



MINUTES OF THE MEETING
ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, APRIL 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), 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

Hon. Deborah Robertson, Rialto (Chair)	District 8
Sup. Luis Plancarte (Vice Chair)	Imperial County
Hon. Damon L. Alexander, San Bernardino	SBCTA
Hon. Cindy Allen, Long Beach	District 30
Hon. Phil Brock, Santa Monica	WSCCOG
Hon. Daniel Brotman, Glendale	AVCJPA
Hon. Margaret Clark, Rosemead	SGVCOG
Hon. Robert Copeland, Signal Hill	GCCOG
Hon. Jenny Crosswhite, Santa Paula	District 47
Hon. Shari Horne, Laguna Woods,	OCCOG
Hon. Britt Huff, Rolling Hills Estates	SBCCOG
Hon. Elaine Litster, Simi Valley	VCOG
Hon. Vianey Lopez	Ventura County
Hon. Lauren Meister, West Hollywood	District 41
Hon. Cynthia Moran, Chino Hills	SBCTA
Hon. Oscar Ortiz, Indio	CVAG
Hon. Randall Putz, Big Bear Lake	District 11
Hon. Jeannette Sanchez-Palacios, Ventura	VCOG
Hon. Jennifer Stark, Claremont	SGVCOG



Hon. Tamala Takahashi, Burbank	SFVCOG
Hon. Connor Traut, Buena Park	OCCOG
Hon. Dale Welty, Canyon Lake	WRCOG
Hon. Edward H.J. Wilson, Signal Hill	GCCOG

Members Not Present

Hon. Ana Beltran, Westmoreland	ICTC
Hon. Maria Davila, South Gate	GCCOG
Hon. Ned Davis, Westlake Village	LVMCOG
Hon. Rick Denison, Yucca Valley	SBCTA
Hon. Dan Kalmick, Huntington Beach	OCCOG
Hon. Joe Kalmick, Seal Beach	District 20

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair Luis Plancarte called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. and Policy Committee member Oscar Ortiz, Indio, RC District 66 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, April 5, 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 April 5, 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.

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Deputy Legal Counsel, Richard Lam, informed Vice Chair Plancarte the election required the Chair to be present and asked if they could reorganize the meeting to address that agenda item later in the meeting.

Vice Chair Plancarte skipped over the election of Chair and Vice Chair until Chair Robertson returned to the meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

Policy Committee member Ortiz asked about the status of his request to discuss hydrogen infrastructure at the committee meeting. Planning Director, Sarah Jepson addressed his comment letting him know they would be bringing an item related to hydrogen in June as part of a planning study on electric vehicles.

Policy Committee Member Lauren Meister, West Hollywood, abstained from the Minutes on the Consent Calendar since that was her first meeting.

Policy Committee Member Phil Brock, Santa Monica, also abstained from the minutes.

Approval Items

1. Minutes of the Meeting – February 2, 2023

Receive and File

2. Energy and Environment Committee Outlook and Future Agenda Items
 3. Connect SoCal 2024: Locally-Reviewed Growth Forecast Demographic and Economic Evaluation
 4. Status Update for Draft Connect SoCal 2020 Amendment 3 and 2023 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Consistency Amendment #23-03
 5. Climate Action Resolution Quarterly Update
 6. Clean Transportation Technology Policy
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A MOTION was made (Meister) to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion was SECONDED (Stark) and passed by the following votes:

AYES: Alexander, Allen, Brock, Brotman, Clark, Copeland, Crosswhite, Horne, Huff, Litster, Lopez, Meister, Moran, Ortiz, Plancarte, Putz, Robertson, Sanchez-Palacios, Stark, Takahashi, and Welty (21)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAINS: None (0)

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Chair Robertson asked Legal Counsel to announce the nominations that had been received by March 24, and also asked him to walk them through the process.

Legal Counsel Lam stated one nomination had been received for Chair, for Deborah Robertson from the City of Rialto, Regional Council District 8. He stated that in addition to nominees received before the meeting, SCAG’s rules allowed for nominations from the floor. He then described the process for nominations from the floor and the election.

Chair Robertson stated the floor was open for nominations for Chair. Seeing no nominations from the floor, Chair Robertson closed the nomination period.

A MOTION to select Deborah Robertson as Chair of Energy and Environment Committee passed by the following votes:

AYES: Alexander, Allen, Brock, Brotman, Clark, Copeland, Crosswhite, Horne, Huff, Litster, Lopez, Meister, Moran, Ortiz, Plancarte, Putz, Robertson, Sanchez-Palacios, Stark, Takahashi, Traut, and Welty (22)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAINS: None (0)

Chair Robertson thanked everyone for their support.

Chair Robertson once again asked Legal Counsel to announce the nominations that had been received by March 24 for Vice Chair, and to walk them through the process.

Legal Counsel Lam stated one nomination had been received for Vice Chair, for Luis Plancarte from the Imperial County. He stated that in addition to nominees received before the meeting, SCAG's rules allowed for nominations from the floor. He then described the process for nominations from the floor and the election.

Chair Robertson stated the floor was open for nominations for Vice Chair. Seeing no nominations from the floor, Chair Robertson closed the nomination period.

Vice Chair Plancarte thanked everyone for their support.

A MOTION to select Luis Plancarte as Vice Chair of Energy and Environment Committee passed by the following votes:

AYES: Alexander, Allen, Brock, Brotman, Clark, Crosswhite, Horne, Huff, Litster, Lopez, Meister, Moran, Ortiz, Plancarte, Putz, Robertson, Sanchez-Palacios, Stark, Takahashi, Traut, and Welty (21)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAINS: None (0)

INFORMATION ITEMS

7. SCAG Water Action Resolution Implementation Update

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

Kimberly Clark, Planning Supervisor, provided an update on implementation of SCAGs unanimously adopted Water Action Resolution in October 2022. Ms. Clark then introduced the panelists that would be speaking on best practices for stormwater capture, groundwater recharge, drought tolerant landscaping and climate related trends for the Colorado River. The first panelist was Heather Cooley, Director of Research at Pacific Institute. The second panelist was Morgan Shimabuku, Senior Researcher at Pacific Institute.

Ms. Cooley and Ms. Shimabuku talked about recent trends in water use in particular urban water use in California. They also discussed the opportunities to build on the successes through urban efficiency and water reuse and storm water capture. Lastly, they discussed the cost of the various strategies and some of the co-benefits.

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

8. Connect SoCal 2024 Program Environmental Impact Report (State Clearinghouse No.: 2022100337): Status Update on Stakeholder Outreach and Highlights of Preliminary Approaches to Major Components

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

Karen Calderon, SCAG Senior Regional Planner, provided an update on this item. She shared stakeholder outreach approach and the preliminary approaches to major components of the PEIR.

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

9. Equity Analysis Update - Priority Equity Communities

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

Annaleigh Ekman, SCAG Senior Regional Planner, presented Item No. 9. She provided an update on Connect SoCal 2024 Equity Analysis which met the Federal requirements for environmental justice, with their priority equity communities.

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

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Robertson requested that the Chair's report be emailed to members in the interest of time.

STAFF REPORT

Chair Robertson requested this item be emailed to members in the interest of time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Policy Committee member Ortiz requested a future agenda item focus on how to build homes that use gray water for new developments.



ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Robertson adjourned the Energy and Environment Committee meeting at 11:42 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	0	1		2
Allen, Cindy	Long Beach, District 30	1	1		1	1	1		1	1	1	1		9
Beltran, Ana	Westmoreland, ICTC	0	0		0	1	1		0	1	0	0		3
Brock, Phil	Santa Monica, WSCCOG											1		1
Brotman, Daniel	Glendale, AVCJPA	1	1		0	1	1		1	1	0	1		7
Clark, Margaret	Rosemead, SGVCOG	1	1		1	1	1		1	1	1	1		9
Copeland, Robert	Signal Hill, GCCOG	1	1		1	1	1		1	1	0	1		8
Crosswhite, Jenny	Santa Paula, District 47									1	1	1		3
Davila, Maria	South Gate, GCCOG	0	0	D	0			D	1	0	0	0	D	1
Davis, Ned	Westlake Village, LVMCOG	1	0		0		1		0	0	1	0		3
Denison, Rick	Yucca Valley, SCBTA	1	0		0	1			1	0	1	0		4
Horne, Shari	Laguna Woods, OCCOG	1	1		1	1	1		1	0	1	1		8
Huff, Britt	Rolling Hills Estates, SCBCOG	1	1	A	1	1	1	A	1	1	1	1	A	9
Kalmick, Dan	Huntington Beach, OCCOG	1	1		1	1	1		1	1	0	0		7
Kalmick, Joe	Seal Beach, District 20	1	1		1	1	1		1	1	1	0		8
Litster, Elaine	Simi Valley, VCOG	0	1		1	1			1	1	1	1		7
Lopez, Vianey	Ventura County								1	0	1	1		3
Meister, Lauren	West Hollywood, RC District 41										1	1		2
Moran, Cynthia	Chino Hills, SBCTA	1	0	R	1	1	1	R	0	1	0	0	R	5
Ortiz, Oscar	Indio, CVAG	0	0		0	1	1		1	1	1	1		6
Plancarte, Luis	Imperial County	1	1		1	1	1		1	1	0	1		8
Putz, Randall	Big Bear Lake, District 11	1	0		1	1			1	1	0	1		6
Robertson, Deborah	Rialto, RC District 8	1	1	K	1	1	1	K	1	0	0	1	K	7
Sanchez-Palacios, Jeanette	Ventura, VCOG											1		1
Stark, Jennifer	Claremont, SGVCOG								0	1	1	1		3
Traut, Connor	Buena Park, OCCOG	1	1		1	1	1		1	0	1	1		8
Welty, Dale	Canyon Lake, WRCOG								1	1	1	1		4
Wilson, Edward H.J.	Signal Hill, GCCOG	0	0		0	1	1		1	1	1	1		4

Attachment: EEC Attendance Sheet 2022-23 (Minutes of the Meeting - April 6, 2023)