



AGENDA ITEM 1 REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
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900 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1700 - Policy A Meeting Room
Los Angeles, CA 90017
October 6, 2022

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES OF THE MEETING THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2022

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE (EEC). A DIGITAL RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE AT: <http://scag.iqm2.com/Citizens/>.

The Energy and Environment Committee (EEC) of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) held its regular meeting both in person and virtually (telephonically and electronically), given the declared state of emergency (pursuant to State of Emergency Proclamation dated March 4, 2020) and local public health directives imposing and recommending social distancing measures due to the threat of COVID-19, and pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e)(1)(A). A quorum was present.

Members Present

Hon. Deborah Robertson, Rialto (Chair)	District 8
Sup. Luis Plancarte (Vice Chair)	Imperial County
Hon. Cindy Allen, Long Beach	District 30
Hon. Margaret Clark, Rosemead	SGVCOG
Hon. Robert Copeland, Signal Hill	GCCOG
Hon. Shari Horne, Laguna Woods	OCCOG
Hon. Britt Huff, Rolling Hills Estates	SBCCOG
Hon. Dan Kalmick, Huntington Beach	OCCOG
Hon. Joe Kalmick, Seal Beach	District 20
Hon. Elaine Litster, Simi Valley	VCOG
Hon. Diana Mahmud, South Pasadena	SGVCOG
Hon. Cynthia Moran, Chino Hills	SBCTA
Hon. Randall Putz, Big Bear Lake	District 11
Hon. Greg Raths, Mission Viejo	OCCOG
Hon. Richard Rollins, Port Hueneme	VCOG
Hon. Connor Traut, Buena Park	OCCOG
Hon. John Valdivia, San Bernardino	SBCTA
Hon. Colleen Wallace, Banning	WRCOG

Members Not Present

Hon. Ana Beltran, Westmoreland	ICTC
Hon. Daniel Brotman, Glendale	AVCJPA
Hon. Maria Davila, South Gate	GCCOG
Hon. Ned Davis, Westlake Village	LVMCOG
Hon. Rick Denison, Yucca Valley	SBCTA
Hon. Julian Gold, Beverly Hills	WSCCOG
Hon. Oscar Ortiz, Indio	CVAG
Hon. Jesus Silva, Fullerton	President’s Appointment
Hon. Sharon Springer, Burbank	SFVCOG
Hon. Edward H.J. Wilson, Signal Hill	GCCOG

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Deborah Robertson called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. Britt Huff, led the Pledge of Allegiance. Staff confirmed a quorum was present.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Chair Deborah Robertson opened the public comment period and provided detailed instructions on how to provide public comments. She noted that this was the time for members of the public to offer comment for matters that are within SCAG’s jurisdiction but are not listed on the agenda.

She reminded the public to submit comments via email to EECPublicComment@scag.ca.gov. She noted that public comments received via email after 5pm on Wednesday, August 31, 2022, would be announced and included as part of the official record of the meeting.

SCAG staff noted there were no written public comments received by email before or after the 5pm deadline on Wednesday, August 31, 2022.

Seeing no public comment speakers, Chair Robertson closed the public comment period for matters not listed on the agenda.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no requests to prioritize agenda items.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Policy Committee member Elaine Litster, Simi Valley, VCOG made a correction noting that the July,

meeting minutes showed she was not in attendance, but she was present. She also noted that on the first vote, it listed 16 members voting when it should be 18.

Chair Robertson opened the Public Comment Period.

Seeing no public comment speakers, Chair Robertson closed the Public Comment Period.

Approval Items

1. Minutes of the Meeting – July 7, 2022
2. Connect SoCal CEQA Addendum No. 3 to Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (State Clearinghouse No. 2019011061)

Receive and File

3. CEQA Initiation for the Connect SoCal 2024 Program Environmental Impact Report

A MOTION was made (Wallace) to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion was SECONDED (Valdivia) and passed by the following votes:

AYES: Allen, Clark, Copeland, Horne, Huff, D. Kalmick, J. Kalmick, Litster, Mahmud, Moran, Plancarte, Putz, Raths, Robertson, Rollins, Traut, Valdivia, and Wallace (18)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAINS: None (0)

ACTION ITEMS

4. Transportation Conformity Determinations of Proposed Final 2023 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) and Proposed Final 2020 Connect SoCal Amendment #2

Rongsheng Luo, Program Manager of Environmental Analysis, reported that at the last EEC meeting in July, EEC had approved the staff recommendation for Regional Council authorizing the release of the conformity analysis of the draft 2023 FTIP and the draft 2020 Connect SoCal Amendment No. 2, for public review. Subsequently, as authorized by the Regional Council, the conformity analysis, was released for 30 days for public review. The 30-day period concluded on August 8, 2022 and SCAG received a total of 24 comments for the Draft FTIP and no comments were received for the draft

2020 Connect SoCal Amendment No. 2. He stated the comments on the 2023 FTIP were generally technical in nature and did not raise issues that affected the associated conformity analysis. He stated that as a result, no significant changes had been made to the proposed final FTIP and 2020 and the Connect SoCal Amendment #2. He reported that SCAG staff had determined that the proposed final 2023 FTIP and the proposed final 2020 Connect SoCal Amendment #2 continued to meet all federal transportation conformity requirements.

Chair Robertson opened the Public Comment Period.

Seeing no public comment speakers, Chair Robertson closed the Public Comment Period.

A MOTION was made (Wallace) to recommend that the Regional Council approve the transportation conformity determinations of the proposed Final 2023 FTIP and the proposed Final 2020 Connect SoCal Amendment #2; and direct staff to submit to the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration for approvals at its October 6, 2022 meeting. Motion was SECONDED (Huff) and passed by the following votes:

AYES: Allen, Clark, Copeland, Horne, Huff, D. Kalmick, J. Kalmick, Litster, Mahmud, Moran, Plancarte, Putz, Rath, Robertson, Rollins, Traut, Valdivia, and Wallace (18)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAINS: None (0)

5. SCAG Water Action Resolution

Chair Robertson opened the Public Comment Period.

The following members of the public provided comments regarding revisions to the resolution to be more inclusive of all options including language to enhance the supply opportunities, as well as creating an advisory group, and also language on storage:

- Ray Baca
- Denise Kniter
- Marci Stanage
- Richard Lambros
- Charles Wilson
- Lucy Dunn
- Robert Sausedo
- Martin Ludlow

Seeing no further public comment, Chair Robertson closed the Public Comment Period.

Sarah Jepson, SCAG Planning Director thanked everyone for public comments. She stated they were bringing this [item] forward for discussion and Consideration of Action by the committee. She stated it would go before the Regional Council if acted on that day, the following month [October 2022]. She stated they would have the opportunity to incorporate any of the feedback provided that day and would also be happy to bring it back to that particular committee if they wanted to look at it before it went to the [Regional Council]. She reported Chair Robertson wanted to ensure water was part of the conversation and a bigger piece on how they did integrated planning at SCAG as they thought about the development of more sustainable communities. She reported that in the last several months, they had conversations about climate change and the way it is challenging water supplies. She stated this was a starting point for them to outline how they understand some of the challenges in the region and how SCAG can play a stronger partnership role in ensuring a more sustainable water supply in the future. She then handed the presentation off to Kimberly Clark, Program Manager who would talk about the background on the resolution and some of the actions they were proposing.

Kimberly Clark, Program Manager, provided a presentation on the proposed Water Action Resolution, which affirmed a drought and water shortage emergency in the SCAG region and called on local and regional partners to join together to reduce water use, improve water conservation reuse and efficiency and enhance water systems health and resilience. She noted this item was marked for Action on the agenda but not on the staff report. She clarified this was an action item.

Clark responded to comments and questions posed by the members of the committee concerning the groundwater recharge strategy, language in the resolution expanding emphasis on water acquisition and information on costs associated with this item.

Chair Robertson stated with all the comments that had been presented, she moved the item and asked Vice Chair Plancarte to second it.

Policy Committee Member, Elaine Litster, Simi Valley VCOG, asked for a point of clarification. She asked if they voted for the resolution as stated, a yes vote, would they be able to incorporate those changes or if they were voting to bring it back with some of the changed language as discussed.

Planning Director Jepson stated she could summarize what they had heard and what they would try to capture in the revisions in the resolution. She reiterated the point on cost-effective and efficiency, making sure they were integrating that point, in several places, including replacing the word of "alternatives." She stated they would look at opportunities to incorporate an "all of the above" type of approach and would look for greater opportunities to elevate the work of partners around education and advocacy. She stated one of the things she found important was they were a long-range regional transportation planning agency and what they were seeing in the motion, was

focused on their role in supporting local land use planning but they heard them saying they wanted a broader approach, and they could look at ways they could rely on and elevate the work of partners. She stated that given the conversation, they would be happy to put those into the resolution and bring it back to EEC so that they could adopt it before it went to [the Regional Council] or if they were happy with the way she had summarized it, they could move forward and try to incorporate those comments based off their action and bring it forth to [the Regional Council] the following month.

Chair Robertson asked to include supporting partners in any legislative directions they may need to be in support of. She recommended that they include all the added items and bring it back to the EEC for further review and ensuring they were as inclusive as they could be.

Deputy Legal Counsel Jeffrey Elder, stated they should do a substitute motion because they already had the first motion on the floor.

Chair Robertson and Vice Chair Plancarte withdrew their original motion.

A MOTION was made (Litster) to recommend that the resolution be modified and incorporate the elements as discussed and reviewed at their [EEC] following meeting. Motion was SECONDED (Mahmud) and passed by the following votes:

AYES: Allen, Clark, Copeland, Horne, Huff, D. Kalmick, J. Kalmick, Litster, Mahmud, Moran, Plancarte, Putz, Rath, Robertson, Rollins, Traut, and Wallace (17)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAINS: None (0)

INFORMATION ITEMS

6. Equity Analysis Update (formerly Environmental Justice Analysis) - Performance Measures

Chair Robertson opened the Public Comment Period.

Seeing no public comment speakers, Chair Robertson closed the Public Comment Period.

Anita Au, Senior Regional Planner, provided a preview of staff's proposed updates to Connect SoCal 2024, Equity Analysis Performance Measures.

Au responded to comments and questions posed by the members of the committee concerning displacement, gentrification of minority communities and ways they could reflect population migration in the region.

7. Green Region Resource Areas Methodology for SCAG's Local Data Exchange (LDX)

Chair Robertson opened the Public Comment Period.

Seeing no public comment speakers, Chair Robertson closed the Public Comment Period.

Kimberly Clark, Program Manager, provided a presentation on SCAG's approach for fulfilling SB375 requirement that the 2024 Connect SoCal Plan incorporate considerations for resource areas in the development of the sustainable communities strategy.

8. Energy and Environment Committee (EEC) 12 Month Look Ahead

Chair Robertson opened the Public Comment Period.

Seeing no public comment speakers, Chair Robertson closed the Public Comment Period.

Sarah Jepson, Planning Director, provided a brief presentation on the look ahead on agenda items, they were planning to bring forward to the Energy and Environment Committee this year. She noted it was subject to change.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Robertson reminded members of the survey that went out and asked they fill it out. Chair Robertson also reminded members of the U.S. Conference of Mayors taking place October 13-14, in Ontario, CA.

STAFF REPORT

Rachel Wagner, Regional Affairs Officer, reported that SCAG was launching "Money Monday's" where they highlight open grant opportunities offered in the region. She reported this could be found on their shared grant opportunities website as well. Wagner also highlighted a few upcoming SCAG sponsored events or events SCAG will be attending in the month of September. She reported SCAG in partnership with the USC Sol Price School of Public Policy would host the virtual 33rd Annual Demographic Workshop on Wednesday, September 14 and Wednesday, September 21. She also announced the Annual League of Cities Conference would be taking place September 7-9, 2022, and also on September 7, the AAA Clean Vehicle Summit and Car Show would take place. Lastly, the



BizFed 8th Annual Freshman Policy Makers Reception would take place on September 22.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no future agenda items.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Robertson adjourned the Energy and Environment Committee meeting at 11:39 a.m. in honor of First Vice President Carmen Ramirez.

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ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

2022-23

MEMBERS	Representing	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	Total Mtgs Attended To Date
Allen, Cindy	Long Beach, District 30	1	1		1									3
Beltran, Ana	Westmoreland, ICTC	0	0		0									0
Brotman, Daniel	Glendale, AVCJPA	1	1		0									2
Clark, Margaret	Rosemead, SGVCOG	1	1		1									3
Copeland, Robert	Signal Hill, GCCOG	1	1		1									3
Davila, Maria	South Gate, GCCOG	0	0	D	0									0
Davis, Ned	Westlake Village, LVMCOG	1	0		0									1
Denison, Rick	Yucca Valley, SCBTA	1	0		0									1
Gold, Julian	Beverly Hills, WSCCOG	1	1		0									2
Horne, Shari	Laguna Woods, OCCOG	1	1		1									3
Huff, Britt	Rolling Hills Estates, SCBCOG	1	1	A	1									3
Kalmick, Dan	Huntington Beach, OCCOG	1	1		1									3
Kalmick, Joe	Seal Beach, District 20	1	1		1									3
Litster, Elaine	Simi Valley, VCOG	0	1		1									2
Mahmud, Diana	So. Pasadena, SGVCOG	1	1	R	1									3
Moran, Cynthia	Chino Hills, SBCTA	1	0		1									2
Ortiz, Oscar	Indio, CVAG	0	0		0									0
Plancarte, Luis	Imperial County	1	1		1									3
Putz, Randall	Big Bear Lake, District 11	1	0		1									2
Raths, Greg	Mission Viejo, OCCOG	0	1		1									2
Robertson, Deborah	Rialto, RC District 8	1	1		1									3
Rollins, Richard	Port Hueneme, VCOG	0	1		1									2
Springer, Sharon	Burbank, SFVCOG	1	1		0									2
Traut, Connor	Buena Park, OCCOG	1	1		1									3
Valdivia, John	San Bernardino, SBCCOG	1	1		1									3
Wallace, Colleen	Banning, WRCOG	1	1		1									3
Wilson, Edward H.J.	Signal Hill, GCCOG	0	0		0									0

Attachment: EEC Attendance Sheet 2022-23 (Minutes of the Meeting - September 1, 2022)