

Energy and Environment Committee
of the
Southern California Association of Governments
August 7, 2014
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

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| Hon. Denis Bertone, San Dimas | SGVCOG |
| Hon. Margaret Clark, Rosemead | District 32 |
| Hon. Larry Forester, Signal Hill | GCCOG |
| Hon. Laura Friedman, Glendale | Arroyo Verdugo Cities |
| Hon. Sandra Genis, Costa Mesa | OCCOG |
| Hon. Thomas Martin, Maywood | GCCOG |
| Hon. Judy Mitchell, Rolling Hills Estates | District 40 |
| Hon. Mike Munzing, Aliso Viejo | District 12 |
| Hon. Sam Pedroza, Claremont | SGVCOG |
| Hon. David Pollock, Moorpark | VCOG |
| Hon. Carmen Ramirez, Oxnard | District 45 |
| Hon. Deborah Robertson, Rialto (Chair) | District 8 |
| Hon. Meghan Sahli-Wells, Culver City | WCCOG |
| Mr. Steve Schuyler, Ex Officio | Building Industry Association |
| Hon. Joe Shaw, Huntington Beach | OCCOG |
| Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro | District 1 |
| Hon. Diane Williams, Rancho Cucamonga | SANBAG |

Members Not Present

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| Hon. Lisa Bartlett, Dana Point (Vice-Chair) | TCA |
| Hon. Jordan Ehrenkranz, Canyon Lake | WRCOG |
| Hon. Mitchell Englander, Los Angeles | District 59 |
| Hon. Ed Graham, Chino Hills | District 10 |
| Hon. Steve Hernandez, Coachella | CVAG |
| Hon. Linda Krupa, Hemet | WRCOG |
| Hon. Geneva Mojado, Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians | Tribal COG |
| Hon. Stephen Sammarco, Redondo Beach | SBCCOG |
| Hon. Eric Schmidt, Hesperia | SANBAG |
| Hon. Jack Terrazas | Imperial County |
| Hon. Edward Wilson, Signal Hill | Gateway Cities |

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Hon. Deborah Robertson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. and led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Leeor Alpern, South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) announced that AQMD will hold its Annual Clean Air Awards in downtown Los Angeles on October 3, 2014. AQMD's Air Quality Management Plan, which is established in conjunction with SCAG's Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy, is in the process of being developed. An update is provided on Agenda Item No. 12.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

INFORMATION ITEM

1. Storm Water Funding Options Report

Mr. Ken Farfsing, City Manager, Signal Hill, reported that the Storm Water Funding Options Report was developed by a working group formed by the League of California Cities-Los Angeles County Division and California Contract Cities which includes City Managers and public works officials. It was intended to review stormwater funding options after a parcel fee proposed by the Los Angeles County Flood Control District failed to move forward. The report describes the regulatory framework for stormwater management, reviews estimated stormwater program compliance costs, and presents the "pros and cons" of various funding options, including recommendations agreed upon by the City Managers.

The study concluded that stormwater quality programs needed to be viewed as major utilities requiring dedicated operating revenues. The working group did not specifically recommend regional or local fees, but did recommend that the cities, County and stakeholders engage in a process to reach consensus on whether or not a regional fee was viable.

The second phase of the study is to create a work program to narrow down the different options and find out what is politically viable and sensible (e.g., collaborating as a region or cities going on their own with individual fee).

A link to the report is available at:

http://www.scag.ca.gov/committees/CommitteeDocLibrary/eec060514_StormWaterReport.pdf

2. A Sustainable Solid Waste Management Vision for Los Angeles County

Mr. Pat Proana, Assistant Deputy Director, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, provided an update on the development of a countywide siting element and the associated environmental documentation. In addition, Mr. Proana discussed Los Angeles County's sustainable approach toward solid waste management, which includes four (4) strategies that may be applicable to other counties: quality programs and services, measuring results, facilities and infrastructure, and outreach and education.

Mr. Proana discussed SB 498 which defines conversion technologies and allows the use of such technologies to process bio-mass. Chair Robertson asked if the Committee could take action on SB 498 today. Joann Africa, SCAG Chief Counsel, informed the Committee that because SB 498 was not an item on the agenda and there was no known urgency to add it to the agenda, the

Committee could not take action on SB 498 today. Ms. Africa also informed the Committee that SCAG's Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC) is the body which recommends to the Regional Council bills to support and that there was a LCMC meeting later this month. Based on further discussion, Chair Robertson on behalf of the Committee directed SCAG's legislative staff to review the SB 498 and add it as an agenda item for SCAG'S LCMC meeting on August 19, 2014.

3. Draft Addendum No. 2 to the 2012-2035 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (2012 RTP/SCS) Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR)

Ms. Lijin Sun, SCAG staff, stated the preparation of the Draft Addendum No. 2 to the 2012 RTP/SCS PEIR has been completed and is included in today's agenda. The Draft PEIR Addendum will come back to the EEC at the September 11, 2014 meeting for recommendation to the RC for approval on the same day.

4. Draft Conformity Analysis for 2015 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) and 2012-2035 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (2012 RTP/SCS) Amendment #2

Mr. Rongsheng Luo, SCAG staff, stated that since last month's staff update on the public release of the 2015 FTIP and 2012 RTP/SCS Amendment #2, the draft transportation conformity analyses have been completed and released for public review. Both the FTIP and RTP/SCS Amendment #2 demonstrate transportation conformity. The 30-day public review and comment period concluded July 31, 2014. SCAG has received a number of public comments including some conformity specific comments. All comments received will be documented along with SCAG's responses. The final conformity analyses will be presented to the EEC at its September 11, 2014, meeting for recommendation to the RC for approval also on September 11, 2014.

Note

Discussion on Agenda Item numbers 5 and 6 will be postponed to the September 11, 2014 meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval Item

7. Minutes of the June 5, 2014 Meeting

Receive and File

8. 2014 Regional Council and Policy Committee Meeting Schedule

9. SCAG Sustainability Planning Grants Program – Monthly Update

10. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Nonmotorized Transportation Pilot Program Final Report

11. Clean Power Plan Proposed Rule by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

12. 2016 South Coast Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP) Update

13. State Approved Cap-and-Trade Expenditure Plan

14. SCAG Sustainability Planning Grants Program – New Member Project Applications

A MOTION was made (Forester) to approve the Consent Calendar (Agenda Items 7 through 14). The MOTION was SECONDED (Mitchell) and APPROVED.

AYES: Bertone, Clark, Forester, Friedman, Genis, Martin, Mitchell, Munzing, Pedroza, Pollock, Ramirez, Robertson, Sahli-Wells, Shaw, Viegas-Walker, Williams

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Shaw (abstention is for Agenda Item No. 7 only)

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Robertson invited the members to SCAG/SCLC “Fifty Years into the War on Poverty” Summit that will be held on August 20, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. at the California Science Center in Los Angeles.

STAFF REPORT

Jonathan Nadler, SCAG Staff, announced that the URL cited on the FHWA NTPP staff report on page 173 is incorrect. The correct URL is:

http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/bicycle_pedestrian/ntpp/2014_report/

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

As a future agenda item, Chair Robertson requested an update on the CalEnviro Maps from the Strategic Growth Council (SGC) or the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA). Hon. Sam Pedroza also requested that there be a CalRecycle presentation for a future agenda.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Deborah Robertson adjourned the meeting at 11:55 p.m.

The next meeting of the Energy & Environment Committee will be held on Thursday, September 11, 2014 at the SCAG Los Angeles Office.

Action Minutes Approved by:



Jonathan Nadler, Manager
Compliance & Performance Monitoring

Energy and Environment Committee Attendance Report

2014

| Member (including Ex-Officio) LastName, FirstName | Date Appointed if after 1/1/14 | Representing | X = County Represented | | | | | | X = Attended Black Shading = Dark | | | | | | | | | | | | Total Mtgs Attended | | | | |
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| Bartlett, Lisa | | OCCOG | | | X | | | | | X | X | | X | | X | | | | | | | | | | 4 |
| Bertone, Denis | | SGVCOG | | X | | | | | | X | X | X | X | G | | | X | | | | | | | | 5 |
| Clark, Margaret | | Rosemead | | X | | | | | | X | X | X | X | E | X | | X | | | | | | | | 6 |
| Ehrenkranz, Jordan | | WRCOG | | | | | X | | | X | X | X | | N | X | | | | | | | | | | 4 |
| Englander, Mitchell | | Los Angeles | | X | | | | | | | | | | E | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Forester, Larry | | Gateway Cities | | X | | | | | | | X | X | X | R | X | | X | | | | | | | | 5 |
| Friedman, Laura | | AVCOG | | X | | | | | | X | X | X | X | A | X | | X | | | | | | | | 6 |
| Genis, Sandra | | OCCOG | | | X | | | | | X | X | X | X | L | X | | X | | | | | | | | 6 |
| Graham, Ed | | Chino Hills | | | | | | X | | | | | | X | | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Hernandez, Steven | | CVAG | | | | | | X | | | | | | A | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Krupa, Linda | | Hemet | | | | | X | | | | | X | X | S | X | | | | | | | | | | 3 |
| Mahmud, Diana | 6/5/2014 | SGVCOG | | X | | | | | | | | | | S | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Martin, Thomas | | GCCOG | | X | | | | | | X | X | X | | E | | | X | | | | | | | | 4 |
| Mitchell, Judy | | SBCCOG | | X | | | | | | X | X | X | X | M | | | X | | | | | | | | 5 |
| Mojado, Geneva | 2/1/2014 | Tribal COG | | | | | | | | | X | X | X | B | X | | | | | | | | | | 4 |
| Munzing, Mike | | District 12 | | | X | | | | | X | X | X | X | L | X | | X | | | | | | | | 6 |
| Pedroza, Sam | | SGVCOG | | X | | | | | | | | X | | Y | | | X | | | | | | | | 2 |
| Pollock, David | | VCOG | | | | | | | | X | X | X | X | | X | | X | | | | | | | | 5 |
| Ramirez, Carmen | | Oxnard | | | | | | X | | X | X | X | X | | X | | X | | | | | | | | 6 |
| Robertson, Deborah | | District 8 | | | | | | X | | | X | X | X | | X | | X | | | | | | | | 5 |
| Sahli-Wells, Meghan | 6/5/2014 | WCCOG | | X | | | | | | | | | | | X | | X | | | | | | | | 2 |
| Sanmarco, Stephen | | SBCCOG | | X | | | | | | X | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 2 |
| Schmidt, Eric | 6/5/2014 | SANBAG | | | | | | X | | | | | | | X | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Schuyler, Steve | 2/1/2014 | BIASC | | | | | | | | | X | | | | X | | X | | | | | | | | 3 |
| Shaw, Joe | 6/5/2014 | OCCOG | | | X | | | | | | | | | | | | X | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Terrazas, Jack | | Imperial County | X | | | | | | | X | X | X | X | | X | | | | | | | | | | 5 |
| Viegas Walker, Cheryl | | EI Centro | X | | | | | | | X | X | X | X | | X | | X | | | | | | | | 6 |
| Williams, Diane | | SANBAG | | | | | | X | | X | X | X | X | | X | | X | | | | | | | | 6 |
| Wilson, Edward | | Signal Hill | | X | | | | | | X | X | X | X | | X | | | | | | | | | | 5 |
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