



AGENDA ITEM 1

REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments

September 3, 2026

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

Hon. Rick Denison (Chair)	<i>Yucca Valley</i>	District 11
Hon. Daniel Ramos (Vice Chair)	<i>Adelanto</i>	District 65
Hon. Ana Beltran	<i>Westmoreland</i>	ICTC
Hon. Art Bishop	<i>Town of Apple Valley</i>	SBCTA
Hon. Martha Cardenas-Singh		Imperial County
Hon. Ed Chen	<i>Temple City</i>	SGVCOG
Hon. Margaret Clark	<i>Rosemead</i>	Pres. Appointment
Hon. Jenny Crosswhite	<i>Santa Paula</i>	District 47
Hon. Victoria Garcia	<i>San Fernando</i>	Pres. Appointment
Hon. Shari Horne	<i>Laguna Woods</i>	OCCOG
Hon. Britt Huff	<i>Rolling Hills Estates</i>	SBCCOG
Hon. Brian Johsz	<i>Chino Hills</i>	SBCTA
Hon. Patricia Lock Dawson	<i>Riverside</i>	District 68
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. Robert Copeland	<i>Signal Hill</i>	GCCOG

Hon. Ned Davis	<i>Westlake Village</i>	LVMCOG
Hon. Carmen Hernandez	<i>Barstow</i>	SBCTA
Hon. Steven Leash	<i>Cahuilla Band of Indians</i>	
Hon. Elaine Litster	<i>Simi Valley</i>	VCOG
Hon. Vianey Lopez		Ventura County
Hon. Jeannette Sanchez-Palacios	<i>Ventura</i>	VCOG

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Denison called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. Regional Council Member, Riverside, Patricia Lock Dawson, 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 July 1, 2026.

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

Approval Items

1. Minutes of the Meeting – June 4, 2026

Receive and File

2. 2026-2027 Presidential Priorities
3. Connect SoCal 2024 Final Program Environmental Impact Report Addendum 2 (State Clearinghouse No.: 2022100337): Status Update and Preliminary Findings

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

AYES: Beltran, Cardenas-Singh, Chen, Clark, Crosswhite, Denison, Garcia, Horne, Huff, Johz, Lock Dawson, McMorrin, Ramos, Stark, Taj, Takahashi, Traut, Virgen and Welty (19)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

ACTION ITEM

4. Release of Draft Transportation Conformity Analyses of Draft 2027 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) and Draft Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 2

There were no public comments on item 4.

Ryan Banuelos, Associate Regional Planner, stated that staff sought the committee's recommendation to release the draft transportation conformity analyses for public review. He indicated that the action fulfilled SCAG's federal requirements under the Clean Air Act and represented a procedural step rather than a final approval. He stated that the draft analyses demonstrated compliance with all five federal transportation conformity tests and that the analyses confirmed consistency with Connect SoCal, included a regional emissions analysis, demonstrated timely implementation of transportation control measures, showed financial constraint, and reflected interagency consultation and public involvement requirements. He stated that the analyses showed the transportation activities met all federal conformity requirements.

A MOTION was made (Lock Dawson) to Recommend that the Regional Council (RC) authorize the Executive Director to release the draft transportation conformity analyses as part of the draft 2027 FTIP and the draft Connect SoCal 2024 (2024 RTP/SCS) Amendment 2 for public review and comment. Motion was SECONDED (Ramos) and passed by the following votes:

AYES: Beltran, Bishop, Cardenas-Singh, Chen, Clark, Crosswhite, Denison, Horne, Huff, Lock Dawson, McMorrin, Ramos, Saro, Stark, Taj, Takahashi, Traut, Virgen and Welty (19)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

INFORMATION ITEMS

5. EEC Outlook and Future Agenda Items

There were no public comments on item 5.

Ryan Wolfe, Department Manager stated that upcoming agenda items would address regional resilience, transportation conformity, environmental impact review efforts, and implementation strategies associated with Connect SoCal. He indicated that SCAG would continue advancing its Regional Resilience Framework and producing practical planning guides for local jurisdictions. He stated the Clean and Resilient Utility Infrastructure Study would examine how utility systems could support future growth, electrification, and climate resilience and that the study would evaluate the current condition of regional infrastructure and identify future investment needs related to utilities, economic development, and population growth. Lastly, he indicated that future discussions would also address natural resource areas, environmental hazards, adaptation planning, and innovative technologies.

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.

6. Vehicle to Grid (V2G) Technology

There were no public comments on item 6.

Javier Silva, Associate Planner indicated that V2G technology could help balance electricity supply and demand, provide backup power during emergencies, and support overall grid resilience. He stated that electric vehicles functioned as large batteries that spent most of their time parked, creating opportunities to use stored energy more efficiently. He stated that increasing EV adoption could place additional demands on the electrical grid, making technologies such as V2G potentially valuable. He indicated that widespread adoption remained limited by equipment requirements, vehicle availability, interoperability standards, and utility coordination. He stated that only a small number of vehicle models currently supported V2G functionality and that charger compatibility remained a significant challenge. He stated that adoption would depend on continued development by vehicle manufacturers, charging equipment providers, and utility companies.

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7. SoCal Greenprint Completion and Launch

There were no public comments on item 7.

Ryan Wolfe, Department Manager stated that the SoCal Greenprint tool had launched and provided an overview of its purpose, development process, data standards, maintenance procedures, and intended uses. He indicated that the committee would next receive a demonstration of the tool. He stated that SCAG's consultant, Eric Ota from ARIP, would provide a live walkthrough of the platform and demonstrate its functionality.

Eric Ota, ARIP Consultant, stated that the Greenprint tool allowed users to visualize and combine environmental, infrastructure, land use, and planning datasets on an interactive map. He stated that users could select data layers, review attributes, view legends, measure distances, and examine information in tabular formats and that the platform provided detailed metadata for each dataset, including source information, geographic coverage, update schedules, and responsible agencies. He stated that users could create customized maps and share them through web links or PDF exports and exported maps included supporting information such as legends, attributes, scale bars, and disclaimer language. Lastly, he stated that users could also download datasets in multiple formats for additional analysis outside the platform.

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CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Denison stated that SCAG recently released a new white paper titled, "Practical Applications of AI and Big Data for Metropolitan Planning Organizations" which examined how emerging technologies were transforming regional planning. He stated the white paper highlighted real-world applications in transportation planning, geospatial analysis, and public engagement, while outlining best practices for responsible adoption. Lastly, he welcomed new member Ed Chen, Temple City, San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments to the committee.

STAFF REPORT

Erik Rodriguez, Senior Government Affairs Officer, stated that the Regional Council will discuss a new program announcement and project checklist for the Last Mile Freight Program (LMFP) Rebate Program. He stated that the program initially opened in October 2025 with applications submitted through January 2026. He indicated that SCAG was preparing to reopen the LMFP rebate program in July 2026 with approximately \$49 million in remaining funding available. He stated that additional information could be found on the SCAG webpage.

ANNOUNCEMENT

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Denison adjourned the Energy and Environment Committee meeting at 10:59 a.m.

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ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT															
2026-2027															
MEMBERS	Representing	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	Total Mtgs Attended To Date	
Beltran, Ana	Westmoreland, ICTC	0	1	D										1	
Bishop, Art	Apple Valley, SBCTA	1	1											2	
Brotman, Daniel	Glendale, RC District 42	1	0											1	
Cardenas-Singh, Martha	Imperial County	0	1											1	
Chen, Ed	Temple City, SCVCOG	1	1											2	
Clark, Margaret	Rosemead, Pres. Apt	1	1											2	
Copeland, Robert	Signal Hill, GCCOG	1	0											1	
Crosswhite, Jenny	Santa Paula, RC District 47	1	1											2	
Davis, Ned	Westlake Village, LVMCOG	1	0											1	
Denison, Rick	Yucca Valley, RC District 11	1	1											2	
Garcia, Victoria	San Fernando, Pres. Apt	0	1	A										1	
Hernandez, Carmen	Barstow, SBCTA	1	1											2	
Horne, Shari	Laguna Woods, OCCOG	1	0											1	
Huff, Britt	Rolling Hills Estates, SCBCOG	1	1											2	
Johsz, Brian	Chino Hills, SBCTA	1	1											2	
Leash, Steven	Cahuilla Band of Indians	0	0	R										0	
Litster, Elaine	Simi Valley, VCOG	1	0											1	
Lock Dawson, Patricia	Riverside, District 68	0	1											1	
Lopez, Vianey	Ventura County	1	0											1	
McMorrin, Yasmine-Imani	Culver City, WCCOG	1	1											2	
Ramos, Daniel	Adelanto, SBCTA	1	1	K										2	
Sanchez-Palacios, Jeanette	Ventura, VCOG	1	0											1	
Saro, Suely	Long Beach, RC District 29	1	1											2	
Senecal, Patty	Seal Beach, OCCOG	1	1											2	
Stark, Jennifer	Claremont, SGVCOG	1	1											2	
Taj, Ali	Artesia, Pres. Apt	1	1											2	
Takahashi, Tamala	Burbank, SFVCOG	0	1											1	
Traut, Connor	Buena Park, OCCOG	0	1											1	
Virgen, Stephanie	Coachella, CVAG	0	1											1	
Welty, Dale	Canyon Lake, WRCOG	1	1											2	