

Energy and Environment Committee  
of the  
Southern California Association of Governments  
September 12, 2013

*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. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, Substitute-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. Sandra Genis, Costa Mesa	OCCOG
Hon. Linda Krupa, Hemet	WRCOG
Hon. Judy Mitchell, Rolling Hills Estates	District 40
Hon. Deborah Robertson, Rialto	District 8
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. Diane Williams, Rancho Cucamonga	SANBAG
Hon. Edward Wilson, Signal Hill	Gateway Cities

**Members Not Present**

Hon. Lisa Bartlett, Dana Point	TCA
Hon. Brian Brennan, San Buenaventura	VCOG
Hon. Mitchell Englander, Los Angeles	District 59
Hon. Ed Graham, Chino Hills	District 10
Hon. Steve Hernandez, Coachella	CVAG
Hon. James Johnson, Long Beach	District 30
Hon. Thomas Martin, Maywood	GCCOG
Hon. Mike Munzing, Aliso Viejo	District 12
Hon. David Pollock, Moorpark	VCOG
Hon. Jeffery Prang, West Hollywood	WSCCOG
Hon. Carmen Ramirez, Oxnard	District 45

**CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

## **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Leor Alpern, South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD), stated that the AQMD's 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Clean Air Awards would be held Friday, October 4, 2013, 11:30 a.m., at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel. The Event honors individuals, organizations, communities and businesses that have made a significant contribution to cleaner air. Elected officials are offered complementary admission.

Arnold Sachs, City of Lennox resident, commented on the unknown environmental issues associated with fracking, and suggested that the committee consider the concept of legislation to set up a trust fund and set high financial penalties.

## **REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS**

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

#### **Approval Item**

1. Minutes of the August 1, 2013 Meeting

Hon. Deborah Robertson, Rialto, requested that Edward Scott be removed from the EEC as he is no longer an elected official.

A MOTION was made (Forester) to approve the Consent Calendar item. The MOTION was SECONDED (Mitchell) and unanimously APPROVED.

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

2. Southern California Edison's "Charged Up: Key Learnings About Electric Vehicles, Customers and Grid Reliability"

Ed Kjaer, Director of Transportation Electrification, Southern California Edison (SCE) briefed the committee on the results of a recently published white paper that illustrated how Plug-in Electric Vehicle (PEV) demand will be accommodated within the SCE service territory.

[http://newsroom.edison.com/internal\\_redirect/cms.ipressroom.com.s3.amazonaws.com/166/files/20136/SCE- EVWhitePaper2013.pdf](http://newsroom.edison.com/internal_redirect/cms.ipressroom.com.s3.amazonaws.com/166/files/20136/SCE- EVWhitePaper2013.pdf)

Based on a discussion that ensued relative to reduced funding due to gas tax receipts and potential funding mechanisms such as VMT fees, Hon. Sam Pedroza, Claremont, suggested that a discussion on transportation funding as it relates to reduced gas tax revenue be included as a future agenda item. Jonathan Nadler, SCAG staff, acknowledged the agenda item request, and also reminded the EEC that the Regional Council had numerous policy discussions related to funding challenges and financing mechanisms, including VMT fees and other innovative funding mechanisms during development of the as part of the 2012-2035 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Community Strategy (RTP/SCS).

Judy Mitchell raised the point that building codes can be revised for new construction of multi-family buildings to require electric charging infrastructure. Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, Acting Chair, suggested bringing a model ordinance to the committee.

3. Potential Sites for Renewable Energy Development on Contaminated Lands

Ping Chang, SCAG staff, briefed the committee on an U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) tool that identifies contaminated land and mine sites that may hold potential for renewable energy development. Renewable energy development offers viable reuse options for some sites that may have limited redevelopment opportunities and provides communities the associated economic and environmental benefits. It also provides a more sustainable alternative to developing renewable energy on previously undeveloped land. Since the vast majority of potential renewable energy development opportunities on contaminated lands are located in areas identified by the Cal EPA CalEnviroScreen tool, implementation of renewable energy projects on these sites may also contribute to environmental justice goals. Staff has developed overlap city maps to facilitate their review and potential application for future Cap and Trade funding.

For any given potential site, further detailed site-specific analysis is warranted for a community to determine if it would like to pursue the option of renewable energy development. Factors of consideration include, among others, conditions of the surrounding local environment as well as the community vision.

4. Dynamic Augmented Living Environment (DALE) Solar Decathlon Project Event

Craig Reem, Director of Public Affairs and Communications, City of Irvine, briefed the committee on the United States Department of Energy Solar Decathlon 2013, which will be held at the Orange County Great Park in Irvine from October 3-13, 2013. The decathlon is an award-winning program that challenges collegiate teams to design, build, and operate solar-powered houses that are cost-effective, energy-efficient, and attractive. The winner of the competition is the team that best incorporates affordability, consumer appeal, and design excellence with optimal energy production and maximum efficiency. The event gives visitors the opportunity to tour the houses, gather ideas to use in their own homes, and learn how energy-saving features can help them save money.

Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, Acting Chair, requested that this item be brought back to the committee at a future meeting after the event.

5. State Performance Measure Comment Letter to the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT)

Ping Chang, SCAG staff, stated that MAP-21 is the recent federal transportation re-authorization. It requires the United States Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT) to establish transportation performance measures through rulemaking.

The U.S. DOT is scheduled to initiate rulemaking on performance measures by April 2014 with adoption in April 2015. Mr. Chang referenced the agenda that included a group of California State agencies that recently submitted a joint comment letter to the U.S. DOT ahead of the rulemaking. Staff will continue to monitor related activities and report back to the committee as needed.

## 6. Litigation Update

Justine Block, SCAG Deputy Legal Counsel, provided an update on recent litigation developments that may be of interest to committee members. A full report is included in the committee's agenda packet.

## 7. Local Input Communication Letter Initiating the Bottom-Up Local Input Process for the 2016-2040 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS)

Kimberly Clark, SCAG Staff, stated that development of the 2016 RTP/SCS will be driven largely by local input from regional stakeholders from the one hundred ninety seven (197) jurisdictions in the SCAG region. Having received Regional Council (RC) approval of the local input communications/approval protocol, staff is moving forward with the transmission of a comprehensive letter outlining the 2016 RTP/SCS development process.

Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, Acting Chair, stated when SCAG went through the last RTP process, some cities responded that the letter was addressed to the wrong person or the individual was no longer employed by the city. As a result, Ms. Viegas-Walker directed staff that the letter should emphasize it is the jurisdictions' responsibility to inform SCAG staff if they would like to designate another point of contact.

## 8. SCAG Map Book Local Input Status Update

Jung Seo, SCAG Staff, stated that beginning in March 2013, staff communicated with the regions' one hundred ninety seven (197) local jurisdictions and coordinated with each subregional organization to request the most recent land use information in preparation for the 2016 RTP/SCS. To date, SCAG staff received general plan land use input from one hundred thirty four (134) local jurisdictions. SCAG also delivered an email to planning managers and city managers of each local jurisdiction notifying them of the availability of the Map Book on SCAG's FTP site. SCAG has also held meetings with the Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG), Gateway Cities Council of Governments (GWCOG), and South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG). SCAG staff has also met with local jurisdictions to assist city staff to update their land use data base. Based on questions from the committee members relative to their jurisdictions' review, staff will follow up to ensure SCAG has the latest information.

## **CHAIR'S REPORT**

Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, Acting Chair, stated there was an agenda item that was to have been brought to the Regional Council (RC) today with regard to the appointment of Steve Schuyler as an Ex-Officio Member of the EEC. This item will be continued pending the new President Council's consideration of the overall framework for ex-officio appointments.

**STAFF REPORT** – No report

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS** - None

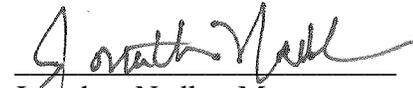
**ANNOUNCEMENTS** - None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

The next meeting of the Energy & Environment Committee will be held on Thursday, October 3, 2013 at the SCAG Los Angeles Office.

Action Minutes Approved by:



Jonathan Nadler, Manager  
Compliance & Performance Monitoring

### Energy and Environment Committee Attendance Report

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Member (including Ex-Officio) LastName, FirstName	Date Appointed if after 1/1/13	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	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec			
Bartlett, Lisa		OCCOG			X				X	X	X	X		X		X							6
Bertone, Denis		SGVCOG		X					X	X	X	X	G	X			X						6
Brennan, Brian		VCOG											E										
Clark, Margaret		Rosemead		X					X	X	X	X	N	X		X	X						7
Ehrenkranz, Jordan		WRCOG					X		X	X			E	X			X						4
Englander, Mitchell		Los Angeles		X							X		R										1
Forester, Larry		Gateway Cities		X					X	X	X	X	A	X		X	X						7
Genis, Sandra	June	OCCOG			X								L			X	X						2
Graham, Ed		Chino Hills						X	X	X	X			X		X							6
Hernandez, Steven	Feb.	CVAG						X		X	X	X	A										3
Johnson James		Long Beach		X						X	X	X	S			X							4
Krupa, Linda	Feb.	Hemet					X			X			S			X	X						3
Martin, Thomas		GCCOG		X					X	X	X	X	E	X		X							6
Mitchell, Judy		SBCCOG		X							X	X	M	X		X	X						5
Munzing, Mike	April	District 12			X						X	X	B	X		X							4
Pedroza, Sam		SGVCOG		X					X	X	X	X	L	X			X						6
Pollock, David		VCOG						X	X	X	X	X	Y	X		X							6
Prang, Jeffery		W. Hollywood		X																			
Ramos Watson, Lupe		CVAG					X			X				X			X						3
Robertson, Deborah	August	District 8						X								X	X						2
Sanmarco, Stephen	August	SBCCOG		X																			
Terrazas, Jack		Imperial County	X						X	X	X	X		X		X	X						7
Viegas Walker, Cheryl		El Centro	X						X	X	X	X		X		X	X						7
Williams, Diane		SANBAG						X	X	X	X			X		X	X						7
Wilson, Edward		Signal Hill		X					X		X	X		X		X	X						6
<b>TOTALS</b>			<b>2</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>															