

Energy and Environment Committee  
of the  
Southern California Association of Governments  
June 2, 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. Larry Forester, Signal Hill	GCCOG
Hon. Mike Gardner, Riverside	WRCOG
Hon. Sandra Genis, Costa Mesa	OCCOG
Hon. Jack Hadjinian, Montebello	SGVCOG
Hon. Jon Harrison, Redlands	SANBAG
Hon. Shari Horne, Laguna Woods	OCCOG
Hon. Diana Mahmud, South Pasadena	SGVCOG
Hon. Judy Mitchell, Rolling Hills Estates	District 40
Hon. Linda Parks	Ventura County
Hon. Greg Pettis, Cathedral City	District 2
Hon. David Pollock, Moorpark	VCOG
Hon. Deborah Robertson, Rialto	District 8
Hon. Meghan Sahli-Wells, Culver City	WCCOG
Mr. Steve Schuyler, Ex Officio	Building Industry Association
Hon. John Sibert, Malibu	District 44
Hon. Diane Williams, Rancho Cucamonga	SANBAG
Hon. Edward Wilson, Signal Hill	Gateway Cities

**Members Not Present**

Hon. Denis Bertone, San Dimas	SGVCOG
Hon. Ross Chun, Aliso Viejo ( <b>Vice-Chair</b> )	TCA
Hon. Margaret Clark, Rosemead	District 32
Hon. Jordan Ehrenkranz, Canyon Lake	WRCOG
Hon. Mitchell Englander, Los Angeles	District 59
Hon. Laura Friedman, Glendale	Arroyo Verdugo Cities
Hon. Vartan Gharpetian, Glendale	SFVCOG
Hon. Ed Graham, Chino Hills	District 10
Hon. Steve Hwangbo, La Palma	District 18
Hon. Thomas Martin, Maywood	GCCOG
Hon. Jim Osborne, Lawndale	SBCCOG
Hon. Carmen Ramirez, Oxnard ( <b>Chair</b> )	District 45
Hon. Betty Sanchez, Coachella Valley	CVAG
Hon. Eric Schmidt, Hesperia	SANBAG
Hon. Jack Terrazas	Imperial County
Hon. Bonnie Wright, Hemet	WRCOG

## **CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Hon. Deborah Robertson, Rialto, chaired the meeting in the absence of the new Chair and Vice-Chair, and called the meeting to order at 10:43 a.m. Hon. Diane Williams, Rancho Cucamonga, led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

## **REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS**

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

### **Approval Items**

#### 1. Minutes of the April 7, 2016 Meeting

A MOTION was made (Gardner) to move the Minutes. The MOTION was SECONDED (Wilson) and APPROVED by the following votes:

AYES: Forester, Gardner, Horne, Mitchell, Parks, Pettis, Pollock, Robertson, Sahli-Wells, Sibert, Williams

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Genis, Mahmud, Hadjinian, Harrison

### **Receive and File**

#### 2. SCAG Invitation to the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Demographic Workshop – June 13, 2016

#### 3. 2016 Regional Council and Policy Committee Meeting Schedule

#### 4. Cap-and-Trade/Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: Affordable Housing & Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Program Update

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

AYES: Forester, Gardner, Genis, Harrison, Horne, Mahmud, Mitchell, Parks, Pettis, Pollock, Robertson, Sahli-Wells, Sibert, Williams

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Hadjinian

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

#### 5. SCAG Clean Cities Coalition Update

Marco Anderson, SCAG Staff, stated that SCAG was designated as a Clean Cities Coalition (CCC) in 1996. The program was established by the United States Department of Energy (DOE). The primary goal of the program is to reduce petroleum consumption in the U.S. The program has

both an environmental and energy independence focus. To reduce petroleum use, the program encourages energy efficiency, use of alternative fuel vehicles, and reduction in vehicles miles traveled (VMT). The program also focuses on municipal and private sector fleets, and goods movement and freight.

In 2015, SCAG was successful in getting a grant for a plug-in electric vehicle (PEV) study that is going to focus on multi-family housing implementation strategies. This is the third study SCAG has been awarded by the California Energy Commission (CEC). The current study will develop policies that will apply throughout the region.

In January 2016, the SCAG Clean Cities program was re-designated by the DOE for another three year cycle. The DOE recommended the SCAG Clean Cities program consider pursuing the following measures:

- Continue outreach to all jurisdictions represented by SCAG to document petroleum displacement from alternative fuel use, VMT reduction and other Clean Cities portfolio elements, and to attract additional stakeholders to the coalition.
- Follow up on opportunities for DOE to train SCAG stakeholders on Alternative Fuel Life-Cycle Environmental and Economic Transportation (AFLEET) and other tools utilizing SCAG's webinar capabilities.
- Continue to work closely with the other CCCs in Southern California and the e4Advanced Transportation Center to develop a coordinated regional approach to meeting the national Clean Cities goals.
- Recruit potential partners for the National Clean Fleets Partnership Program in the Southern California region.

As part of its reporting to the DOE, the SCAG CCC conducts a survey of its stakeholders each year in order to gauge the use of alternative fuels in the region. In 2015 SCAG received 38 responses from SCAG member cities, local jurisdictions, transit operators and private fleets. The regional survey accounted for 82,662,822 of Gasoline Gallon Equivalents (GGE) displaced.

SCAG CCC Program activities over the next three (3) years will include improved grant assistance, partnership coordination, and implementation of SCAG's proposed 2016 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (2016 RTP/SCS) policies. Additional next steps will include the 2016 Survey, to be completed by March 2017, upcoming coalition activities, and One-on-One stakeholder interviews.

## 6. The Energy Network Program

Alan Thompson, SCAG Staff, stated that on February 4, 2016 staff had brought forward to the committee a presentation on the City of Claremont's Energy Challenge and how they are competing for an award from Georgetown University. One of the tools Claremont used was from the Energy Network. Mr. Thompson then introduced Laurel Rothschild, Director of Education & Engagement at the Energy Coalition who briefed the committee on an innovative program available at no cost to public agencies in Southern California to implement energy saving projects.

The Energy Coalition was recruited by Los Angeles County to help run the public agency portion of the Los Angeles County energy program. The main reasons for California's publicly-funded energy efficiency programs is to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions, help the economy, and

avoid construction of new power plants and transmission lines. The Energy Program Network is funded by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). Currently, the CPUC is focusing on what the next ten (10) years will look like for energy efficiency programs. Unlike before, public agencies now have a voice in the CPUC process.

The goals and objectives of the Energy Coalition are energy savings project completed through retrofitting, customer satisfaction, program expansion, disadvantaged and underserved communities, increase the expertise and capacity of staff at public agencies, work force development bringing more contractors and delivering more work, and aligning with state goals, strategies and policies. The Energy Network services are available to more than 700 public agencies in Southern California. Qualifying agencies include cities, counties, school districts, water districts, sanitation districts and other public agencies in the SCAG region.

The program is available at no cost to public agencies and it offers a one-stop shop of resources. The program is available to all communities that are serviced by Southern California Edison and Southern California Gas Company. Public agencies can begin the application process by completing a short questionnaire at <http://action.theenergynetwork.com/about-us/eligibility-entrollment/questionnaire> or contact The Energy Network directly via e-mail at [info@theenergynetwork.com](mailto:info@theenergynetwork.com) or 1-855-700-NETWORK (638-9675).

**CHAIR'S REPORT** - None

### **STAFF REPORT**

Grieg Asher, SCAG Staff, stated that at the April 7, 2016 meeting of the EEC the committee had raised several questions during the presentation by Steven Leonido-John, Director, Southern California field office, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), on superfund sites and groundwater contamination in the Los Angeles Central Basin. Responses to the questions were distributed via e-mail from Sarah Jepson on May 17, 2016 to the members of the EEC. Also, per the request of the committee, staff is continuing to explore methods in which the committee could encourage the state to act to protect the environment and water resources against contamination from new chemicals. This item will be brought back at a future meeting.

Mr. Asher also informed the committee that there were flyers available for the South Coast Air Quality Management District 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Clean Air Awards.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS** - None

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Hon. Meghan Sahli-Wells, Culver City, announced that today, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, was National Gun Violence Prevention/Awareness Day. Individuals wear orange today to raise awareness for the cause.

Hon. Sandra Genis, Costa Mesa, stated that she had a concern about CEQA reform and the bad reputation it has. CEQA is not bad; it's intended to provide public information documents and is an important tool of informed self-government. She would like to see more balance in the presentations, including SCAG's Economic Summit or the General Assembly.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Hon. Deborah Robertson adjourned the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Energy & Environment Committee (EEC) will be held on Thursday, July 7, 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									1
Chun, Ross		TCA							O	X	O	X	E									2
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	X								3
Friedman, Laura		AVCOG		X					M	X	M	X	L									2
Gardner, Mike		WRCOG				X			E	X	E	X		X								3
Genis, Sandra		OCCOG			X				E	X	E		A	X								2
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Graham, Ed		SANBAG		X					I	X	I	X	S									2
Hadjinian, Jack	1-Jun	SGVCOG		X					N		N		E	X								1
Harrison, John	1-Jun	SANBAG		X					G		G		M	X								1
Horne, Shari		OCCOG			X					X		X	B	X								3
Hwangbo, Steve		La Palma			X					X			L									1
Mahmud, Diana		SGVCOG		X						X			Y	X								2
Martin, Thomas		GCCOG		X								X										1
Mitchell, Judy		SBCCOG		X						X		X		X								3
Osborne, Jim		SBCCOG		X						X												1
Parks, Linda		Ventura						X		X		X		X								3
Pettis, Greg		Cathedral City				X				X				X								2
Pollock, David		VCOG						X		X				X								2
Ramirez, Carmen		Oxnard						X		X		X										2
Robertson, Deborah		District 8		X						X		X		X								3
Sahli-Wells, Meghan		WCCOG		X						X		X		X								3
Sanchez, Betty		CVAG				X				X		X										2
Schuyler, Steve		BIASC			X					X		X		X								3
Sibert, John		District 44	X									X		X								2
Terrazas, Jack		Imperial County	X							X												1
Williams, Diane		SANBAG		X						X		X		X								3
Wilson, Edward		Signal Hill				X				X				X								2
Wright, Bonnie		WRCOG						X														
		<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>														