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ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 2021

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.igm2.com/Citizens/>.

The Energy and Environment Committee (EEC) held its meeting telephonically and electronically given public health directives limiting public gatherings due to the threat of COVID-19 and in compliance with the Governor’s recent Executive Order N-29-20. A quorum was present.

Members Present

Hon. David Pollock, Moorpark (Chair)	District 46
Hon. Deborah Robertson, Rialto (Vice Chair)	District 8
Hon. Cindy Allen, Long Beach	District 30
Hon. Victoria Baca, Moreno Vallery	WRCOG
Hon. Daniel Brotman, Glendale	AVCJPA
Hon. Margaret Clark, Rosemead	SGVCOG
Hon. Robert Copeland, Signal Hill	GCCOG
Hon. Ned Davis, Westlake Village	LVMCOG
Hon. Rick Denison, Yucca Valley	SBCTA
Hon. Julian Gold, Beverly Hills	WSCCOG
Hon. Shari Horne, Laguna Woods	OCCOG
Hon. Britt Huff, Rolling Hills Estates	SBCCOG
Hon. Dan Kalmick, Huntington Beach	OCCOG
Hon. Joe Kalmick, Seal Beach	District 20
Hon. Elaine Litster, Simi Valley	VCOG
Hon. Diana Mahmud, South Pasadena	SGVCOG
Hon. Cynthia Moran, Chino Hills	SBCTA
Hon. Oscar Ortiz, Indio	CVAG
Sup. Luis Plancarte	Imperial County
Hon. Randall Putz, Big Bear Lake	District 11
Sup. Carmen Ramirez	Ventura County
Hon. Greg Raths, Mission Viejo	OCCOG
Hon. Richard Rollins, Port Hueneme	VCOG

Hon. Rhonda Shader, Placentia	President's Appointment
Hon. Jesus Silva, Fullerton	President's Appointment
Hon. Sharon Springer, Burbank	SFVCOG
Hon. Connor Traut, Buena Park	OCCOG
Hon. Edward H.J. Wilson, Signal Hill	GCCOG

Members Not Present

Hon. Ana Beltran, Westmoreland	ICTC
Hon. Maria Davila, South Gate	GCCOG
Hon. Jordan Ehrenkranz, Canyon Lake	WRCOG
Hon. John Valdivia, San Bernardino	SBCCOG

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair David Pollock called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m. Staff confirmed that a quorum was present. Vice Chair Deborah Robertson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Chair Pollock opened the Public Comment Period.

SCAG staff announced that no public comments were received before or after the deadline for written public comments.

Seeing there were no public comment speakers, Chair Pollock closed the Public Comment Period.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no requests to prioritize agenda items.

ELECTION OF EEC CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Counsel Ryan Guiboa announced that there was one nomination for EEC Chair received before the deadline for nominations. This nominee was Regional Councilmember David Pollock, Moorpark, District 47. Mr. Guiboa announced that SCAG's rules allow for nominations from the floor, and he explained the process for nominations from the floor. Nominations from the floor were opened. There were no nominations from the floor.

David Pollock was elected as the 2021-22 EEC Chair by the following roll call votes:



AYES: Allen, Baca, Brotman, Clark, Copeland, Denison, Gold, Horne, Huff, D. Kalmick, J. Kalmick, Litster, Mahmud, Ortiz, Plancarte, Pollock, Putz, Ramirez, Rath, Robertson, Rollins, Shader, Silva, Springer and Traut (25)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAINS: None (0)

Counsel Ryan Guiboa announced that there was one nomination for EEC Vice Chair received before the deadline for nominations. This nominee was Regional Councilmember Deborah Robertson, Rialto, District 8. Mr. Guiboa restated that SCAG's rules allow for nominations from the floor. Nominations from the floor were opened. There were no nominations from the floor.

Deborah Robertson was elected as the 2021-22 EEC Vice Chair by the following roll call votes:

AYES: Allen, Baca, Brotman, Clark, Copeland, Davis, Denison, Gold, Horne, Huff, D. Kalmick, J. Kalmick, Litster, Mahmud, Moran, Ortiz, Plancarte, Pollock, Putz, Ramirez, Rath, Robertson, Rollins, Shader, Silva, Springer and Traut (27)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAINS: None (0)

Chair Pollock thanked the Committee for their confidence. Vice Chair Robertson echoed his remarks and commented on the impact of climate change.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval Items

1. Minutes of the Meeting - February 4, 2021

Receive and File

2. Quarterly Update on Climate Change Action Resolution Activities
3. Updated Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) Program Subregional Allocation Amounts Based on Final Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Allocation
4. Sustainable Communities Program - Housing & Sustainable Development Applications

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

AYES: Allen, Baca, Brotman, Clark, Copeland, Davis, Denison, Gold, Horne, Huff, D. Kalmick, J. Kalmick, Litster, Mahmud, Moran, Ortiz, Plancarte, Pollock, Putz, Ramirez, Rath, Robertson, Rollins, Shader, Silva, Springer and Traut (27)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAINS: None (0)

INFORMATION ITEMS

5. 2024 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy Development Framework

Jason Greenspan, Sustainability Manager, provided an overview of the 2024 Connect SoCal framework. Mr. Greenspan reviewed elements and requirements of SCAG's Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)/Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS). He began by describing past action taken for adoption of the 2020 RTP/SCS, and he shared further details on state requirements and federal requirements. He continued by explaining new elements of the 2024 plan cycle, including updated data and refined strategies based on stakeholder interaction and actions taken by the Regional Council. He elaborated on engagement and parties involved in Connect SoCal development, such as County Transportation Commissions, local jurisdictions, SCAG Policy Committees, stakeholder groups and the general public. He closed by sharing a high-level overview of milestones and action items, and he outlined four phases of next steps for the 2024 RTP/SCS, concluding with adoption in 2024.

6. Accelerated Electrification Strategies

Alison Linder, Senior Regional Planner, presented on accelerated electrification, one of five Key Connections focused on greenhouse gas (GHG) goals included in Connect SoCal. She stated that the accelerated electrification team is working on implementing that vision and setting a framework towards the 2024 RTP/SCS. She began her presentation with further background and objectives of accelerated electrification. She commented on Governor Newsom's recent executive order regarding elimination of tail-pipe emissions by 2035, which is expected to amplify the electric vehicle (EV) market, and other policies affecting fleet electrification. She reviewed three modes that accelerated electrification is focused on: light duty and micromobility, transit and goods movement. She then introduced a current zero emissions project catalogue and addressed relevant projects, including studies and grant administration related to electrification in the region. She elaborated on projects in the rail and goods movement group, such as a medium- and heavy-duty zero emissions

roadmap and the Last Mile Freight Program. She then talked about internal coordination activities to share, collaborate and advocate towards accelerated electrification. In closing, she discussed long term deliverables and next steps leading to the 2024 RTP/SCS.

Councilmember Dan Brotman, Glendale, AVCJPA, asked about developments in hydrogen fueling station infrastructure. Ms. Linder responded that hydrogen is thought to be potentially advantageous as it may not require the same amount of charging time as an electric, but hydrogen is less developed in terms of its economic viability. Councilmember Brotman asked about how SCAG is looking at hydrogen charging infrastructure for trucks and passenger vehicles. Ms. Linder commented that fleets, more so than passenger vehicles, are being considered as candidates for hydrogen charging, and she mentioned upcoming plans for updating a study for the heavy-duty charging market, which should inform the next RTP/SCS.

Councilmember Richard Rollins, Port Hueneme, VCOG, commented on the increasing availability of quick-charging stations. He also noted concern over home-charging stations being limited in multi-family developments. Ms. Linder responded that a site suitability analysis is ongoing and could address multi-family charging. She elaborated on equity issues related to the electric vehicle market.

Regional Councilmember Deborah Robertson, Rialto, District 8, requested status updates on relevant studies as they continue. She commented on development plans in terms of truck stations and external engagement. She asked for details on bi-monthly meetings relevant to electrification. Ms. Linder specified that the meetings mentioned are internal staff meetings, and she listed involved staff members, acknowledged the request for updates in the future and addressed ongoing external engagement.

Regional Councilmember Cindy Allen, Long Beach, District 30, spoke about a recent presentation by the California Hydrogen Fuel Cell Partnership for light- and heavy-duty fuel stations, and she recommended that a similar presentation be made at a future EEC meeting.

7. San Gabriel Mountain Access Programs

Bryan Matsumoto, Nature for All, presented on the San Gabriel Mountains Transit and Infrastructure Program. He began his presentation with background on Nature for All, their organizational mission and their coalition of organizations. He then addressed impacts of poor access to nature and discussed the benefits of access to nature. He talked about transit-to-trails programs and highlighted various natural resources in the region. He continued by outlining regional needs, based on lack of transportation and park-poor areas in Los Angeles County. He highlighted the opportunity provided by connecting public transit and public lands, particularly the San Gabriel Mountains, while listing multi-benefits of this opportunity. He subsequently displayed a

map of disadvantaged communities in Los Angeles County and their respective park needs. He also touched upon effects of COVID-19 on park access.

In terms of ongoing initiatives, Mr. Matsumoto presented on Metro Transit to Parks Strategic Plan in 2019 as well as Los Angeles County Measure A Recreation Access grant program. In reviewing historical transit-to-trails connections in the region, he discussed the Mt. Low Railway and other efforts in the past. In discussing current efforts, he highlighted the San Gabriel Mountains Transit-to-Trails Pilot Project occurring over the past four years, and he listed existing transit-to-trails lines. He then displayed a public transit map and various proposed transit-to-trail routes. He listed supporters and explained next steps, including funding for capital costs and operations and maintenance. He closed by supporting calls to action at the city-level and agency-level to encourage public's engagement with nature and acquire needed funding.

Councilmember Margaret Clark, Rosemead, SGVCOG, commented on nature-deficit disorder, trash collection in nature and a possible fee for transit riders. Mr. Matsumoto responded by acknowledging stewardship efforts and need for supportive components related to visitor services. He noted that a fare has not yet been determined.

Councilmember Diana Mahmud, South Pasadena, SGVCOG, commented on the Duarte pilot project and an area damaged by the Bobcat Fire. She asked for an idea of how this damage has affected access to the San Gabriel Mountains. Mr. Matsumoto spoke about a previous fire affecting service to the area, and he shared an estimate that 25 percent of the forest area has burned due to the Bobcat Fire. He expressed hope for revegetation and recommended speaking with the Forest Service for further details. Councilmember Mahmud encouraged building flexibility into the program allowing for adaptation to the accelerating effects of climate change. Mr. Matsumoto acknowledged this comment.

Supervisor Carmen Ramirez, Ventura County, thanked Mr. Matsumoto for his presentation and past work. She discussed the Ormand Beach wetlands restoration effort in Oxnard and the importance of access to natural resources. Mr. Matsumoto acknowledged her comments and advocated for members to be advocates themselves in encouraging transit agencies to study the need for access to parks.

Councilmember Cynthia Moran, Chino Hills, SBCTA, commented on the largest urban state park, Chino Hills State Park, and she expressed her excitement about the program and the possibility of engaging her transit agency.

Councilmember Richard Rollins, Port Hueneme, VCOG, commented on his work in various parks departments, and he asked about funding for field trips and initiatives for relevant programming to increase access to nature. Mr. Matsumoto acknowledged comments and encouraged members to



consider how they can support programming.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Pollock announced that there will not be an EEC meeting next month due to SCAG's annual General Assembly, and the next EEC meeting will occur in June.

STAFF REPORT

There was no Staff Report provided.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no future agenda items requested.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

2020-21

MEMBERS	Representing	Jun (GA)	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	Total Mtgs Attended To Date
Allen, Cindy	Long Beach, District 30									1		1		2
Baca, Victoria	Moreno Valley, WRCOG								1	1		1		3
Beltran, Ana	Westmoreland, ICTC		0		0	0	0		1	1		0		2
Brotman, Daniel	Glendale, AVCJPA		1		1	1	1		1	1		1		7
Clark, Margaret	Rosemead, SGVCOG		1		1	1	1		1	1		1		7
Copeland, Robert	Signal Hill, GCCOG		1		0	1	1		1	1		1		6
Davila, Maria	South Gate, GCCOG		0		0	0	0		0	0		0		0
Davis, Ned	Westlake Village, LVMCOG		1		1	1	1		1	1		1		7
Ehrenkranz, Jordan	Canyon Lake, WRCOG		0		0	0	1		0	1		0		2
Denison, Rick	Yucca Valley, SCBTA											1		1
Gold, Julian	Beverly Hills, WSCCOG								1	1		1		3
Horne, Shari	Laguna Woods, OCCOG		1		1	1	1		1	1		1		7
Huff, Britt	Rolling Hills Estates, SCBCOG						1		1	1		1		4
Kalmick, Dan	Huntington Beach, OCCOG											1		1
Kalmick, Joe	Seal Beach, District 20									1		1		2
Litster, Elaine	Simi Valley, VCOG		1		1	1	1		1	1		1		7
Mahmud, Diana	So. Pasadena, SGVCOG		1		1	1	1		1	1		1		7
Moran, Cynthia	Chino Hills, SBCTA	D	1	D	1	0	1	D	1	1	J	1		6
Ortiz, Oscar	Indio, CVAG	A	1	R	1	1	1	K	1	1	P	1		7
Plancarte, Luis	Imperial County	R	1	K	1	1	1	K	1	1	C	1		7
Pollock, David (CHAIR)	Moorpark, VCOG	K	1	K	1	1	1	K	1	1		1		7
Putz, Randall	Big Bear Lake, District 11									1		1		2
Ramirez, Carmen	Oxnard, RC District 45		1		1	1	1			1		1		6
Raths, Greg	Mission Viejo, OCCOG		1		1	1	0		1	1		1		6
Robertson, Deborah	Rialto, RC District 8		1		1	1	0		1	1		1		6
Rollins, Richard	Port Hueneme, VCOG		1		0	1	1		1	1		1		6
Shader, Rhonda	Placentia, President's Appointment		1		0	1	1		1	1		1		6
Silva, Jesus	Fullerton, President's Appointment				0	1	1		1	0		1		4
Springer, Sharon	Burbank, SFVCOG		1		1	1	1		1	1		1		7
Traut, Connor	Buena Park, OCCOG											1		1
Valdivia, John	San Bernardino, SBCCOG		1		0	1	1		1	1		0		5
Wilson, Edward H.J.	Signal Hill, GCCOG		1		0	1	1		0	1		1		5

Attachment: EEC Attendance Sheet 2020-21 (Minutes of the Meeting - April 1, 2021)