

Energy and Environment Committee (EEC)

List of Public Comments

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3.	1/02/2023	Patricia Martz, Ph.D., President	California Cultural Resources Preservation Alliance, Inc.	AI# 8 - Draft Regional Advance Mitigation Planning (RAMP) White Paper AI# 9 - Draft Regional Advance Mitigation Planning (RAMP) Policy Framework	Support of Regional Advance Mitigation Program
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9.	1/3/2023	Gayle Waite, President	Laguna Canyon Conservancy	AI# 8 - Draft Regional Advance Mitigation Planning (RAMP) White Paper AI# 9 - Draft Regional Advance Mitigation Planning (RAMP) Policy Framework	Support of Regional Advance Mitigation Program
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11.	1/4/2023	Jack Eidt, Co-Founder	SoCal 350 Climate Action	AI# 8 - Draft Regional Advance Mitigation Planning (RAMP) White Paper AI# 9 - Draft Regional Advance Mitigation Planning (RAMP) Policy Framework	Support of Regional Advance Mitigation Program

12.	1/4/2023	Francis Appiah, Mitigation Specialist	Department of Transportation (Caltrans)		The Regional Advanced Mitigation Planning (RAMP) Policy Framework & SoCal Greenprint Initiative - Support Adoption
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16.	1/4/2023	C. Robin Smith, Conservation Chair	Diamond Bar Preservation Foundation	AI# 8 - Draft Regional Advance Mitigation Planning (RAMP) White Paper AI# 9 - Draft Regional Advance Mitigation Planning (RAMP) Policy Framework	Support of Regional Advance Mitigation Program
17.	1/4/2023	Lee Paulson, President	Responsible Land Use	AI# 8 - Draft Regional Advance Mitigation Planning (RAMP) White Paper AI# 9 - Draft Regional Advance Mitigation Planning (RAMP) Policy Framework	Support of Regional Advance Mitigation Program

18.	1/4/2023	Topher Mathers, Organizing and Policy Specialist	Active San Gabriel, El Monte (Tongva Territory)		Advancing Equity, Environmental Justice and Planning for Climate Resiliency Requires Regional Advanced Mitigation Planning (RAMP), and Public Access to Quality Data - Support
19.	1/4/2023	Susan Sheakley, Chair, Conservation Committee	Sea and Sage Audubon Society	AI# 8 - Draft Regional Advance Mitigation Planning (RAMP) White Paper AI# 9 - Draft Regional Advance Mitigation Planning (RAMP) Policy Framework	Support of Regional Advance Mitigation Program

From: Larry Klementowski [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 28, 2022 12:50 PM
To: EEC Public Comment Group
Cc: GreenVision@FHBP.org
Subject: Letter in SUPPORT of EEC RAMP
Attachments: Chino Hills State Park Interpretive Association EEC RAMP Support Letter.pdf

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To: Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)

The attached letter expresses our FIRM SUPPORT of the Regional Advance Mitigation Program (RAMP) at the Energy and Environment Committee (EEC) meeting scheduled for January 5, 2023.

Lawrence J. Klementowski, President
Chino Hills State Park Interpretive Association



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December 28, 2022

Sent via email to: EECPublicComment@scag.ca.gov

Attn: Chair Deborah Robertson
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Energy & Environment Committee
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Los Angeles, CA 90017

RE: Agenda Items 8 & 9: Regional Advance Mitigation Program (SUPPORT)

Dear Chair Robertson,

Chino Hills State Park Interpretive Association generally supports the policy framework for the regional advanced mitigation program (RAMP), despite the bumpy process at the Advisory Task Group over the last 13 months. We recognize a thoughtful data-driven future for regional planning and incorporation of a comprehensive mitigation program that includes streamlined permitting is critical to our region's healthy future. Further, implementation of the RAMP begins the required steps of meeting the SCAG mitigation measures adopted in the 2020 Connect SoCal Program Environmental Impact Report.

By way of background, the Chino Hills State Park Interpretive Association (CHSPIA) has a formal cooperative agreement and relationship with the State of California to fund and support interpretation, education, operation and maintenance programs of Chino Hills State Park. Our geographic scope includes Chino Hills State Park and adjacent areas. Chino Hills State Park is located in portions of three counties: Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino; CHSPIA's agreement with California includes operation all three of those counties.

In addition, we request that the proposed Greenprint Technical Advisory Committee include one seat for an environmental representative to ensure inclusivity and incorporation of a conservation expert, preferably one with experience in RAMP.

Our organization has particular interest in matters that may have effects on the natural environment and interpretation of the environment to both adults and children in and nearby Chino Hills State Park.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this agenda item.

Sincerely,

Lawrence J. Klementowski, President
Chino Hills State Park Interpretive Association

From: Dan Silver [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, December 29, 2022 2:26 PM
To: EEC Public Comment Group
Subject: Agenda Items 8 & 9, January 5, 2023, Energy and Environment Committee: Regional Advance Mitigation Program – SUPPORT
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Please find written testimony enclosed. If possible, please distribute to committee prior to hearing.

New Year greetings,
Dan Silver

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December 28, 2022

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RE: Agenda Items 8 & 9: Regional Advance Mitigation Program – *SUPPORT*

Dear Chair Robertson and Committee Members:

Endangered Habitats League (EHL) supports the policy framework for the regional advanced mitigation program (RAMP). For your reference, EHL is a Southern California regional organization dedicated to ecosystem protection, sustainable land use, and collaborative conflict resolution. We have hands-on experience with successful RAMPs in San Diego, Orange, and Riverside Counties.

A RAMP will provide certainty and fact-based environmental context for regional and transportation planning and a comprehensive and efficient mitigation program. It will provide the streamlined environmental compliance that is critical to timely implement complex projects.

Connect SoCal's Core Vision includes creating a RAMP for sustainable development and meets several of Connect SoCal's goals, such as enhancing the regional transportation system, reducing emissions and improving air quality, adapting to climate change, supporting sustainable and equitable communities, and promoting the conservation of natural and agricultural lands. RAMPs comprehensively mitigate the impacts of projects at a regional scale, and avoid the time and cost associated with piecemeal, project-by-project analysis. The mitigation achieved through a RAMP is biologically superior, as it too reflects the "bigger picture" and achieves strategic goals. As a result, RAMP adoption will allow SCAG to meaningfully meet the mitigation obligations of Connect SoCal.

In addition, we request that the proposed Greenprint Technical Advisory Committee include one seat for an environmental representative to ensure inclusivity and for conservation expertise, preferably one with experience in RAMPs.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Yours truly and New Year wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dan Silver". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Dan" and the last name "Silver" clearly distinguishable.

Dan Silver
Executive Director

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, January 1, 2023 12:36 PM
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Please see the attached letter.

Thank you,

Patricia Martz Ph.D.
President
California Cultural Resources Preservation Alliance, Inc. (CCRPA)



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California Cultural Resource Preservation Alliance, Inc.
An alliance of American Indian and scientific communities working for
the preservation of archaeological sites and other cultural resources.

January 2, 2023

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RE: Agenda Items 8 & 9: Regional Advance Mitigation Program (SUPPORT)

Dear Chair Robertson,

The California Cultural Resources Preservation Alliance Inc. (CCRPA) generally supports the policy framework for the regional advanced mitigation program (RAMP), despite the bumpy process at the Advisory Task Group over the last 13 months. We recognize a thoughtful data-driven future for regional planning and incorporation of a comprehensive mitigation program that includes streamlined permitting is critical to our region's healthy future. Further, implementation of the RAMP begins the required steps of meeting the SCAG mitigation measures adopted in the 2020 Connect SoCal Program Environmental Impact Report.

By way of background, it has been estimated that 90 percent of archaeological sites in coastal southern California have been destroyed to make way for development. CCRPA works to protect and preserve significant archaeological, cultural, historic, and sacred sites. Our geographic scope includes southern California with a focus on Orange and Los Angeles Counties.

In addition, we request that the proposed Greenprint Technical Advisory Committee include one seat for an environmental representative to ensure inclusivity and incorporation of a conservation expert, preferably one with experience in RAMP.

Our organization has particular interest in supporting open space habitats as that is where the majority of the remaining archaeological sites are located. Our comments include the following points:

- In 2020, a coalition of nearly 50 organizations that spanned the six-countywide region supported the 2020 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) called Connect SoCal. The size and diversity of the support illuminates the plan's inclusive vision and community support. As SCAG meets its mitigation measures, this coalition stands ready to assist and support those efforts.
- Part of the reason Connect SoCal is widely supported is because it includes ways to meet the regional greenhouse gas emission and vehicle miles traveled reduction goals set by the State through AB 32 (the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006) and SB 375 (the Sustainable Communities Planning Act of 2008).



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the preservation of archaeological sites and other cultural resources.

Conservation is one tool to reduce both by directing development to appropriate city-centered locations. We cannot build our way to a better climate and increased resiliency, but we can conserve our way to it.

- SCAG committed to the development of a Greenprint and RAMP in its 2020 Connect SoCal Plan Environmental Impact Report. These items were guided by an inclusive process that included interviews with the six county transportation commissions, entities with existing conservation plans, environmental groups, and the business/development groups. The RAMP will complement existing local and regional efforts to offset impacts of infrastructure and development projects.
- Advanced mitigation efforts on a statewide and/or regional level can streamline permitting for appropriate developments, reduce project costs via reduced time to obtain permits, create better conservation outcomes, and reduce project delays.
- Preservation of natural lands mitigates project impacts and provides other co-benefits like protection of cultural, archeological, and paleontological resources; allows managed access on mitigation lands for passive recreation; reduces urban runoff and allows for water percolation; and sequesters carbon in the vegetation and soil.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this agenda item.

Sincerely,

Patricia Martz, Ph.D.
President

Cc: GreenVision

From: Orange County Chapter <orangecounty@cnps.org>
Sent: Tuesday, January 3, 2023 9:42 AM
To: EEC Public Comment Group
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Dear Chair Robertson:

Please find attached a letter from the Orange County Chapter of the California Native Plant Society in support of Agenda Items 8 & 9: RAMP.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Wallace
Orange County Chapter
Conservation Chair



CALIFORNIA
NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

January 1, 2023

Sent via email to: EECPublicComment@scag.ca.gov

Chair Deborah Robertson
Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)
Energy & Environment Committee
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Re: Agenda Items 8 & 9: Regional Advance Mitigation Program (SUPPORT)

Dear Chair Robertson:

The **California Native Plant Society Orange County Chapter** generally supports the policy framework for the regional advanced mitigation program (RAMP), despite the bumpy process at the Advisory Task Group over the past 13 months.

We recognize a thoughtful data-driven future for regional planning and a comprehensive mitigation program that includes streamlined permitting is critical to our region's healthy future.

Implementation of the RAMP begins the required steps of meeting the SCAG mitigation measures adopted in the 2020 Connect SoCal Program EIR.

The California Native Plant Society Orange County Chapter (OCCNPS) works to conserve California native plants and their natural habitats, today and into the future, through science, education, stewardship, gardening, and advocacy.

OCCNPS requests that the proposed GreenPrint Technical Advisory Committee include one seat for an environmental representative to ensure inclusivity. We also request including a conservation expert, preferably one with experience in RAMP.

Our organization has particular interest in conserving California native plants and their natural habitats. Our comments include:

- Southern California's natural lands are among the most unique in the world. As a global hotspot of biodiversity, our landscapes are threatened with urbanization.
- Natural lands improve air and water quality by sequestering carbon, reducing the urban heat effect and generating oxygen.
- RAMP could address the biodiversity crisis (like species protection) while also benefiting people (providing access to nature).
- Restoration of landscapes builds climate resilience, reduces wildfires, stabilizes slopes, and improves habitat and ecological function.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Agenda Items 8 & 9.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Wallace
Orange County Chapter, Conservation Chair

Brad Jenkins
Orange County Chapter, President



From: FHBP - Green Vision <greenvision@fhbp.org>
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To: EEC Public Comment Group
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Greetings,

Attached you will find a letter from Friends of Harbors, Beaches and Parks (FHBP) in support of the Regional Advance Mitigation Program (RAMP) under consideration at the Energy & Environment Committee this Thursday.

I trust it will be circulated to the entire committee.

Please confirm receipt.

Thanks,

Melanie



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RE: Agenda Items 8 & 9: Regional Advance Mitigation Program (SUPPORT)

Dear Chair Robertson,

Friends of Harbors, Beaches and Parks (FHBP) **generally supports the policy framework for the regional advance mitigation program (RAMP)**. We've been deeply engaged with SCAG and the RAMP process since its inception. While the Advisory Task Group process was less than perfect, we support SCAG meeting its mitigation obligation to create the RAMP by taking this crucial first step of adopting a policy framework. Further, **we request that the proposed Greenprint Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) include one seat for an environmental representative** to ensure inclusivity and incorporation of a conservation expert, preferably one with experience in RAMP.

By way of background, FHBP works to promote, protect, and enhance harbors, beaches, parks, trails, open spaces, natural preserves, and historic sites. Orange County is our main geographic focus, but we realize that land use, transportation, and conservation decisions in neighboring counties can substantially affect our work here; hence our involvement in the SCAG planning processes for more than a decade.

Our organization has particular interest in advance mitigation. We were instrumental in forming and now implementing the Orange County Transportation Authority's (OCTA) Environmental Mitigation Program, an advance mitigation program that brought together over 30 conservation and community groups to support the transportation measure and its inclusion of a RAMP. To date, 1,300 acres have been protected, 350 acres restored, and 13 freeway projects streamlined. Through this process OCTA avoided litigation on its plan because of the comprehensive nature of the RAMP.

As it relates to the SCAG RAMP Policy Framework, our comments include the following points:

RAMPs thoughtfully and comprehensively offset the impacts of projects at a landscape level, instead of providing smaller, piecemeal, and project-by-project mitigation offsets. It is both a time saver and reduces staff costs. Further, RAMPs allow project implementation to be smoother, more time- and cost-effective, while also benefiting the system of natural lands and waterways preserved in the Southland. For transportation agencies, RAMPs provide project certainty and streamline the environmental review process for projects voluntarily included in the RAMP.

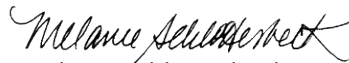
Another benefit of RAMP is that new projects that are *not covered by an existing RAMP* can be added through the SCAG RAMP process. Thus, this tool helps sets the stage for project delivery and conservation outcomes. We encourage SCAG to tap into the experience and partnerships available through the land trust, conservancy, equity, tribal, and conservation communities that will benefit SCAG and area transportation agencies for the RAMP development. Early and thoughtful communication with these groups will also lead to better outcomes and align with the partnership goal touted in the Natural and Farmland Appendix.

Finally, we hope the RAMP Policy Framework leads to completion of the second key conservation mitigation measure: the SoCal Greenprint. Using data to direct future planning is vitally important. Data on such diverse information as equity, tree cover, gentrification, sea level rise, wildfire risks, and water availability, for example, are critical for understanding the big picture and planning for the future (or correcting past planning mistakes). And, access to information is important to thoughtful and strategic decision making. The Greenprint provides a tool that transportation agencies, cities, counties, and interested parties can use to improve decisions and make better policy choices. The Greenprint planning tool pulls together myriad data sets so decision-makers can plan for future development and infrastructure projects with nature in mind.

For these reasons and more, FHBP urges the EEC to adopt the RAMP Policy Framework and consider the addition of a conservation representative on the TAC.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this agenda item.

Sincerely,



Melanie Schlotterbeck
Green Vision Coordinator

From: Maggie Gardner <maggie@lawaterkeeper.org>
Sent: Tuesday, January 3, 2023 2:48 PM
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Please see attached public comment. Thank you.

Cheers,
Maggie

MAGGIE GARDNER (she/her)
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December 23, 2022

Honorable Deborah Robertson
Chair, Energy and Environment Committee
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RE: SoCal's LA Waterkeeper Advocates Support the Regional Advanced Mitigation Planning (RAMP) Policy Framework & SoCal Greenprint Initiative

As water supply advocates, we believe in the future of a resilient Southern California providing multi-benefit, low-carbon water supply to the region. This is necessary to improve access to the vital community infrastructure needs of local residents, such as services, housing, transportation, healthy foods, safe water, and clean air.

We support the advancement of the draft RAMP Framework recommended by SCAG staff to the RAMP Advisory Task Group. However, we are disappointed in the process that was adopted by SCAG's Regional Council and former Chair Clint Lorimore, which allowed business interests to triumph over our communities and their local constituents. Business interests for buildings without awareness of natural resources like groundwater, negatively affect our mission of ecosystem health for our waterways.

Looking forward, we urge the SCAG Energy and Environment Committee to sustain a path towards realizing public access to the SoCal Greenprint, a free spatial analysis tool that was developed in partnership by SCAG with local environmental justice and community-based organizations, developers and representatives of the building industry, academia, urban and transportation planners, conservation practitioners, and representatives from the agriculture and economic development sectors.

The SoCal Greenprint is an important mitigation measure established by Connect SoCal 2020 that advances access to data that is already publicly available and usable by local planning jurisdictions. To maintain the tool's integrity, we strongly advise that all technical advisory committee members include representatives with technical knowledge of and experience working with conservation and equity data. Just recently, the BIA, BizFed, and supporters tried to encourage SCAG to limit all SoCal Greenprint data to just open space and agricultural lands - a move would not lead to compliance and effectively illustrates why we need to leave data to those who understand the power of information and knowledge sharing.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback to the outcomes of the RAMP Advisory Task Group.

Thank you,
Los Angeles Waterkeeper

From: Alex Jung <alex@cityfabrick.org>
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Hello SCAG's Energy and Environment Committee (EEC),

On behalf of City Fabrick, we hope that you will consider this comment letter with your review of the Regional Advanced Mitigation Planning Policy Framework, which we hope will support the final adoption of the SoCal Greenprint.

Thank you,
Alex

ALEXANDER JUNG, AICP [He/Him/His]
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December 22, 2022

Honorable Deborah Robertson
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Re: Advancing Equity and Environmental Justice through Regional Planning

Dear Chair Robertson,

Environmental justice mandates the right to ethical, balanced and responsible uses of land in the interest of a sustainable planet for humans and other living things.¹ This principle is a key fact to consider when advancing SCAG's housing development priorities for the region, particularly if SCAG hopes to prioritize affordable housing projects that retain access to clean air, safe drinking water, and limited exposure to pollutants. Building for sprawl does not support the biodiversity needs of our local environment and cannot support the needs of environmental justice communities who often lack access to core community benefits, such as transportation, medical care, and outdoor access.

As advocates of equity and environmental justice, we support the draft Regional Advanced Mitigation Planning (RAMP) policy framework that was recommended by SCAG staff to the RAMP Advisory Task Group last month. It presents a critical opportunity to streamline the infrastructure products our region needs, while maximizing environmental benefits. We also support the SCAG SoCal Greenprint, a public mapping tool that would support environmental justice communities across the region by advancing access to data that can inform smarter planning decisions and support community-based advocacy efforts.

To sustain healthy communities, electeds and regional organizations like SCAG hold an important role in advancing local projects, policies, and land use decisions, and must ensure they are informed by and responsive to the experiences and needs of local communities. Recent efforts to divorce SCAG's planning approach from the realities of our region's current environmental constraints, such as sea level rise, historic wildfire perimeters, limited park access, and the state's disadvantaged communities index perpetuate harmful planning standards that will impact communities who experience historic and perpetual underinvestments the worst.

¹ The National People of Color Environmental Leadership Summit. "17 Principles of Environmental Justice." 1991. <https://www.ewg.org/news-insights/news/17-principles-environmental-justice>

We are committed to seeing SCAG complete its mitigation requirements for Connect SoCal 2020. Should SCAG choose to advance a technical advisory committee for the SoCal Greenprint, we stress the importance of ensuring that all members of this group are technically qualified to interpret environmental justice and environmental data, including conservation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.



Alexander Jung, AICP
Director – Urban Design & Planning
City Fabrick



From: Claire Schlotterbeck [REDACTED]
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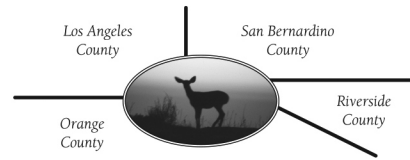
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Hello,
Attached are our comments on the RAMP Policy. Please acknowledge receipt.

Claire Schlotterbeck
Executive Director
Hills For Everyone

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*Southern California comes
together at the Puente-Chino Hills*



January 3, 2023

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Attn: Chair Deborah Robertson
Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)
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RE: Agenda Items 8 & 9: Regional Advance Mitigation Program (SUPPORT)

Dear Chair Robertson,

Hills For Everyone (HFE) generally supports the policy framework for the regional advance mitigation program (RAMP). **We urge your approval for adoption of the policy by the Regional Council.**

Based on the unique nature of the complementary mitigation measure, we request that one seat for an environmental representative with RAMP experience be reserved on the proposed Greenprint Technical Advisory Committee.

HFE's work to protect, connect, and restore the Puente-Chino Hills Wildlife Corridor spans four Southland counties: Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino and 12 local cities and county communities. There have been over \$220 million in public and private investments so far. Part of this investment came in the form of an acquisition by the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) through its RAMP. OCTA protected about 300 acres adjacent to Chino Hills State Park to offset the Authority's transportation project impacts. And, two restoration projects were funded by OCTA near the 91 freeway to help with wildlife movement and habitat improvements there.

Our past experience with RAMP demonstrates their value and the importance of putting available conservation sites on a map. To this end, HFE:

- Supports advance mitigation because it allows the project implementation to be smoother, more time and cost effective, while also benefiting the system of natural lands and waterways preserved in the Southland. It provides project certainty and streamlines the environmental review process. It also reduces risk and garners support from the conservation organizations.
- Recognizes that part of the reason Connect SoCal was so widely supported, HFE included, is because the document included ways to meet the regional greenhouse gas emission and vehicle miles traveled reduction goals set by the State through AB 32 (the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006) and SB 375 (the Sustainable Communities Planning Act of 2008). Conservation is one

tool to reduce both by directing development to appropriate city-centered locations. We cannot build our way to a better climate and increased resiliency, but we can conserve our way to it.

- Understands that transportation agencies that don't have an advance mitigation program can use the SCAG RAMP as a tool for implementation and project implementation. And, that RAMP provide a suite of implementation tools like mitigation banks, federal habitat conservation plans, state natural community conservation plans, in lieu fee programs, conservation banks and more to be used to track mitigation projects.

For these reasons and others, HFE supports adoption of the SCAG RAMP Policy Framework.

We also support completion of the SCAG Mitigation Measure for the SoCal Greenprint coming in a future step. Developers are constantly looking for mitigation sites and we are regularly phoned to ask about where mitigation sites might be available to meet riparian, oak woodland, coastal sage scrub, and other habitat types. Having additional resources, through the SoCal Greenprint to point developers to for these details would be an added benefit.

Please reach out if you have any questions at 714-996-1572.

Sincerely,

Claire Schlotterbeck

Claire Schlotterbeck
Executive Director

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Dear Chair Robertson,

Please see the attached comment letter from Laguna Canyon Conservancy in Support of the RAMP.

Thank you,

Gayle Waite

President, Laguna Canyon Conservancy



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Attn: Chair Deborah Robertson
Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)
Energy & Environment Committee
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Los Angeles, CA 90017

RE: Agenda Items 8 & 9: Regional Advance Mitigation Program (SUPPORT)

Dear Chair Robertson,

The Laguna Canyon Conservancy (LCC) generally **supports the policy framework for the regional advanced mitigation program (RAMP)** despite the bumpy process at the Advisory Task Group over the last 13 months. We recognize a thoughtful data-driven future for regional planning and incorporation of a comprehensive mitigation program that includes streamlined permitting is critical to our region's healthy future. Further, implementation of the RAMP begins the required steps of meeting the SCAG mitigation measures adopted in the 2020 Connect SoCal Program Environmental Impact Report.

By way of background, the Laguna Canyon Conservancy is a volunteer environmental organization that has been in existence since 1989 and its mission is to save and protect Laguna Canyon and surrounding open space in Orange County.

In addition, we request that the proposed **Greenprint Technical Advisory Committee include one seat for an environmental representative** to ensure inclusivity and incorporation of a conservation expert, preferably one with experience in RAMP.

Our comments include the following points:

- The Greenprint is an easy-to-use resource that is data-driven and region-specific. It is a single interface that empowers planners, conservationists, infrastructure agencies, landowners, and other stakeholders to integrate information about nature's values and benefits in land use decisions.
- We live in a time when science is clear on how to be successful with conservation and urban planning and subsequent development. After decades of successes and failures, there are now numerous ways science, baseline conditions, and planning all intertwine. The Greenprint is a natural progression of smart planning and has been widely used in other regions throughout the state without impeding development projects.
- Access to information is critical to thoughtful and strategic decision making. The Greenprint provides a tool that transportation agencies, cities, counties, and others can use to improve decisions and make better policy choices.
- The Greenprint planning tool pulls together myriad data sets so decision-makers can plan for future development with nature in mind.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this agenda item.

Sincerely,

Gayle Waite
2023 President, Laguna Canyon Conservancy

From: Gloria Sefton [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, January 4, 2023 8:58 AM
To: EEC Public Comment Group
Cc: Rich Gomez
Subject: Regional Advance Mitigation Program (RAMP) - Comment Letter for January 5, 2023 EEC Meeting
Attachments: SCAG Greenprint Letter - SUPPORT 2023-Jan-04.pdf; Untitled attachment 00035.htm

Dear Chair Deborah Robertson:

Please see attached letter and include in the record of proceedings at the Energy and Environment Committee (EEC) meeting on **Thursday, January 5, 2023**.

Thank you very much.

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RE: Agenda Items 8 & 9: Regional Advance Mitigation Program (**SUPPORT**)

Dear Chair Robertson,

Saddleback Canyons Conservancy (SCC) **generally supports the policy framework for the regional advance mitigation program (RAMP)**. We support SCAG meeting its mitigation obligation to create the RAMP by taking this crucial first step of adopting a policy framework. Further, **we request that the proposed Greenprint Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) include one seat for an environmental representative** to ensure inclusivity and incorporation of a conservation expert, preferably one with experience in RAMP.

By way of background, SCC exists to support and strengthen the existing Foothill/Trabuco and Silverado-Modjeska Specific Plans as implementation policies of the Orange County General Plan. Within these Specific Plans are goals to preserve and protect the environmental treasures and rural character of the canyon communities adjacent to the Trabuco District of the Cleveland National Forest.

Our organization has particular interest in advance mitigation. We were one of the conservation groups that supported implementation of the Orange County Transportation Authority's (OCTA) Environmental Mitigation Program, an advance mitigation program that brought together over 30 conservation and community groups to support the transportation measure and its inclusion of a RAMP. To date, 1,300 acres have been protected, 350 acres restored, and 13 freeway projects streamlined. Through this process OCTA avoided litigation on its plan because of the comprehensive nature of the RAMP.

As it relates to the SCAG RAMP Policy Framework, our comments include the following points:

RAMPs thoughtfully and comprehensively offset the impacts of projects at a high level, instead of providing smaller, piecemeal and project-by-project mitigation offsets. It is both a time saver and reduces staff costs. Further, RAMPs allow project implementation to be smoother, more time- and cost-effective, while also benefiting the system of natural lands and waterways preserved in the Southland. For transportation agencies, RAMPs provide project certainty and streamline the environmental review

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Another benefit of RAMPs is that new projects that are *not covered by an existing RAMP* can be added through the SCAG RAMP process. Thus, this tool helps sets the stage for project delivery and conservation outcomes. We encourage SCAG to tap into the experience and partnerships available through the land trust, conservancy, equity, tribal, and conservation communities that will benefit SCAG and area transportation agencies for the RAMP development. Early and thoughtful communication with these groups will also lead to better outcomes and align with the partnership goal touted in the Natural and Farmland Appendix.

Finally, we hope the RAMP Policy Framework leads to completion of the second key conservation mitigation measure: the SoCal Greenprint. Using data to direct future planning is vitally important. Data on such diverse information as equity, tree cover, gentrification, sea level rise, wildfire risks, and water availability, for example, are critical for understanding the big picture and planning for the future (or correcting past planning mistakes). And, access to information is important to thoughtful and strategic decision making. The Greenprint provides a tool that transportation agencies, cities, counties, and interested parties can use to improve decisions and make better policy choices. The Greenprint planning tool pulls together myriad data sets so decision-makers can plan for future development and infrastructure projects with nature in mind.

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this agenda item.

Sincerely,



Gloria Sefton
Co-founder

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Please accept this letter as official comment from SoCal 350 Climate Action.

Thank you!

Jack

Jack Eidt

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For these reasons and more, SoCal 350 urges the EEC to adopt the RAMP Policy Framework and consider the addition of a conservation representative on the TAC. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this agenda item.

Sincerely,

Jack Eidt
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Chair, Energy and Environment Committee
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Re: The Regional Advanced Mitigation Planning (RAMP) Policy Framework & SoCal Greenprint Initiative

Dear Chair Robertson,

In 2021, Census data showed that every county in Southern California grew between 2010 through 2020 - though over the same time period, most counties shrunk nationwide.^[1] While this growth represents many new opportunities for the region, it also emphasizes the need for transportation planners, land use planners, local politicians, and industries to consider climate, environmental, and social justice indicators when proposing infrastructure regionwide.

We must prepare our communities for the environmental challenges we know lie ahead, while supporting access to vital community needs such as parks and safe, and reliable transportation. As a State Transportation Agency-Caltrans in Los Angeles/Ventura Counties, we hold an important role in developing Southern California's land use and transportation planning decisions - and there are various environmental factors such as Climate Change, Sea Level Rise, Drought, Wildfire, and infrastructure resiliency of which we consider very seriously. For example, our commitments to support the development of healthy communities requires us to confront today's challenges by incorporating Safety, Climate Action, Equity, and Economic and prosperity in our communities. With respect to the Greenprint in SCAG Region, every Caltrans transportation project will look into the environmental aspects such as healthy watershed, wildlife and wildlife crossings, parks, open space, vegetation and how all these benefit or impact positively the communities in SCAG Region. Caltrans District 7 and 8 (Los Angeles/ Ventura and San Bernardino/Riverside) have implement Regional Advance Mitigation Needs Assessment with these goals:

- To improve project delivery outcomes by having appropriate mitigation already in place when needed.

- To improve environmental outcomes by consolidating potential compensatory mitigation needs from multiple projects in a given area and investing them strategically to address conservation priorities.
- Landscape scale mitigation.
- To improve mitigation outcomes by having better planned and delivered mitigation projects that are successful and compliant.

This means that we rely on cohesive planning approaches that unite our region, as well as access to reliable, free, and easy-to-use data.

We support adoption of the draft RAMP Policy Framework recommended by SCAG staff to the RAMP Advisory Task Group, as well as planning tools to support smart planning approaches, like SCAG’s SoCal Greenprint. Both approaches allow our departments and partners to support project delivery and mitigation through comprehensive, as well as data-informed, planning and project design. We also support ensuring that members of the forthcoming technical advisory committee hold strong technical knowledge of and experience working with data tied to conservation, transportation, and equity or environmental justice. We are confident that adopting a RAMP Policy Framework for the region and improving public access to comprehensive data by mobilizing the SoCal Greenprint, will advance projects and policies that address the needs of the climate and our growing region.

^[1] Staggs, Brooke. “Southern California counties grow while much of the nation shrinks.” OC Register. August 21, 2021. <https://www.ocreger.com/2021/08/12/census-shows-southern-california-counties-continue-to-grow/>

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback.

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Greetings,

Please find attached and please acknowledge receipt of a letter regarding Energy & Environment Committee Agenda Items 8 & 9: Regional Advance Mitigation Program.

Best,
Angela

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Dear Chair Robertson,

The [California Oaks](#) program of [California Wildlife Foundation](#) works to conserve oak ecosystems because of their critical role in sequestering carbon, maintaining healthy watersheds, providing plant and wildlife habitat, and sustaining cultural values. This letter is sent in support of Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) meeting its mitigation measure of creating the regional advanced mitigation program (RAMP) by taking the crucial first step of adopting a policy framework. This letter also requests that the proposed Greenprint Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) include a seat for an environmental representative to ensure inclusivity and incorporation of conservation expertise, preferably expertise that includes RAMP.

Specific to the SCAG RAMP Policy Framework, we offer the following points:

- RAMPs thoughtfully and comprehensively offset the impacts of projects at the regional scale, instead of providing smaller, piecemeal and project-by-project mitigation offsets. This saves time and staff resources. Further, this process allows the project implementation to be smoother, more time and cost effective, while also benefiting the system of natural lands and waterways preserved in the Southland. It provides project certainty and streamlines the environmental review process for projects included voluntarily in the RAMP.
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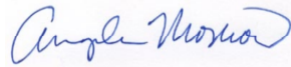
The California Wildlife Foundation urges the Energy & Environment Committee to adopt the RAMP Policy Framework and include a conservation representative on the TAC.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

Sincerely,



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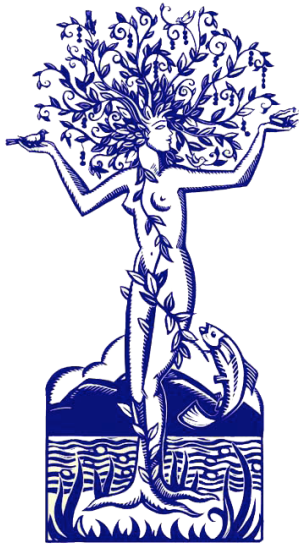
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The River Project supports SCAG meeting its mitigation measure of creating the policy framework for the regional advanced mitigation program (RAMP). Further, we request that the proposed Greenprint Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) include one seat for an environmental/conservation expert, preferably one with experience in RAMP.

The River Project is dedicated to planning and action to protect, reclaim, and restore vital ecosystems in Los Angeles County. Our mission is to realize a regenerative, equitable, just, and climate-resilient Los Angeles through radical curiosity, evidence-based watershed planning, and positive action.

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Finally, we hope the RAMP Policy Framework leads to completion of the second key mitigation measure: the Greenprint. Using data to guide future planning is vital. Centralized access to myriad data sets on equity, sea level rise, flood and wildfire risks, access to open spaces and transit, for example, are critical for shared understanding of the big picture and for strategic decision making. The Greenprint provides a tool that transportation agencies, cities, counties, and others can use to make better choices with our shared future in mind.

The River Project urges the EEC to adopt the RAMP Policy Framework and consider the addition of a conservation representative on the TAC. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this agenda item.

Melanie Winter, Director

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Dear Chair Robertson,

The Center for Biological Diversity submits the attached comments in support of the policy framework for the regional advanced mitigation program (RAMP).

Please confirm you have received this submission.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth

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RE: Agenda Items 8 & 9: Regional Advance Mitigation Program (SUPPORT)

Dear Chair Robertson,

The Center for Biological Diversity supports the policy framework for the regional advanced mitigation program (RAMP). We engaged with SCAG staff on ensuring that the Connect SoCal Plan and Program EIR contained strong plans and programs relating to the RAMP and Greenprint, and so we are supportive of SCAG taking this crucial first step in meeting its mitigation measure of creating the RAMP by adopting a policy framework. We also request that the proposed Greenprint Technical Advisory Committee include one seat for an environmental representative to ensure inclusivity and incorporation of a conservation expert, preferably one with experience in RAMP. This would signify SCAG's commitment to follow through on the promises outlined in the Program EIR that are required by law.

The Center is a non-profit, public interest environmental organization dedicated to the protection of native species and their habitats through science, policy, and environmental law. The Center has over 1.7 million members and online activists throughout California and the United States. The Center and its members have worked for many years to protect imperiled plants and wildlife, open space, air and water quality, and overall quality of life for people in the Southern California.

I. The RAMP Policy Framework should lead to the completion of the second key conservation mitigation measure: the Greenprint.

To preserve our native species and protect community health, the region needs a strategic conservation mapping tool that highlights the benefits of natural lands, waters, and agricultural lands, including access to parks and trails, habitat protection and connectivity, clean water, clean air, food production, and increased resilience to climate change.

The SoCal Greenprint tool will help planners, conservation practitioners, developers, infrastructure agencies, and other stakeholders integrate the protection of habitat and open space into land use and infrastructure plans and avoid potential litigation by identifying and assessing

environmental issues early in the planning process. This will streamline site selection for more infill affordable housing and prevent additional sprawl development that destroys habitat, increases community risk of wildfire, escalates regional air pollution and pulls taxpayer dollars away from current communities.

As previous speakers have emphasized, the merits of this tool for building a more healthy and resilient region are abundant and clearly justifies its creation, it is also important to note that SCAG has already committed to the Greenprint as a mitigation measure in the EIR for the RTP/SCS, making it a legal obligation to finalize this tool. Any changes in the mitigation are “significant new information” that would require preparation of a revised/new environmental document. For these reasons the Center strongly encourages SCAG to finalize the SoCal Greenprint, as originally envisioned, with a diverse set of data layers providing decision makers with a value-add tool to ensure future projects are guided by the best available science.

II. Conclusion

SoCal Greenprint sets a framework for these important discussions and ensures that policy makers have all the data they need to make informed land-use planning decisions. The Center support continued investment in this tool to ensure our region builds a sustainable and equitable future together.

For these reasons and more, the Center urges the EEC to adopt the RAMP Policy Framework and consider the addition of a conservation representative on the TAC.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

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Dear Chair Robertson,

Please receive the attached public comments indicated, from the Diamond Bar Preservation Foundation.

Thank you.

C. Robin Smith
Conservation Chair
Diamond Bar Preservation Foundation 501 (3) (c)

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Diamond Bar Preservation Foundation is a non-profit, community benefit group with a mission to promote, protect and restore California native habitats, open spaces, nature trails, and natural resources. City of Diamond Bar wildlands and Puente-Chino Hills areas are our main focus, but we realize that land use, transportation, and conservation decisions in neighboring counties can impact our work here -- hence our involvement in the SCAG planning processes.

Diamond Bar Preservation Foundation has been engaged with SCAG and the RAMP process. We generally support the policy framework for the regional advanced mitigation program (RAMP). The Advisory Task Group process has been a challenge for us, yet we do ultimately support SCAG meeting its mitigation measure of creating the RAMP by taking this crucial first step of adopting a policy framework. Furthermore, we ask that the proposed Greenprint Technical Advisory Committee include one seat for an environmental representative to ensure inclusivity and incorporation of a conservation expert, preferably one with experience in RAMP.

Our organization has a particular interest in advance mitigation. As part of a group effort, by many conservation and community groups that support the Orange County Transportation Authority's Environmental Mitigation Program, we are encouraged that the inclusion of a RAMP in this work, has to date, brought about 1300 acres protected, 350 acres restored and 13 freeway projects streamlined.

To recap, our previously submitted comments relating to the SCAG RAMP Policy Framework, have covered the following points:

RAMPs thoughtfully and comprehensively offset the impacts of projects at a high level, instead of providing smaller, piecemeal and project-by-project mitigation offsets. This saves time and reduces staff time. Further, it allows the project implementation to be smoother, more time and cost effective, while also benefiting the system of natural lands and waterways preserved in the Southland. It provides project certainty and streamlines the environmental review process for projects.

Another benefit of the RAMP is that new projects that are not covered by an existing RAMP can be added through the SCAG RAMP process. Thus, this tool helps set the stage for project delivery and conservation outcomes.

We encourage SCAG to tap into the experience and partnerships available through the land trust, conservancy, equity, tribal, and conservation communities that will benefit SCAG and area transportation agencies for the RAMP development. Early and thoughtful communication with these groups will also lead to better outcomes.

In conclusion, we hope the RAMP Policy Framework leads to completion of the second key conservation mitigation measure: the Greenprint. In an era of climate and biodiversity crisis, using data to direct future planning is vital. Data on equity, tree cover, gentrification, sea level rise, wildfire risks, and water availability, for example, are critical for understanding the big picture and planning for the future (or correcting past planning mistakes). And, access to information is important to strategic decision making. The Greenprint provides a tool that transportation agencies, cities, counties, and others can use to improve decisions and make better policy choices—especially since the Greenprint planning tool pulls together myriad data sets so decision-makers can plan for future development with nature in mind.

For these reasons and more, **Diamond Bar Preservation Foundation** urges the EEC to adopt the RAMP Policy Framework and consider the addition of a conservation representative on the TAC. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this agenda item.

Respectfully

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Dear Chair Robertson,

Please enter our enclosed comments for the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Energy and Environment Committee meeting on Thursday, January 5.

Thank you,

Lee Paulson



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RE: Agenda Items 8 & 9: Regional Advance Mitigation Program (SUPPORT)

Dear Chair Robertson,

Responsible Land Use generally supports the policy framework for the regional advanced mitigation program (RAMP), despite the bumpy process at the Advisory Task Group over the last 13 months. We recognize a thoughtful data-driven future for regional planning and incorporation of a comprehensive mitigation program that includes streamlined permitting is critical to our region's healthy future. Further, implementation of the RAMP begins the required steps of meeting the SCAG mitigation measures adopted in the 2020 Connect SoCal Program Environmental Impact Report.

By way of background, Responsible Land Use works to preserve and defend natural open spaces in and around Diamond Bar, Chino Hills, Brea, CA.

We request that the proposed Greenprint Technical Advisory Committee include at least one seat for an experienced environmental representative to ensure inclusivity and incorporation of a conservation expert, preferably ones with experience in RAMP.

We request this because once destroyed, our natural open spaces are gone forever. We say this again because the building industry has well financed commercial advocates who job it is to acquire as much of our natural lands as possible.

We have heard those individuals claim that there is a conflict between California's need for housing and the preservation of our natural open spaces. Their line is that we can have housing or we can save our natural open spaces, but we can't have both. In addition, we have heard them say that consuming more of our natural open spaces is necessary if we are going to build housing units which middle class working people can afford.

Both of those assertions are provably false. We have been following the planning process in Diamond Bar and surrounding areas for a number of years. Never, in all that time, have we seen new affordable housing developments built on natural open spaces. The price of land and construction is so high that doing so simply doesn't pencil. So, let's not kid ourselves into thinking that sacrificing our precious

natural open spaces will create the specific type of affordable middle-class housing so desperately needed. Because that train has long since left the station. The reality moving forward is that new middle-class affordable housing must come from places other than our natural open spaces.

During our involvement in Diamond Bar's 2019 general plan update process, we worked to educate local politicians, the general plan action committee, and local citizens that California General Plan Law recognizes the preservation of natural open spaces as being of equal importance in the eyes of the law to that of housing, and other general plan elements.

Our position is, given California's general plan law, and given the governor's 30x30 plan, the sensible course of action is to face the new reality in the housing market now, while we still have some natural open spaces remaining. Because the truth is that it is indeed possible for us to preserve our remaining natural open spaces and create new, more affordable housing units.

But the caveat is that in order to do so, we much change our entire vision of where and how to create those units. To Diamond Bar's credit, we found a way to plan for the creation of all our required housing units without destroying any more of our natural open spaces. To be clear, it wasn't easy. It took a good deal of creativity and imagination, and the willingness for all parties to work together in a constructive way. A way in which all elements of the general plan were given equal priority.

So, we know it's possible to find that balance. We say all this because we see the RAMP as an integral tool for others to find that balance. But it will only work if all voices are represented at the table.

We therefore urge SCAG to have the courage to follow Diamond Bar's example and use its resources to urge other area jurisdictions to follow suit.

One way for SCAG to do that would be to prioritize the placement of at least one experienced conservation expert on the Greenprint Technical Advisory Committee.

If the placement of an experienced conservation voice on the Greenprint Technical Advisory Committee is denied, SCAG will be sending a message to the building industry that it is still business as usual. That SCAG does not truly intend to respect California's general plan law with respect to the preservation of our natural open spaces, nor the implementation of our governor's 30x30 initiative.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this agenda item.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "R Lee Paul". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

President,
Responsible Land use

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Hi,

Please see the attached for Active San Gabriel Valley's comment letter in regards to SCAG's SoCal Greenprint project.

Sincerely,
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Re: Advancing Equity, Environmental Justice and Planning for Climate Resiliency Requires Regional Advanced Mitigation Planning (RAMP), and Public Access to Quality Data

Dear EEC Chair Robertson,

As a place-based community organization dedicated to realizing a more sustainable, equitable, and livable San Gabriel Valley, ActiveSGV is dedicated to addressing the climate emergency. Southern California residents face extreme heat, sea level rise, wildfires and chronic poor air quality. These issues must be addressed with collaboration, data, and visionary leadership while incorporating environmental justice principles. Environmental justice mandates the right to ethical, balanced and responsible uses of land in the interest of a sustainable planet for humans and other living things.¹ Environmental justice is a key fact to consider when advancing SCAG's housing development priorities for the region if SCAG hopes to realize affordable housing projects that preserve access to clean air, safe drinking water, and limited exposure to pollutants. Building for sprawl does not support the biodiversity needs of our local environment and cannot support the needs of environmental justice communities who often lack access to core community benefits, such as transportation, medical care, and outdoor access.

To address the climate crisis with equity and environmental justice in mind, ASGV supports the draft Regional Advanced Mitigation Planning (RAMP) policy framework that was recommended by SCAG staff to the RAMP Advisory Task Group last month. It presents a critical opportunity to streamline the infrastructure products our region needs, while maximizing environmental benefits. We also support the SCAG SoCal Greenprint, a public mapping tool that would support environmental justice communities across the region by advancing access to data that can inform smarter planning decisions and support community-based advocacy efforts.

Tangentially, the SoCal Greenprint provides the information and resources we need for the region to make smarter and more reliable decisions that will improve the sustainability of our environment and economic systems while planning for growth. Data that identifies where wildfires have historically occurred, groundwater sources exist, and tree canopies are located will make it clear where natural resources need to be protected and clarify how climate change impacts need to be considered to support resilient communities. The SoCal Greenprint is invaluable to us as climate resilience practitioners and we understand the power it holds to other key users like: infrastructure agencies, community-based organizations, developers, and planners.

¹ The National People of Color Environmental Leadership Summit. "17 Principles of Environmental Justice." 1991. <https://www.ewg.org/news-insights/news/17-principles-environmental-justice>

To address the climate emergency and environmental justice, electeds and regional organizations like SCAG hold an important role in advancing local projects, policies, and land use decisions, and must ensure they are informed by and responsive to the experiences and needs of local communities. Recent efforts to divorce SCAG's planning approach from the realities of our region's current environmental constraints, such as sea level rise, historic wildfire perimeters, limited park access, and the state's disadvantaged communities index perpetuate harmful planning standards that will impact communities who experience historic and perpetual underinvestments the worst.


The SCAG Energy and Environment Committee should support planning approaches that support our region's climate needs, future land use decisions must be more strategic and better-informed to protect our treasured natural resources – the RAMP Policy Framework and the SoCal Greenprint will both play active roles in this.

We urge you to continue moving the RAMP Policy Framework and SoCal Greenprint along to make these invaluable resources available for all who are responsible for building a future that is more sustainable, equitable, and livable. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at david@activeSGV.org.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Diaz". The signature is stylized with a large "D" and "Z".

David Diaz, MPH
Executive Director

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Dear Chair Robertson, enclosed is a comment letter on Agenda Items 8 and 9 from Sea and Sage Audubon.

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Dear Chair Robertson,

Sea and Sage Audubon Society (Sea and Sage) is generally supportive of the policy framework for the regional advanced mitigation program (RAMP). We support SCAG meeting its mitigation measure of creating the RAMP by taking this crucial first step of adopting a policy framework and we request that the proposed Greenprint Technical Advisory Committee include one seat for an environmental representative to ensure inclusivity and incorporation of a conservation expert, preferably one with experience in RAMP.

By way of background, Sea and Sage was incorporated in 1958. We are an Orange County Chapter of the National Audubon Society. We have over 3500 members. Our mission is to protect birds and other wildlife, and their habitats, through education, citizen science, research, and public policy advocacy. Sea and Sage is a member of the Green Vision Coalition.

We support advance mitigation as a thoughtful and effective approach to progress and protection of wildlife.

We have the following points regarding the SCAG RAMP Policy Framework:

RAMPs thoughtfully and comprehensively offset the impacts of projects at the 11,000' high level, instead of providing smaller, piecemeal and project-by-project mitigation offsets. It is both a time saver and reduces staff time. Further, it allows the project implementation to be smoother, more time and cost effective, while also benefiting the system of natural lands and waterways preserved in the Southland. It provides project certainty and streamlines the environmental review process for projects included voluntarily in the RAMP.

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Finally, our hope is that the RAMP Policy Framework leads to completion of the second key conservation mitigation measure: the Greenprint. Using data to direct future planning is vital. Data on equity, tree cover, gentrification, sea level rise, wildfire risks, and water availability, for example, are critical for understanding the big picture and planning for the future (or correcting past planning mistakes). And, access to information is important to thoughtful and strategic decision making. The Greenprint provides a tool that transportation agencies, cities, counties, and others can use to improve decisions and make better policy choices—especially since the Greenprint planning tool pulls together myriad data sets so decision-makers can plan for future development with nature in mind.

For these reasons and more, Sea and Sage urges the EEC to adopt the RAMP Policy Framework and consider the addition of a conservation representative on the TAC. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this agenda item.

Sincerely,



Susan Sheakley
Conservation Chair

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