



**X: Inactive (missed last 3 meetings in a row)**  
**Inactive Membership is automatically re-instated by attending a meeting**

**SBCCOG BOARD MEETINGS: ATTENDANCE 2020 - 2021**

City	July – 20	Aug - 20	Sep - 20	Oct – 20	Nov-20	Jan - 21	Feb - 21
Carson	Hicks	Hicks	Hicks	Hicks	Hicks	Hicks	
El Segundo	Boyles		Boyles	Boyles	Boyles	Boyles Pimentel	
Gardena	Tanaka Francis	Tanaka	Tanaka		Tanaka	Tanaka	
Hawthorne	Valentine	Valentine	Valentine	Valentine	Valentine	Valentine	
Hermosa Beach	Armato	Armato	Armato Massey	Armato	Armato	Armato	
Inglewood	Franklin Butts	Franklin Butts	Franklin	Franklin	Franklin		
Lawndale		Suarez	Suarez	Suarez	Suarez	Suarez	
Lomita	Gazeley Waronek		Gazeley	Gazeley		Gazeley Waite	
Los Angeles		Buscaino				<b>X</b>	
Manhattan Beach	Stern	Stern	Stern	Stern	Stern	Stern	
Palos Verdes Estates	Kao	Kao	Kao	Kao	Kao	Roos	
Rancho Palos Verdes	Cruikshank	Cruikshank	Cruikshank	Cruikshank	Cruikshank	Cruikshank	
Redondo Beach	Horvath	Horvath	Horvath	Horvath	Horvath	Horvath	
Rolling Hills	Dieringer	Dieringer			Dieringer	Dieringer	
Rolling Hills Estates	Huff	Huff	Huff	Huff	Huff Mitchell	Zuckerman Huff	
Torrance	Chen	Chen	Chen	Chen	Chen	Chen Furey	
County of Los Angeles-2 <sup>nd</sup> District			<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	Mitchell Lopez	
County of Los Angeles- 4 <sup>th</sup> District	LaMarque			LaMarque		LaMarque	

Number of Active Agencies	17	17	16	16	16	16	16
Quorum Required (50% +1)	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
Number of Agencies Attending	15	14	14	14	14	15	

**SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 2021  
HELD VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Valentine called the SBCCOG Board of Directors meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

**II. VERIFY QUORUM**

**In attendance were the following voting elected officials:**

Cedric Hicks, Carson	Jim Roos, Palos Verdes Estates
Drew Boyles, El Segundo	John Cruikshank, Rancho Palos Verdes
Rodney Tanaka, Gardena	Christian Horvath, Redondo Beach
Olivia Valentine, Hawthorne	Bea Dieringer, Rolling Hills
Stacey Armato, Hermosa Beach	Steve Zuckerman, Rolling Hills Estates
Bernadette Suarez, Lawndale	George Chen, Torrance
Jim Gazeley, Lomita	Holly Mitchell, LA County D-2 (6:07 arrival)
Hildy Stern, Manhattan Beach	Jennifer LaMarque, LA County D-4

**Other elected officials in attendance:**

Chris Pimentel, El Segundo	Britt Huff, Rolling Hills Estates
Mark Henderson, Gardena	Pat Furey, Torrance
Barry Waite, Lomita	Mike Griffiths, Torrance
Richard Montgomery, Manhattan Beach	Rex Richardson, SCAG/Long Beach (7:00 arrival)

**Also, in attendance were the following persons:**

Scott Mitnick, El Segundo	Jamie Murillo, Newport Beach
Martha Hurtado, El Segundo	Sarah Patterson, SCAG
Stephano Padilla, AQMD	Jacki Bacharach, SBCCOG
Jeff Kiernan, Cal Cities	Kim Fuentes, SBCCOG
Stephen Sawyer, Charter/Spectrum	Steve Lantz, SBCCOG
Nancy Rodriguez, LA County Public Health	Wally Siembab, SBCCOG
Evelyn Quintanilla, LAWA	David Leger, SBCCOG
Glenda Silva, LAWA	Natalie Champion, SBCCOG
Tony Skidmore, CDM Smith/LAWA	Colleen Farrell, SBCCOG
Brenda Sidhom, LAWA	Grace Farwell, SBCCOG
Sonia Lopez, LA County D-4	Coby King, High Point Strategies
Aksel Palacios, LA CD-15	Holly Osborne, Public
Alanah Grant, Long Beach	Richard Hall, Public
Mark Dierking, Metro	Sheila Lamb, Public

**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**

Ms. Bacharach announced three changes to the agenda: 1) Item B on the Consent Calendar had a typo in the contract. The corrected contract is for \$30,000 and is in the revised agenda packet; 2) Bill Brand will not be presenting at tonight's meeting, but will present in February instead; 3) Rex Richardson will be joining around 7pm

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment was received.

**VI. CONSENT CALENDAR**

- A. November 19 and November 30 Board Meeting Minutes (attachments) – Approved**
- B. Contract Amendment with Water Replenishment District (attachment) – Approved**
- C. Contract Renewal with GSE Solutions (attachment) – Approved**
- D. Legislative Matrix with bills of interest (attachment) – Received and Filed**

- E. **2019-2020 Audit** (<https://www.southbaycities.org/about-us/financial-documents>) – Referred back to Steering Committee
- F. **Actions of Steering Committee since last Board meeting** (*attachment*) – Received and Filed
- G. **Monthly Reports – Received and Filed**
  - 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*)
    - a. League of California Cities & LA Division Legislative Committee (Bea Dieringer & Jeffrey Kiernan)
    - b. SCAG Regional Council (Drew Boles, Mark Henderson, James Gazeley)
    - c. Metro Service Council Report (Don Szerlip)
    - d. South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce (Olivia Valentine)

Board Member Zuckerman asked to pull Item E for further discussion. He noted that the audit does not provide an opinion and asked what the additional cost would be to have an audit conducted that does provide the detailed data and an opinion. Ms. Bacharach said that she would look into that. Chair Valentine proposed sending the item back to Steering Committee pending the additional information requested by Board Member Zuckerman. There was no objection from the Board.

Board Member Dieringer asked to pull Item F for further discussion as well. Chair Valentine entertained a motion to approve the remaining consent calendar items.

**MOTION** by Board Member Tanaka, seconded by Board Member Armato, to **APPROVE** Items A, B, C, D, and G of the Consent Calendar. No objection. So ordered.

Board Member Dieringer asked about the website redesign item listed on Item F. She stated there was no background information, no explanation for the urgency, and recommended that item be taken off and brought back. Ms. Bacharach explained that in December, the Steering Committee meeting also serves as the Board of Directors meeting as there is no regular Board meeting in December. She also clarified that the contract was already approved in December and has been executed. Lastly, she noted that since the pandemic began, Steering Committee attendance has increased significantly, with almost as many cities participating as at a Board meeting.

Board Member Dieringer noted that she still does not think the Steering Committee should be approving contracts that should be seen by the whole Board and that she would be happy to have a December Board meeting. Board Member Roos added that he shared Board Member Dieringer’s concern and echoed that things of substance be brought to the Board.

Board Member Horvath commented that all information is provided to the entire Board in advance of both Steering and Board meetings, in addition to being easily available on the SBCCOG website. He also added that the Board has historically been dark in December and the Steering Committee has always acted as the Board for that month.

**MOTION** by Board Member Boyles, seconded by Board Member Hicks, to **RATIFY** the website contract. No objection. So ordered.

**MOTION** by Board Member Cruikshank, seconded by Board Member Gazeley, to **RECEIVE AND FILE** the remainder of Item F. No objection. So ordered.

**VII. PRESENTATIONS**

**A. Los Angeles World Airports Draft EIR on landside improvements**

Ms. Quintanilla presented on LAWA’s Airfield & Terminal Modernization Project (ATMP) which includes airfield, terminal, and roadway improvements. Ms. Quintanilla touched on the various improvements taking place, the current schedule, and key project benefits. She then turned the presentation over to Mr. Skidmore who discussed the CEQA process and the draft EIR.

LAWA’s entire presentation is available online here:

[https://www.southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/board\\_directors/meeting/PRESENTATION\\_ATMP%20SBCCOG%20Board\\_1\\_28\\_21%20FINAL%20PPT-converted-compressed.pdf](https://www.southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/board_directors/meeting/PRESENTATION_ATMP%20SBCCOG%20Board_1_28_21%20FINAL%20PPT-converted-compressed.pdf)

Board Member Boyles asked Ms. Quintanilla about regionalization efforts, explaining that in 2006, LAWA entered into a master settlement that included requirements to attempt regionalization of air traffic. The City

of El Segundo believes that the ATMP is inducing growth, not accommodating natural expected growth. Ms. Quintanilla shared that airlines decide what airports they use, so there is not a lot that LAWA can do to have air traffic go to other regional airports. She did note that in SCAG's 2045 regional forecast, growth is expected to be largest at the Ontario airport, with LAX losing share over that time.

Board Member Armato asked Ms. Quintanilla to clarify the total number of new gates from the ATMP and how those do not induce growth by growing capacity. Ms. Quintanilla explained that there will be a net of 6 new gates after the project is completed. She added that air traffic is expected to grow with or without the project, but that the ATMP will allow for more efficient handling of that growth.

Councilmember Montgomery noted that the I-405 at Century is a major concern of his and asked where in the draft EIR it shows that there is minimal or less than significant impact on that intersection. Mr. Skidmore explained that CEQA law recently changed to only require a vehicle miles travelled analysis in the document. Level of service, or delay, is no longer the metric used.

Board Member Cruikshank asked about aircraft flight paths and if that was included in the study. He explained that Rancho Palos Verdes must continually write to the FAA about aircraft not following departure paths around the peninsula. FAA's response states that due to aircraft complexities, they must allow for flyovers over the peninsula. Board Member Cruikshank asked what will be done to address this issue as the number of flights increases. Mr. Quintanilla noted this was not part of the study, but that she would look into the issue and get back to him.

Board Member Horvath asked Ms. Quintanilla to address LAWA's projections for passenger counts/recovery from the pandemic. She explained that since it is still ongoing, it's difficult to forecast. Currently, operations are down about 70% from pre-pandemic levels. Ms. Silva noted that the industry doesn't expect a full recovery until about 2023.

**B. Listening Session with SCAG President Rex Richardson**

SCAG President Rex Richardson introduced himself and explained that as the current SCAG President, he's meeting with COGs throughout the SCAG region as part of a listening tour. Mr. Richardson gave a brief presentation on SCAG's Connect SoCal. He stated his commitment to continuing SCAG's work with local cities and COGs in a collaborative way to help deliver transportation projects, planning projects, and more. Mr. Richardson's full presentation is available online here:

[https://www.southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/board\\_directors/meeting/PRESENTATION\\_2021.1.28%20-%20SBCOG%20SCAG%20Update%20-%20RR-%20PP.pdf](https://www.southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/board_directors/meeting/PRESENTATION_2021.1.28%20-%20SBCOG%20SCAG%20Update%20-%20RR-%20PP.pdf)

**C. Proposed Initiative Dealing with Local Control re: Zoning**

This presentation was postponed to the February Board meeting.

**VIII. TRANSPORTATION REPORTS**

**A. Metro Report**

Board Member Mitchell shared that she participated in her first Metro Board meeting earlier in the day and did a lot of listening and learning. She shared that during a conversation on the mid-year budget, there was a presentation on the budget equity assessment. Metro is doing extensive work to consider racial and social equity explicitly in their budget.

Mr. Lantz reported the following items: Metro continues to experience significant revenue shortfalls and faces rising operations costs. Metro will be using new CARES Act money to cover some of the operation costs, but Metro will not receive enough to make up for the lack of fare collection; The Crenshaw/LAX Line is still under construction and Metro hopes to be in the system testing phase in May 2021; The Metro Board approved a mandatory mask requirement on riders of its service.

**B. Transportation Committee report**

**1. Letter to Metro re: Recovery Task Force report (attachments) – Approved**

Board Member Horvath reported that at the Transportation Committee meeting, SBCCOG staff provided an update on the Measure R and M Metro Budget Request. Metro also presented on the Recovery Task Force draft recommendations. SBCCOG staff prepared a comment letter which is in the Board packet for approval.

**MOTION** by Board Member Horvath, seconded by Board Member Tanaka, to **APPROVE** the letter to Metro. No objection. So ordered.

**IX. SBCCOG PROGRAM ACTION ITEMS, REPORTS AND UPDATES**

**A. Special Assessment for Regional Planner (attachments) – Referred back to Steering Committee**

Board Member Horvath proposed returning this item to the Steering Committee or the next Board due to tonight’s meeting running long. Other Board Members agreed with this proposal.

Board Member Dieringer asked if staff could provide additional information on why the assessment was needed if the SBCCOG is receiving funding for the position and what specific benefits cities would receive.

Ms. Bacharach also asked the Board to discuss the item with their City Managers and Community Development Directors because they have been very supportive of the idea and might be able to provide the Board additional background as to what value they see in it for their specific city.

**MOTION** by Board Member Horvath, seconded by Board Member Dieringer, to refer the item back to the Steering Committee for additional discussion. No objection. So ordered.

**B. Advocacy re: housing legislation**

Board Member Armato reported that Contract Cities is working to craft legislation that would strike a balance between building affordable housing but maintaining local control at the same time. They are considering a regional approach to develop trusts that would provide upfront funding to help builders construct housing. The concept is modeled off the cap-and-trade program. Regions could develop a fee structure that helps fund the trust if they choose. The group will be meeting with Senator Allen to discuss his potential sponsorship of the legislation.

**C. General Assembly**

Board Member Horvath provided a brief overview of the GA planning. Board Member Boyles shared his experience with a recent all-day virtual conference and how the organizer scheduled breaks throughout to avoid burnout. Board Member Horvath noted that since the sessions are going to be available after the event, if an attendee did have to step away from a session, the content will still be available. Chair Valentine shared her concerns about the length of the virtual program.

Ms. Fuentes shared the current GA flyer, reviewed current fund-raising figures, and showed the Board an example of what the virtual exhibit booth would look like.

Ms. Bacharach asked the Board if they would be interested in networking from 4-5pm after the end of the program. Chair Valentine noted that after a full program, most attendees may be ready to leave and not be interested in staying to network.

**D. South Bay Fiber Network**

Ms. Bacharach shared that the Little Hoover Commission wrote a report and cited the SBCCOG’s SBFN as an example of an innovative project. She added that there is approximately \$1M in unspent grant funding that the SBCCOG hopes to spend on additional site connections. She asked that cities provide any other sites they would like to connect by February 28<sup>th</sup> so that an analysis can be done to determine what sites may be able to be added to the project.

**E. Research re: more local control re: health regulations**

Ms. Bacharach reported that Board Members Stern and Armato co-chaired a meeting where SPA-8 Director Dr. Prieto provided some information on what SPA-8 does. The Service Planning Area (SPA) structure was created in the early 1990’s but hasn’t really been evaluated since. Supervisor Hahn is working on a motion to look into their structure, boundaries, and effectiveness.

**F. Senior Services**

Board Member Huff shared that the working group met on Tuesday and discussed the COVID-19 vaccine rollout. Many people have been frustrated trying to navigate the websites. Board Member Huff thanked Board Member LaMarque and Supervisor Hahn’s office for working with County staff to improve the websites.

## **G. Homeless Services**

Ms. Farwell reported that earlier in the evening she presented to Torrance's Social Services Commission on the HomeShare South Bay program. She has made similar presentations to other city councils over the past few weeks. Torrance also recently created an internal task force which will be having a kick-off meeting in February where the SBCCOG will present the education and training module currently under development. The training has been in the works by SBCCOG staff and will address the common myths associated with homelessness, best practices, and information on resources. A Client Aid program will be launching in the coming weeks which will help fund motel stays prior to housing or job interviews, transportation to certain services, and more.

Board Member Zuckerman suggested the SBCCOG reach out to Bakersfield to discuss the successful work they have been doing as it seems to be working very well.

## **H. Opportunities to Serve and Annual Form 700s**

Ms. Bacharach informed the Board that on February 1<sup>st</sup>, they will receive the annual Form 700 and asked them to return it electronically. She also shared that there are opportunities to serve on the SCAG Regional Council for Board Member Gazeley's seat representing Carson, Torrance, and Lomita. The seat is up for reelection. There are also three seats up for reelection on the Metro South Bay Service Council.

## **I. Office Warming gifts from members**

Ms. Bacharach shared images of the gifts that have been received so far. She reminded the Board that the SBCCOG is collecting framed photos from member agencies to hang up in the new SBCCOG office.

## **J. Other**

### **1. Service Planning Area 8 Update**

Ms. Rodriguez provided a brief update on COVID statistics in the county. Case numbers continue to decline, with the 7-day average caseload currently at 1/3 of the peak. Notices are being sent out to businesses so that they are aware of the current rules and requirements. She also provided a brief overview of the vaccine rollout in LA County sharing that as of January 22, 662,000 doses had been given out, of which 544,000 were first doses. 68% of vaccines received in LA County have been given currently. Weekly vaccine allocations continue to vary week to week and have been declining. However, as more become available with production increasing, people will be able to begin getting them at local pharmacies, city clinics, and more.

Board Member Roos asked Ms. Rodriguez what the County is doing to increase distribution of the vaccine, sharing his belief that the distribution rate seems unreasonably low. Ms. Rodriguez explained that the County currently has workforce limitations that are in turn limiting the amount of vaccine that can be distributed.

Board Member Chen offered the city of Torrance's assistance in distributing the vaccine if the County plans to work with cities. Board Member LaMarque shared that Supervisor Hahn is preparing a motion that will develop MOUs for the County to partner with cities to do exactly that.

## **X. AGENCY REPORTS**

**NOTE: Oral reports are only made to clarify or amplify written attachments. All reports that were submitted or handed out are available online here: <https://www.southbaycities.org/committees/board-directors/board-directors-meeting-68>**

### **A. SCAG Committees**

1. Community, Economic, & Human Development (Mark Henderson, Drew Boyles, Frank Zerunyan & Mark Waronek) – no oral report
2. Energy and Environment (Britt Huff) – no oral report
3. Transportation (James Gazeley) – no oral report

### **B. South Bay Workforce Investment Board (Chris Cagle) – no oral report**

### **C. Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County**

Ms. Fuentes shared that the Sanitation Districts will be presenting a brief overview of their organic waste efforts to the IWG in February and will be presenting to the Board in April on the Clearwater Project.

### **D. Air Quality Management District (Joe Buscaino & Denny Shaw) – no oral report**

### **E. Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission (Bill Brand/vacant) – no oral report**

### **F. South Bay Aerospace Alliance (Olivia Valentine/Rodney Tanaka) – no oral report**

**G. KHHR (Hawthorne Airport) Committee re: Community Impacts** (Olivia Valentine)

Chair Valentine noted there is no report at this time, but there will be in February.

**H. California Association of Councils of Governments** (Britt Huff) – no oral report

**XI. UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Ms. Bacharach announced that she and Ms. Farrell will be preparing talking points for the Board to use to report back to their Councils on a summary of the SBCCOG Board actions and presentations each month. They are expected to be distributed on Monday. She asked for the Board to share feedback with her on whether they are useful and if they have any suggestions to improve them.

Mr. Kiernan reported that that 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Legislative Meet and Greet will be taking place February 26<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am – 10:00 am via Zoom. Mr. Kiernan also announced the League's Effective Communication in a Virtual World webinar. The link to register was included in the agenda packet.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Valentine adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm to Thursday, February 25, 2021 at 6:00 pm. The meeting will be held virtually via Zoom until further notice.

David Leger, Assistant Board Secretary