



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 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. Ana Beltran, Westmoreland	ICTC
Hon. Daniel Brotman, Glendale	AVCJPA
Hon. Margaret Clark, Rosemead	SGVCOG
Hon. Robert Copeland, Signal Hill	GCCOG
Hon. Ned Davis, Westlake Village	LVMCOG
Hon. Julian Gold, Beverly Hills	WSCCOG
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. Diana Mahmud, South Pasadena	SGVCOG
Hon. Cynthia Moran, Chino Hills	SBCTA
Hon. Oscar Ortiz, Indio	CVAG
Hon. Greg Raths, Mission Viejo	OCCOG
Hon. Richard Rollins, Port Hueneme	VCOG
Hon. Sharon Springer, Burbank	SFVCOG



Hon. Connor Traut, Buena Park	OCCOG
Hon. John Valdivia, San Bernardino	SBCTA
Hon. Colleen Wallace, Banning	WRCOG
Hon. Edward H.J. Wilson, Signal Hill	GCCOG

Members Not Present

Hon. Maria Davila, South Gate	GCCOG
Hon. Rick Denison, Yucca Valley	SBCTA
Hon. Elaine Litster, Simi Valley	VCOG
Hon. Randall Putz, Big Bear Lake	District 11
Hon. Jesus Silva, Fullerton	President’s Appointment

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Deborah Robertson called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Britt Huff, Rolling Hills Estates, SBCCOG, 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, November 2, 2022, would be announced and included as part of the official record of the meeting.

SCAG staff no public comment had been received by email before the 5pm deadline on Wednesday, November 2, 2022.

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

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

Chair Robertson stated staff had requested Information Item No. 6 to be moved up before Action Item No. 5.

CONSENT CALENDAR**Approval Items**

1. Minutes of the Meeting – October 6, 2022

Receive and File

2. Regional SCAG Climate Action Resolution Quarterly Update
3. Status Update on Clean Air Act Highway Sanction Clocks in SCAG Region
4. SCAG's Draft Digital Action Plan

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

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

AYES: Allen, Beltran, Brotman, Clark, Copeland, Davis, Gold, Horne, Huff, D. Kalmick, J. Kalmick, Mahmud, Moran, Ortiz, Plancarte, Putz, Rath, Robertson, Rollins, Springer, Traut, and Valdivia (21)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAINS: None (0)

INFORMATION ITEMS

Chair Robertson opened the Public Comment Period for Item 6.

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

6. Planning Context: Natural & Working Lands (Existing Conditions)

India Brookover, Senior Regional Planner, stated she would be discussing the planning context of Natural and Farm Lands Conservation in the SCAG region. She stated this was to prepare everyone for potential Natural and Farm lands conservation strategies in the 2024 Connect SoCal. She stated this was included as a strategy to prevent greenhouse gas emissions and reduce VMT. Ms. Brookover introduced Rebecca Lewison, Conservation Ecologist at SDSU who also serves as the Director of the Institute of Ecological Monitoring and Management. She stated Dr. Lewison would

be discussing climate impacts. Ms. Brookover also introduced Benjamin Matlock, Planning Manager for the City of Yucaipa. She stated Mr. Matlock would be discussing the City of Yucaipa's Viticulture Operation and Associated Standards Development Plan.

Mr. Matlock talked about the City of Yucaipa's venture to establish a Viticulture Operation and Development Standards. He discussed the multiphase approach they took to begin development. He also discussed their challenges such as housing laws and residential zoning.

Ms. Brookover announced Dr. Lewison would not be able to join the meeting after all as she had an urgent matter arise. Ms. Brookover informed the members that the [PowerPoint] slides [Dr. Lewison was going to present] were included in the agenda packet.

ACTION ITEMS

5. Transmittal to South Coast Air Quality Management District of Final 2022 Air Quality Management Plan Appendix IV-C Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy and Transportation Control Measures

Chair Robertson opened the Public Comment Period for Item 5.

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

Rongsheng Luo, Program Manager of Environmental Analysis, presented Item No. 5. He described how Appendix IV-C consisted of an overview of the adopted Connect SoCal 2020 RTPS. He reported that as recommended by EEC and authorized by RC, Appendix IV-C had been transmitted to the South Coast Air Quality Management District and had been released twice for public review. He noted no public comments specific to the Appendix IV-C had been received.

A MOTION was made (Plancarte) to recommend that the Regional Council (RC) adopt Resolution No. 22-648-2 approving transmittal of the Final 2022 Air Quality Management Plan Appendix IV-C Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy and Transportation Control Measures to the South Coast Air Quality Management District, subject to final public comments. Motion was SECONDED (Ortiz) and passed by the following votes:

AYES: Beltran, Brotman, Clark, Davis, Gold, Horne, Huff, J. Kalmick, Mahmud, Moran, Ortiz, Plancarte, Raths, Robertson, Rollins, Springer, and Valdivia (17)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAINS: None (0)

INFORMATION ITEMS**6. Planning Context: Natural & Working Lands (Existing Conditions)**

Item No. 6 was addressed before Action Item No. 5

7. Local Information Services Team (LIST) Status Update for Connect SoCal 2024 Local Data Exchange (LDX) Process

Chair Robertson opened the Public Comment Period for Item 7.

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

Tom Vo, Program Manager, addressed the committee and provided an overview of the Connect SoCal 2024 Local Data Exchange (LDX) Process, Regional Data Platform and Local Information Services. He also provided an update on the LDX process particularly regarding the jurisdictions that had not met with SCAG.

8. 2022 Racial Equity Baseline Conditions Report Release

Chair Robertson opened the Public Comment Period for Item 8.

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

Anita Au, Senior Regional Planner, provided a presentation on the 2022 Racial Equity Baseline Conditions report.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Robertson reminded everyone to register for the 13th Annual Southern California Economic Summit – Resourcing the Region taking place on Thursday, December 1st. She stated elected officials and city managers could attend for free. She also shared they wouldn't be any Policy Committee or Regional Council meetings in December due to the Summit. Chair Robertson also shared project information from Metropolitan Water District. She stated that in light of the recently adopted Water resolution, the Draft EIR for the Delta Conveyance Project had been released and the Department of Water Resources was accepting public comments until December 16. She stated the Metropolitan Water District had also released the Notice of Preparation to inform the public that an Environmental Impact Report would be prepared for the Pure Water Southern California regional recycled water project. Lastly, Chair Robertson shared that interested parties could provide public comment through November 14 and there that there would be several virtual meetings to

provide input. She stated they would share this information with links to webpages and resources with committee members following the meeting.

STAFF REPORT

Rachel Wagner, Regional Affairs Officer, provided a Connect SoCal Development Update. She stated they were nearing the end of the data collection phase of plan development. She stated November 1, was the deadline for County Transportation Commissions to submit project information for the plan. Additionally, she reported that December 2nd would be the deadline for local jurisdictions to provide any land use or growth feedback to the draft data that had been shared with them through the Local Data Exchange process. She stated policy development and discussions on strategies and solutions to include in the plan would continue into the next year, including the conclusion of the 3 Connect SoCal Subcommittees next January which would provide recommendations to the Joint Policy Committees. Additionally, she stated other upcoming milestones included the submittal of their draft Sustainable Communities Strategy Technical Methodology to the California Air Resources Board early next year, followed by public workshops which would be held across the region and virtually.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no future agenda items.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Policy Committee Mahmud, South Pasadena, SGVCOG, stated it had been her privilege to serve as a representative of the San Gabriel Valley COG for the last 7 years. She thanked staff for the job they did.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Robertson adjourned the Energy and Environment Committee meeting at 11:15 a.m.

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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	1	1							5
Beltran, Ana	Westmoreland, ICTC	0	0		0	1	1							2
Brotman, Daniel	Glendale, AVCJPA	1	1		0	1	1							4
Clark, Margaret	Rosemead, SGVCOG	1	1		1	1	1							5
Copeland, Robert	Signal Hill, GCCOG	1	1		1	1	1							5
Davila, Maria	South Gate, GCCOG	0	0	D	0									0
Davis, Ned	Westlake Village, LVMCOG	1	0		0		1							2
Denison, Rick	Yucca Valley, SCBTA	1	0		0	1								2
Gold, Julian	Beverly Hills, WSCCOG	1	1		0	1	1							4
Horne, Shari	Laguna Woods, OCCOG	1	1		1	1	1							5
Huff, Britt	Rolling Hills Estates, SCBCOG	1	1	A	1	1	1							5
Kalmick, Dan	Huntington Beach, OCCOG	1	1		1	1	1							5
Kalmick, Joe	Seal Beach, District 20	1	1		1	1	1							5
Litster, Elaine	Simi Valley, VCOG	0	1		1	1								3
Mahmud, Diana	So. Pasadena, SGVCOG	1	1	R	1	1	1							5
Moran, Cynthia	Chino Hills, SBCTA	1	0		1	1	1							4
Ortiz, Oscar	Indio, CVAG	0	0		0	1	1							2
Plancarte, Luis	Imperial County	1	1		1	1	1							5
Putz, Randall	Big Bear Lake, District 11	1	0		1	1								3
Raths, Greg	Mission Viejo, OCCOG	0	1		1	1	1							4
Robertson, Deborah	Rialto, RC District 8	1	1		1	1	1							5
Rollins, Richard	Port Hueneme, VCOG	0	1		1	1	1							4
Springer, Sharon	Burbank, SFVCOG	1	1		0	1	1							4
Traut, Connor	Buena Park, OCCOG	1	1		1	1	1							5
Valdivia, John	San Bernardino, SBCCOG	1	1		1		1							4
Wallace, Colleen	Banning, WRCOG	1	1		1	1	1							5
Wilson, Edward H.J.	Signal Hill, GCCOG	0	0		0	1	1							

Attachment: EEC Attendance Sheet 2022-23 (Minutes of the Meeting - November 3, 2022)