

Energy and Environment Committee
of the
Southern California Association of Governments
September 3, 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. Ross Chun, Aliso Viejo	TCA
Hon. Margaret Clark, Rosemead	District 32
Hon. Larry Forester, Signal Hill	GCCOG
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. Steve Hwangbo, La Palma	District 18
Hon. Diana Mahmud, South Pasadena	SGVCOG
Hon. Thomas Martin, Maywood	GCCOG
Hon. Mike Munzing, Aliso Viejo	District 12
Hon. Greg Pettis, Cathedral City	District 2
Hon. Deborah Robertson, Rialto (Chair)	District 8
Mr. Steve Schuyler, Ex Officio	Building Industry Association
Hon. Meghan Sahli-Wells, Culver City	WCCOG
Hon. John Sibert, Malibu	District 44
Hon. Diane Williams, Rancho Cucamonga	SANBAG
Hon. Edward Wilson, Signal Hill	Gateway Cities
Hon. Bonnie Wright, Hemet	WRCOG

Members Not Present

Hon. Jordan Ehrenkranz, Canyon Lake	WRCOG
Hon. Mitchell Englander, Los Angeles	District 59
Hon. Laura Friedman, Glendale	Arroyo Verdugo Cities
Hon. Judy Mitchell, Rolling Hills Estates	District 40
Hon. Jim Osborne, Lawndale	SBCCOG
Hon. Linda Parks	Ventura County
Hon. David Pollock, Moorpark	VCOG
Hon. Carmen Ramirez, Oxnard (Vice-Chair)	District 45
Hon. Eric Schmidt, Hesperia	SANBAG
Hon. Jack Terrazas	Imperial County

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Hon. Deborah Robertson, Rialto, called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. The Hon. Ross Chun, Aliso Viejo, led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – No comments

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

ACTION ITEM

1. Minutes of the July 2, 2015 Meeting

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

- AYES: Bertone, Chun, Clark, Forester, Gardner, Graham, Horne, Mahmud, Robertson, Sibert, Williams, Wilson, Wright
- NOES: None
- ABSTAIN: None

CONSENT CALENDAR

Receive and File

- 2. 2015 Regional Council and Policy Committees Meeting Schedule
- 3. SCAG Sustainability Planning Grants Program – Monthly Update
- 4. Cap-and-Trade Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Program Update
- 5. Southern California Active Transportation Safety and Encouragement Campaign Update

INFORMATION ITEMS

6. Water Conservation Regulations and Strategies Update

Stephen Patchan, SCAG Staff, reported that as the Southern California region continues to experience its worst drought in recorded history, the state has adopted and implemented new regulations to mitigate the drought’s impact. Many local jurisdictions across the region have developed water conservation strategies to meet statewide regulations and local sustainability goals because of the severity.

The City of Lancaster has taken an active role in protecting its water resources through its Better Built Home Program and enacting a Recycled Water Direct Reuse Program. The program will provide access to approximately 370 acres of recycled, non-potable water per year for the first three years. All recycled water is required to meet the State of California’s Title 22 standards,

which mandate that water be treated to specific levels depending on the intended use. Recycled water is one of the tools developers can use to implement California Department of Housing and Community Development's more restrictive requirements for water conservation in new development.

Mr. Patchen introduced Brian Ludicke, City of Lancaster, who presented information on Lancaster's Better Built Home Program and Bob Hitchner and Heather McPherson of Nexus eWater, who presented information on Lancaster's Recycled Water Direct Reuse Program and its potential impact on home water use, and how it is addressed in several recent emergency regulations.

The EEC committee members discussed questions related to the presentation.

7. 2016 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (2016 RTP/SCS) – Updates and Highlights of the Environmental Justice Analysis

Ma'Ayn Johnson, SCAG Staff, gave the EEC an update for the 2016 RTP/SCS Environmental Justice Outreach program that SCAG is currently conducting. Ms. Johnson stated that to date, SCAG has had five (5) outreach workshops. In addition to workshops to increase stakeholder participation, SCAG staff has also conducted eight (8) focus groups concerning different Environmental Justice topics. Additionally, SCAG has had one-on-one individual interviews for stakeholders who could not participate in the focus groups. The last two workshops specifically asked participants for their input on mitigation measures, or solutions and strategies to offset potential impacts.

Kimberly Clark, SCAG, briefed the committee on the technical analysis methodology that SCAG is developing with input received from stakeholders. In measuring the outcomes of the plan, SCAG will conduct a regional analysis on plan topics to identify any potential disproportionately high and adverse impacts from the 2016 RTP/SCS on minority and low income populations and other identified environmental justice communities.

In order to determine if there are disproportionately high and adverse impacts to environmental justice communities, SCAG will conduct a regional analysis, and will also evaluate specific areas of concern to address the impacts of the 2016 RTP/SCS for a selection of performance areas. Adverse effects are disproportionate when they are (1) "predominately borne by majority population and/or low income population," or (2) "will be suffered by the minority population and/or low-income population and is appreciably more severe or greater in magnitude than the adverse effect that will be suffered by the non-minority and/or non-low-income population."

In December 2015 SCAG plans to release the Draft RTP/SCS for public review. Staff plans to address public comments in winter 2015-16 and request that the Regional Council adopt the 2016 RTP/SCS in April 2016.

8. 2016 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (2016 RTP/SCS) – Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR)

Item 8 was postponed until the October 8, 2015 EEC meeting.

Related to the PEIR schedule, Hon. Diane Williams, Rancho Cucamonga, stated that SCAG should extend the public review and comment period for the Draft PEIR from 45 to 60 days, to allow an adequate amount of time to review the document.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Hon. Deborah Robinson requested that for future meetings, staff consider allowing adequate time for a question and answer period after each action or information item presentation.

STAFF REPORT – None

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Hon. Deborah Robertson

- Invite the United States Environmental Protection Agency to discuss issues surrounding Superfund sites

Hon. Sandra Genis

- Legislative update report on the Extraordinary Session, particularly as it relates to SB 743 or any other California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) legislation

Hon. Sahli-Wells

- Community choice aggregation in terms of energy delivery

ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Deborah Robertson adjourned the meeting at 12:06 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Energy & Environment Committee (EEC) will be held on Thursday, October 8, 2015 at the SCAG Los Angeles office.

Energy and Environment Committee Attendance Report

2015

Member (including Ex-Officio) LastName, FirstName	Date Appointed if after 1/1/15	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	J	X		G	X	X	J	X					4
Chun, Ross		TCA								O	O		X	E		X	O	X					3
Clark, Margaret		Rosemead		X						I	I	X		N	X	X	I	X					4
Ehrenkranz, Jordan		WRCOG					X			N	N	X		E	X		N						2
Englander, Mitchell		Los Angeles		X						T	T			R			T						
Forester, Larry		Gateway Cities		X								X	X	A	X	X		X					5
Friedman, Laura		AVCOG		X						M	M	X	X	L	X	X	P						4
Gardner, Mike	Jun-15	WRCOG					X			E	E				X	X	O	X					3
Genis, Sandra		OCCOG			X					E	E	X	X		X	X	L	X					5
Graham, Ed	Feb. 15	SANBAG		X						T	T	X	X	A	X	X	I	X					5
Horne, Shari	Apr-15	OCCOG			X					I	I		X	S	X	X	C	X					4
Hwangbo, Steve	Jan. 15	La Palma			X					N	N	X		S			Y	X					2
Mahmud, Diana		SGVCOG		X						G	G	X		E	X	X		X					4
Martin, Thomas		GCCOG		X								X		M	X	X	M	X					4
Mitchell, Judy		SBCCOG		X									X	B	X	X	E						3
Munzing, Mike		District 12			X							X	X	L	X	X	E	X					5
Osborne, Jim	Jun. 15	SBCCOG												Y	X	X	T						2
Parks, Linda	Feb.15	Ventura						X				X				X	I						2
Pettis, Greg	Jun. 15	Cathedral City					X								X	X	N	X					3
Pollock, David		VCOG						X				X	X			X	G						3
Ramirez, Carmen		Oxnard						X				X	X			X	S						3
Robertson, Deborah		District 8		X								X	X		X	X		X					5
Sahli-Wells, Meghan		WCCOG		X								X			X			X					3
Schmidt, Eric		SANBAG		X									X										1
Schuyler, Steve		BIASC			X							X	X			X		X					4
Sibert, John		District 44	X									X				X		X					3
Terrazas, Jack		Imperial County	X									X	X										2
Williams, Diane		SANBAG		X								X	X		X	X		X					5
Wilson, Edward		Signal Hill					X					X	X		X	X		X					5
Wright, Bonnie	Jan. 2015	WRCOG						X				X						X					2
TOTALS			2	13	5	4	1	3															