



MINUTES OF THE MEETING
ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2023

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE (EEC). A DIGITAL RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE AT: <http://scag.iqm2.com/Citizens/>.

The Energy and Environment Committee (EEC) of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) held its regular meeting both in person and virtually (telephonically and electronically), given the declared state of emergency (pursuant to State of Emergency Proclamation dated March 4, 2020) and local public health directives imposing and recommending social distancing measures due to the threat of COVID-19, and pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e)(1)(A). A quorum was present.

Members Present

Sup. Luis Plancarte (Vice Chair)

- Hon. Damon L. Alexander, San Bernardino
- Hon. Cindy Allen, Long Beach
- Hon. Ana Beltran, Westmoreland
- Hon. Daniel Brotman, Glendale
- Hon. Margaret Clark, Rosemead
- Hon. Robert Copeland, Signal Hill
- Hon. Jenny Crosswhite, Santa Paula
- Hon. Britt Huff, Rolling Hills Estates
- Hon. Dan Kalmick, Huntington Beach
- Hon. Joe Kalmick, Seal Beach
- Hon. Elaine Litster, Simi Valley
- Hon. Cynthia Moran, Chino Hills
- Hon. Oscar Ortiz, Indio
- Hon. Randall Putz, Big Bear Lake
- Hon. Jennifer Stark, Claremont
- Hon. Dale Welty, Canyon Lake
- Hon. Edward H.J. Wilson, Signal Hill

Imperial County

- SBCTA
- District 30
- ICTC
- AVCJPA
- SGVCOG
- GCCOG
- District 47
- SBCCOG
- OCCOG
- District 20
- VCOG
- SBCTA
- CVAG
- District 11
- SGVCOG
- WRCOG
- GCCOG



Members Not Present

Hon. Deborah Robertson, Rialto (Chair)	District 8
Hon. Maria Davila, South Gate	GCCOG
Hon. Ned Davis, Westlake Village	LVMCOG
Hon. Rick Denison, Yucca Valley	SBCTA
Hon. Julian Gold, Beverly Hills	WSCCOG
Hon. Shari Horne, Laguna Woods	OCCOG
Hon. Vianey Lopez	Ventura County
Hon. Tamala Takahashi, Burbank	SFVCOG
Hon. Connor Traut, Buena Park	OCCOG

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair Luis Plancarte called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Staff confirmed a quorum was present.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Vice Chair Luis Plancarte opened the public comment period and provided detailed instructions on how to provide public comments. He noted that this was the time for members of the public to offer comment for matters that are within SCAG’s jurisdiction but are not listed on the agenda.

He reminded the public to submit comments via email to EECPublicComment@scag.ca.gov. He noted that public comments received via email after 5pm on Wednesday, February 1, 2023, would be announced and included as part of the official record of the meeting.

SCAG staff no public comments had been received before the 5:00 p.m. deadline on February 1, 2023.

Seeing no additional public comment, Vice Chair Plancarte closed the public comment period for matters not listed on the agenda.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no requests to prioritize agenda items.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval Items

1. Minutes of the Meeting – January 5, 2023

Receive and File

2. Energy and Environment Committee Outlook and Future Agenda Items
3. Status Update on Air Quality Planning and Transportation Conformity Challenges in SCAG Region

Vice Chair Plancarte opened the public comment period. Seeing no public comment speakers, Vice Chair Plancarte closed the Public Comment Period.

A MOTION was made (Huff) to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion was SECONDED (Brotman) and passed by the following votes:

AYES: Alexander, Allen, Beltran, Brotman, Crosswhite, Huff, D. Kalmick, J. Kalmick, Litster, Moran, Ortiz, Plancarte, Putz, Stark, and Welty (15)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAINS: None (0)

INFORMATION ITEMS

4. Brownfields Expert Panel

Vice Chair Plancarte opened the public comment period. Seeing no public comment speakers, the Vice Chair closed the Public Comment Period.

Kimberly Clark, Planning Supervisor, introduced Item No. 4. She stated the presentation would touch on the opportunities Brownfield sites provided such as redevelopment and new housing and also the challenges such as remediation and cleanup efforts. Ms. Clark introduced the panelists that would be delving deeper into the topic of Brownfields. The first panelist was Maryam Tasnif-Abbasi, Brownfield Development Manager at CalEPA's Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC). The second panelist was Ignacio Dayrit, Director of Programs at the Center for Creative Land Recycling. Lastly, the third panelist was David Kyobe, Associate Regional Planner at SCAG.

Ms. Tasnif-Abbasi provided an overview of DTSC's office of Brownfields. She also discussed funding available to public entities, non-profit organizations and tribes if they wanted a piece of land to clean it up and prepare it for some kind of community benefit. Additionally, she discussed what the Equitable Community Revitalization Grant (ECRG) was and its eligibility requirements. Lastly, she

shared the schedule timeline for grant applications.

The comprehensive report and PowerPoint presentation can be found on SCAG's website.

Mr. Dayrit provided background information on the Center for Creative Land Recycling. In his presentation, he went into detail as to what Brownfields were and why communities should be interested in Land Recycling. Furthermore, he discussed some of the reuse barriers they encounter. He also shared who the stakeholder partners in brownfields reuse were. Lastly, he also discussed Federal, State and Local Brownfield Financing approaches as well as Grant funding.

The comprehensive report and PowerPoint presentation can be found on SCAG's website.

Mr. Kyobe provided a presentation on SCAG's Other-to-Residential Toolkit which was a REAP funded project. He discussed what the tool kit was, who it was for and why it was needed. His discussion focused on Brownfields and Gas Stations and the challenges sites like these poses for remediation purposes. His presentation also provided information on how potential sites are identified. He also provided a step by step walk through of what is needed to convert a site using the toolkit.

The comprehensive report and PowerPoint presentation can be found on SCAG's website.

5. Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and Inflation Reduction Act: Climate Resilience Funding Opportunities

Vice Chair Plancarte opened the public comment period. Seeing no public comment speakers, Vice Chair Plancarte closed the Public Comment Period.

David Angel, SCAG Legislative Analyst, introduced Leslie Pollner and Lauri Hettinger, Senior Policy Advisors with Holland & Knight who provided the presentation for Item 5. Ms. Pollner and Ms. Hettinger shared their expertise on the Inflation Reduction Act and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

The comprehensive report and PowerPoint presentation can be found on SCAG's website.

6. Connect SoCal 2024: Draft SCS Technical Methodology

Vice Chair Plancarte opened the public comment period. Seeing no public comment speakers, the Vice Chair closed the Public Comment Period.

Camille Guiriba, SCAG Senior Regional Planner, presented Item No. 6. She discussed the Draft Technical Methodology for Connect SoCal 2024. She noted Technical Methodology was a required

document where they must explain the methods they would use to calculate GHG Emission Reductions of the potential strategies in the plan. She stated this was done to demonstrate how they would achieve their emissions reduction target. Additionally, she discussed what had changed since the last cycle. Lastly, she presented the timeline for submittal of the draft and final Technical Methodology document to CARB.

7. Connect SoCal 2024 Program Environmental Impact Report (State Clearinghouse No.: 2022100337): Status Update on Notice of Preparation Comments

Vice Chair Plancarte opened the public comment period. Seeing no public comment speakers, Vice Chair Plancarte closed the Public Comment Period.

Karen Calderon, SCAG Senior Regional Planner, presented Item No. 7. She provided a brief status update on the development of the PEIR. She reported that on October 6, the EEC had authorized release of a notice of preparation for a draft PEIR for the Connect SoCal 2024. She stated the notice had been released on October 17, for a required public comment period of 30 days which ended on November 16. She stated the release of the notice formally initiated the environmental process for Connect SoCal 2024. She stated they had received 16 comment letters and 7 verbal comments at the public scoping meetings. She stated the comments were regarding the plan and the EIR which were included in the packet. Lastly, she discussed the next steps and informed members they planned to provide periodic updates on the PEIR to give members the opportunity to become familiar with it such that recommendation for approval for the draft release can be made to the Regional Council in the fall of 2023.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Vice Chair Plancarte reminded the committee that the SCAG scholarship program application was open to students interested in urban planning or public policy. He stated the scholarship amount was up to \$4,000 per student. Furthermore, he stated that during the April 6th meetings, each policy meeting would hold elections for chair and vice chair. Lastly, he welcomed three new members to the committee: Jenny Crosswhite, Damon Alexander, and Tamala Takahashi.

STAFF REPORT

Rachel Wagner, Government Affairs Officer, stated the elections for Regional Council vacancies were ongoing and members should be aware of election notices going out. She reported that during the Joint Policy Committee in March, the three Connect SoCal subcommittees would make recommendations for their immediate applications to Connect SoCal 2024. Lastly, members were reminded that the Governors COVID-19 emergency order would be ending, and staff would provide additional information in the coming weeks.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Vice Chair Plancarte adjourned the Energy and Environment Committee meeting at 11:29 a.m.

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ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

2022-23

MEMBERS	Representing	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	Total Mtgs Attended To Date
Alexander, Damon L.	San Bernardino, SBCTA									1				1
Allen, Cindy	Long Beach, District 30	1	1		1	1	1		1	1				7
Beltran, Ana	Westmoreland, ICTC	0	0		0	1	1		0	1				3
Brotman, Daniel	Glendale, AVCJPA	1	1		0	1	1		1	1				6
Clark, Margaret	Rosemead, SGVCOG	1	1		1	1	1		1	1				7
Copeland, Robert	Signal Hill, GCCOG	1	1		1	1	1		1	1				7
Crosswhite, Jenny	Santa Paula, District 47									1				
Davila, Maria	South Gate, GCCOG	0	0	D	0			D	1	0				1
Davis, Ned	Westlake Village, LVMCOG	1	0		0		1		0	0				2
Denison, Rick	Yucca Valley, SCBTA	1	0		0	1			1	0				3
Gold, Julian	Beverly Hills, WSCCOG	1	1		0	1	1		1	0				5
Horne, Shari	Laguna Woods, OCCOG	1	1		1	1	1		1	0				6
Huff, Britt	Rolling Hills Estates, SCBCOG	1	1	A	1	1	1	A	1	1				7
Kalmick, Dan	Huntington Beach, OCCOG	1	1		1	1	1		1	1				7
Kalmick, Joe	Seal Beach, District 20	1	1		1	1	1		1	1				7
Litster, Elaine	Simi Valley, VCOG	0	1		1	1			1	1				5
Lopez, Vianey	Ventura County								1	0				1
Moran, Cynthia	Chino Hills, SBCTA	1	0	R	1	1	1	R	0	1				5
Ortiz, Oscar	Indio, CVAG	0	0		0	1	1		1	1				4
Plancarte, Luis	Imperial County	1	1		1	1	1		1	1				7
Putz, Randall	Big Bear Lake, District 11	1	0		1	1			1	1				5
Robertson, Deborah	Rialto, RC District 8	1	1	K	1	1	1	K	1	0				6
Stark, Jennifer	Claremont, SGVCOG								0	1				1
Traut, Connor	Buena Park, OCCOG	1	1		1	1	1		1	0				6
Welty, Dale	Canyon Lake, WRCOG								1	1				2
Wilson, Edward H.J.	Signal Hill, GCCOG	0	0		0	1	1		1	1				4

Attachment: EEC Attendance Sheet 2022-23 (Minutes of the Meeting - February 2, 2023)