

Energy and Environment Committee
of the
Southern California Association of Governments
April 7, 2016

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 (EEC) held its meeting at the SCAG Los Angeles Office. The meeting was called to order by the Hon. Deborah Robertson, Chair. There was a quorum.

Members Present

Hon. Ross Chun, Aliso Viejo	TCA
Hon. Margaret Clark, Rosemead	District 32
Hon. Larry Forester, Signal Hill	GCCOG
Hon. Laura Friedman, Glendale	Arroyo Verdugo Cities
Hon. Mike Gardner, Riverside	WRCOG
Hon. Shari Horne, Laguna Woods	OCCOG
Hon. Thomas Martin, Maywood	GCCOG
Hon. Judy Mitchell, Rolling Hills Estates	District 40
Hon. Mike Munzing, Aliso Viejo	District 12
Hon. Linda Parks	Ventura County
Hon. Carmen Ramirez, Oxnard (Vice-Chair)	District 45
Hon. Deborah Robertson, Rialto (Chair)	District 8
Hon. Meghan Sahli-Wells, Culver City	WCCOG
Hon. Betty Sanchez, Coachella Valley	CVAG
Mr. Steve Schuyler, Ex Officio	Building Industry Association
Hon. John Sibert, Malibu	District 44
Hon. Diane Williams, Rancho Cucamonga	SANBAG

Members Not Present

Hon. Denis Bertone, San Dimas	SGVCOG
Hon. Jordan Ehrenkranz, Canyon Lake	WRCOG
Hon. Mitchell Englander, Los Angeles	District 59
Hon. Vartan Gharpetian, Glendale	SFVCOG
Hon. Sandra Genis, Costa Mesa	OCCOG
Hon. Ed Graham, Chino Hills	District 10
Hon. Steve Hwangbo, La Palma	District 18
Hon. Diana Mahmud, South Pasadena	SGVCOG
Hon. Jim Osborne, Lawndale	SBCCOG
Hon. Greg Pettis, Cathedral City	District 2
Hon. David Pollock, Moorpark	VCOG
Hon. Eric Schmidt, Hesperia	SANBAG
Hon. Jack Terrazas	Imperial County
Hon. Edward Wilson, Signal Hill	Gateway Cities
Hon. Bonnie Wright, Hemet	WRCOG

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Hon. Deborah Robertson, Chair, Rialto, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. and led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Ms. Vicki Kirschenbaum, Citizens Climate Lobby, Pasadena Chapter, said she wanted to make the members of the EEC aware that her organization is an advocate for Federal Carbon Pricing, specifically a carbon fee and dividend, and a Cap and Trade mechanism.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

ACTION ITEM

1. Election of 2016-17 EEC Chair and Vice-Chair

Justine Block, SCAG Deputy Legal Counsel, explained the election process to the committee members and informed them of the nominations that were received. Hon. Carmen Ramirez, Oxnard, representing District 45 was nominated for Chair and Hon. Ross Chun, Aliso Viejo, representing TCA was nominated for Vice-Chair. Ms. Block then asked if there were any additional nominations from the floor.

Ms. Block stated that the committee has the option of making a motion to dispense with the paper ballots if a motion was made to approve the slate of candidates.

A MOTION was made (Forester) to close the nominations and approve the slate of candidates. The MOTION was SECONDED (Robertson) and APPROVED by the following votes:

AYES: Chun, Clark, Forester, Friedman, Gardner, Horne, Mitchell, Parks,
Ramirez, Robertson, Sibert, Sanchez, Williams
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

Ms. Block announced the newly elected EEC Chair Carmen Ramirez and Vice Chair Ross Chun.

CONSENT CALENDAR

2. Minutes of the February 4, 2016 Meeting

Receive and File

3. 2016 Regional Council and Policy Committee Meeting Schedule
4. Status Update on Transportation Control Measure (TCM) Substitutions by Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro), Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC), and San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG)
5. Resolution No. 16-578-3 for the United States Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy (EERE) Clean Cities Outreach, Education, and Performance Tracking Grant
6. Save the Date: The 27th Annual SCAG/USC Demographic Workshop – June 13, 2016
7. SCAG Housing Summit, October 11, 2016
8. Cap-and-Trade Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: Affordable Housing & Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Program Concept Application Review

A MOTION was made (Forester) to move the Consent Calendar. The MOTION was SECONDED (Mitchell) and APPROVED by the following votes:

AYES: Chun, Clark, Forester, Friedman, Gardner, Horne, Mitchell, Parks,
Ramirez, Robertson, Sibert, Sanchez, Williams
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

INFORMATION ITEMS

9. Southern California Superfund Sites and Groundwater Contamination in the Los Angeles (LA) Central Basin

Steven Leonido-John, Director, Southern California Field Office, with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) provided an overview of the EPA's role and efforts to investigate groundwater contamination in the Los Angeles Central Basin. He also briefed the committee on EPA's Superfund program, which is responsible for cleaning up some of the nation's most contaminated land and responds to environmental emergencies such as oil spills and other natural disasters. Other state agencies that also have authority to clean up ground water contamination are the Department of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC) and the Water Quality Control Board (WQCB).

The term "Superfund" came about thirty-five (35) years ago. It stands for the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation Liability Act known as CERCLA. The chief responsibility of the Superfund program is cleanup of the most contaminated sites. There is also a program for environmental emergencies. A key part of the program is community involvement, which includes residents and businesses in the cities that the Superfund sites reside in.

Key analysis of a Superfund site includes risk assessment and characterization. A decision is then made on the remedy for cleanup and confinement so there is no adverse impact on the

environment and public health. Engineers then step in to design the remediation. The last component of the Superfund program is reuse of sites. Once a site is confined and is able to be reused again it is brought back into productive use.

There is a tool that EPA and DTSC have been working on, Spatial Prioritization Geographic Information Tool (SPGIT). The tool takes existing information in order to share and evaluate where future efforts need to be focused. Because there is so much contamination in the SCAG region, sites that are most contaminated and have the largest impact on public health need to be dealt with first and are the highest priority. The areas of concern that SPGIT is used to identify are: wells, sources, sensitive environments, conduits, and existing sites.

Hon. Laura Friedman, Glendale, asked with regards to new chemicals and new products, what is the process for making sure that the products are safe before they are put into the environment?

Mr. Leonido-John replied that there is currently language under the Toxic Substance Control Act (TSCA) that is being revised to address this issue. The process takes several years. Previously, there has not been a revision process. It has been reactive vs. proactive. This revision to TSCA is to make it more proactive so as new chemicals are introduced, they have to go through scrutiny to understand the potential ramifications of the substance.

Hon. Laura Friedman asked if there is an action that we as a body can take to push California legislators to move more quickly than the federal government. Mr. Leonido-John responded that SCAG has a very good reputation and carries quite a bit of weight both at the state and federal level. Hon. Laura Friedman stated she would like for the committee to consider action to support a resolution on this issue. Hon. Deborah Robertson, Chair, stated that she agreed and directed SCAG staff to return with more information for the committee about superfund sites in the region and the status of health assessments that have been conducted, and to further bring forward a resolution for consideration by the EEC and RC asking that the State become more proactive on new chemicals and groundwater.

10. Go Human Campaign - Update

Rye Baerg, SCAG Staff, stated that the campaign is doing very well. SCAG has tripled its initial investment in its advertising campaign. Staff has completed over 350 million impressions region wide. Much of this is through direct partnerships with local cities and with county agencies that have donated additional advertising space. Staff has also completed its first two demonstration project events. There will be additional events held in the spring and fall. Staff has completed its first user group panels for the tool kits, one of which will be for elected officials. This will enable you to consider what you can do in your community to promote active transportation. On May 4, 2016 SCAG will hold an Active Transportation Leadership Symposium for elected officials only. The event will be held the day before SCAG's General Assembly. There will be training for the elected officials and then a field trip to SCAG's demonstration project in Palm Desert. Tool kit training will also be hosted for city staff at a later date.

CHAIR'S REPORT - None

STAFF REPORT - None

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS - None

ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Deborah Robertson adjourned the meeting at 11:08 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Energy & Environment Committee (EEC) will be held on Thursday, June 2, 2016 at the SCAG Los Angeles office.

Energy and Environment Committee Attendance Report

2016

Member (including Ex-Officio) LastName, FirstName	Date Appointed if after 1/1/16	Representing	X = County Represented					X = Attended Black Shading = Dark												Total Mtgs Attended			
			Imperial	Los Angeles	Orange	Riverside	San Bernardino	Ventura	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov		Dec		
Bertone, Denis		SGVCOG		X						J	X	J		G									2
Chun, Ross		TCA								O	X	O	X	E									1
Clark, Margaret		Rosemead		X						I	X	I	X	N									2
Ehrenkranz, Jordan		WRCOG					X			N	X	N		E									1
Englander, Mitchell		Los Angeles		X						T		T		R									
Forester, Larry		Gateway Cities		X							X		X	A									2
Friedman, Laura		AVCOG		X						M	X	M	X	L									2
Gardner, Mike		WRCOG					X			E	X	E	X										2
Genis, Sandra		OCCOG				X				E	X	E		A									1
Gharpetian, Vartan	Apr-16	SFVCOG		X						T		T		S									
Graham, Ed		SANBAG		X						I	X	I	X	S									2
Horne, Shari		OCCOG				X				N	X	N	X	E									2
Hwangbo, Steve		La Palma				X				G	X	G		M									1
Mahmud, Diana		SGVCOG		X							X			B									1
Martin, Thomas		GCCOG		X									X	L									1
Mitchell, Judy		SBCCOG		X							X		X	Y									2
Mojado, Geneva		Tribal COG									X												1
Munzing, Mike		District 12				X					X		X										2
Osborne, Jim		SBCCOG		X							X												1
Parks, Linda		Ventura							X		X		X										2
Pettis, Greg		Cathedral City					X				X												1
Pollock, David		VCOG							X		X												1
Ramirez, Carmen		Oxnard							X		X		X										2
Robertson, Deborah		District 8		X							X		X										2
Sahli-Wells, Meghan		WCCOG		X							X		X										2
Sanchez, Betty							X				X		X										2
Schuyler, Steve		BIASC				X					X		X										2
Sibert, John		District 44	X										X										1
Terrazas, Jack		Imperial County	X								X												1
Williams, Diane		SANBAG		X							X		X										2
Wilson, Edward		Signal Hill					X				X												1
Wright, Bonnie		WRCOG						X															
		TOTALS	2	14	5	5	1	3															