

Energy and Environment Committee
of the
Southern California Association of Governments
January 3, 2013

Minutes

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE. A DIGITAL RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

The Energy and Environment Committee held its meeting at the SCAG Los Angeles Office. The meeting was called to order by the Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, Chair. There was a quorum.

Members Present

Hon. Sylvia Ballin, San Fernando	District 67
Hon. Lisa Bartlett, Dana Point	TCA
Hon. Denis Bertone, San Dimas	SGVCOG
Hon. Margaret Clark, Rosemead	District 32
Hon. Jordan Ehrenkranz, Canyon Lake	WRCOG
Hon. Larry Forester, Signal Hill	GCCOG
Hon. Ed Graham, Chino Hills	District 10
Hon. Keith Hanks, Azusa	District 33
Hon. Thomas Martin, Maywood	GCCOG
Hon. Sam Pedroza, Claremont	SGVCOG
Hon. David Pollock, Moorpark	VCOG
Hon. Jack Terrazas	Imperial County
Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro	District 1
Hon. Diane Williams, Rancho Cucamonga	SANBAG
Hon. Edward Wilson, Signal Hill	Gateway Cities
Hon. Dennis Zine, City of Los Angeles	District 50

Members Not Present

Hon. Brian Brennan, San Buenaventura	VCOG
Hon. Jeff Duclos, Hermosa Beach	SBCCOG
Hon. Mitchell Englander, Los Angeles	District 59
Hon. James Johnson, Long Beach	District 30
Hon. Rafi Manoukian, Glendale	SFVCOG
Hon. Judy Mitchell, Rolling Hills Estates	District 40
Hon. Jeffery Prang, West Hollywood	WSCCOG
Hon. Lupe Ramos Watson, Indio	District 66
Hon. Ed Scott, Rialto	SANBAG
Hon. Mark Waldman, La Palma	OCCOG

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Mr. Charles Lau, Caltrans District 7, announced that the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Transportation Planning Grant Programs Workshop is scheduled for January 23, 2013, 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., at the SCAG Los Angeles office.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval Items

1. Minutes of the November 1, 2012 Meeting

A motion was made (Forester) to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion was seconded (Bertone) and unanimously approved.

Receive and File

2. Summary Report from Subcommittees

Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker provided an update on the Public Health Subcommittee meeting that was held on November 28, 2012. Chair Viegas-Walker announced an upcoming joint meeting of the Sustainability, Active Transportation, and Public Health Subcommittees to be held at SCAG on Monday, January 14, 2013, from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS

3. Transportation Control Measures (TCM) Substitution by Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA)

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG Staff, reported that per federal conformity regulations, SCAG is responsible for demonstrating timely implementation of TCMs. Due to recent funding considerations, OCTA has requested to substitute a TCM project for bus purchase and service expansion with regional traffic signal synchronization projects throughout Orange County. As documented in the TCM Substitution Report included in the agenda packet, the proposed substitution meets all federal and state requirements. SCAG's approval of the TCM substitution, with concurrence of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and California Air Resources Board (ARB), will replace the original TCM project with the new TCM projects.

A motion was made (Forester) to approve the TCM substitution by OCTA of a bus purchase and service expansion TCM project and recommend that the Regional Council (RC) adopt the TCM substitution and direct staff to forward it to the EPA and ARB for concurrence. The motion was seconded (Hanks) and unanimously approved.

INFORMATION ITEMS

4. 2012 South Coast Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP) Update

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG Staff, provided an update on the Final 2012 AQMP which was adopted by the Governing Board of the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) on December 7, 2012. Mr. Luo noted that the Backstop Measure for the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach had been removed from the Final 2012 AQMP and will be reconsidered by South Coast AQMD Governing Board in February 2013. Mr. Luo stated that the Final 2012 AQMP was submitted to ARB on December 20, 2012. ARB is scheduled to hold a public hearing at the South Coast AQMD Headquarters in Diamond Bar on January 25, 2013 to consider and adopt the 2012 AQMP. If adopted, the ARB will submit the 2012 AQMP to EPA for inclusion into the State Implementation Plan as required by the federal Clean Air Act.

5. Amendment to Contract No. 12-021-C1 with UCLA Luskin Center for Innovation

Jacob Lieb, SCAG Staff, reported that staff had been working on a study funded under two (2) grant agreements that SCAG has with the California Energy Commission and the Federal Department of Energy. SCAG is working on the study in collaboration with the South Coast AQMD, Southern California Edison, South Bay Cities Council of Governments, and the Western Riverside Council of Governments.

The contract amendment, which does not require a change to the contract budget, is to allow SCAG's consultants, UCLA Luskin Center for Innovation, to provide additional in depth analysis of the challenges to PEV adoption and installation of infrastructure. The additional research will enable a more detailed geographic look than what SCAG has been able to do under its scope of work.

PUBLIC HEALTH SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Jacob Lieb, SCAG Staff, stated that the six subcommittees are in the process of developing policy recommendations that will be forwarded to the policy committees at the General Assembly in May 2013. Staff has encouraged the subcommittees to shift their format to roundtable discussions rather than many presentations at their meetings. The roundtable format was installed at the last set of subcommittees and will continue at the joint subcommittee meeting that will be held on January 14, 2013. Following the presentations, guests will be invited to attend future subcommittee meetings to provide additional perspective and ideas for consideration and discussion.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker announced that SCAG's Annual General Assembly will be held on May 2-3, 2013 at the JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort & Spa in Palm Desert. Chair Viegas-Walker reported that there is a proposal on the RC agenda today for a pilot project to allow for Transportation Committee (TC) members to participate via video-conference for a one-year period. She noted that a member of the Executive Administration Committee (EAC) raised concern about the disruption this may cause relative to Brown Act requirements for roll call votes during video-conferenced meetings, due to the large number of TC members, and the EAC member had suggested that the pilot project might be better suited to a smaller policy committee.

STAFF REPORT

Jonathan Nadler, SCAG Staff, reported that on December 17, 2012, the EPA Region 9 Administrator signed a proposed rule approving revised fugitive dust regulations submitted by the Imperial County Air Pollution Control District and an interim final rule to stay Imperial County highway sanctions. Once the notice of the interim final rule is officially published in the Federal Register, it will immediately lift imposition of the sanctions, subject to closure of the public comment period and final approval of the fugitive dust regulations.

Nomination packets for the Seventh Annual Compass Blueprint Recognition Awards are now available. The deadline is February 19, 2013. This year's awards will take place at SCAG's General Assembly on May 2-3, 2013. The Recognition Awards Program is held to recognize the planning and development work occurring throughout our region exemplifying Compass Blueprint Principles.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker requested a presentation regarding carpool transponders and how it affects the drivers' commute back and forth between Orange County and Los Angeles.

Hon. David Pollock requested a report or analysis on Proposition 39 which provides funds for solar panels for educational facilities and other buildings.

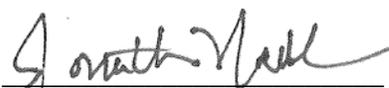
ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker adjourned the meeting at 10:57 a.m.

The next meeting of the Energy & Environment Committee will be held on Thursday, February 7, 2013 at the SCAG Los Angeles Office.

Minutes approved by:



Jonathan Nadler, Manager
Compliance & Performance
Monitoring

Energy and Environment Committee Attendance Report

2013

Member (including Ex-Officio) Last Name, First Name	Date Appointed if after 1/1/13	Representing	X = County Represented					X = Attended Black Shading = Dark NM = New Member												Total Mtgs Attended				
			Imperial	Los Angeles	Orange	Riverside	San Bernardino	Ventura	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov		Dec			
Ballin, Sylvia*		San Fernando		X						X														
Bartlett, Lisa*		OCCOG			X					X														
Bertone, Denis		SGVCOG		X						X				G										
Brennan, Brian		VCOG							X					E										
Clark, Margaret*		Rosemead		X						X				N										
Duclos, Jeff		SBCCOG		X										E										
Ehrenkranz, Jordan		WRCOG				X				X				R										
Englander, Mitchell*		Los Angeles		X										A										
Forester, Larry		Gateway Cities		X						X				L										
Graham, Ed		Chino Hills						X		X				A										
Hanks, Keith		Azusa		X						X				A										
Johnson James		Long Beach		X										S										
Manoukian, Rafi		SFVCOG		X										E										
Martin, Thomas		GCCOG		X						X				M										
Mitchell, Judy*		SBCCOG		X										B										
Pedroza, Sam		SGVCOG		X						X				L										
Pollock, David		VCOG							X	X				Y										
Prang, Jeffery		W. Hollywood		X										A										
Ramos Watson, Lupe		CVAG				X								A										
Scott, Edward		SANBAG						X						A										
Terrazas, Jack		Imperial County	X							X				A										
Viegas Walker, Cheryl*		El Centro	X							X				A										
Waldman, Mark		La Palma			X									A										
Williams, Diane		SANBAG						X		X				A										
Wilson, Edward		Signal Hill		X						X				A										
Zine, Dennis*		Los Angeles		X						X				A										
TOTALS			2	15	2	2	3	2																