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 Energy and Environment Committee

## Southern California Association of Governments

September 1, 2016

*Minutes of the Meeting*


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**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. Ross Chun, Vice-Chair. A quorum was present.

**Members Present**

Hon. Ross Chun, Aliso Viejo ( <b>Vice-Chair</b> )	TCA
Hon. Margaret Clark, Rosemead	District 32
Hon. Larry Forester, Signal Hill	GCCOG
Hon. Laura Friedman, Glendale	Arroyo Verdugo Cities
Hon. Mike Gardner, Riverside	WRCOG
Hon. Ed Graham, Chino Hills	District 10
Hon. Jack Hadjinian, Montebello	SGVCOG
Hon. Shari Horne, Laguna Woods	OCCOG
Hon. Diana Mahmud, South Pasadena	SGVCOG
Hon. Judy Mitchell, Rolling Hills Estates	District 40
Hon. Jim Osborne, Lawndale	SBCCOG
Hon. Greg Pettis, Cathedral City	District 2
Hon. David Pollock, Moorpark	VCOG
Hon. Meghan Sahli-Wells, Culver City	WCCOG
Hon. Betty Sanchez, Coachella Valley	CVAG
Hon. John Sibert, Malibu	District 44
Hon. Jack Terrazas	Imperial County
Hon. Diane Williams, Rancho Cucamonga	SANBAG

**Members Not Present**

Hon. Denis Bertone, San Dimas	SGVCOG
Hon. Jordan Ehrenkranz, Canyon Lake	WRCOG
Hon. Mitchell Englander, Los Angeles	District 59
Hon. Sandra Genis, Costa Mesa	OCCOG
Hon. Ed Graham, Chino Hills	District 10
Hon. Jon Harrison, Redlands	SANBAG
Hon. Steve Hwangbo, La Palma	District 18
Hon. Thomas Martin, Maywood	GCCOG
Hon. Linda Parks	Ventura County
Hon. Carmen Ramirez, Oxnard ( <b>Chair</b> )	District 45
Hon. Deborah Robertson, Rialto	District 8
Hon. Eric Schmidt, Hesperia	SANBAG
Mr. Steve Schuyler, Ex Officio	Building Industry Association

Hon. Edward Wilson, Signal Hill  
Hon. Bonnie Wright, Hemet

Gateway Cities  
WRCOG

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

Hon. Ross Chun, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Mr. Eric Wolf, Senior Management Analyst, San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments, stated that with regards to SCAG's criteria for sustainability call for proposals, the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) respectfully submits questions and recommendations regarding the call for proposals. The areas that need clarification are: COG eligibility, active transportation eligibility, scoring, and funding. A one-page document with the SGVCOG's specific questions was submitted to SCAG staff for their responses. Mr. Wolf stated that addressing these issues will make the process more clear and help cities compete with full knowledge of all aspects of the process.

### **REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS**

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Item No. 4 on the Consent Calendar for discussion by Hon. Larry Forester.

### **Approval Items**

1. Minutes of the July 7, 2016 Meeting

### **Receive and File**

2. Update – Southern California Superfund Sites and Groundwater Contamination in the Los Angeles (LA) Central Basin
3. Housing Summit – October 11, 2016
5. 2016 Regional Council and Policy Committee Meeting Schedule

A MOTION was made (Osborne) to move the Consent Calendar excluding Item 4 pulled for discussion. The MOTION was SECONDED (Forester) and APPROVED by the following votes:

AYES: Chun, Clark, Forester, Gardner, Graham, Hadjinian, Mahmud, Osborne, Pettis,  
Pollock, Sahli-Wells, Sanchez, Sibert, Terrazas, Williams  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None

Hon. Larry Forester, Signal Hill asked that Item 4 be pulled.

4. ARB SB 375 Regional Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions Reduction Target Update Process

Hon. Larry Forester asked if Item 4 included the new SB 32? Grieg Asher, SCAG Staff, responded that it does not include SB 32 which was approved a few days ago by the State Legislature. SB 32 will be addressed at a future meeting of the EEC.

A MOTION was made (Forester) to move Item 4. The MOTION was SECONDED (Siebert) and APPROVED by the following votes:

AYES: Chun, Clark, Forester, Gardner, Graham, Mahmud, Osborne, Pettis, Pollock,  
Sahli-Wells, Sanchez, Sibert, Terrazas, Williams  
NOES: Hadjinian  
ABSTAIN: None

**ACTION ITEMS**

6. Transportation Conformity Determination for 2017 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG Staff, stated that the draft conformity analysis was released for a 30-day public review after the last EEC meeting. The public review period concluded on August 8 and staff has received a total of 14 comments. Only one comment is specific to the conformity analysis. The comment required clarification and minor corrections. All comments have been responded to and addressed as appropriate in the proposed final 2017 FTIP document.

The 2017 FTIP demonstrates transportation conformity. Specifically, the 2017 FTIP passed the five required conformity tests:

- Consistent with the adopted 2016 RTP/SCS
- Regional emissions analysis
- Timely implementation of transportation control measures
- Financial constraint
- Interagency consultation and public involvement

Staff recommends that EEC recommend that the Regional Council approve the conformity determination and direct staff to submit it to the federal agencies for approval.

A MOTION was made (Pettis) to approve Staff's recommendation. The MOTION was SECONDED (Forester) and APPROVED by the following votes:

AYES: Chun, Clark, Forester, Gardner, Graham, Hadjinian, Mahmud, Osborne, Pettis,  
Pollock, Sahli-Wells, Sanchez, Sibert, Terrazas, Williams  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None

7. Authorization to Accept Grant for the San Gabriel Valley Regional Active Planning Initiative and Approve Notice of Exemption for Project

Alan Thompson, SCAG Staff, stated that the Project is to develop an active transportation plan for five cities within Los Angeles County and develop bikeway feasibility studies for 80 miles of unused rivers, washes and drainage canals. The Project received a California ATP grant that was awarded to the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments. In May 2016, the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments requested that SCAG assume responsibility for the award, and to complete the Project.

SCAG staff conducted an environmental assessment to assess the Project's potential environmental impacts. Staff has determined that the Project is exempt from CEQA and prepared a Notice of Exemption (NOE) to fulfill the CEQA requirements. The EEC is asked to review and recommend to the RC approval of the filing of the NOE through the adoption of Resolution No. 16-582-3. Submission of the NOE to the OPR and filing with LA County Clerk completes the CEQA exemption review process and begins the 30-day public inspection period.

Additionally, staff requested the EEC recommend to the RC that SCAG accept and administer the grant and to complete the project as noted in resolution 16-582-4. Pending RC approval, SCAG staff intends to provide the NOE, resolutions and additional forms to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) for their consideration in transferring the Grant Award to SCAG, which should take place at the CTC's December meeting.

A MOTION was made (Forester) to approve Staff's recommendation. The MOTION was SECONDED (Gardner) and APPROVED by the following votes:

AYES: Chun, Clark, Forester, Friedman, Gardner, Graham, Hadjinian, Mahmud, Mitchell, Osborne, Pettis, Pollock, Sahli-Wells, Sanchez, Sibert, Terrazas, Williams  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None

**INFORMATIONS ITEMS**

8. Los Angeles River Revitalization Plan

Dr. Carol Armstrong, Director, LARiverWorks, Mayor Eric Garcetti's Office of City Services, provided an update on the status of the Los Angeles River Revitalization Plan. In 2014, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers selected a \$1 billion alternative to restore 11 miles of the river between Downtown and Griffith Park, providing urban greenspace, pathways and riparian area restoration. The project is now waiting for an appropriation of funds by Congress to implement the project.

9. SCAG Green Region Initiative Sustainability Indicators Map

Grieg Asher, SCAG Staff, introduced Bree Swenson, Mike Kloha, and Mackenzie Bolger, SCAG's CivicSpark Fellows who briefed the EEC on their work done on SCAG's Green Region Initiative – Sustainability Indicators project, which charts and maps progress across 25 sustainability topics in every city and county in the SCAG region.

The CivicSpark fellows will continue collecting data on sustainability progress, focusing on performance data collection through targeted outreach to all cities in the region. The fellows will also conduct outreach to receive feedback from stakeholders on the map's functionality and purpose. The feedback will be used to further refine and update the map. Finally, the CivicSpark fellows will also organize targeted workshop and technical assistance for local governments on sustainability best practices in the region.

#### 10. Criteria for Sustainability Program Call for Proposals

Marco Anderson, SCAG Staff, briefed the EEC on the Draft 2016 Sustainability Planning Grant (SPG) Program Call for Proposals. The SPG (formerly Compass Blueprint) has been a successful component of SCAG's efforts to assist local jurisdictions and implement RTP/SCS policies. To date, SCAG has awarded 202 planning projects for a total of \$22M.

The goals for the SPG Call for Proposals, is to provide needed planning resources to local jurisdictions for: sustainability planning efforts; development of local plans that implement the 2016 RTP/SCS; and increase the region's competitiveness for federal and state funds, including the California Active Transportation Program and Greenhouse Gas Reduction Funds. In addition, each category has additional goals for eligible project types related to Active Transportation (AT), Integrated Land Use (ILU), and Green Region Initiatives (GRI). AT grants are proposed to fund planning and non-infrastructure projects or programs that promote safety and encourage people to walk or bike. ILU grants would continue to focus on sustainable land use and transportation planning. The GRI component would provide grants to assist local jurisdiction in funding climate action plans, as well as other sustainability plans or studies.

**CHAIR'S REPORT** - None

**STAFF REPORT** - None

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS** - None

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Hon. Judy Mitchell, Rolling Hills Estates, announced that the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) has grant monies available for installation of Level 2 Electric Vehicle (EV) chargers. The applications can be found on the AQMD website. The AQMD's Annual Lawn Mower Exchange will be taking place in the near future.

Hon. Meghan Sahli-Wells, Culver City, announced that Culver City will be celebrating its "100th Anniversary" starting September 24, 2016. A gala will be held at SONY Studios on October 1, 2016. More information can be found at [culvercity100.org](http://culvercity100.org).

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Hon. Ross Chun adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Energy & Environment Committee (EEC) will be held on Thursday, September 29, 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	1-Sep	Sep 29	Nov		Dec
Chun, Ross		TCA							J	X	J	X	G		X	D	X				4
Clark, Margaret		Rosemead		X					O	X	O	X	E		X	A	X				4
Ehrenkranz, Jordan		WRCOG				X			I	X	I		N			R					1
Englander, Mitchell		Los Angeles		X					N		N		E			K					
Forester, Larry		Gateway Cities		X					T	X	T	X	R	X	X		X				5
Friedman, Laura		AVCOG		X						X		X	A				X				3
Gardner, Mike		WRCOG				X			M	X	M	X	L	X	X		X				5
Genis, Sandra		OCCOG			X				E	X	E			X	X						3
Graham, Ed		SANBAG		X					E	X	E	X	A				X				3
Hadjinian, Jack	June	SGVCOG		X					T		T		S	X	X		X				3
Harrison, John	June	SANBAG		X					I		I		S	X							1
Horne, Shari		OCCOG			X				N	X	N	X	E	X	X		X				5
Hwangbo, Steve		La Palma			X				G	X	G		M								1
Mahmud, Diana		SGVCOG		X						X			B	X	X		X				4
Martin, Thomas		GCCOG		X								X	L								1
Mitchell, Judy		SBCCOG		X						X		X	Y	X	X		X				5
Osborne, Jim		SBCCOG		X						X					X		X				3
Parks, Linda		Ventura						X		X		X		X	X						4
Pettis, Greg		Cathedral City				X				X				X	X		X				4
Pollock, David		VCOG						X		X				X	X		X				4
Ramirez, Carmen		Oxnard						X		X		X			X						3
Robertson, Deborah		District 8		X						X		X		X							3
Sahli-Wells, Meghan		WCCOG		X						X		X		X			X				4
Sanchez, Betty		CVAG				X				X		X			X		X				4
Schuyler, Steve		BIASC			X					X		X		X							3
Sibert, John		District 44	X									X		X			X				3
Terrazas, Jack		Imperial County	X							X					X		X				3
Williams, Diane		SANBAG		X						X		X		X	X		X				5
Wilson, Edward		Signal Hill		X						X				X	X						3
Wright, Bonnie		WRCOG						X													
		<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>													