



Southern California Association of Governments  
March 5, 2026

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2026**

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**

<b>Hon. Rick Denison (Chair)</b>	<i>Yucca Valley</i>	District 11
<b>Hon. Daniel Ramos (Vice Chair)</b>	<i>Adelanto</i>	District 65
Hon. Ana Beltran	<i>Westmoreland</i>	ICTC
Hon. Art Bishop	<i>Town of Apple Valley</i>	SBCTA
Hon. Margaret Clark	<i>Rosemead</i>	SGVCOG
Hon. Jenny Crosswhite	<i>Santa Paula</i>	District 47
Hon. Ned Davis	<i>Westlake Village</i>	LVMCOG
Hon. Carmen Hernandez	<i>Barstow</i>	SBCTA
Hon. Britt Huff	<i>Rolling Hills Estates</i>	SBCCOG
Hon. Joe Kalmick	<i>Seal Beach</i>	District 20
Hon. Steven Leash	<i>Cahuilla Band of Indians</i>	
Hon. Elaine Litster	<i>Simi Valley</i>	VCOG
Hon. Patricia Lock Dawson	<i>Riverside</i>	District 68
Hon. Vianey Lopez		Ventura County
Hon. Yasmine-Imani McMorris	<i>Culver City</i>	WCCOG
Hon. Suely Saro	<i>Long Beach</i>	District 29
Hon. Patty Senecal	<i>Seal Beach</i>	OCCOG
Hon. Jennifer Stark	<i>Claremont</i>	SGVCOG
Hon. Ali Taj	<i>Artesia</i>	Pres. Appt
Hon. Tamala Takahashi	<i>Burbank</i>	SFVCOG
Hon. Connor Traut	<i>Buena Park</i>	OCCOG
Hon. Stephanie Virgen	<i>Coachella</i>	CVAG
Hon. Dale Welty	<i>Canyon Lake</i>	WRCOG



**Members Not Present**

Hon. Daniel Brotman	<i>Glendale</i>	District 42
Hon. Martha Cardenas-Singh		Imperial County
Hon. Robert Copeland	<i>Signal Hill</i>	GCCOG
Hon. Shari Horne	<i>Laguna Woods</i>	OCCOG
Hon. Brian Johsz	<i>Chino Hills</i>	SBCTA
Hon. Cory Moss	<i>City of Industry</i>	Pres. Appt
Hon. Jeannette Sanchez-Palacios	<i>Ventura</i>	VCOG

**CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Denison called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. Regional Council Member, Joe Kalmick, Seal Beach, District 20, led the Pledge of Allegiance. Staff confirmed a quorum was present.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Chair Denison opened the public comment period and noted that this was the time for members of the public to offer comment on matters that are within SCAG’s jurisdiction but are not listed on the agenda.

Chair Denison asked if any comments were received after the deadline. SCAG staff acknowledged there were no public comments received after the 5:00 p.m. deadline on February 4, 2025.

Seeing no public comment, Chair Denison 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**

1. Minutes of the Meeting – November 6, 2025

**Receive and File**

2. Energy and Environment Committee Outlook and Future Agenda Items

There were no Public Comments on the Consent Calendar.

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

**AYES:** Bishop, Clark, Crosswhite, Davis, Denison, Hernandez, Huff, Kalmick, Leash, Litster, Lock Dawson, Lopez, McMorris, Ramos, Senecal, Stark, Takahashi, Traut, and Welty (19)

**NOES:** None (0)

**ABSTAIN:** None (0)

### INFORMATION ITEMS

#### 3. Connect SoCal 2050: Process Preview

There were no public comments on item 3.

Camille Guiriba, Senior Regional Planner, provided a brief overview of the Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS). She stated that RTP/SCS must: (1) be updated every 4 years to maintain eligibility for Federal funding; (2) long-range: 20+ years into the future; (3) be financially constrained; (4) have demonstrated transportation conformity; (5) achieved GHG reduction targets; and (6) be developed in consultation with key stakeholders and the public. She provided a summary of requirements and key challenges. Finally, she discussed preliminary milestones and next steps.

The comprehensive staff report was included in the agenda packet and posted on the SCAG website. The meeting video is also available on the SCAG website.

#### 4. Innovative Clean Transit Regional Assessment Study Update

There were no public comments on item 4.

Priscilla Freduah-Agyemang, Senior Regional Planner, introduced Fang Yan, Director of Clean Transportation and Energy, ICF.

Ms. Yan provided background on the Innovative Clean Transit regulation and stated that the study was guided by CARB's Innovative Clean Transit Regulation, which was adopted in 2018. The regulation set a path for all California transit agencies to transition to a fully zero-emission bus by 2040 and that the regulation established a phased schedule for ZEB purchases. She reviewed the project primary

objectives and stated that the regional assessment aimed to provide SCAG with a clear roadmap to support a coordinated and efficient transition to zero-emission bus fleets across the region. She discussed the targeted outreach and responses received from transit agencies. She reviewed the project research which included rollout plans, different types of infrastructures, existing policies, funding programs and workforce training. Lastly, she reviewed next steps.

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#### 5. Nature-based Stormwater and Flooding Strategies

There were no public comments on item 5.

Conor Mossavi, Civil Engineering Associate, LADWP Watershed Management Group provided a brief overview of Los Angeles's water supply sources and the challenges each faced. He discussed the history with stormwater and the stormwater capture master plan. He indicated that the plan goals were to quantify stormwater capture potential, identify projects, programs, and policies, prioritize water supply criteria, develop costs/benefits, define timeline and milestones, and develop partnerships. He discussed centralized and distributed projects while offering cost benefit information. Lastly, he presented an example of a project cross section.

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#### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

Chair Denison stated that SCAG recently released county-specific reports for a deeper look at economic conditions across Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Ventura counties. He stated that each report highlighted local trends, key indicators, and emerging issues to help policymakers, planners, and stakeholders better understand county-level economic dynamics and plan for the year ahead. He announced that the SCAG Student Showcase was open for Submissions and competition finalists would receive opportunities to demonstrate their expertise to a large network of skilled practitioners and future colleagues. Winners also receive cash prizes.

#### **STAFF REPORT**

Ivette Macias, Senior Government Affairs Officer, announced that the March Energy and Environment Committee meeting would hold elections for the 2026-27 Chair and Vice Chair positions. The term of office for the newly elected Chair and Vice Chair will commence upon

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the adjournment of the General Assembly Business Meeting on May 7, 2026.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

There were no announcements.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Denison adjourned the Energy and Environment Committee meeting at 11:16 a.m.

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**ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT**

**2025-2026**

<b>MEMBERS</b>	<b>Representing</b>	<b>Jun</b>	<b>Jul</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sep</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Jun</b>	<b>Total Mtgs Attended To Date</b>
Beltran, Ana	Westmoreland, ICTC	1			0		0			1					2
Bishop, Art	Apple Valley, SBCTA	1			0		1			1					3
Brotman, Daniel	Glendale, RC District 42				1		0			0					1
Cardenas-Singh, Martha	Imperial County				1		1			0					2
Clark, Margaret	Rosemead, RC District 32	1			1		1			1					4
Copeland, Robert	Signal Hill, GCCOG	0			0		1			0					1
Crosswhite, Jenny	Santa Paula, RC District 47	1			1		1			1					4
Davis, Ned	Westlake Village, LVMCOG	1			1		1			1					4
Denison, Rick	Yucca Valley, RC District 11	1	<b>D</b>		1		1	<b>D</b>		1					4
Hernandez, Carmen	Barstow, SBCTA	1	<b>A</b>		1		1	<b>A</b>		1					4
Horne, Shari	Laguna Woods, OCCOG	1	<b>R</b>		1		1	<b>R</b>		0					3
Huff, Britt	Rolling Hills Estates, SCBCOG	1	<b>K</b>		0		1	<b>K</b>		1					3
Johsz, Brian	Chino Hills, SBCTA	1			0		1			0					2
Kalmick, Joe	Seal Beach, RC District 20	1			1		1			1					4
Leash, Steven	Cahuilla Band of Indians	0			0		0			1					1
Litster, Elaine	Simi Valley, VCOG	1			1		0			1					3
Lock Dawson, Patricia	Riverside, District 68	0			0		0			1					1
Lopez, Vianey	Ventura County	1			1		1			1					4
McMorrin, Yasmine-Imani	Culver City, WCCOG	1			1		1			1					4
Moss, Cory	City of Industry, Pres. Apt	0			0		1			0					1
Ramos, Daniel	Adelanto, SBCTA	1			1		1			1					4
Sanchez-Palacios, Jeanette	Ventura, VCOG	0			0		0			0					0
Saro, Suely	Long Beach, RC District 29	0			0		1			1					2
Senecal, Patty	Seal Beach, OCCOG	1			0		0			1					2
Stark, Jennifer	Claremont, SGVCOG	1			1		1			1					4
Taj, Ali	Artesia, Pres. Apt	1			0		1			1					3
Takahashi, Tamala	Burbank, SFVCOG	1			1		1			1					4
Traut, Connor	Buena Park, OCCOG	1			1		1			1					4
Virgen, Stephanie	Coachella, CVAG	0			1		1			1					3
Welty, Dale	Canyon Lake, WRCOG	1			1		1			1					4