



Southern California Association of Governments
Hybrid (In-Person and Remote Participation)
900 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1700 - Policy A Meeting Room
Los Angeles, CA 90017
Thursday, July 7, 2022

**ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 2022**

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.ig2.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)

Sup. Luis Plancarte (Vice Chair)

- Hon. Cindy Allen, Long Beach
- Hon. Daniel Brotman, Glendale
- Hon. Margaret Clark, Rosemead
- Hon. Robert Copeland, Signal Hill
- Hon. Ned Davis, Westlake Village
- Hon. Rick Denison, Yucca Valley
- Hon. Julian Gold, Beverly Hills
- Hon. Shari Horne, Laguna Woods
- Hon. Britt Huff, Rolling Hills Estates
- Hon. Dan Kalmick, Huntington Beach
- Hon. Joe Kalmick, Seal Beach
- Hon. Diana Mahmud, South Pasadena
- Hon. Cynthia Moran, Chino Hills
- Hon. Randall Putz, Big Bear Lake
- Sup. Carmen Ramirez
- Hon. Sharon Springer, Burbank
- Hon. Connor Traut, Buena Park

District 8

Imperial County

- District 30
- AVCJPA
- SGVCOG
- GCCOG
- LVMCOG
- SBCTA
- WSCCOG
- OCCOG
- SBCCOG
- OCCOG
- District 20
- SGVCOG
- SBCTA
- District 11
- Ventura County
- SFVCOG
- OCCOG



Hon. John Valdivia, Signal Hill	GCCOG
Hon. Colleen Wallace, Banning	WRCOG

Members Not Present

Hon. Ana Beltran, Westmoreland	ICTC
Hon. Maria Davila, South Gate	GCCOG
Hon. Jonathan Ingram, Murrieta	WRCOG
Hon. Elaine Litster, Simi Valley	VCOG
Hon. Oscar Ortiz, Indio	CVAG
Hon. Greg Raths, Mission Viejo	OCCOG
Hon. Richard Rollins, Port Hueneme	VCOG
Hon. Edward H.J. Wilson, Signal Hill	GCCOG

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Chair Robertson opened the public comment period and provided detailed instructions on how to provide public comments. She 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.

She reminded the public to submit comments via email to EECPublicComment@scag.ca.gov. She noted that public comments received via email after 5pm on Wednesday, June 1, 2022, would be announced and included as part of the official record of the meeting.

SCAG staff noted there were no written public comments received by email before or after the 5pm deadline on Wednesday, June 1, 2022. Chair Robertson acknowledge one public comment speaker for matters not listed on the agenda.

Stephanie Nava-Angeles, Program Manager from the Water Education for Latino Leaders (WELL), invited the EEC members to the WELL conference scheduled from June 10-11, 2022 in Pico Rivera.

Seeing no further public comment speakers, Chair Robertson 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

Chair Robertson opened the Public Comment Period.

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

Approval Items

1. Minutes of the Meeting – April 7, 2022
2. Two Transit Transportation Control Measures (TCMs) Substitution by Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA)

Receive and File

3. California Transportation Assessment Report (AB 285) Joint Comment Letter
4. Go Human Kit of Parts Statewide Pilot Program: SCAG & Caltrans Active Transportation Resource Center
5. Housing-Supportive Grant Application Technical Assistance
6. Policy Development Framework for Connect SoCal 2024

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

AYES: Brotman, Clark, Copeland, Davis, Denison, Gold, Horne, Huff, D. Kalmick, Mahmud, Moran, Plancarte, Putz, Robertson, Springer, Traut, Valdivia, and Wallace (18)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAINS: None (0)

INFORMATION ITEMS

7. Connect SoCal 2024 Local Data Exchange Launch

Chair Robertson opened the Public Comment Period.

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

Kevin Kane, Program Manager I, provided a report on the Connect SoCal 2024 Local Data Exchange Launch. The report consisted of information on the release of important pieces of data for local jurisdiction review during the Connect SoCal 2024 development which includes the preliminary growth forecast of households and employment through 2050 for the region at the jurisdiction and Transportation Analysis Zone (TAZ) levels and a concise planning survey. Also, over the next six months, as part of the Local Data Exchange (LDX) process, SCAG staff aims to meet one-on-one with local staff to discuss the projections, other data layers, and guide the review process. Feedback from local jurisdictions is due on December 2, 2022.

The comprehensive staff report, including PowerPoint presentation, was included in the agenda packet, and can be accessed on the SCAG website. The video of the presentation can be accessed through the Meeting Portal at <http://scag.iqm2.com/Citizens/>.

8. Water Resilience and Planning

Chair Robertson opened the Public Comment Period.

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

Martha Davis, former Assistant General Manager/Executive Manager for Policy Development at the Inland Empire Utilities Agency in Southern California, presented an overview of the role of water in regional resilience planning, shifts towards policies and practices enhancing local water infrastructure. She also explored the water-energy-climate nexus. Her report also noted that more can be done with underutilized resources such as rainwater, grey water, stormwater, water reuse and water efficiency. Her presentation also addressed using watershed science to maximize multiple benefits.

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Policy Committee Member Sharon Springer, Burbank, SFVCOG, asked Ms. Davis what her thoughts were on stormwater capture projects as she thought there was a disconnect between funding it and who the water belongs too. Ms. Davis acknowledged the comment and indicated that there has been some effort to clarify who the water belongs too and that a collaborative watershed approach

has become important. She further noted that they needed to act as a community that's looking after the welfare of all.

Policy Committee Member Diana Mahmud, South Pasadena, SGVCOG, expressed that cities are legally obligated to make significant investments in water infrastructure to comply with their MS4 requirements. She stated that there was no doubt that the cost of water was going to continue to increase, and they needed the state to take a more holistic look at their residents ability to pay for the various statutory and regulatory obligations that they have under the Safe Drinking Water Act and the Clean Water Act. She also stated that she was hoping to see some action from the legislature in their budget because currently water retail suppliers have no ability to discount rates for low-income water consumers without taking money from the general fund due to Proposition 218.

Chair Robertson expressed concern over water infrastructure and the cost associated and thought this conversation should be at workshop so that they can all get on the same page.

Sarah Jepson, Director of Planning, indicated she has had several conversations with Chair Robertson about how planning for water and resiliency is a priority to bring to this committee. She noted that the agenda packet included an item on the Policy Development Framework for Connect SoCal and that it outlined key issues that they were going to look at as part of this plan. She noted that water was a priority that they want to highlight in the Policy Development Framework.

Chair Robertson left the meeting and Vice Chair Plancarte proceeded to chair.

9. 2020 Sustainable Communities Program (SCP) Call for Projects 1-4 Combined Update

Vice Chair Plancarte opened the Public Comment Period.

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

Cory Wilkerson, Program Manager II, provided a report on the 2020 Sustainable Communities program (SCP) Call for Projects 1-4 which supports implementation of the Connect SoCal Plan 2020 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS). The report included information on the four calls which are Call 1: Active Transportation & Safety; Call 2: Housing & Sustainable Development; Call 3: Smart Cities & Mobility Innovations; and Call 4: Civic Engagement, Equity & Environmental Justice. Also, the report included an update on the 2020 Connect SoCal SCP Calls 1-3 and details about the upcoming fourth Call for Applications related to civic engagement, equity, and environmental justice. Additionally, the Call 4 project awards will be determined in Spring 2023.

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10. CARB Draft Scoping Plan

Vice Chair Plancarte opened the Public Comment Period.

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

Sarah Dominguez, Program Manager II, provided a report on the CARB Draft 2022 Scoping Plan which was released by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) on May 10, 2022. The update to the Scoping Plan, due in Fall/Winter 2022, will reflect California's goal to assess progress towards the Senate Bill (SB) 32 target of reducing GHG emission to 40 percent below 1990 levels in 2030, and to achieve climate neutrality by 2045. It was reported that SCAG staff are intends to submit a comment letter by the deadline to express support for those actions that align with Connect SoCal and highlight potential areas of concern.

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CHAIR'S REPORT

Vice Chair Plancarte reported the next meeting of the EEC was July 7 at 9:30 a.m.

STAFF REPORT

Rachel Wagner, Regional Affairs Officer, reported that there would be regional public briefing on curb space management on June 8 at 12:00 p.m. and that SCAG staff would present a high-level overview of the curb space issues facing many cities along with a menu of solutions to address them. Lastly, she reported that Women in Transportation was hosting an LA Complete Streets event on Wednesday, June 15 and that SCAG Planning Director Sarah Jepson would participate on a panel related to transportation access, equity and connectivity.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no future agenda items.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Vice Chair Plancarte adjourned the Energy and Environment Committee meeting at 11:22 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
Allen, Cindy	Long Beach, District 30	1												1
Beltran, Ana	Westmoreland, ICTC	0												0
Brotman, Daniel	Glendale, AVCJPA	1												1
Clark, Margaret	Rosemead, SGVCOG	1												1
Copeland, Robert	Signal Hill, GCCOG	1												1
Davila, Maria	South Gate, GCCOG	0												0
Davis, Ned	Westlake Village, LVMCOG	1												1
Denison, Rick	Yucca Valley, SCBTA	1												1
Gold, Julian	Beverly Hills, WSCCOG	1												1
Horne, Shari	Laguna Woods, OCCOG	1												1
Huff, Britt	Rolling Hills Estates, SCBCOG	1												1
Ingram,Jonathan	Murrieta, WRCOG	0												0
Kalmick, Dan	Huntington Beach, OCCOG	1												1
Kalmick, Joe	Seal Beach, District 20	1												1
Litster, Elaine	Simi Valley, VCOG	0												0
Mahmud, Diana	So. Pasadena, SGVCOG	1												1
Moran, Cynthia	Chino Hills, SBCTA	1												1
Ortiz, Oscar	Indio, CVAG	0												0
Plancarte, Luis	Imperial County	1												1
Putz, Randall	Big Bear Lake, District 11	1												1
Ramirez, Carmen	Oxnard, RC District 45	1												1
Raths, Greg	Mission Viejo, OCCOG	0												0
Robertson, Deborah	Rialto, RC District 8	1												1
Rollins, Richard	Port Hueneme, VCOG	0												0
Springer, Sharon	Burbank, SFVCOG	1												1
Traut, Connor	Buena Park, OCCOG	1												1
Valdivia, John	San Bernardino, SBCCOG	1												1
Wallace, Colleen	Banning, WRCOG	1												1
Wilson, Edward H.J.	Signal Hill, GCCOG	0												0

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