



MINUTES OF THE MEETING
ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, JULY 6, 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). A quorum was present.

Members Present

Hon. Deborah Robertson (Chair)

Sup. Luis Plancarte (Vice Chair)

Hon. Damon L. Alexander, San Bernardino

Hon. Daniel Brotman, Glendale

Hon. Margaret Clark, Rosemead

Hon. Jenny Crosswhite, Santa Paula

Hon. Rick Denison, Yucca Valley

Hon. Britt Huff, Rolling Hills Estates

Hon. Dan Kalmick, Huntington Beach

Hon. Joe Kalmick, Seal Beach

Hon. Elaine Litster, Simi Valley

Hon. Vianey Lopez

Hon. Lauren Meister, West Hollywood

Hon. Cynthia Moran, Chino Hills

Hon. Oscar Ortiz, Indio

Hon. Jennifer Stark, Claremont

Hon. Tamala Takahashi, Burbank

Hon. Connor Traut, Buena Park

Hon. Stephanie Virgen, Coachella

Hon. Dale Welty, Canyon Lake

District 8

Imperial County

SBCTA

AVCJPA

SGVCOG

District 47

SBCTA

SBCCOG

OCCOG

District 20

VCOG

Ventura County

District 41

SBCTA

CVAG

SGVCOG

SFVCOG

OCCOG

CVAG

WRCOG

Members Not Present

Hon. Ana Beltran, Westmoreland	ICTC
Hon. Phil Brock, Santa Monica	WSCCOG
Hon. Robert Copeland, Signal Hill	GCCOG
Hon. Paul Courtney, Barstow	SBCTA
Hon. Maria Davila, South Gate	GCCOG
Hon. Ned Davis, Westlake Village	LVMCOG
Hon. Shari Horne, Laguna Woods,	OCCOG
Hon. Jeannette Sanchez-Palacios, Ventura	VCOG
Hon. Edward H.J. Wilson, Signal Hill	GCCOG

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair Luis Plancarte called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. and Policy Committee member Dale Welty, Canyon Lake, WRCOG 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, July 5, 2023, would be announced and included as part of the official record of the meeting.

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

Seeing no 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

There were no public comments on the Consent Calendar.

Approval Items

1. Minutes of the Meeting – June 1, 2023

Receive and File

2. Energy and Environment Committee Outlook and Future Agenda Items
3. REAP 2.0 Program Call for Applications Update
4. Connect SoCal 2024: Policy Framework
5. Connect SoCal 2024 Program Environmental Impact Report (State Clearinghouse No.: 2022100337): Status Update on Additional Stakeholder Outreach and Preliminary Outline of Draft Contents

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

AYES: Alexander, Bishop, Clark, Crosswhite, Denison, Huff, D. Kalmick, J. Kalmick, Litster, Lopez, Meister, Moran, Ortiz, Plancarte, Stark, Takahashi, and Traut (17)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAINS: Brotman, Virgen, and Welty (3)

INFORMATION ITEMS

6. Connect SoCal 2024: Climate Resilience

There were no public comments on Item 6.

Ryan Wolfe, Manager of Sustainable & Resilient Development, provided an introduction to Item 6. He informed the committee there would be three presentations from guest speakers on resilience. Furthermore, he explained the discussion on that day was to have the members discuss what types of implementation strategies they could do to realize the goal of a resilient region. Mr. Wolfe introduced Lisa Beyer, Urban Water Infrastructure Manager at WRI, Aliso Kearns, Planning and Implementation Branch Chief at FEMA and David Sumi, Resource Specialist at MWD. He explained each would provide a 10-minute presentation followed by questions in between speakers.

Ms. Beyer provided a presentation on nature-based solutions (NBS) for urban resilience. She shared she worked with governments, companies, and society to build practical solutions to the urgent environmental and social challenges they faced. Ms. Beyer’s presentation touched on some of the NBS such as tree planting, integrating open spaces and parks, rainwater harvesting to collect and

reuse water among others. She also discussed the value of NBS such as improving air quality, absorb and filter particulate matter and contribute to regulating the climate. Lastly, she discussed the various keys to advancing NBS for urban resilience.

The next presenter, Ms. Kearns provided a presentation describing FEMA's approach to become a resilient agency. She shared how FEMA has been developing resources around preparedness, mitigation, resilience and in particular around nature-based solutions. She shared the 4 categories of resources FEMA has for NBS which were guidance documents, funding opportunities through the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services, best practices and partnerships to implement the NBS.

The third presenter, Mr. Sumi provided a presentation on Metropolitan Water District's Water Shortage Contingency Plan. He shared it was a plan they used for resiliency planning purposes. He discussed some of the challenges for water management in Southern California and what MWD's approach was to balance real-world supply and demand.

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

7. Climate Action Resolution Quarterly Update

There were no public comments on Item 7.

Ryan Wolfe, Manager of Sustainable & Resilient Development, provided a quarterly update on the Climate Action Resolution.

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

8. Connect SoCal 2024: Outreach Update

There were no public comments on Item 8.

Leslie Cayton, Associate Regional Planner, provided an update on the various outreach efforts SCAG has held throughout the region to discuss Connect SoCal 2024.

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

9. Draft Connect SoCal 2024 Performance Measures

Item No. 9 was deferred due to time constraints.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Robertson stated they would discuss the EAC Retreat at the Regional Council meeting that day. Furthermore, she reminded committee members they were going to be dark in August. Chair Robertson also acknowledged new committee members Jeanette Sanchez-Palacios from Ventura, and Stephanie Virgen from Coachella. Lastly, she introduced three environmental interns from the City of Rialto.

STAFF REPORT

Rachel Wagner, Government Affairs Officer, provided an update on the Greenprint Technical Advisory Committee stating the first meeting was scheduled for July 26th from 2:00pm – 5:00pm, and the second meeting on August 28th. She stated they anticipated scheduling the third for the second week of September. She also thanked the EEC members who volunteered to serve as representatives on the TAC.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Robertson adjourned the Energy and Environment Committee meeting at 11:32 a.m.

[MINUTES ARE UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED BY THE EEC]

//

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

2023-24

MEMBERS	Representing	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	Jun	Total Mtgs Attended To Date		
Alexander, Damon L.	San Bernardino, SBCTA	1	1	D											2		
Beltran, Ana	Westmoreland, ICTC	0	0													0	
Brock, Phil	Santa Monica, WSCCOG	1	0													1	
Brotman, Daniel	Glendale, AVCJPA	0	1													1	
Clark, Margaret	Rosemead, SGVCOG	1	1													2	
Copeland, Robert	Signal Hill, GCCOG	1	0													1	
Courtney, Paul	Barstow, SBCTA	1	0													1	
Crosswhite, Jenny	Santa Paula, District 47	1	1													2	
Davila, Maria	South Gate, GCCOG	0	0													0	
Davis, Ned	Westlake Village, LVMCOG	0	0													0	
Denison, Rick	Yucca Valley, SCBTA	1	1		A											2	
Horne, Shari	Laguna Woods, OCCOG	1	0														1
Huff, Britt	Rolling Hills Estates, SCBCOG	1	1														2
Kalmick, Dan	Huntington Beach, OCCOG	1	1														2
Kalmick, Joe	Seal Beach, District 20	1	1														2
Litster, Elaine	Simi Valley, VCOG	1	1		R											2	
Lopez, Vianey	Ventura County	1	1														2
Meister, Lauren	West Hollywood, RC District 41	1	1														2
Moran, Cynthia	Chino Hills, SBCTA	1	1													2	
Ortiz, Oscar	Indio, CVAG	1	1													2	
Plancarte, Luis	Imperial County	1	1	K											2		
Robertson, Deborah	Rialto, RC District 8	0	1													1	
Sanchez-Palacios, Jeanette	Ventura, VCOG	0	1												1		
Stark, Jennifer	Claremont, SGVCOG	1	1												2		
Takahashi, Tamala	Burbank, SFVCOG	1	1												2		
Traut, Connor	Buena Park, OCCOG	0	1												1		
Welty, Dale	Canyon Lake, WRCOG	0	1												1		
Wilson, Edward H.J.	Signal Hill, GCCOG	0	0												0		

Attachment: EEC Attendance Sheet 2023-24 (Minutes of the Meeting - July 6, 2023)