



Southern California Association of Governments  
900 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1700, Los Angeles, CA 90017

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2019

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**

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| 1.  | Sup. Linda Parks (Chair)                          | Ventura County  |
| 2.  | Sup. Luis Plancarte, Imperial County (Vice Chair) | Imperial County |
| 3.  | Hon. Margaret Clark, Rosemead                     | District 32     |
| 4.  | Hon. Ned Davis, Westlake Village                  | LVMCOG          |
| 5.  | Hon. Paula Devine, Glendale                       | AVCJPA          |
| 6.  | Hon. Jordan Ehrenkranz, Canyon Lake               | WRCOG           |
| 7.  | Hon. Larry Forester, Signal Hill                  | GCCOG           |
| 8.  | Hon. Mike Gardner, Riverside                      | WRCOG           |
| 9.  | Hon. Sandra Genis, Costa Mesa                     | OCCOG           |
| 10. | Hon. Shari Horne, Laguna Woods                    | OCCOG           |
| 11. | Hon. Diana Mahmud, South Pasadena                 | SGVCOG          |
| 12. | Hon. Judy Mitchell, Rolling Hills Estates         | District 40     |
| 13. | Hon. Jim Osborne, Lawndale                        | SBCCOG          |
| 14. | Hon. David Pollock, Moorpark                      | VCOG            |
| 15. | Hon. Carmen Ramirez, Oxnard                       | District 45     |
| 16. | Hon. Greg Rath, Mission Viejo                     | OCCOG           |
| 17. | Hon. Deborah Robertson, Rialto                    | District 8      |
| 18. | Hon. Meghan Sahli-Wells, Culver City              | WCCOG           |
| 19. | Hon. Emma Sharif, Compton                         | GCCOG           |
| 20. | Hon. Sharon Springer, Burbank                     | SFVCOG          |
| 21. | Hon. Bonnie Wright, Hemet                         | WRCOG           |

**Members Not Present**

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| 22. | Hon. Ana Beltran, Westmoreland  | ICTC                    |
| 23. | Hon. Maria Davila, South Gate   | GCCOG                   |
| 24. | Hon. Paul S. Leon, Ontario      | President’s Appointment |
| 25. | Hon. Cynthia Moran, Chino Hills | SBCTA                   |
| 26. | Hon. Judy Nelson, Glendora      | SGVCOG                  |
| 27. | Hon. John Valdivia              | SBCCOG                  |
| 28. | Hon. Edward H.J. Wilson         | GCCOG                   |

The Energy and Environment Committee (EEC) held its meeting at 900 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1700, Los Angeles, CA 90017. A quorum was present.

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## **CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Honorable Linda Parks, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and asked Councilmember Meghan Sahli-Wells, Culver City/WCCOG, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Chair Parks opened the public comment period.

Leeor Alpern, South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD), provided the members with updates to various programs underway at AQMD concerning air quality mitigation. AQMD partners with other transit agencies to address the use of cleaner fuels to improve air quality. Staff has information regarding the referenced programs as follows:

- Faith Leaders Panel Discussion/Breakfast, Feb. 21 in DTLA. Event is free, attendees must register
- AQMD's electric lawn mower program has been expanded to include commercial and governmental entities, in addition to residential. The electric mower trade-ins have been discontinued
- Nominations for Clean Air Awards will open in March 2019 and close in early July. Awards will be given at the AQMD Governing Board Meeting at the Los Angeles Grand Hotel on October 4, 2019.

Regional Councilmember Deborah Robertson, Rialto-District 8, provided commentary on additional air quality issues underway. At the end of 2018 the California Air Resources Board passed the Innovative Clean Transit Regulation, which requires all public transit fleets to convert to zero emission vehicles in phases. Highlights: By 2029 any public transit agency may only purchase zero emission vehicles. It is expected that full conversion will occur by 2035. Another focus is to transform Goods Movement to zero emissions. She reported that CARB received an \$800 million settlement from Volkswagen related to the "dieselgate" issues. The settlement is to be spent in 30-month phases, spending \$200 million per phase. Councilmember Robertson encouraged member cities to work with Electrify America when they come to communities. It has been reported that there have been permitting issues in some cities concerning the installation of electric charging ports.

Rhianna Fasson and Galena Peters from Water Education for Latino Leaders (WELL), invited all members to their annual conference, March 28-29, 2019 at the Queen Mary Hotel in Long Beach. There is no cost for elected leaders to attend the conference. WELL is a non-profit organization whose mission is to educate, engage and inform local Latino leaders on water policy and other water issues. Regional Councilmember Carmen Ramirez commented that this is a very good program with which to get involved.

Chair Parks welcomed new EEC members Sharon Springer, Burbank/SFVCOG and Greg Raths, Mission Viejo/OCCOG.

Chair Parks closed the public comment period.

## **REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS**

There was no reprioritization of the agenda.

## **ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEM**

### 1. Imperial County Walk Ride Learn

Chair Parks introduced the item and welcomed Rye Baerg, Program Manager, Active Transportation/Special Programs, to provide a presentation. Mr. Baerg informed the committee that upon approval by the EEC and Regional Council, SCAG would accept Active Transportation Program grant funds to assume responsibility and manage the Imperial County Walk Ride Learn Safe Routes program. He asked the committee to recommend that the Regional Council adopt Resolution Nos. 19-608-1 and 19-608-2, with a correction noted in the resolutions included in the packet that the amount of the grant funds should be \$224,000 instead of \$203,000.

A MOTION was made (Ramirez) to approve the motion with the correction noted by staff. Motion was SECONDED (Forester) and passed by the following votes:

**AYE/S:** Parks, Plancarte, Clark, Davis, Devine, Ehrenkranz, Forester, Gardner, Genis, Horne, Mahmud, Mitchell, Osborne, Pollock, Ramirez, Rath, Sahli-Wells, Sharif, Springer, Wright (20)

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

**ABSTAIN:** None (0).

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

### Approval Item

### 2. Minutes of the Meeting, November 1, 2018

### Receive and File

3. ATP Cycle 4 Update
4. Future Communities Pilot

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

**AYE/S:** Parks, Plancarte, Clark, Davis, Devine, Ehrenkranz, Forester, Gardner, Genis, Horne, Mahmud, Mitchell, Osborne, Pollock, Ramirez, Rath, Sahli-Wells, Sharif (18)

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

**ABSTAIN:** Springer, Wright (2).

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### 5. Connect SoCal: Planning for Children and Families

Chair Parks introduced the item and welcomed Angelica Baltazar, Executive Director, Lewis-San Antonio Healthy Communities Institute (HCI). Sarah Jepson, SCAG Manager of Active Transportation and Special Programs provided introductory context to the program and summarized the information being presented to the Committee. Illustrating with a PowerPoint, Ms. Baltazar presented on *Connect SoCal: Planning for Children and Families*, and the shifting dynamics of the population structure in general. She discussed the importance of beginning to evaluate these changes now, estimating an increase in population of 3.8 million people over the next 20-25 years. It is forecast that by 2040 the Hispanic community will grow to 53%, a majority of the population. In order to prepare for these changing dynamics, it is critical that communities are planning now for the growing housing and transportation infrastructure demands. The Committee requested the PowerPoint presented by Ms. Baltazar be emailed to all committee members.

On behalf of the EEC members, Chair Parks thanked Ms. Baltazar for her presentation.

6. ARB SB 150 Report on SB375 Implementation Progress

No presentation was provide on this item due to lack of time.

7. ARB Draft Guidelines on SCS Evaluation

No presentation was provided on this item due to lack of time.

8. NOP and Scoping Meetings for the Connect SoCal PEIR

Chair Parks introduced the item and welcomed Roland Ok, SCAG Senior Regional Planner. SCAG staff prepared a Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the Connect SoCal (2020 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategies) Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR), and the EEC approved the NOP to be released on January 23, 2019. The NOP provides a brief overview of the environmental issues associated with Connect SoCal. The release of the NOP initiates the PEIR preparation process for Connect SoCal, required under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), which begins with a 30-day public review from January 23-February 22, 2019. Additionally, two Public Scoping Meetings are scheduled for Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at the SCAG Headquarters from 3:00-5:00 pm and 6:30-8:30 pm in Policy Room A. Members of the public are encouraged to participate. Except for the Ventura Regional Office teleconference options are available at all other locations; webcasting is also available. Following the Scoping Meeting stakeholder outreach will take place.

9. Connect SoCal Environmental Justice Outreach Update

Chair Parks introduced the item and welcomed Anita Au, SCAG Associate Regional Planner. Today's presentation included an update of activities associated with Connect SoCal Environmental Justice (EJ) Outreach. The EJ outreach was initiated in May 2018 via the EJ Working Group. The work plan for EJ includes two major components, 1) EJ Working Group which also includes website updates and pop-up events; 2) The second component is working with the subregions through a program known as "Office Hours." Two additional strategies include General Public Workshops and Focus Groups that will be launched later in the year. Outreach will begin late February and continue throughout the year. Invitations regarding the upcoming sessions will be shared with all subregional agencies. The EJ website is in the process of being updated and will include meeting summaries and other relevant information.

## 10. Connect SoCal: Public Health Framework

Chair Parks introduced the item and welcomed Hannah Brunelle, SCAG Assistant Regional Planner. Ms. Brunelle provided a brief overview of the Public Health Framework component of Connect SoCal that included a review of the 2016-2040 RTP/SCS health framework appendix. Studies have shown that public health outcomes are affected by the policies and procedures of many sectors. The public health framework appendix provides a single hub for policy-makers and interested stakeholders to access data that impacts the public health and outlines the relationships between land-use, transportation and public health as a resource for local planning.

### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

A report was not provided.

### **STAFF REPORT**

A report was not provided.

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEM/S**

None

### **ANNOUNCEMENT/S**

There were no additional announcements.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Parks adjourned the EEC meeting at 12:00 p.m. in honor of former Regional Councilmember Greg Pettis, Cathedral City who recently passed away. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 7, 2019.

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**ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT**

2019

MEMBERS	Date Appointed if after 1/1/19	Representing	COUNTY	2019												Total Mtgs Attended To Date	
				Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec		
Beltran, Ana		Westmoreland, ICTC	Imperial		1												1
Clark, Margaret		Rosemead, RC District 32	Los Angeles		1												1
Davila, Maria		South Gate, GCCOG	Los Angeles														0
Davis, Ned		Westlake Village, LVMCOG	Los Angeles		0												0
Delach, Peggy		Covina, RC District 33	Los Angeles		0												0
Devine, Paula		Glendale, AVCJPA	Los Angeles		1												1
Ehrenkranz, Jordan		Canyon Lake, WRCOG	Riverside		1												1
Englander, Mitchell		Los Angeles, RC District 59	Los Angeles		0												0
Forester, Larry		Signal Hill, GCCOG	Los Angeles		1												1
Gardner, Mike		Riverside, WRCOG	Riverside		1												1
Genis, Sandra		Costa Mesa, OCCOG	Orange		1												1
Horne, Shari		Laguna Woods, OCCOG	Orange		1												1
Mahmud, Diana		So. Pasadena, SGVCOG	Los Angeles		0												0
Mitchell, Judy		Rolling Hills Estates, RC District 40	Los Angeles		1												1
Moran, Cynthia		Chino Hills, SBCTA	San Bernardino		1												1
Nelson, Judy		Glendora, SGVCOG	Los Angeles		0												0
Osborne, Jim		Lawndale, SBCCOG	Los Angeles		0												0
Parks, Linda (CHAIR)		Ventura County	Ventura		1												1
Plancarte, Luis (Vice Chair)		Imperial County	Imperial		1												1
Pollock, David		Moorpark, VCOG	Ventura		1												1
Ramirez, Carmen		Oxnard, RC District 45	Ventura		1												1
Robertson, Deborah		Rialto, RC District 8	San Bernardino		0												0
Rosenthal, Laura		Malibu, RC District 44	Los Angeles		0												0
Sahli-Wells, Meghan		Culver City, RC District 41	Los Angeles		1												1
Sanchez, Betty		Coachella, CVAG	Riverside		1												1
Sharif, Emma		Compton, RC District 26	Los Angeles		1												1
Williams, Diane		Rancho Cucamonga, SBCTA	San Bernardino		1												1
Wilson, Edward H.J.		Signal Hill, GCCOG	Los Angeles		1												1
Wright, Bonnie		Hemet, WRCOG	Riverside		1												1
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