

Energy and Environment Committee
of the
Southern California Association of Governments
July 5, 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. Jordan Ehrenkranz, Canyon Lake	WRCOG
Hon. David Gafin, Downey	District 25
Hon. Ed Graham, Chino Hills	District 10
Hon. Keith Hanks, Azusa	District 33
Hon. James Johnson, Long Beach	District 30
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. Dennis Zine, City of Los Angeles	District 50

Members Not Present

Hon. Lisa Bartlett, Dana Point	TCA
Hon. Brian Brennan, San Buenaventura	VCOG
Hon. Mark Calac	Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians
Hon. Larry Forester, Signal Hill	GCCOG
Hon. Mario Hernandez, San Fernando	District 67
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. Edward Wilson, Signal Hill	Gateway Cities

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – None

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

There was no reprioritization of agenda items.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval Items

1. Minutes of June 7, 2012 Meeting

A motion was made (Luebben) to approve the Consent Calendar with an amendment to reflect the correct EEC Attendance Sheet attachment. The motion was seconded (Clark) and approved with one (1) Abstention (Mitchell).

INFORMATION ITEMS

2. Puente Hills Landfill Closure

Paul Preshia, Division Engineer, Waste by Rail Section, Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County, provided a brief presentation on what is involved in the closure and post-closure maintenance of the Puente Hills Landfill. Mr. Preshia briefed the committee on the Waste-by-Rail Project that the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County has undertaken and what happens to the waste once the landfill closes.

Waste-By-Rail is a concept of taking waste from Los Angeles County, loading it on a train and transporting it to a remote landfill site. Waste that is collected will be transported to the Puente Hills Material Recovery Facility where the recyclable materials will be removed leaving behind residual waste. The residual waste will be compressed and placed in containers. The containers will be taken to an intermodal facility, loaded on a train, and then transported to the Mesquite Regional Landfill where there is an intermodal facility, and then taken to the landfill.

In the short term, existing landfills throughout Southern California will absorb the tonnage coming into Puente Hills. In the long term and once economic conditions improve, waste will be exported by rail to Mesquite Regional Landfill located in Imperial County.

3. Draft 2012 South Coast Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP)

Jonathan Nadler, SCAG staff, reported that the Draft 2012 South Coast Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP) would be released for public comment in July and that the 2012 RTP/SCS is a component (i.e., Appendix IV-C) of the AQMP. In September 2012, SCAG will present an update to the EEC and the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) Executive Officer will make a presentation to the Regional Council (RC) [Note: Due to a change in the AQMP schedule, the SCAQMD Executive Officer's presentation to the RC is rescheduled for October 2012]. The final AQMP Appendix IV-C will be presented to the EEC for recommendation to the RC for approval in October [Note: Schedule revised for EEC and Regional Council consideration in November 2012]. Mr. Nadler introduced Dr. Elaine Chang, SCAQMD Deputy Executive Officer, Planning, Rule Development & Area Sources, who provided a briefing on the Draft 2012 South Coast AQMP.

Dr. Chang stated that the SCAQMD is required under the Clean Air Act (CAA) to prepare an air quality plan. Preparation of the Plan is an interaction between four agencies, SCAG, SCAQMD, Air Resources Board (ARB), and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The SCAQMD is developing an integrated AQMP that seeks to set forth the most efficient strategy to achieve standards and reduction goals for multiple pollutants, including PM_{2.5} ozone, and greenhouse gases (GHG).

Although the 2012 AQMP is an integrated document, the federally required element of the Plan relates to the 24-hr PM_{2.5} State Implementation Plan for the South Coast, which is due to the U.S. EPA in December 2012. The South Coast is on course to meet the PM_{2.5} standard by 2014 with the inclusion of control measures in the Draft AQMP that consider further reductions from the NOx Regional Clean Air Incentives Market (RECLAIM) Program, under-fired charbroilers, livestock waste and curtailment of residential wood burning on only those days with predicted air quality of a certain harmful level. Pursuant to U.S. EPA requirements, the Plan also needs to provide one year's worth of emission reductions or air quality improvement as a contingency. Also included in the Draft 2012 AQMP is a "down payment" to address the 8-hour ozone 'Black Box' which is about two hundred tons of NOx equivalent emissions. Dr. Chang briefly discussed funding mechanisms to implement on- and off-road mobile source measures for ozone emission reductions and estimated minimum funding requirements for these programs. An updated 8-hour ozone SIP is due to U.S. EPA in 2015.

The SCAQMD plans to bring the Final 2012 AQMP to its Governing Board along with comments and responses from all the workshops and regional hearings in October 2012 [Note: Schedule revised to November 2012] and forward the document to the U.S. EPA by December 2012.

As a follow-up to the "Powering the Future" vision document prepared in 2011 by SCAQMD, ARB, and SCAG, the SCAQMD, ARB, and San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District have developed a Joint Vision Document intended to identify opportunities for synergy and co-benefits. The current draft document is posted on the SCAQMD and ARB websites. The ARB has briefed its Board. The SCAQMD will brief its Board on July 13, 2012. The Joint Vision document is a resource for comprehensive multi-pollutant and GHG planning and not part of the AQMP or State Implementation Program (SIP).

4. Draft Conformity Analysis for the 2013 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)

Due to time constraints, the committee determined that the written Staff Report would suffice in lieu of a presentation.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Cheryl Viegas-Walker informed the committee that RC President Glen Becerra has proposed that SCAG form six (6) subcommittees in support of various elements of the 2012-2035 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Community Strategy (RTP/SCS). As currently structured, four (4) of the subcommittees will report to the Transportation Committee, one (1) to EEC, and one (1) will report to the Community Economic and Human Development Committee. The Public Health Subcommittee has been assigned to the EEC. There has been discussion amongst the Executive/Administrative Committee (EAC) that perhaps it would be appropriate for the Goods Movement Subcommittee to also report to the EEC.

There was discussion regarding whether two of the new subcommittees rather than one subcommittee should report to the EEC and which RTP/SCS element would best fit under the purview of the committee.

A motion was made (Clark) to request that the Regional Council (RC) assign a second subcommittee to the EEC. The motion was seconded (Johnson) and unanimously approved.

A second motion was made (Mitchell) to request that the RC specifically assign the Goods Movement Subcommittee to the EEC. The motion was seconded (Johnson) and unanimously approved.

STAFF REPORT

Justine Block, SCAG Deputy Legal Counsel, provided an update regarding the *Imperial County Air Pollution Control District (ICAPCD) et al. v. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)* litigation. On June 21, 2012 U.S. EPA held an Executive Level Interagency Consultation Meeting. U.S. EPA reported at this meeting, that a settlement agreement had been reached in principle, subject to final documentation, review & approval by the parties. However, the agreement will not immediately stay or terminate Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) sanctions, required to be imposed under the federal Clean Air Act. These sanctions are scheduled to go into effect on August 9, 2012, and are anticipated at this time to affect an estimated seven (7) projects in Imperial County. There are several local, state and federal requirements and processes that must be met before sanctions can be stayed or terminated. After the settlement agreement is finalized, staff plans to provide a complete report to the EEC on this matter.

Jacob Lieb, SCAG staff, informed the committee that SCAG's Legislative Report had two highlights this month. One is the passage of the State Budget and second is the passage of the Transportation Reauthorization Bill. Staff will report back to the committee on the transportation law at a subsequent meeting regarding National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) delegation and environmental streamlining.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) to provide a presentation on the I-710 incorporating zero emissions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker adjourned the meeting at 11:01 a.m.

The EEC will be dark in August. The next meeting of the Energy & Environment Committee will be held on Thursday, September 6, 2012 at the SCAG Los Angeles Office.

Action Minutes Approved by:



Jacob Lieb, Manager, Environmental and Assessment Services

Energy and Environment Committee Attendance Report

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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			X								4
Bertone, Denis		SGVCOG		X					X	X	X	G	X	X	X							6
Brennan, Brian		VCOG						X	X		X	E										2
Clark, Margaret*		Rosemead		X					X	X	X	E	X	X	X							6
Duclos, Jeff	5/14/2012	SBCCOG		X								R	NM									
Ehrenkranz, Jordan		WRCOG					X		X		X	A			X							3
Englander, Mitchell*		Los Angeles		X								L										
Forester, Larry		Gateway Cities		X					X	X	X		X	X								5
Gafin, David*		Downey		X					X	X			X	X	X							5
Graham, Ed	5/3/2012	Chino Hills		X									NM	X	X							2
Hanks, Keith		Azusa		X						X	X	A	X	X	X							5
Johnson James		Long Beach		X					X	X	X	S		X	X							5
Luebben, Phil		Cypress			X				X	X		E	X	X	X							5
Manoukian, Rafi	5/3/2012	SFVCOG		X							NM	M		X								1
Martin, Thomas		GCCOG		X					X	X	X	B		X								4
Mitchell, Judy*		SBCCOG		X					X	X	X	L	X		X							5
Pedroza, Sam		SGVCOG		X					X	X	X	Y	X	X	X							6
Prang, Jeffery	3/1/2012	West Hollywood		X							NM			X								1
Ramos Watson, Lupe		CVAG					X			X	X		X	X	X							5
Scott, Edward		SANBAG						X														
Terrazas, Jack		Imperial County	X						X		X		X	X	X							5
Toles, Sam		CVAG					X															
Viegas Walker, Cheryl*		El Centro	X						X	X	X		X	X	X							6
Waldman, Mark		La Palma		X					X	X	X											3
Wilson, Edward		Signal Hill		X					X				X	X								3
Zine, Dennis*		Los Angeles		X					X	X	X			X	X							5
TOTALS			2	17	2	3	1	1														