



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE  
THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2024**

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. Deborah Robertson (Chair) Rialto***  
***Sup. Luis Plancarte (Vice Chair)***

Hon. Damon L. Alexander  
Hon. Art Bishop  
Hon. Phil Brock  
Hon. Margaret Clark  
Hon. Robert Copeland  
Hon. Jenny Crosswhite  
Hon. Ned Davis  
Hon. Rick Denison  
Hon. Carmen Hernandez  
Hon. Shari Horne  
Hon. Britt Huff  
Hon. Dan Kalmick  
Hon. Joe Kalmick  
Hon. Elaine Litster  
Hon. Vianey Lopez  
Hon. Lauren Meister  
Hon. Daniel Ramos  
Hon. Jeannette Sanchez-Palacios  
Hon. Jennifer Stark  
Hon. Ali Taj  
Hon. Tamala Takahashi  
Hon. Connor Traut

*San Bernardino*  
*Town of Apple Valley*  
*Santa Monica*  
*Rosemead*  
*Signal Hill*  
*Santa Paula*  
*Westlake Village*  
*Yucca Valley*  
*Barstow*  
*Laguna Woods*  
*Rolling Hills Estates*  
*Huntington Beach*  
*Seal Beach*  
*Simi Valley*  
  
*West Hollywood*  
*Adelanto*  
*Ventura*  
*Claremont*  
*Artesia*  
*Burbank*  
*Buena Park*

***District 8***  
***Imperial County***  
District 7  
SBCTA  
WSCCOG  
SGVCOG  
GCCOG  
District 47  
LVMCOG  
District 11  
SBCTA  
OCCOG  
SBCCOG  
OCCOG  
District 20  
VCOG  
Ventura County  
District 41  
SBCTA  
VCOG  
SGVCOG  
Pres. Appt  
SFVCOG  
OCCOG



Hon. Dale Welty	<i>Canyon Lake</i>	WRCOG
Hon. Edward H.J. Wilson	<i>Signal Hill</i>	GCCOG

**Members Not Present**

Hon. Ana Beltran	<i>Westmoreland</i>	ICTC
Hon. Maria Davila	<i>South Gate</i>	GCCOG
Hon. Steven Leash	<i>Cahuilla Band of Indians</i>	
Hon. Oscar Ortiz	<i>Indio</i>	CVAG
Hon. Nick Schultz	<i>Burbank</i>	AVCJPA
Hon. Stephanie Virgen	<i>Coachella</i>	CVAG

**CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Robertson called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. and Policy Committee member Britt Huff, Rolling Hills Estates, SBCCOG, led the Pledge of Allegiance. Staff confirmed a quorum was present.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Chair Robertson opened the public comment period and provided detailed instructions on how to provide public comments. She noted that this was the time for members of the public to offer comment for matters that are within SCAG’s jurisdiction but are not listed on the agenda.

She reminded the public to submit comments via email to [EECPublicComment@scag.ca.gov](mailto:EECPublicComment@scag.ca.gov). She noted that public comments received via email after 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 3, 2024, would be announced and included as part of the official record of the meeting.

SCAG staff acknowledged there were no public comments received before the 5:00 p.m. deadline on April 3, 2024.

Seeing no public comment, Chair Robertson 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.

**ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

Chair Robertson asked Legal Counsel to announce the nominations that had been received by March 28, and also asked him to walk them through the process.



Chief Counsel Jeffery Elder stated one nomination had been received for Chair, Luis Plancarte, Imperial County. He stated that in addition to nominees received before the meeting, SCAG's rules allowed for nominations from the floor. He then described the process for nominations from the floor and the election.

Chair Robertson stated the floor was open for nominations for Chair. Seeing no nominations from the floor, Chair Robertson closed the nomination period.

A MOTION to select Luis Plancarte as Chair of Energy and Environment Committee passed by the following votes:

**AYES:** Alexander, Bishop, Brock, Copeland, Crosswhite, Davis, Denison, Horne, Huff, D. Kalmick, J. Kalmick, Litster, Meister, Plancarte, Ramos, Robertson, Sanchez-Palacios, Taj, Takahashi, Traut, and Welty (21)

**NOES:** None (0)

**ABSTAINS:** None (0)

Chair Robertson thanked everyone for their support.

Chair Robertson once again asked Legal Counsel to announce the nominations that had been received by March 28 for Vice Chair, and to walk them through the process.

Chief Counsel Elder stated one nomination had been received for Vice Chair, for Jenny Crosswhite, Ventura County. He stated that in addition to nominees received before the meeting, SCAG's rules allowed for nominations from the floor. He then described the process for nominations from the floor and the election.

Chair Robertson stated the floor was open for nominations for Vice Chair. Seeing no nominations from the floor, Chair Robertson closed the nomination period.

A MOTION to select Jenny Crosswhite as Vice Chair of Energy and Environment Committee passed by the following votes:

**AYES:** Alexander, Bishop, Brock, Copeland, Crosswhite, Davis, Denison, Hernandez, Horne, Huff, D. Kalmick, J. Kalmick, Litster, Meister, Plancarte, Ramos, Robertson, Sanchez-Palacios, Taj, Takahashi, Traut, and Welty (22)

**NOES:** None (0)

**ABSTAINS:** None (0)

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

There were no public comments on the Consent Calendar.

Approval Items

1. Minutes of the Meeting – February 1, 2024

Receive and File

2. Energy and Environment Committee Outlook and Future Agenda Items
3. Transmittal to South Coast Air Quality Management District of Transportation Control Measure Reasonably Available Control Measures Analysis for Inclusion in Draft 2024 Coachella Valley Extreme Ozone Nonattainment Area State Implementation Plan

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

**AYES:** Alexander, Bishop, Brock, Copeland, Crosswhite, Davis, Denison, Hernandez, Horne, Huff, D. Kalmick, J. Kalmick, Litster, Meister, Plancarte, Ramos, Robertson, Schez-Palacios, Taj, Takahashi, Traut, and Welty (22)

**NOES:** None (0)

**ABSTAINS:** None (0)

**ACTION ITEM**

4. Clean Cities Coalition Strategic Plan

There were no public comments on item 4.

Marisa Laderach, Principal Regional Planner, provided a brief report about the clean cities coalitions and stated SCAG’s clean cities coalition responsibilities. She also presented SCAG’s clean technology program and discussed the strategic plan topics. Lastly, she shared SCAG anticipated completing FY25 draft by June to October 2024.

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.

Policy Committee members had questions about how they could become members of the coalition, if particular cities were included in the plan and if the plan included standardization in charge ports. Additionally, members asked if hydrogen was included as part of the plan, if staff could elaborate on the UCI study and inquired about the type of data being collected. Staff addressed the comments and questions by the members.

A MOTION was made (Ramos) to approve Recommend the Regional Council approve the Southern California Clean Cities Coalition Strategic Plan. Motion was SECONDED (Huff) and passed by the following votes:

**AYES:** Alexander, Bishop, Brock, Copeland, Crosswhite, Davis, Denison, Hernandez, Horne, Huff, D. Kalmick, J. Kalmick, Litster, Meister, Plancarte, Ramos, Robertson, Sached-Palacios, Taj, Takahashi, Traut, and Welty (22)

**NOES:** None (0)

**ABSTAINS:** None (0)

#### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

##### 5. California's 30x30 Conservation Framework

There were no public comments on item 5.

Meghan Hertel, Deputy Secretary of Biodiversity and Habitat, California Natural Resources Agency made a presentation before the committee on Item 5. Ms. Hertel stated there was a loss of biodiversity and climate crisis that California residents were facing. She stated that international scientists and international government agencies have started an effort called 30 by 30 which is the goal to protect 30% of Earth's land and water by 2030 to halt the loss of biodiversity. She stated Governor Newsom signed Executive Order N-82-20 committed to conserve 30% of lands and coastal waters by 2030. She discussed the conservation framework and areas that will be conserved. She reported that California had reached 24.4% land conservation and 16.2% coastal waters conservation. Lastly, she asked members to help with improving data and implementation.

Policy committee members asked for metrics for the conservation areas, opportunities for urbanized areas and involvement from Bureau Land Management.

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. Stormwater Capture and Flood Adaptation Options

There were no public comments on item 6.

Brett Sanders, Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Urban Planning and Public Policy, UC Irvine, provided a presentation before the committee on Item 6. Professor Sanders reported that the UC Irvine research lab mapped flood risk in San Diego and Newport Beach. He reported that models have been built for Los Angeles and Orange County. He stated land use changes heightened flood risk and more development leads to more runoff which puts additional stress on drainage systems. He provided background on the NOAA Effects of Sea Level Rise (ESLR) program. He reported the timeline of the NOAA project will run through October 2024 and the closing symposium will be held in the summer of 2025.

Policy committee members expressed interest in the NOAA program and asked about coastal erosion, improvements along the LA river and freeway flooding.

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.

### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

Chair Robertson reported that there was still time to register for SCAG's 59th Annual Regional Conference and General Assembly at the JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort & Spa in Palm Desert from May 2-3 and online registration would end on April 26.

### **STAFF REPORT**

Rachel Wagner, Government Affairs Officer, reported that applications for the 2024 SCAG Scholarship Program closed on March 22 and 115 applications were received. She stated the Scholarship Committee would meet on April 15 to select up to 9 awardees.

### **ANNOUNCEMENT**

There were no announcements.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Robertson adjourned the Energy and Environment Committee meeting at 11:41 a.m.

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**ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT**

**2023-2024**

<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>
Alexander, Damon L.	San Bernardino, RC Distirct 7	1	1			1	1		0	0		1			5
Beltran, Ana	Westmoreland, ICTC	0	0			1	0		1	0		0			2
Bishop, Art	Apple Valley, SBCTA	0	1			1	1		1	1		1			6
Brock, Phil	Santa Monica, WSCCOG	1	0			1	1		1	1		1			6
Clark, Margaret	Rosemead, RC District 32	1	1			1	1		1	1		1			7
Copeland, Robert	Signal Hill, GCCOG	1	0	D		1	1	D	1	1		1			6
Crosswhite, Jenny	Santa Paula, RC District 47	1	1			1	1		1	1		1			7
Davila, Maria	South Gate, GCCOG	0	0			0	0		0	0		0			0
Davis, Ned	Westlake Village, LVMOG	0	0			1	1		1	1		1			5
Denison, Rick	Yucca Valley, RC District 11	1	1	A		1	1	A	1	1		1			7
Hernandez, Carmen	Barstow, SBCTA								0	0		1			1
Horne, Shari	Laguna Woods, OCCOG	1	0			1	1		1	1		1			6
Huff, Britt	Rolling Hills Estates, SCBCOG	1	1			1	0		1	1		1			6
Kalmick, Dan	Huntington Beach, OCCOG	1	1			1	1		1	1		1			7
Kalmick, Joe	Seal Beach, RC District 20	1	1			1	1		1	1		1			7
Leash, Steven	Cahuilla Band of Indians									1		0			1
Litster, Elaine	Simi Valley, VCOG	1	1	R		1	1	R	1	1		1			7
Lopez, Vianey	Ventura County	1	1			1	1		1	0		1			6
Meister, Lauren	West Hollywood, RC District 41	1	1			1	1		1	1		1			7
Ortiz, Oscar	Indio, RC District 66	1	1			0	1		1	1		0			5
Plancarte, Luis	Imperial County	1	1	K		1	1	K	1	1		1			7
Ramos, Daniel	Adelanto, SBCTA					1	1		1	1		1			5
Robertson, Deborah	Rialto, RC District 8	0	1			1	1		0	1		1			5
Sanchez-Palacios, Jeanette	Ventura, VCOG	0	1			1	0		0	0		1			3
Schultz, Nick	Burbank, AVCJPA						1		1	1		0			3
Stark, Jennifer	Claremont, SGVCOG	1	1			1	1		1	1		0			6
Taj, Ali	Artesia, Gateway Cities									1		1			2
Takahashi, Tamala	Burbank, SFVCOG	1	1			1	0		1	1		1			6
Traut, Connor	Buena Park, OCCOG	0	1			1	1		1	1		1			6
Virgen, Stephanie	Coachella, CVAG	0	1			1	0		1	1		0			4
Welty, Dale	Canyon Lake, WRCOG	0	1			1	1		1	1		1			6
Wilson, Edward H.J.	Signal Hill, GCCOG	0	0			1	1		1	1		1			

Attachment: EEC Attendance Sheet 2023-24 (Minutes of the Meeting - April 4, 2024)