The Energy and Environment Committee (EEC) met at SCAG, 900 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1700, Los Angeles, CA 90017. A quorum was present.

**Members Present**

- **Hon. David Pollock, Moorpark (Vice Chair) District 46**
- Hon. Ned Davis, Westlake Village  
  LVMCOG
- Hon. Jordan Ehrenkranz, Canyon Lake  
  WRCOG
- Hon. Sandra Genis, Costa Mesa  
  OCCOG
- Hon. Elaine Litster, Simi Valley  
  VCOG
- Hon. Diana Mahmud, South Pasadena  
  SGVCOG
- Hon. Judy Mitchell, Rolling Hills Estates  
  District 40
- Hon. Greg Morena, Santa Monica  
  WSFFCOG
- Hon. Oscar Ortiz, Indio  
  CVAG
- Hon. James Osborne, Lawndale  
  SBCCOG
- Hon. Jeannine Pearce, Long Beach  
  District 30
- Sup. Luis Plancarte  
  Imperial County
- Hon. Miguel Pulido, Santa Ana  
  OCTA
- Hon. Carmen Ramirez, Oxnard  
  District 45
- Hon. Richard Rollins, Port Hueneme  
  VCOG
- Hon. Meghan Sahli-Wells, Culver City  
  WCCOG
- Hon. Emma Sharif, Compton  
  GCCOG
- Hon. Sharon Springer, Burbank  
  SFVCOG

**Members Not Present**

- **Sup. Linda Parks (Chair) Ventura County**
- Hon. Ana Beltran, Westmoreland  
  ITC
- Hon. Margaret Clark, Rosemead  
  District 32
- Hon. Robert Copeland, Signal Hill  
  GCCOG
Hon. Maria Davila, South Gate          GCCOG
Hon. Paula Devine, Glendale           AVCIPA
Hon. Shari Horne, Laguna Woods        OCCOG
Hon. Toni Momberger, Redlands         SBCTA
Hon. Cynthia Moran, Chino Hills       SBCTA
Hon. Greg Raths, Mission Viejo        OCCOG
Hon. Deborah Robertson, Rialto        District 8
Hon. Rhonda Shader, Placentia         President’s Appointment
Hon. John Valdivia, San Bernardino    SBCCOG
Hon. Edward H.J. Wilson, Signal Hill  GCCOG
Hon. Bonnie Wright, Hemet             WRCOG

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

In the absence of Chair Linda Parks, Vice Chair David Pollock called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. and asked Councilmember Ned Davis, Westlake Village, LVMCOG to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Seeing there were no public comment speakers, Vice Chair Pollock closed the public comment period.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

Vice Chair Pollock acknowledged that there was no request to prioritize agenda items.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval Item

1. Minutes of the Meeting - February 6, 2020

Receive and File

2. 31st Annual Demographic Workshop - Save the Date

A MOTION was made (Oborne) to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion was SECONDED (Rollins) and passed by the following votes:
INFORMATION ITEMS

3. Building Sector Decarbonization

Vice Chair Pollock welcomed and introduced Panama Bartholomy, Executive Director for the Building Decarbonization Coalition to provide a presentation.

Mr. Bartholomy provided background information on sources of California’s greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, focusing on the impact of residential building. He discussed gas infrastructure costs, gas rate increases and savings possible through all-electric building. Furthermore, he explained the impact of burning fossil fuels by buildings on both outdoor and indoor air quality. Offering alternatives to gas furnaces and gas stoves, he demonstrated the efficiency of heat pump technology and magnetic induction stoves respectively. He noted the preeminent energy use intensity of food service establishments and the effect of rising gas costs on such businesses. He also listed local governments exploring zero-emissions reach codes and spoke to the current policy climate surrounding natural gas nationwide. In conclusion, he discussed biogas as an alternative to natural gas, while stating concerns over price and the disparity between supply and demand.

On behalf of the EEC, Vice Chair Pollock thanked Panama Bartholomy for his presentation.

4. Permitting Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment

Vice Chair Pollock welcomed and introduced Kielan Rathjen, Special Advisor, Zero Emission Vehicle Policy for the Governor’s Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz).

Mr. Rathjen provided background information on electric vehicle charging stations (EVCS) and permit streamlining. He shared a guidebook to assist in planning, permitting, accessibility, connectivity and construction. He discussed permit streamlining law Assembly Bill (AB) 1236, passed in 2015, which requires each county and city to approve an ordinance creating a formal process for efficient review of EVCS permit applications. Sharing a map of jurisdictions in compliance, he discussed criteria to achieve compliance and common problems preventing compliance. In closing, he invited the public to attend an upcoming workshop at SCAG’s main office regarding zero-emission vehicle infrastructure, and he shared contact information for further inquiries.
On behalf of the EEC, Vice Chair Pollock thanked Mr. Rathjen for his presentation.

5. Overview of Draft Connect SoCal Comments and Revision Approach

Vice Chair Pollock introduced the item and asked Jason Greenspan, SCAG Manager of Sustainability, to provide background information.

Mr. Greenspan began his presentation with an overview of Draft Connect SoCal public comments. He stated that approximately 1,800 comments were received during the 60-day public comment period, ending on January 24, 2020, and responses to these comments will be included in the final plan. He then reviewed comments pertinent to the EEC, grouping them by subject matter into the categories of emerging technology; environmental justice; natural and farmlands conservation; public health; transportation conformity analysis; and public participation and consultation. In closing, he shared a prospective timeline leading to the certification of Connect SoCal for conformity.

On behalf of the EEC, Vice Chair Pollock thanked Mr. Greenspan for his presentation.

6. Status Update on the Connect SoCal Final PEIR

Vice Chair Pollock introduced the item and asked Roland Ok, SCAG Senior Regional Planner, to provide background information.

Mr. Ok briefed the EEC on comments received in response to the Draft Connect SoCal Program Environmental Impact Plan (PEIR). 52 comments letters were received on the PEIR during the 45-day public review period. Upon evaluation by staff, commonly recurring topics were identified as “key comments,” such as vehicle miles travelled (VMT) analysis; biological resources; climate change and greenhouse gas emissions; air quality; Regional Housing Needs Assessment; and mitigation measures. He provided an outline of the Final Connect SoCal PEIR, which will include the Draft PEIR, key comments and master responses to these comments. In closing, he shared next steps in preparing the proposed Final PEIR, intended to be presented to the EEC at its April 2, 2020 meeting.

On behalf of the EEC, Vice Chair Pollock thanked Mr. Ok for his presentation.

7. Status Update on Final Federal Safer, Affordable, Fuel-Efficient Vehicles

Vice Chair Pollock announced that this item will be continued to the next meeting to accommodate the speaker’s availability.
CHAIR’S REPORT

A report was not provided.

STAFF REPORT

A report was not provided.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEM/S

Councilmember Diana Mahmud, So. Pasadena, SGVCOG, asked for a future presentation to assist local governments in addressing the environmental implications associated with the Regional Housing Needs Assessment determination and methodology. Staff acknowledged the request.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice Chair Pollock shared additional information on the 31st Annual Demographic Workshop, set to occur on June 11, 2020 at USC.

Councilmember Carmen Ramirez, Oxnard, District 45, reminded committee members of the importance of the Census to achieve appropriate shares of federal resources.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Vice Chair Pollock adjourned the Energy and Environment Committee meeting at 11:56 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Waggonner
Energy and Environment Committee Clerk

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