

Energy and Environment Committee
of the
Southern California Association of Governments
June 4, 2015

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. Denis Bertone, San Dimas	SGVCOG
Hon. Margaret Clark, Rosemead	District 32
Hon. Jordan Ehrenkranz, Canyon Lake	WRCOG
Hon. Larry Forester, Signal Hill	GCCOG
Hon. Laura Friedman, Glendale	Arroyo Verdugo Cities
Hon. Mike Gardner, Riverside	WRCOG
Hon. Sandra Genis, Costa Mesa	OCCOG
Hon. Ed Graham, Chino Hills	District 10
Hon. Shari Horne, Laguna Woods	OCCOG
Hon. Diana Mahmud, South Pasadena	SGVCOG
Hon. Thomas Martin, Maywood	GCCOG
Hon. Judy Mitchell, Rolling Hills Estates	District 40
Hon. Mike Munzing, Aliso Viejo	District 12
Hon. Greg Pettis, Cathedral City	District 2
Hon. Deborah Robertson, Rialto (Chair)	District 8
Hon. Meghan Sahli-Wells, Culver City	WCCOG
Hon. Diane Williams, Rancho Cucamonga	SANBAG
Hon. Edward Wilson, Signal Hill	Gateway Cities

Members Not Present

Hon. Ross Chun, Aliso Viejo	TCA
Hon. Mitchell Englander, Los Angeles	District 59
Hon. Steve Hwangbo, La Palma	District 18
Hon. Geneva Mojado, Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians	Tribal COG
Hon. Linda Parks	Ventura County
Hon. David Pollock, Moorpark	VCOG
Hon. Carmen Ramirez, Oxnard	District 45
Hon. Lupe Ramos Watson, Indio	CVAG
Hon. Eric Schmidt, Hesperia	SANBAG
Mr. Steve Schuyler, Ex Officio	Building Industry Association
Hon. John Sibert, Malibu	District 44
Hon. Jack Terrazas	Imperial County
Hon. Bonnie Wright, Hemet	WRCOG

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Hon. Deborah Robertson, Rialto, called the meeting to order at 10:06 am. The Hon. Greg Pettis, Cathedral City, led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Leeor Alpern, South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD), announced that SCAQMD launched its electric lawnmower exchange program that it established over ten years ago. SCAQMD's clean air awards nominations are currently open and the winners will be announced at the awards luncheon in October 2015. Deadline for award submittals is July 1, 2015. The SCAQMD will be holding a control strategy symposium as it relates to South Coast Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP) on June 10 and 11, 2015 9:00 am 5:00 pm at SCAQMD auditorium in Diamond Bar.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

ACTION ITEM

1. Transportation Control Measure (TCM) Substitutions by Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro), Riverside County Transportation Authority (RCTC), and San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG)

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG Staff, stated there had been three transportation control measure (TCM) substitutions requested by the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro), the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) and the San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG). The SANBAG TCM Substitution request had been reported to the EEC in April 2015. TCMs are specifically defined in the federal Clean Air Act. TCMs are those transportation projects or programs that reduce air pollutant emissions by modifying trip patterns or vehicle use such as HOV lanes, public transit, or active transportation projects. TCMs are part of the overall control strategy to attain the federal air quality standards. As a result, these TCM projects or programs are specifically identified and committed in the most recently approved air plans.

If a committed TCM cannot be delivered or will be significantly delayed, the substitution of the TCM is required and follows the process specified in the federal Clean Air Act. The TCM substitution is a multiple-step process and requires actions to be carried out by the County Transportation Commission (CTC), California Air Resource Board (ARB), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and SCAG. When a committed TCM cannot be delivered or will be significantly delayed, the CTC needs to notify SCAG, identify candidate substitute TCM project, undertake the required TCM substitution analysis, and present it to SCAG's Transportation Conformity Working Group for interagency consultation.

SCAG staff then reviews the substitution analysis and releases the draft TCM substitution analysis for a minimum 15-day public comment period. After the public comment period, the TCM substitution is presented to this committee for recommendation to the Regional Council for adoption. Upon adoption by the Regional Council, the TCM substitution is submitted to the ARB

and the U.S. EPA for concurrence. The substitute TCM will become effective upon Regional Council's adoption and ARB and EPA's concurrence; meanwhile the TCM designation of the old TCM project will be rescinded. The CTC then works with SCAG staff to undertake an amendment to the current Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) to reflect the TCM substitution.

Mr. Luo briefly described each of the three TCM substitutions. SCAG staff has reviewed the three TCM substitutions and determined that they all meet Clean Air Act requirements.

SCAG staff requested that EEC recommend the Regional Council to adopt the three TCM substitutions and to direct SCAG staff to submit them to the U.S. EPA and ARB for concurrence.

After discussion by the committee members, a MOTION was made (Forester) to recommend that the Regional Council (RC) adopt TCM substitutions by Metro, RCTC, and SANBAG and direct staff to forward them to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and California Air Resources Board (ARB) for concurrence. The MOTION was SECONDED (Mahmud) and APPROVED by the following votes:

AYES: Bertone, Ehrenkranz, Forester, Friedman, Genis, Mahmud, Martin, Mitchell, Munzing, Robertson, Sahli-Wells, Williams, Wilson, Graham, Gardner, Osborne, Horne, Pettis
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: Clark

2. Minutes of the April 2, 2015 Meeting

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

AYES: Bertone, Clark, Ehrenkranz, Forester, Genis, Mahmud, Martin, Munzing, Parks, Pollock, Ramirez, Robertson, Sahli-Wells, Sibert, Terrazas, Williams, Wilson
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: Bertone, Clark, Gardner, Friedman, Pettis

CONSENT CALENDAR

Receive and File

3. 2015 Regional Council and Policy Committees Meeting Schedule
4. Cap-and-Trade Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program Update – Concept Applications Process & Recommendation
5. SCAG Sustainability Planning Grants Program – Monthly Update
6. Governor Brown's Executive Order to Reduce Urban Water Use

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

- AYES: Ehrenkranz, Forester, Genis, Mahmud, Martin, Mitchell, Munzing, Robertson, Sahli-Wells, Williams, Wilson, Graham, Osborne, Horne, Friedman, Bertone, Clark, Gardner, Pettis
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

INFORMATION ITEMS

7. 2016 South Coast Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP) Update

The Air Quality Management Plan is required by the federal and state law to be prepared to demonstrate attainment of federal and state air quality standards. The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) is the lead agency for the development of the 2016 South Coast AQMP. SCAG is required to prepare its portion of the 2016 AQMP, the Regional Transportation Strategy and Control Measures, based on the upcoming 2016 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS).

Huasha Liu, SCAG Director, Land Use & Environmental Planning, introduced Dr. Philip Fine, Deputy Executive Officer, SCAQMD, who briefed the EEC on the development of the 2016 SCAQMP, attainment demonstration, and additional analysis. The SCAQMD will continue working with SCAG staff on demographics, growth factors, and transportation control measures to complete the development of the plan. To kick off the 2016 AQMP, SCAQMP is holding its Control Strategy Symposium on June 10-11, 2015, 9:00 am-5:00 pm, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar.

8. 2016-2040 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (2016 RTP/SCS) – Environmental Justice Workshops Update

Ma'Ayn Johnson, SCAG Staff, stated that as a government agency which receives federal funding, SCAG is required to conduct an environmental justice analysis as part of the 2016-2040 RTP/SCS development process. A key component of SCAG's environmental justice analysis is public outreach and participation, which serves to distribute information to interested parties, and also receive public input and engage stakeholders in the process. SCAG has conducted three workshops, one in November 2014 and two in April 2015, to provide information on the environmental justice process of the 2016-2040 RTP/SCS and seek input from stakeholders and the public. In the next few months, SCAG will hold additional public workshops and other opportunities for input on the process.

9. Recap of 26th Annual SCAG/USC Demographic Workshop – June 1, 2015

A summary report was provided as part of the agenda packet.

CHAIR'S REPORT - None

STAFF REPORT – None

Hon. Diane Williams, SANBAG, asked if staff has selected and distributed lists for the 2015 RTP/SCS Workshops. Hon. Deborah Robertson asked that staff follow up the Hon. Diane Williams question and get back to the committee.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS -

- Hon. Laura Friedman: Caltrans to give a report on why the agency is sending letters to cities who are building apartments along transit corridors in accordance with the state's Smart Growth Principals.
- Hon. Deborah Robertson:
 - Invite US EPA to discuss issues surrounding Superfund Sites
 - Best practices to conserve water for the California's current Stage 3 Water Alert

ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Deborah Robertson adjourned the meeting at 11:58 am.

The next meeting of the Energy & Environment Committee will be held on Thursday, July 2, 2015 at the SCAG Los Angeles Office.

