



MINUTES OF THE MEETING
ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 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

Sup. Luis Plancarte (Chair)

Hon. Jenny Crosswhite (Vice Chair)

Hon. Damon L. Alexander

Hon. Art Bishop

Hon. Phil Brock

Hon. Margaret Clark

Hon. Robert Copeland

Hon. Rick Denison

Hon. Carmen Hernandez

Hon. Shari Horne

Hon. Britt Huff

Hon. Dan Kalmick

Hon. Joe Kalmick

Hon. Elaine Litster

Hon. Patricia Lock Dawson

Hon. Vianey Lopez

Hon. Lauren Meister

Hon. Daniel Ramos

Hon. Dale Welty

Hon Edward Wilson

Santa Paula

San Bernardino

Town of Apple Valley

Santa Monica

Rosemead

Signal Hill

Yucca Valley

Barstow

Laguna Woods

Rolling Hills Estates

Huntington Beach

Seal Beach

Simi Valley

Riverside

West Hollywood

Adelanto

Canyon Lake

Signal Hill

Imperial County

District 47

District 7

SBCTA

WSCCOG

SGVCOG

GCCOG

District 11

SBCTA

OCCOG

SBCCOG

OCCOG

District 20

VCOG

District 68

Ventura County

District 41

SBCTA

WRCOG

GCCOG



Members Not Present

Hon. Ana Beltran	<i>Westmoreland</i>	ICTC
Hon. Ned Davis	<i>Westlake Village</i>	LVMCOG
Hon. Steven Leash	<i>Cahuilla Band of Indians</i>	
Hon. Cory Moss	<i>City of Industry</i>	Pres. Appt
Hon. Jose Sanchez	<i>Los Angeles County</i>	COC
Hon. Jeannette Sanchez-Palacios	<i>Ventura</i>	VCOG
Hon. Nick Schultz	<i>Burbank</i>	AVCJPA
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

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Plancarte called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. and Policy Committee member Daniel Ramos, Adelanto, SBCTA, led the Pledge of Allegiance. Staff confirmed a quorum was present.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Chair Plancarte opened the public comment period and 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.

Chair Plancarte 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 November 6, 2024.

Seeing no public comment, Chair Plancarte 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

There were no public comments on the Consent Calendar.

Approval Items

1. Minutes of the Meeting – September 5, 2024

Receive and File

2. Energy and Environment Committee Outlook and Future Agenda Items
3. REAP 2.0 Program Update

A MOTION was made (Alexander) to approve the Consent Calendar with corrections made to the attendance on the minutes from October 3rd and revision to language listed in the public comment section. Motion was SECONDED (Brock) and passed by the following votes:

AYES: Alexander, Bishop, Brock, Clark, Copeland, Crosswhite, Denison, Hernandez, Horne, Huff, D. Kalmick, J. Kalmick, Litster, Lock Dawson, Lopez, Meister, Plancarte, Ramos and Welty (19)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAINS: None (0)

INFORMATION ITEMS

4. Expert Panel on Groundwater Sustainability

There were no public comments on item 4.

Ryan Wolfe, Manager of Sustainable and Resilient Development, introduced three speakers to discuss groundwater management and the importance of the resource towards water sustainability in the region. The speakers were Dr. Greg Pierce, Director – UCLA Water Resources Group and Co-Executive Director at Luskin School of Innovation; Anita Regmi, Senior Engineering Geologist, California Department of Water Resources; and Arne Anselm Deputy Director of Water Resources, Ventura County Public Works.

Dr. Greg Pierce provided information on the importance of groundwater for regional water supply in developed and rural areas. He discussed how groundwater was recharged and the importance of natural and agricultural land preservation for recharging. Anita Regmi provided a brief overview of overdraft conditions and the impacts of groundwater overdraft. Arne Anselm discussed strategies to ensure sufficient and safe groundwater supplies. He provided details on the hydrologic cycles,

basins and aquifers. Lastly, he shared the challenges to groundwater supply and provided opportunities and solutions for the future.

Chair Plancarte announced he would be briefly stepping out of the room and turned the meeting to Vice Chair Crosswhite.

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.

5. Senate Bill 375: Joint MPO Letter to CARB

There were no public comments on item 5.

Sarah Dominguez, Planning Supervisor, provided an update on a brief she presented in September related to SB 375 and the sustainable community strategy regarding the CARB target setting process that began in July to update the regional greenhouse gas emission reduction targets by 2026. She stated that SCAG wrote a letter to CARB requesting they pause the process which CARB replied by stating they were unable to pause the process and would continue with their technical evaluations. She indicated that SCAG was working with other MPO's and other state agencies to seek potential administrative changes to the program.

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6. Connect SoCal 2024: Implementation Strategies Update

Camille Guiriba, Senior Regional Planner, provided an update on the implementation strategies included in the adopted regional transportation plan and sustainable community strategy Connect SoCal 2024. She stated SCAG's role in the region and 4 methods of support SCAG provides its partners. She reviewed the vision and goals and listed SCAG's accomplishments in clean transportation and climate resilience.

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair's report was given by Jeff Elder, Chief Council. Mr. Elder announced that Chair Plancarte's last official meeting as EEC Chair would be next month and Vice Chair Crosswhite would serve as Chair for the unexpired term through May 2025. He stated the December meeting of the EEC would have an item on the agenda for the election of a new EEC Vice Chair to fill the unexpired term. He requested that anyone wishing to nominate themselves or someone on the Committee for the position of Vice Chair to send Maggie Aguilar the name of the individual(s) no later than 5PM on



Friday, November 22, 2024. He stated that if there were no nominations received by the deadline, then nominations from the floor would be accepted and each candidate would be provided an opportunity to make a statement.

STAFF REPORT

Rachel Wagner, Government Affairs Officer, announced that SCAG would be hosting the Los Angeles County Mobile Workshop on Friday November 22, 2024, where SCAG members and executive staff would receive an exclusive tour of SoCalGas’s Hydrogen Home located in Downey. She stated the facility was North America’s first clean, renewable, hydrogen powered microgrid and attendees would be able to tour the site. She informed the committee members that if they were interested to contact Erik Rodriguez, Senior Government Affairs Officer for Los Angeles County at SCAG.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Regional Council Member Patricia Lock Dawson, Riverside, District 68, asked the committee members if they were attending COP 29.

Regional Council Member Damon Alexander, San Bernardino, District 7, announced San Bernardino had opened a hydrogen turbine.

Policy Committee Member Edward Wilson, Signal Hill, GCCOG, stated that the meeting was his last and provided farewell remarks.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Vice Chair Crosswhite adjourned the Energy and Environment Committee meeting at 11:39 a.m.

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ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

2024-2025

MEMBERS	Representing	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	Jun	Total Mtgs Attended To Date	
Alexander, Damon L.	San Bernardino, RC Distirct 7	0			1		1								2	
Beltran, Ana	Westmoreland, ICTC	0			0		0								0	
Bishop, Art	Apple Valley, SBCTA	1			1		1								3	
Brock, Phil	Santa Monica, WSCCOG	1			1		1								3	
Clark, Margaret	Rosemead, RC District 32	1			1		1								3	
Copeland, Robert	Signal Hill, GCCOG	1			0		1								2	
Crosswhite, Jenny	Santa Paula, RC District 47	1			1		1								3	
Davis, Ned	Westlake Village, LVMCOG	1			0		0								1	
Denison, Rick	Yucca Valley, RC District 11	1	D A R K		1		1								3	
Hernandez, Carmen	Barstow, SBCTA	1		1		1		1								3
Horne, Shari	Laguna Woods, OCCOG	1		1		1		1								3
Huff, Britt	Rolling Hills Estates, SCBCOG	1		1		1		1								3
Kalmick, Dan	Huntington Beach, OCCOG	1		1		1		1								3
Kalmick, Joe	Seal Beach, RC District 20	1		1		1		1								3
Leash, Steven	Cahuilla Band of Indians	1		1		1		0								2
Litster, Elaine	Simi Valley, VCOG	0		1		1		1								2
Lock Dawson, Patricia	Riverside, District 68			1		1		1								2
Lopez, Vianey	Ventura County	1		1		1		1								3
Meister, Lauren	West Hollywood, RC District 41	1		1		1		1								3
Moss, Cory	City of Industry, Pres. Apt							0								0
Plancarte, Luis	Imperial County	1				1		1								3
Ramos, Daniel	Adelanto, SBCTA	1				1		1								3
Sanchez, Jose	Los Angeles County, COC	0				0		0								0
Sanchez-Palacios, Jeanette	Ventura, VCOG	0				0		0								0
Schultz, Nick	Burbank, AVCJPA	1				1		0								2
Stark, Jennifer	Claremont, SGVCOG	1				1		0								2
Taj, Ali	Artesia, Pres. Apt	1			0		0								1	
Takahashi, Tamala	Burbank, SFVCOG	1			1		0								2	
Traut, Connor	Buena Park, OCCOG	1			1		0								2	
Virgen, Stephanie	Coachella, CVAG	1			1		0								2	
Welty, Dale	Canyon Lake, WRCOG	1			1		1								3	
Wilson, Edward H.J.	Signal Hill, GCCOG	1			1		1								3	