.

HERO: Proceeds from HERO for 2020 Q2 = $139.00. Total since program start in 2014 = $31,409.37. Proceeds for 2020 Q3 will be reported out in Nov 2020.

CA Green Business Network (CAGBN) & South Bay Green Business Assist Program (GBAP):

CAGBN –The new goal is to certify 10 businesses in each city. SBCCOG staff continue to identify, certify, and assist businesses as well as promote the program through social media.

SBCCOG staff continue to outreach and work with businesses to achieve certification for programs. Appointments have been confirmed to conduct business assessments in October.

Contract goals - City of Hawthorne: 10 certified green businesses; Status of goals: 0 certified businesses
Contract goals - City of Torrance: 10 certified green businesses; Status of goals: 1 certified business

GBAP - SBCCOG continues to provide information to local businesses on opportunities to implement sustainability programs. In addition, businesses received information on the status of our utility partners’ operations during the COVID-19 pandemic.
As businesses are certified through CAGBN, they also become GBAP participants. GBAP by city: Torrance (60), Lawndale (27), Hawthorne (43), Redondo Beach (16), El Segundo (15), Gardena (15), Carson (12), Inglewood (10), Manhattan Beach (8), Palos Verdes Estates (7), Rancho Palos Verdes (7), Hermosa Beach (5), Rolling Hills Estates (4), Lomita (3), Lennox (2), and Los Angeles County – Community of Westmont (1) for a total of **235** businesses in the program as of the end of August 2020.

### Transportation

**Shared Mobility Program (Contract period July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2022)**

*Contract goals:* 72 outreach events; 36 vanpool, rideshare, telework meetings or events; 8 Marketing/Media Survey Engagements

*Status of goals:* 100 outreach events; 5 vanpool or rideshare meetings; 3 Survey Engagement

During September, in response to the COVID-19 emergency, SBCCOG staff continued its public outreach efforts through virtual platforms. Metro Shared Mobility materials and emergency updates to rideshare and vanpool programs along with resources for teleworking were shared through 7 different online meetings. SBCCOG staff updated the telework page on the SBCCOG website and worked with Metro’s Office of Extraordinary Innovation to post and update results of the “Telework” study. SBCCOG met with Metro Shared Mobility team to review and begin a marketing outreach effort to distribute new guidelines for vanpool and rideshare programs to ETCs. Preliminary planning began for a new series of “online” workshops for South Bay ETCs.

**Metro Express Lanes (MEL) (Contract period Nov. 15, 2019 – Nov. 14, 2020)**

Work continues to organize and plan for a virtual calendar of events where Metro’s MEL program materials will be distributed. During this period, MEL materials were distributed as part of the SBCCOG information packets at 7 SBCCOG virtual outreach events and meetings.

### II. MARKETING, OUTREACH, & IMPLEMENTATION

**Outreach Events**

In September:

- 4 - Virtual Community Events – 2 were promotion only
- 1 - Virtual Business Event
- 8 - Virtual Networking Meetings
- 5 - Virtual Workshops – 4 were promotion only

Totals for the period July 1, 2020 - September 30, 2020:

- 4 – Community Events – 2 were promotion only
- 3 – Business Events
- 19 – Networking Meetings
5 – Workshops – 4 were promotional only

**Media**

Social Media (*during the month of September*)

- **SBCCOG -- Totals for Social Media (SBCCOG)** *(top tweet – right)*
  - Twitter: 271 followers total, 1,300 impressions* 6 posts
  - Facebook: 136 likes total, 10,874 impressions 6 posts

- **SBESC -- Totals for Social Media**(top tweet – right)
  - Twitter: 558 followers total, 3,700 impressions* 12 posts
  - Facebook: 751 likes total, 611 impressions 14 posts
  - LinkedIn: 140 followers total, 106 impressions 1 posts

* Impressions: the number of times a post has been viewed during the specified month

**Earned Media/Articles/Network TV**


**Volunteer Program**

*Status of Program: 10.00 hours for September 2020*

Grand total as of 9/30/2020 - 20,308.67 (starting April 2008)

Volunteer participation remains low due to COVID 19.

The annual volunteer recognition ceremony will take place on November 19th along with the monthly Board of Directors meeting.
Britt Huff, Councilmember  
City of Rolling Hills Estates  

I would like to be considered for the SBCCOG appointment to the SCAG Energy and Environmental Committee due to my longtime interest in environmental issues, supported by my service on regional and city environmental committees and my experience as a former regional manager for the U.S. Department of Energy. Thank you for your consideration.

Britt Huff, Bio  

Former SBCCOG Chair, Britt Huff, was elected to the City Council of Rolling Hills Estates in 2013 and re-elected for another 4-year term in June 2018. She served as city Mayor in 2018. Prior to her election she served on the city Planning Commission for 5 years and as Chair in 2012. She had also served on the city Environmental Advisory Committee. She has represented her city on the Palos Verdes Peninsula Regional Law Enforcement Committee, the LA County Sanitation District Board of Directors, the Palos Verdes Peninsula Transit Authority, the Promenade Redevelopment Committee, Economic Development/PV Chamber Liaison, and as Chair, Neighborhood Leadership Group.

Britt currently also serves as the SBCCOG’s elected representative to the California Council of Governments (CALCOG) and chairs the SBCCOG’s Senior Working Group. Britt has served on the Environmental Quality Committee of the California League of Cities, the Legislative Committee of the California Contract Cities, and on numerous committees in her city, including Chair of the Environmental Advisory Committee. Britt also works fulltime as Executive Director of a non-profit organization in Old Torrance. She holds a Ph. D. in Government Management from George Washington University in Washington, D.C., and a B.A. in political science from UCLA.

Britt began her career in Washington, D.C. working on Capitol Hill as a legislative aide to the House Minority Leader. She subsequently was accepted into the diplomatic corps as a Foreign Service Officer with the U.S. Dept. of State. She later served as a District office Deputy Director for the U.S. Commerce Dept., and as a Regional Manager for the U.S. Energy Department, overseeing environmental programs. She has also served as a political science professor on the adjunct faculties of USC, Westmont College in Santa Barbara, and Marymount California University in Palos Verdes.
South Bay Cities Council of Governments

October 12, 2020

TO: SBCCOG Steering Committee
FROM: Jacki Bacharach, SBCCOG Executive Director
RE: Bills to Monitor and for Action – updated as of October 4, 2020

Adherence to Strategic Plan:
Goal B: Regional Advocacy. Advocate for the interests of the South Bay

NEW LAWS:
AB 725 (Wicks): General plans: housing element: moderate-income and above moderate-income housing: suburban and metropolitan jurisdictions. The purpose of this bill is to facilitate the development of more medium density housing at moderate and above-moderate incomes, akin to the requirement for very low- and low-income housing. SBCCOG OPPOSED

AB 1851 (Wicks): Religious institution affiliated housing development projects: parking requirements. Allows a religious institution to develop an affordable housing project at a place of worship owned by the religious institution even if the development requires the religious institution to reduce the number of religious-use parking spaces available at the place of worship. SBCCOG OPPOSED

AB 2345 (Gonzalez): Planning and zoning: density bonuses: annual report: affordable housing. - Revises Density Bonus Law to increase the maximum allowable density and the number of concessions and incentives a developer can seek. SBCCOG OPPOSED

FEDERAL

HR 530 (Eshoo) | Accelerating Wireless Broadband Deployment by Empowering Local Communities Act of 2019. Overturns the FCC's September order preempting local authority over small cell wireless infrastructure on January 14, the day the order took effect. Would not preclude future FCC or congressional preemption of cities on wireless infrastructure, but it would halt the FCC's harmful preemption order, which ignored the input of hundreds of local governments. The bill also complements ongoing efforts to overturn the FCC order in federal courts, and the investigation by congressional leaders into alleged attempts by the FCC to thwart that litigation. | SUPPORT & REQUEST CO-SPONSORS (2/11/19) | 1/25/19
House Energy & Commerce Committee - Subcommittee on Communications & Technology
Endorsed by NLC, NATOA, NAC
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<td><strong>HR 763</strong>&lt;br&gt;(Deutsch)</td>
<td>Energy Innovation &amp; Carbon Dividend Act. Imposes a fee on the carbon content of fuels, including crude oil, natural gas, coal, or any other product derived from those fuels that will be used so as to emit greenhouse gases into the atmosphere. The fee is imposed on the producers or importers of the fuels and is equal to the greenhouse gas content of the fuel multiplied by the carbon fee rate. The rate begins at $15 in 2019, increases by $10 each year, and is subject to further adjustments based on the progress in meeting specified emissions reduction targets. Imposes a specified fee on fluorinated greenhouse gases.</td>
<td>SUPPORT (6/8/20) (Ltr to House Energy and Commerce 6/18/20)</td>
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<td><strong>HR 1507</strong>&lt;br&gt;(Blumenauer)</td>
<td>The Bicycle Commuter Act of 2019. Official summary in progress. Would allow cyclists to deduct more than $50 per month and write off bike-share memberships.</td>
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<td><strong>HR 7197</strong>&lt;br&gt;(Blumenauer) &amp; <strong>S 4012</strong>&lt;br&gt;(Wicker)</td>
<td>Restaurants Act of 2020. Temporarily establishes and provides funding for the Restaurant Revitalization Fund, from which the Department of the Treasury shall make grants to eligible food and beverage purveyors to cover specified costs. For the grant program's initial period, Treasury must (1) prioritize awarding grants to marginalized and underrepresented communities, and (2) only award grants to eligible food and beverage purveyors with annual revenues of less than $1.5 million.</td>
<td>SUPPORT (9/24/20) (Ltr sent to 3 committees 9/30/20)</td>
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<td><strong>HR 7809</strong>&lt;br&gt;(Taylor)</td>
<td>HOPE Act of 2020 - Would establish an equity facility in the Treasury Department to assist commercial mortgage borrowers. The bill would set aside $454B in funding for distressed businesses from the CARES Act and would make that money available to commercial mortgage-backed securities (CMBS) borrowers in the form of equity instruments. The Treasury must guarantee the purchase of these equity instruments to CMBS borrowers by lending institutions, leaving taxpayers on the hook for funds that do not get repaid.</td>
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**2020 Legislative Session Calendar**

Sept. 30 Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills passed by the Legislature before Sept. 1 & in the Governor's possession on or after Sept. 1
Oct. 1 Bills enacted on or before this date take effect January 1, 2021.
Nov. 30 Adjournment sine die at midnight.
Dec. 7 2021-22 Regular Session convenes for Organizational Session at 12 noon.
TO: SBCCOG Steering Committee
FROM: Jacki Bacharach, SBCCOG Executive Director
SUBJECT: H.R. 7809 – HOPE Act of 2020

Adherence to Strategic Plan:
Goal B: Regional Advocacy: Advocate for the interests of the South Bay.

BACKGROUND
At their August meeting, the SBCCOG Steering Committee considered taking a position on H.R. 7809 – HOPE Act of 2020. Committee members felt they needed additional information before a position could be recommended to the Board of Directors. Staff prepared the information below accordingly.

Rep. Van Taylor (R-TX) introduced the bill in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The “Helping Open Properties Endeavor Act of 2020” or “HOPE Act of 2020” would establish an equity facility in the Treasury Department to assist commercial mortgage borrowers. The bill would set aside $454B in funding for distressed businesses from the CARES Act and would make that money available to commercial mortgage-backed securities (CMBS) borrowers in the form of equity instruments. The Treasury must guarantee the purchase of these equity instruments to CMBS borrowers by lending institutions, leaving taxpayers on the hook for funds that do not get repaid.

This bill would help provide cash to CMBS borrowers, mainly hotels and shopping centers, that meet certain requirements and have been unable to pause mortgage payments during the pandemic. The economic downturn caused by the pandemic has reportedly accelerated the rate of potential CMBS foreclosures. CMBS borrowers, particularly hotels, report having little luck getting relief on their loans. Typically, they must work with special servicers, which are hired by bond holders to negotiate on their behalf and abide by rigid loan provisions. These have been much slower and less generous than traditional bank lenders according to those borrowers. The loan servicers say the relief process is complex and that they won’t foreclose on properties without having had conversations with the borrowers first.

Most CMBS loans have provisions that forbid borrowers from taking on more debt without additional approval from the servicers. Because of the complicated nature of these mortgages, borrowers aren’t allowed to take out loans during these times. The bill would structure the cash infusions as “preferred equity” which isn’t subject to the same restrictions and is considered junior to other debt. This preferred equity must be paid back with interest before the property owner can pull money out of the business.

The University of Texas at Austin recently studied these loans and found they were largely overstated and created with fraudulent information in order to increase returns. The loans were aggressively appraised with super low cap rates and shaky underwriting practices that would collapse if rents did not continue to rise and vacancy rates continued to fall. This is similar to the mortgage crisis leading up to the Great Recession.
Supporters of the legislation, including the American Hotel and Lodging Association, claim that without relief, hundreds of thousands of jobs would be destroyed by an impending wave of foreclosures. Currently about 1/4 of hotels and 1/6 of retail centers with CMBS loans are in trouble.

Opponents of the legislation argue that a bailout of CMBS borrowers would mainly benefit a small group of politically connected large private equity companies and real estate investment trusts, and would have absolutely no effect on employment levels. Unite Here, the North American hotel union, reported that following the 2008 financial crisis, hotel owners who had taken out risk loans walked away from their investments, leaving properties in the hands of new lenders and/or investors, but continued to operate throughout. They noted there was no loss of hotel jobs or local tax revenue in their experience, and that new investors actually brought new capital to reinvest in many of those hotels. Opponents also claim that a bailout would not benefit workers. The enormous job losses in the hotel industry resulted from the collapse in global demand for travel/tourism. 70% of hotel employees had already been laid-off or furloughed by the end of March. Without demand for travel returning, the impacted employees will continue to be without work and the temporary relief the bill would likely only benefit CMBS borrowers.

As opposed to passing the HOPE Act, Unite Here recommends Congress pass the HEROES Act, which contains provisions that directly support hotel workers and those in other affected industries. The HEROES Act would extend pandemic unemployment benefits at the $600 level; keep workers on payroll; keep state and local governments, public schools, and the U.S. Postal Service solvent; build infrastructure; and more.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Due to the complex nature of these CMBS investments and no guarantees of job loss prevention, as well as the fact that this is a bill that deals with the private sector and not government, staff recommends the Board take no position.

Prepared by:
David Leger, SBCCOG staff
South Bay Cities Council of Governments

SBCCOG Board of Directors’ Meeting
Thursday, October 22, 2020 @ 6:00 pm
Conducted Via Zoom

DRAFT AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER (6:00 PM)
   Olivia Valentine, Chair

II. VERIFY QUORUM

III. CONFIRM POSTING OF THE AGENDA BY TORRANCE CITY CLERK

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF ANY CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

V. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC (6:05 pm)

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR (6:10 pm)
   Matters listed under Consent Calendar are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion and one vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered separately.

   A. September Board Meeting Minutes (attachments) – Approve

   B. Memorandum of Understanding with Torrance for Innovation Funds for Homeless Services (attachments) – Approve

   C. SBCCOG Appointment to SCAG Energy & Environment Committee (attachment) – Approve

   D. Status of Legislation of Interest to SBCCOG (attachment) – Receive and File

   E. Monthly Reports – Receive and File
      1. South Bay Environmental Services Center Report (attachment)
      2. Transportation Report (attachment)
      3. Reports from Outside Agencies (attachments for each at end of the agenda)

VII. PRESENTATIONS – (all prepared presentations will be posted @ www.southbaycities.org)
   A. Coronavirus Vaccine Development – Activities in the South Bay (6:15 pm)

PUBLIC COMMENTS:
To address the SBCCOG Board of Directors on any agenda item or a matter within the Board of Directors’ purview, please provide written comments by 5:00 pm, October 22, 2020 via email to natalie@southbaycities.org. All written comments submitted will become part of the official record. Unless otherwise noted in the Agenda, the Public can only provide written comment on SBCCOG related business that is within the jurisdiction of the SBCCOG and/or items listed on the Agenda which will be addressed during the Public Comment portion of the meeting (Item #V).

ACCESSING THE MEETING:
Receive Zoom meeting credentials in advance of the meeting by using the below link: https://scag.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJIld-uorDsqhEYyjIrAPN_G-rVEpc0Lrw
OR
To access the Zoom meeting, visit https://zoom.us/join or call (669) 900-6833 and use Meeting ID: 968 020 200; Passcode: 398836
1. Dr. Eric Daar, M.D., Division Chief at Harbor UCLA Medical Center

VIII. TRANSPORTATION REPORTS (6:40 pm)
   A. Metro Report - Board member James Butts/Mike Bohlke/Steve Lantz
   B. Transportation Committee report – Christian Horvath

IX. SBCCOG PROGRAM ACTION ITEMS, REPORTS AND UPDATES (6:50 pm)
   A. Sacramento Virtual Visit
   B. South Bay Fiber Network
   C. SCAG Regional Early Action Program funds to accelerate housing
   D. Local Travel Network
   E. Senior Services
   F. Homeless Services
   G. Police Operations and Public Safety in the South Bay
   H. Regional Coyote Management survey
   I. General Assembly
   J. Other

X. AGENCY REPORTS (7:15 pm)
   NOTE: Oral reports will only be made to clarify or amplify written attachments
   (No Attachments received)
   A. League of California Cities & La Division Legislative Committee (Bea Dieringer & Jeff Kiernan)
   B. South Bay Workforce Investment Board (Chris Cagle)
   C. Metro Service Council Report by Don Szerlip
   D. SCAG Committees
      1. Energy and Environment (vacant)
      2. Transportation (James Gazeley)
      3. Community, Economic, & Human Development (Mark Henderson, Drew Boyles, Frank Zerunyan & Mark Waronek)
      4. Regional Council (Drew Boyles, Mark Henderson, James Gazeley)
   E. Air Quality Management District (Judy Mitchell, Joe Buscaino & Denny Shaw)
   F. Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission (Bill Brand/Kenneth Kao)
   G. Stormwater Funding
      1. CCCA/LCC Stormwater Funding Options Committee (Hany Fangary)
   H. South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce (Olivia Valentine)
   I. South Bay Aerospace Alliance (Olivia Valentine/Rodney Tanaka)
   J. KHHR (Hawthorne Airport) Committee re: Community Impacts (Olivia Valentine)
   K. California Association of Councils of Governments - CALCOG (Britt Huff)

XI. UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Next Board meeting - Thursday, November 19, 2020