ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 2018

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE. A DIGITAL RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE IN SCAG’S LOS ANGELES OFFICE.

Members Present
1. Hon. Carmen Ramirez, Oxnard (Chair) District 45
2. Sup. Linda Parks (Vice Chair) Ventura County
3. Hon. Ana Beltran, Westmoreland ICTC
4. Hon. Betty Sanchez, Coachella Valley CVAG
5. Hon. Cynthia Moran, Chino Hills SBCTA
6. Hon. David Pollock, Moorpark VCOG
7. Hon. Diana Mahmud, South Pasadena SGVCOG
8. Hon. Diane Williams, Rancho Cucamonga SBCTA
9. Hon. Edward HJ Wilson, Signal Hill Gateway Cities COG
10. Hon. Emma Sharif, Compton GCCOG
11. Hon. Jordan Ehrenkranz, Canyon Lake WRCOG
12. Hon. Judy Mitchell, Rolling Hills Estates District 40
13. Hon. Larry Forester, Signal Hill GCCOG
14. Hon. Laura Rosenthal, Malibu District 44
15. Hon. Margaret Clark, Rosemead District 32
16. Hon. Meghan Sahli Wells, Culver City WCCOG
17. Hon. Ned Davis, Westlake Village LVMCOG
19. Sup. Luis Plancarte, Imperial County ICTC

Members Not Present
20. Hon. Bonnie Wright, Hemet WRCOG
21. Hon. Deborah Robertson, Rialto District 8
22. Hon. Jim Osborne, Lawndale SBCCOG
23. Hon. Jon Harrison, Redlands SBCTA
24. Hon. Judy Nelson, Glendora SGVCOG
25. Hon. Mike Gardner, Riverside WRCOG
27. Hon. Paula Devine, Glendale AVCJPA
28. Hon. Peggy Delach, Covina District 33
29. Hon. Sandra Genis, Costa Mesa OCCOG
The Energy and Environment Committee (EEC) held its meeting at 900 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1700, Los Angeles, CA 90017. A quorum was present.

**CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Honorable Carmen Ramirez, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. and asked Councilmember Judy Mitchell, City of Rolling Hills Estates, District 40, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Chair Ramirez opened the Public Comment period.

Leeor Alpern, South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD), announced that MSRC extended the deadline for Local Government Partnership Program to August 2, 2018. He also announced that SCAQMD will host a series of community meetings on new measures aimed at reducing pollution exposure in environmental justice (EJ) communities with its focus on AB 617 that creates opportunities with EJ communities to improve air quality in the region; and AB 134 that provides immediate funding to replace vehicles with cleaner technologies.

Chair Ramirez closed the Public Comment period.

**REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS**

There was no reprioritization of the agenda.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

*Approval Item*

1. Minutes of the February 1, 2018 Meeting

A MOTION was made (Forester) to approve Item No. 1. Motion was SECONDED (Sanchez) and passed by the following votes:

**AYE/S:** Clark, Ehrenkranz, Forester, Horne, Mahmud, Mitchell, Moran, Pollock, Ramirez, Sahli-Wells, Sanchez, Plancarte, Rosenthal, Parks and Williams (15).

**NOE/S:** None (0).

**ABSTAIN:** None (0).

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

2. Sea-Level Rise Guidance Update

Chair Ramirez welcomed and introduced Jenn Phillips, Ocean Protection Council, California Natural Resources Agency.
Jenn Phillips provided background information regarding the Ocean Protection Council’s (OPC) mission, priorities and role in the state, cabinet level and other departments and commissions. She also reported regarding EO B-30-15, SB 379 and SB 264 as it relates to climate change, resiliency strategies and coordination of local and state climate adaptation strategies. Jenn Phillips discussed the drivers of sea-level rise projections at three (3) coastal locations. She explained the scenarios of extreme sea-level rise from the West Antarctic Ice Sheet. In closing, she discussed the guidance framework; the steps in risk analysis decision framework and next steps.

On behalf of the EEC, Chair Ramirez thanked Jenn Phillips for her presentation.

3. Salton Sea Update

Chair Ramirez announced that Bruce Wilcox, Assistant Secretary, California Natural Resources Agency, will not be able to present today. She directed staff to reschedule this item at a future EEC meeting. SCAG staff noted and acknowledged the request.

4. Governor’s Office of Planning and Research (OPR) Proposed Updates to the CEQA Guidelines

Chair Ramirez introduced the item and asked Roland Ok, SCAG staff, to provide background information. Roland Ok provided an update regarding the final proposed amendments to the state guidelines implementing the CEQA to the California Natural Resources Agency. He announced the public comment period will end on March 15, 2018 while SCAG is currently drafting a comment letter in response to the proposed updates. Roland Ok discussed the preliminary staff comments and SCAG’s preliminary response. In closing, he discussed the next steps including a Public Hearing scheduled for March 14, 2018 which will be conducted by the California Natural Resources Agency.

On behalf of the EEC, Chair Ramirez thanked Roland Ok for his presentation.

5. Office of Planning and Research Proposed SB 743 Implementation Guidelines

Chair Ramirez introduced the item and asked Ping Chang, SCAG staff, to provide background information.

Ping Chang, SCAG staff, provided an update regarding the Proposed SB 743 Implementation Guidelines, including several key revisions to the CEQA guidelines such as: Transportation Impact Analysis and VMT Implementation Changes. He also provided a status of staff review and next steps. In closing, Ping Chang reported SCAG will be drafting a comment letter which will incorporate comments from SCAG staff and input received at the SB 743 Workshop, as appropriate. He encouraged the members to attend the California Natural Resources Agency public hearing scheduled for March 14, 2018 in Los Angeles.

On Chair Ramirez thanked Ping Chang for his presentation.
FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Chair Ramirez directed staff to add to a future agenda a discussion relative to energy sources as requested by Supervisor Linda Parks. She also asked to explore water education, including issues on availability, accessibility, quality and safety, acceptability and affordability as it relates to the formal recognition of ‘Human Right to Water’ after Governor Brown signed AB 685.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Ramirez encouraged members to support SCAG’s Paperless Initiative with regards to accessing agenda packets online instead of paper packets that are still being mailed. Paper copies will continue to be provided at the meetings.

She invited members to stay for lunch and hear a presentation from Randall Winston, Executive Director, Strategic Growth Council to hear updates regarding SGC programs and projects.

Lastly, Chair Ramirez reminded the committee to file their Annual Statement of Economic Interest FPPC Form 700 online or mail a hard-copy to staff no later than Monday, April 2, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Ramirez adjourned the EEC meeting at 11:48 a.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 5, 2018.
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