



SBCCOG Board Meeting Highlights

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PRESENTATIONS:

- **An Update on Issues and Happenings at the LA Air Force Base** – Colonel Andrew Dermanoski, commander, Space Base Delta 3, Los Angeles Airforce Base, provided an update on activities at the Los Angeles Airforce Base in El Segundo. Dermanoski leads five squadrons and six staff agencies, supporting 7,000 personnel, with \$1 billion in physical plant assets. He manages an annual budget of \$61.4 million. For years the base was called Space, Systems Missiles Center but has since transitioned into a command center. It now manages space access (everything to do with launch); operational testing, training and infrastructure (building out virtual and physical infrastructure); space sensing (tracking and missile warning); military communications and positioning, navigation and timing; space combat power (strategic high-ground and first movers during global conflicts); and battle management, command control, communications and space intelligence. A new layer to the command structure is its System Deltas paired with their Combat Focus Command. These units manage acquisitions. Space Force will increase by 2,500 Guardians this year with an expanded budget of 124% for the Golden Dome project—a system of satellites being designed to intercept thousands of ballistic and hypersonic threats. The expanded workforce will range from daycare workers to senior program managers to skilled engineers.
- **South Bay Energy and Climate Recognition Program** – Addie Aubley, CivicSpark Fellow for the SBCCOG, presented the quarterly report on the South Bay Energy and Climate Recognition Program, conducted in partnership with the Southern California Regional Energy Network and SoCalGas. The program recognizes South Bay cities for their efforts in pursuit of energy efficiency initiatives and sustainability-related tasks. The program includes four recognition levels: bronze, silver, gold and platinum. So far this year Manhattan Beach has earned the most points and is sharing silver status with Gardena. Hawthorne and Rolling Hills Estates have earned bronze status. This year, cities can also earn a special partner award sponsored by the Water Replenishment District and West Basin Municipal Water District. To learn more contact Shawn Fujioka at shawn@southbaycities.org, Eleanor Murphy at eleanor@southbaycities.org or Addie Aubley at addie@southbaycities.org.
- **Metro Board Composition Listening Session Update** – Karen Swift, deputy executive officer, local government relations, Metro, and Andy Sywak, South Bay Area manager, Metro, provided an update on listening sessions for Metro Board expansion. When the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors expands, Metro is required to submit a revised board composition plan to the state legislature. In 2024 voters passed Measure G, which initiated a multi-year process to restructure the way the county governs itself. This will add a new county executive position in 2028 and will expand the board of supervisors from five members to nine in 2032. Earlier this year Metro Board Chair Fernando Dutra established an ad hoc committee to focus on potential changes to the Metro Board that arose from the adoption of Measure G. Staff were directed to conduct outreach and listening sessions to gather information and make recommendations to the ad hoc board. A final virtual listening session will take place on May 6. To attend, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/metro-dbe-certification-information-session-hybrid-tickets-1984782256157>
To take a survey visit <https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/d396a4a8e2ef44f697585e0cd4a8d9ec> The committee will make its final recommendations to the board by the end of June.

ACTIONS:

- **Metro Board Expansion** – The SBCCOG board approved a motion to oppose changing the composition of the Metro Board governance structure because although Measure G created more supervisors, it did not create more LA County residents needing representation on the Metro board.
- **Measure R Transit Investment Program / Measure M Multiyear Subregional Programs** – The board voted to approve the fiscal year 26-27 Measure R and Measure M annual program update with new policies that will require 1) Measure M projects which install fiber communication conduit to allocate sufficient fiber capacity for the South Bay Fiber Network (SBFN) with access rights; and 2) for all future projects with excavation or boring for fiber optic communication in the right-of-way to be required to install additional conduit and/or fiber to SBFN communications with right of access.
- **LEED Certification** – The board approved receipt of \$30,000 from SoCalREN for the SBCCOG to provide training and exam fees for 30 South Bay city staff members to gain their LEED certification. Staff can earn green associate credentials and become accredited professionals. Subject areas include building design and construction, operation and maintenance, and neighborhood development. The program will launch this summer.
- **LACAHSA** – The board approved support for Redondo Beach Council Member Paige Kaluderovic to fill the upcoming vacant seat on the LACAHSA board and to urge South Bay cities to support her.
- **South Bay Regional Housing Trust** – The board approved ratification of the delegates and alternates to the South Bay Regional Housing Trust board of directors, which will have representatives from 11 city members and two housing experts. Ratification by the SBCCOG is required in the legislation which set up the Trust.
- **Regional Housing Needs Allocation Memo** – The board approved a letter to gubernatorial and legislative candidates to replace the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) to empower cities to manage the process locally. The letter states that allowing cities to determine how they respond to their need for affordable housing will result in better results and more community buy-in. The letter will be shared in the coming week.
- **Event Recap – The 2026 SBCCOG General Assembly, “Let the Games Begin: How Sports and Entertainment are Shaping the South Bay”** – 376 people attended. The largest percentage of attendees (30%) identified themselves as South Bay residents with agency staff (18.4%) and city staff (14.6%) just behind. Torrance was the top attendee at 20.74%, followed by Los Angeles at 8.51% and Redondo Beach at 8.24%. More than 50% rated the event with five stars, while 90% rated it with four stars. Suggestions for topics for next year are welcome.

OPPORTUNITIES AND EVENTS:

- **San Pedro Arts District Tour – April 28 at 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.** – The SBCCOG is sponsoring a tour of the Angels Gate Cultural Arts Center and San Pedro Waterfront Arts District with a no-host lunch to follow. RSVP to Jacki Bacharach at jacki@southbaycities.org
- **Inaugural Meeting of the South Bay Regional Housing Trust – April 30 at 4 p.m.** – The South Bay Regional Housing Trust Board of Directors will convene for its inaugural meeting at the SBCCOG offices located at 357 Van Hess Way, #90, Torrance, 90501 and via Zoom at zoom.us/join Meeting ID: 820 7739 8488 / Passcode: 785907. The public is welcome to participate.
- **Meeting with Assembly Member Tina McKinnor – May 5 at 11:30 a.m.** – Meeting will include discussion of the South Bay Regional Housing Trust and the SBCCOG view on RHNA. Elected officials that can attend should contact Jacki Bacharach at jacki@southbaycities.org.
- **SBCCOG Orientation with City Staff – May 21 at 3 p.m.** – The SBCCOG will host an overview to give city staff the opportunity to learn more about how the SBCCOG works, its key programs and projects and to network with the SBCCOG staff and other attendees. [Learn more.](#)

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