



Southern California Association of Governments
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May 7, 2020

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2020

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) 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	WSCCOG
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	ICTC
Hon. Margaret Clark, Rosemead	District 32
Hon. Robert Copeland, Signal Hill	GCCOG

OUR MISSION

To foster innovative regional solutions that improve the lives of Southern Californians through inclusive collaboration, visionary planning, regional advocacy, information sharing, and promoting best practices.

OUR VISION

Southern California's Catalyst for a Brighter Future

OUR CORE VALUES

Be Open | Lead by Example | Make an Impact | Be Courageous

Hon. Maria Davila, South Gate	GCCOG
Hon. Paula Devine, Glendale	AVCJPA
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 (Osborne) to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion was SECONDED (Rollins) and passed by the following votes:

AYE/S: Davis, Ehrenkranz, Genis, Litster, Ortiz, Osborne, Plancarte, Pollock, Ramirez, Rollins, Sahli-Wells, Sharif and Springer (13)

NOE/S: None (0)

ABSTAIN/S: None (0)

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 Waggoner
Energy and Environment Committee Clerk

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ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

2019-20

MEMBERS	Date Appointed if after 5/1/19	Representing	2019-20												Total Mtgs Attended To Date	
			May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr		
Beltran, Ana		Westmoreland, ICTC		0		0	1	0	0				1	0		2
Clark, Margaret		Rosemead, RC District 32		1		1	1	1	1				1	0		6
Copeland, Robert	Jun-19	Signal Hill, GCCOG		1		0	1	0	1				1	0		4
Davila, Maria		South Gate, GCCOG		0		0	0	0	0				0	0		0
Davis, Ned		Westlake Village, LVMCOG		1		1	0	1	1				1	1		6
Devine, Paula		Glendale, AVCJPA		1		0	1	0	1				1	0		4
Ehrenkranz, Jordan		Canyon Lake, WRCOG		1		0	1	0	1				1	1		5
Gardner, Mike		Riverside, WRCOG		1		1	1	0	1							4
Genis, Sandra		Costa Mesa, OCCOG		1		1	1	1	1				1	1		7
Horne, Shari		Laguna Woods, OCCOG		1		1	1	0	1				1	0		5
Litster, Elaine	Feb-20	Simi Valley, VCOG											1	1		2
Mahmud, Diana		So. Pasadena, SGVCOG		1		0	1	1	1				1	1		6
Mitchell, Judy		Rolling Hills Estates, RC District 40		0		0	1	1	1				1	1		5
Momberger, Toni	Aug-19	Redlands, SBCTA				1	0	1	1				1	0		4
Moran, Cynthia		Chino Hills, SBCTA	D	0	D	0	0	0	0	D	D		0	0		0
Morena, Greg	May-19	Santa Monica, WCCOG	A	0	R	1	0	0	1	A	A		0	1		3
Ortiz, Oscar		Indio, CVAG	R	1	K	1	1	1	1	R	R		1	1		7
Osborne, Jim		Lawndale, SBCCOG	K	1		0	1	1	0	K	K		1	1		5
Parks, Linda (CHAIR)		Ventura County		1		0	1	1	0				1	0		4
Pearce, Jeannine		Long Beach, District 30				0	0	0	1				1	1		3
Plancarte, Luis		Imperial County		0		1	1	1	1				0	1		5
Pollock, David (Vice Chair)		Moorpark, VCOG		1		1	1	1	1				1	1		7
Pulido, Miguel	Feb-20	Santa Ana, OCTA											0	1		0
Ramirez, Carmen		Oxnard, RC District 45		1		1	1	1	1				1	1		7
Raths, Greg		Mission Viejo, OCCOG		0		0	0	1	0				0	0		1
Robertson, Deborah		Rialto, RC District 8		0		1	1	0	1				1	0		4
Sahli-Wells, Meghan		Culver City, RC District 41		0		1	1	1	1				1	1		6
Shader, Rhonda	Jun-19	Placentia, President's Appointment		0		0	0	1	1				1	0		3
Sharif, Emma		Compton, RC District 26		1		1	1	1	1				1	1		7
Springer, Sharon		Burbank, SFVCOG		1		1	1	1	1				1	1		7
Valdivia, John		San Bernardino, SBCCOG		0		1	0	0	0				0	0		1
Wilson, Edward H.J.		Signal Hill, GCCOG		1		0	0	1	1				1	0		4
Wright, Bonnie		Hemet, WRCOG		0		0	0	0	0				0	0		0

Attachment: EEC Attendance Sheet 2019-20 (Minutes of the Meeting - March 5, 2020)