

Energy and Environment Committee
of the
Southern California Association of Governments
May 3, 2012

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. Denis Bertone, San Dimas	SGVCOG
Hon. Margaret Clark, Rosemead	District 32
Hon. Larry Forester, Signal Hill	GCCOG
Hon. David Gafin, Downey	District 25
Hon. Keith Hanks, Azusa	District 33
Hon. Mario Hernandez, San Fernando	District 67
Hon. Phil Luebben, Cypress	OCCOG
Hon. Judy Mitchell, Rolling Hills Estates	District 40
Hon. Sam Pedroza, Claremont	SGVCOG
Hon. Lupe Ramos Watson, Indio	District 66
Hon. Jack Terrazas	Imperial County
Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro	District 1
Hon. Edward Wilson, Signal Hill	Gateway Cities

Members Not Present

Hon. Lisa Bartlett, Dana Point	TCA
Hon. Brian Brennan, San Buenaventura	VCOG
Hon. Mark Calac	Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians
Hon. Jordan Ehrenkranz, Canyon Lake	WRCOG
Hon. James Johnson, Long Beach	District 30
Hon. Rafi Manoukian, Glendale	SFVCOG
Hon. Thomas Martin, Maywood	GCCOG
Hon. Jeffery Prang, West Hollywood	WSCCOG
Hon. Ed Scott, Rialto	SANBAG
Hon. Sam Toles, Cathedral City	CVAG
Hon. Mark Waldman, La Palma	OCCOG
Hon. Dennis Zine, City of Los Angeles	District 50

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – None

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

Due to the scheduled time change for the Regional Council meeting, Item 4 was carried over to the June 7, 2012 meeting of the EEC.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval Items

1. Minutes of March 1, 2012 Meeting

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

ACTION ITEMS

2. Conformity Re-determination for 2012-2035 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) with New South Coast Ozone Emission Budget

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG Staff, previously presented the draft conformity re-determination for the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS with the new 8-hour ozone emission budgets for the South Coast Air Basin at the last EEC meeting on March 1, 2012. As recommended by the EEC, the Regional Council authorized staff on April 4, 2012 to release the conformity re-determination for a 15-day public review and comment period. No comments were received. The report shows that the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS meets the new 8-hour ozone budgets for the South Coast Air Basin.

A motion was made (Forester) to recommend that the Regional Council approve the conformity redetermination for the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS with the new 8-hour ozone budgets for the South Coast Air Basin. Motion was seconded (Gafin) and unanimously approved.

INFORMATION ITEMS

3. Status Report on the Final Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for the 2012-2035 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP-SCS)

Diana Gould, SCAG Staff, provided an overview of the EIR status. Ms. Gould reported that there are three (3) important dates related to the certification of the EIR:

April 4 - Certification date of the EIR. The EIR needed to be certified prior to the RTP being adopted.

April 9 - The date when all notices of determination were filed. The notices inform each of the counties that the EIR was completed and provide some basic information about the EIR. This is an important date because it starts the 30-day statute of limitations for any California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) challenges.

May 8 - End of the 30-day period for the statute of CEQA challenges. SCAG had received no communication indicating any problems with the EIR.

There was further discussion regarding the potential of a challenge, at which time Chair Cheryl Viegas-Walker requested that staff inform the EEC, after close of business on May 8, 2012 as to whether SCAG received a CEQA complaint or not on the PEIR for the RTP/SCS.

4. Challenges Related to Oil Supply

This item was carried over to the next meeting of the EEC on June 7, 2012.

CHAIR'S REPORT

The schedule for SCAG's policy committee meetings conflicts with the annual League of California Cities meeting in September. Staff was asked to poll the committee members to make sure there would be a quorum at the September 6, 2012 meeting.

STAFF REPORT – None

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Discuss the scope of the EEC's responsibility at the June 7, 2012 meeting
- Update on Imperial County Air Pollution Control District versus EPA litigation (PM10, fugitive dust)
- Green Rail Intelligent Development (GRID)
- Freight Shuttle System
- Storm water update (Regional Water Quality Control Board)
- State water bond update
- Solid waste - Puente Hills landfill closure and conversion technology

ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker adjourned the meeting at 1:35 p.m.

The next meeting of the Energy & Environment Committee will be held on Thursday, June 7, 2012 at the SCAG Los Angeles Office.

Action Minutes Approved by:



Jacob Lieb, Manager
Environmental and Assessment
Services

Energy and Environment Committee Attendance Report

2012

Member (including Ex-Officio) LastName, FirstName	Date Appointed if after 1/1/12	Representing	X = County Represented					X = Attended Black Shading = Dark NM = New Member												Total Mtgs Attended			
			Imperial	Los Angeles	Orange	River side	San Bernardino	Ventura	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov		Dec		
Bartlett, Lisa*		OCCOG			X				X	X	X												3
Bertone, Denis		SGVCOG		X					X	X	X	G	X										4
Brennan, Brian		VCOG						X	X		X	E											2
Calac, Mark*		Pechanga					X					N											
Clark, Margaret*		Rosemead		X					X	X	X	E	X										4
Duclos, Jeff	5/14/2012	SBCCOG		X								R	NM										
Ehrenkranz, Jordan		WRCOG					X		X		X	A											2
Englander, Mitchell*		Los Angeles		X								L											
Forester, Larry		Gateway Cities		X					X	X	X		X										4
Gafin, David*		Downey		X					X	X			X										3
Hanks, Keith		Azusa		X						X	X	A	X										3
Hernandez, Mario	5/3/2012	San Fernando		X							NM	S	X										
Johnson James		Long Beach		X					X	X	X	S											3
Luebben, Phil		Cypress			X				X	X		E	X										3
Manoukian, Rafi	5/3/2012	SFVCOG		X							NM	M											
Martin, Thomas		GCCOG		X					X	X	X	B											3
Mitchell, Judy*		SBCCOG		X					X	X	X	L	X										4
Pedroza, Sam		SGVCOG		X					X	X	X	Y	X										4
Prang, Jeffery	3/1/2012	West Hollywood		X							NM												
Ramos Watson, Lupe		CVAG					X			X	X		X										3
Scott, Edward		SANBAG						X															
Terrazas, Jack		Imperial County	X						X		X		X										3
Toles, Sam		CVAG					X																
Viegas Walker, Cheryl*		El Centro	X						X	X	X		X										4
Waldman, Mark		La Palma		X					X	X	X												3
Wilson, Edward		Signal Hill		X					X				X										2
Zine, Dennis*		Los Angeles		X					X	X	X												3
TOTALS			2	16	2	4	1	1															