Energy and Environment Committee

Action Minutes

Meeting Date: Thursday, September 2, 2004

Meeting Location: SCAG Offices
818 West 7th Street, 12th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90017

The following minutes are a summary of actions taken by the Energy and Environment Committee. Audio recordings of the meeting may be heard in the SCAG office during office hours.

Committee Chair: Hank Kuiper, Imperial County
Committee Vice Chair: Margaret Clark, Rosemead

Members Present	Representing	Members Absent	Representing
Clark, Margaret	Rosemead	Ashley, Marion	Riverside
Cook, Debbie	Huntington Beach	Eckenrode, Norman	Placentia
Marchand, Paul	Cathedral City	Feinstein, Michael	Santa Monica
Miller, Michael	West Covina	Forester, Larry	Signal Hill
Nelson, Larry	Artesia	Harrison, Jon	Redlands
Van Arsdale, Lori	Hemet	Krause, Mary Anne	Santa Paula
Washburn, Dennis	Calabasas	Kuiper, Hank	Imperial
Young, Toni	Port Hueneme	Portantino, Anthony	La Cañada/Flintridge
		Yoon, Art	Hermosa Beach

New Members	Representing
None	

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1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Hon. Margaret Clark, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None

3.0 REVIEW and PRIORITIZE

Pursuant to Government Code (Brown Act) § 54954.2(b)(2), upon determination by two-thirds vote of the legislative body that there is a need to take immediate action and the need arose after the posting of the agenda, Item 5.2 was added to the Agenda.

Motion by Marchand to add Item 5.2, Seconded by Washburn, then Unanimously Approved by the Committee.

4.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

4.1 Approval Item

4.1.1 Action Minutes of August 5, 2004

4.2 Receive and File

4.2.2 Intergovernmental Review (IGR)

Motion by Young to approve, Seconded by Marchand, then Unanimously Approved by the Committee.

5.0 ACTION ITEMS

5.1 2004 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP)

Ted Harris, SCAG staff, briefed the Committee on the environmental component of the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP). The federal Clean Air Act requires the Regional Council to determine transportation air quality conformity for the 2004 RTIP. The Committee was asked to recommend that the Regional Council approve the air quality conformity determination for the 2004 RTIP as part of resolution #04-453-2.

Motion by Young to approve staff recommendation, Seconded by Cook, then Unanimously Approved by the Committee.

6.2 AB 2006: Reliable Electric Service Act

Felix Oduyemi, Southern California Edison, briefed the Committee on the history of the California energy crisis and the remaining lack of adequate generation to supply residences and businesses in southern California. As a result, AB 2006 was created as a regulatory certainty to secure monetary support and encourage financial institutions to reinvest in power plant development and stimulate competition. The Committee was informed that the bill had been submitted to the Governor after the posting of the agenda, and asked to draft a letter in support of AB 2006.

Pursuant to Government Code (Brown Act) § 54954.2(b)(2), upon determination by two-thirds vote of the legislative body that there is a need to take immediate action and the need arose after the posting of the agenda; Item 6.2 was amended to Action Item.

Motion by Clark to amend Information Item 6.2 to an Action Item, Seconded by Young, then Approved by a two-thirds vote of the Committee.

Motion to draft a letter in support of AB 2006 by Longville, Seconded by Van Arsdale, then Approved by a majority vote of the Committee.

5.2 AB 2141 (Longville) Floodplain Management

This bill requires the State Department of Water Resources to establish an Alluvial Fan Task Force by June 30, 2005, to develop a model ordinance and makes recommendations related to alluvial fan floodplain management issues by June 2006. The bill is contingent upon funding from the federal government for private sources and expressly prohibits the use of state funds. The Committee was informed that the bill had been submitted to the Governor after the posting of the agenda.

Motion by Young to draft a letter in support of AB 2141, Seconded by Cook, then Unanimously Approved by the Committee.

6.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

6.1 Water Quality Study

Professor Arturo Keller, UC Santa Barbara's Bren School of Environmental Science and Management, provided the Committee with a presentation on a study or regional water quality impacts due to new transportation projects, growth, and land use changes.

6.3 Intergovernmental Review (IGR) Year 2003 Activity Report

Jeffrey Smith, SCAG staff, provided the Committee with information on regionally significant local plans, projects and programs that pertain to policies of the Regional Comprehensive Plan and Guide and the Regional Transportation Plan.

6.4 Clean Cities Program

Jo Ann Armenta, representing The Partnership, provided the Committee with a summary of the Clean Cities activities for the past fiscal year and outlined some of their future projects.

6.5 Regional Comprehensive Plan (RCP)

Ashwani Vasishth, SCAG staff, provided the Committee with a framework of SCAG's efforts to prepare a new Regional Comprehensive Plan. The plan will focus on region-wide implementation of policies and recommendations formulated in SCAG's Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Southern California Compass growth visioning process.

7.0 WATER POLICY TASK FORCE

Next meeting is scheduled for September 9, 2004 at SCAG.

8.0 CHAIR'S REPORT

None

9.0 STAFF REPORT

None

10.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

11.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Margaret Clark, Vice Chair, adjourned the meeting at 12:20pm. The next meeting will be held in the SCAG offices on Thursday, November 4, 2004.

Action Minutes Approved by:

for

Sylvia Patsaouras, Manager
Energy and Environment