



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

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
THURSDAY, MARCH 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. Sandra Genis, Costa Mesa                     | OCCOG           |
| 7.  | Hon. Shari Horne, Laguna Woods                    | OCCOG           |
| 8.  | Hon. Diana Mahmud, South Pasadena                 | SGVCOG          |
| 9.  | Hon. Judy Mitchell, Rolling Hills Estates         | District 40     |
| 10. | Hon. Cynthia Moran, Chino Hills                   | SBCTA           |
| 11. | Hon. Oscar Ortiz, Indio                           | CVAG            |
| 12. | Hon. David Pollock, Moorpark                      | VCOG            |
| 13. | Hon. Carmen Ramirez, Oxnard                       | District 45     |
| 14. | Hon. Greg Raths, Mission Viejo                    | OCCOG           |
| 15. | Hon. Meghan Sahli-Wells, Culver City              | WCCOG           |
| 16. | Hon. Emma Sharif, Compton                         | GCCOG           |
| 17. | Hon. Sharon Springer, Burbank                     | SFVCOG          |
| 18. | Hon. Edward H.J. Wilson                           | GCCOG           |

**Members Not Present**

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| 19. | Hon. Ana Beltran, Westmoreland      | ICTC                    |
| 20. | Hon. Maria Davila, South Gate       | GCCOG                   |
| 21. | Hon. Jordan Ehrenkranz, Canyon Lake | WRCOG                   |
| 22. | Hon. Larry Forester, Signal Hill    | GCCOG                   |
| 23. | Hon. Mike Gardner, Riverside        | WRCOG                   |
| 24. | Hon. Paul S. Leon, Ontario          | President's Appointment |
| 25. | Hon. Judy Nelson, Glendora          | SGVCOG                  |
| 26. | Hon. Jim Osborne, Lawndale          | SBCCOG                  |
| 27. | Hon. Deborah Robertson, Rialto      | District 8              |
| 28. | Hon. John Valdivia                  | SBCCOG                  |
| 29. | Hon. Bonnie Wright, Hemet           | WRCOG                   |

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

**CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Honorable Linda Parks, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:38AM, and invited Honorable Supervisor Luis Plancarte, Imperial County/Vice Chair, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Chair Parks opened the public comment period. There being no public comment requests, Chair Parks moved forward with the prepared agenda.

### **REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS**

There was no reprioritization of the agenda.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

#### **Approval Item**

1. Minutes of the Meeting, February 7, 2019

#### **Receive and File**

2. Report on SCAG's Bottom-Up Local Input and Envisioning Process for Connect SoCal and RHNA
3. SCAG Sustainable Communities Program

A MOTION was made (Mahmud) to approve the Consent Calendar, with a correction noted on the February 7, 2019 minutes reflecting the Honorable Greg Rath, Mission Viejo/OCCOG as present. Motion was SECONDED (Horne) and passed by the following votes:

**AYE/S:** Parks, Plancarte, Clark, Davis, Devine, Genis, Horne, Mahmud, Moran, Ortiz, Pollock, Ramirez, Rath, Sahli-Wells, Sharif, Springer (16)

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

**ABSTAIN:** None (0).

Chair Parks introduced and welcomed new EEC member, the Honorable Oscar Ortiz, Indio, CVAG.

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

4. Emerging Regional Issues: Where Will We Grow?

Chair Parks introduced the item and welcomed Jason Greenspan, SCAG Manager of Sustainability to provide an update on the research and collaboration efforts that have taken place over the past 15 months within SCAG's jurisdictions. Mr. Greenspan shared the next step for staff will be to forecast regional development patterns based on what staff has heard. There are areas with existing or planned transportation infrastructure in established urban and suburban centers that can absorb future growth. There are also opportunities for growth in more remote locations, areas that may increase the regions per capita greenhouse gas emissions (GHG), and also be vulnerable to climate stressors like wildfire, extreme heat and flooding. The challenge for the Sustainability Community Strategy (SCS), will be to provide as many mobility choices as possible, while preserving the region's resources and improving air quality.

Mr. Greenspan invited Ms. Kate Meis, Executive Director, Local Government Commission (LGC) to continue the discussion initiated during the Joint Policy Committee Meeting. Chair Parks referenced that LGC holds many conferences throughout the year that have many great speakers and valuable information. Members were encouraged to attend if available.

Ms. Meis' presentation centered on opportunities and challenges for developing more resource-efficient communities, in the areas of energy, housing and transportation needs. Another issue discussed was parking requirements related to housing and transportation growth. She cited that the amount of land in Los Angeles and surrounding communities dedicated to automobile transit is greater than housing, parks and other areas combined. Members were directed to Assembly Bill 744 (Chau) for additional information to adjust parking requirements in their communities. Assembly Bill 744 allows developers to make a case that they do not need the level of parking allocated for a specific development, if a parking feasibility study is unavailable providing an opposite opinion.

It was referenced that many of the maps used to illustrate today's messages were obtained through the [Center for Neighborhood Technologies](#). Members were encouraged to visit the site for additional information.

In closing, Ms. Meis commented, we can plan for areas that will meet multiple needs addressing emerging trends that are attractive and relevant to the community. Ms. Meis addressed questions and comments from the members.

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

#### 5. ARB SB 150 Report on SB 375 Implementation Progress

This item was carried over from the February 7, 2019 committee meeting. Chair Parks introduced the item and welcomed Ping Chang, SCAG Manager of Compliance and Performance Monitoring who reported on the progress of Senate Bill (SB) 375 implementation. He presented a historic illustration of SB 375 commencing in 2008 and culminating in the November 2018 release of California Air Resources Board (ARB) first progress report.

Mr. Chang continued his presentation with a summary of his review of the ARB Senate Bill (SB) 150 Report. This report addresses two key questions:

- A. How are we doing with the implementation of Senate Bill 375?
- B. How should we move forward in different ways?

In response to questions, Mr. Chang informed the committee that while SB 375 requires a metropolitan planning organization to develop a Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS), it is a guidance document only, not a mandate. Whether SCAG achieves the SCS goals will depend on many factors. The overarching goal of SB 375 is to align transportation system investments and housing to reduce the necessity of light duty vehicle travel. SCAG is addressing these issues in its Connect SoCal/SCS initiatives.

#### 6. ARB Draft Guidelines on SCS Evaluation

This item was carried over from the February 7, 2019 committee meeting. Chair Parks introduced the item and welcomed Ping Chang, SCAG Manager of Compliance and Performance Monitoring who reported on the ARB Draft Guidelines on SCS Evaluation.

The ARB Draft Guidelines provide guidance for how the MPOs will prepare their next Sustainable Communities Strategies. This ARB report is still in draft form and is likely to be adopted by the ARB board in April 2019.

Staff summarized the difference of how ARB would evaluate the SCS compared to the past. In the past ARB's determination of the compliance of the SCS focused very narrowly as to whether the region would achieve the required GHG emission reduction target. This will no longer be the case; the main difference is that ARB will use a broader strategy-based framework.

Going forward the SCS should demonstrate a realistic basis, such that the SCS strategies would have a track record relating to implementation. Further, SCAG cannot propose a very aggressive strategy, without identifying the specific actions needed. The challenge to the SCAG Region is that SCAG does not have land use and transportation system implementation authority. This is an opportunity for SCAG to work closely with local jurisdictions and transportation agencies regarding SCS implementation.

## 7. Sustainable Communities Strategy Framework Update

Chair Parks introduced the item and welcomed Sarah Dominguez, SCAG Senior Regional Planner. Sarah provided a brief executive summary from her report and noted there was no action required of the committee at this time. Due to limited time, and the importance of this report, Chair Parks requested this item be continued to the next meeting.

### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

A report was not provided.

### **STAFF REPORT**

Grieg Asher, SCAG Program Manager, noted that the elections for Policy Committee Officers (Chairs and Vice Chairs) will take place at the April meeting.

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

Honorable Edward Wilson, Signal Hill/GCCOG requested the EEC Committee direct staff to review SCAG policies as it applies to SCAG employees receiving a car allowance and how to potentially apply the use of alternative fuels vehicles as an incentive.

Chair Linda Parks commented that in considering changes to SCAG policies, one of the things to push for is not using plastic water bottles in SCAG's offices, and water containers may alternatively be utilized.

The Committee directed staff to explore how to move these items forward.

### **ANNOUNCEMENT/S**

None.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Parks adjourned the Energy and Environment committee meeting at 12:01PM. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 4, 2019 from 10:30AM – 12:00PM

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Respectfully Submitted by:  
Vicki Hahn, CMC  
Deputy Clerk of the Board

**ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT**

2019

MEMBERS	Date Appointed if after 1/1/19	Representing	COUNTY	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total Mtgs Attended To Date
Beltran, Ana		Westmoreland, ICTC	Imperial		0	0										0
Clark, Margaret		Rosemead, RC District 32	Los Angeles		1	1										2
Davila, Maria		South Gate, GCCOG	Los Angeles		0	0										0
Davis, Ned		Westlake Village, LVMCOG	Los Angeles		1	1										2
Devine, Paula		Glendale, AVCJPA	Los Angeles		1	1										2
Ehrenkranz, Jordan		Canyon Lake, WRCOG	Riverside		1	0										1
Forester, Larry		Signal Hill, GCCOG	Los Angeles		1	0										1
Gardner, Mike		Riverside, WRCOG	Riverside		1	0										1
Genis, Sandra		Costa Mesa, OCCOG	Orange		1	1										2
Horne, Shari		Laguna Woods, OCCOG	Orange		1	1										2
Leon, Paul		Ontario, President's Appointment	San Bernardino		0	0										0
Mahmud, Diana		So. Pasadena, SGVCOG	Los Angeles		1	1										2
Mitchell, Judy		Rolling Hills Estates, RC District 40	Los Angeles		1	1										2
Moran, Cynthia		Chino Hills, SBCTA	San Bernardino		0	1										1
Nelson, Judy		Glendora, SGVCOG	Los Angeles		0	0										0
Ortiz, Oscar	Mar-19	Indio, CVAG	Riverside			1										1
Osborne, Jim		Lawndale, SBCCOG	Los Angeles		1	0										1
Parks, Linda (CHAIR)		Ventura County	Ventura		1	1										2
Plancarte, Luis (Vice Chair)		Imperial County	Imperial		1	1										2
Pollock, David		Moorpark, VCOG	Ventura		1	1										2
Ramirez, Carmen		Oxnard, RC District 45	Ventura		1	1										2
Raths, Greg	Feb-19	Mission Viejo, RC	Orange		1	1										2
Robertson, Deborah		Rialto, RC District 8	San Bernardino		1	0										1
Sahli-Wells, Meghan		Culver City, RC District 41	Los Angeles		1	1										2
Sharif, Emma		Compton, RC District 26	Los Angeles		1	1										2
Springer, Sharon		Burbank, SFVCOG	Los Angeles		1	1										2
Valdivia, John		San Bernardino, SBCCOG	San Bernardino		0	0										0
Wilson, Edward H.J.		Signal Hill, GCCOG	Los Angeles		0	1										1
Wright, Bonnie		Hemet, WRCOG	Riverside		1	0										1
VACANT		BIASC	Orange		0											0

Attachment: EEC Meeting Minutes - March 7 2019 (Minutes of the Meeting - March 7, 2019)