



Southern California Association of Governments
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October 3, 2019

**ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2019**

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 FOR LISTENING IN SCAG’S OFFICE.

The Energy and Environment Committee (EEC) met at SCAG, 900 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1700, Los Angeles, CA 90017. A quorum was present.

Members Present

Sup. Linda Parks (Chair)	Ventura County
Hon. David Pollock, Moorpark (Vice Chair)	District 46
Hon. Ana Beltran, Westmoreland	ICTC
Hon. Margaret Clark, Rosemead	District 32
Hon. Robert Copeland, Signal Hill	GCCOG
Hon. Paula Devine, Glendale	AVCJPA
Hon. Jordan Ehrenkranz, Canyon Lake	WRCOG
Hon. Mike Gardner, Riverside	WRCOG
Hon. Sandra Genis, Costa Mesa	OCCOG
Hon. Shari Horne, Laguna Woods	OCCOG
Hon. Diana Mahmud, South Pasadena	SGVCOG
Hon. Judy Mitchell, Rolling Hills Estates	District 40
Hon. Oscar Ortiz, Indio	CVAG
Hon. James Osborne, Lawndale	SBCCOG
Sup. Luis Plancarte, Imperial County	Imperial County
Hon. Carmen Ramirez, Oxnard	District 45
Hon. Deborah Robertson, Rialto	District 8
Hon. Meghan Sahli-Wells, Culver City	WCCOG
Hon. Emma Sharif, Compton	GCCOG
Hon. Sharon Springer, Burbank	SFVCOG

Members Not Present

Hon. Maria Davila, South Gate	GCCOG
Hon. Ned Davis, Westlake Village	LVMCOG

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. Toni Momberger, Redlands	SBCTA
Hon. Greg Morena, Santa Monica	WSCCOG
Hon. Cynthia Moran, Chino Hills	SBCTA
Hon. Judy Nelson, Glendora	SGVCOG
Hon. Greg Raths, Mission Viejo	OCCOG
Hon. Rhonda Shader, Placentia	President's Appointment
Hon. John Valdivia, San Bernardino	SBCCOG
Hon. Edward H.J. Wilson, Signal Hill	GCCOG

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Linda Parks called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and asked Vice Chair David Pollock to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Parks expressed appreciation for Vice Chair Pollock who presided over the EEC meeting during her absence last month.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Chair Parks opened the Public Comment period.

Leor Alpern, South Coast Air Quality Management District, invited the members to South Coast AQMD's Environmental Justice Conference, "Building Alliances and Progressive Solutions," scheduled for Thursday, September 12, from 9AM - 1PM, at The Center at Cathedral Plaza, 555 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012. This event is co-sponsored by SCAG where there will be a plenary session regarding how community-specific strategies, such as AB 617, address air pollution issues in environmental justice communities. He also invited the members to the Annual Clean Air Awards, scheduled for Friday, October 4, at 11:30AM at The L.A. Grand Hotel, 333 South Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, CA 90071.

Chair Parks closed the Public Comment period.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

Chair Parks announced that Agenda Item No. 7 relating to "Connect SoCal Goods Movement Environmental Strategy" will be taken first after Agenda Item No. 5, "Connect SoCal Electric Vehicle Strategy."

CONSENT CALENDAR

Chair Parks noted Item No. 2 of the agenda packet regarding September is California's Pedestrian

Safety Month, is dedicated to educating drivers and pedestrians about safe roadway habits and reducing the number of pedestrians killed and injured on California roadways. She stated staff is conducting activities throughout September to recognize and promote available resources for safety and during “Walktober,” for the month of October. She invited the members to stop by the Reception area as Go Human is showcasing a “pop-up” parklet from the Go Human Kit of Parts. SCAG staff will provide a demonstration of the Go Human resources, which are designed to help support your jurisdiction’s efforts to engage and educate about public spaces, climate change, environmental resiliency, and traffic safety in an interactive and fun way.

Approval Item

1. Minutes of the Meeting - August 1, 2019

Received and File

2. September is Pedestrian Safety Month
3. Connect SoCal Job Center Strategies
4. EAC Retreat Housing Discussion Follow-up

A MOTION was made (Sahli-Wells) to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion was SECONDED (Sharif) and passed by the following votes:

AYE/S: Clark, Copeland, Devine, Gardner, Horne, Mahmud, Plancarte, Parks, Pollock, Sahli-Wells, Sharif and Ortiz (12)

NOE/S: None (0)

ABSTAIN/S: Osborne (1)

INFORMATION ITEMS

5. Connect SoCal Electric Vehicle (EV) Strategy

Chair Parks introduced the item and asked Sarah Jepson, Acting Director of Planning, to provide background information.

Ms. Jepson provided an overview of Connect SoCal [referred to as the “Plan”] policy discussions, actions and timeline until the review and adoption of the final Plan in April 2, 2020. She noted the

broad range of goals and performance metrics that we are trying to achieve especially greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction targets as one of the big goals of the Plan to meet the requirements of SB 375 which also includes the integration of a Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) as part of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). Ms. Jepson discussed the policy and technical challenges associated with a higher regional GHG emissions reduction target for 2035; and greater penalties if targets are not achieved. At this point in time, she asked Joe Cryer, SCAG staff, to provide information on the EV Strategy.

Mr. Cryer provided a presentation regarding SCAG's EV efforts, Plug-in Electric Vehicle (PEV) plan resources; Southern California's PEV readiness atlas; growth registrations; link between EVs and EV charging Stations, EV Strategies; Readiness Project List and CSP project areas. In closing, Mr. Cryer invited the members to attend the AltCar Expo and Conference scheduled for October 16, 2019 at the Riverside Convention Center and November 2, 2019 at the Santa Monica Community College.

On behalf of the EEC, Chair Parks thanked Sarah Jepson and Joe Cryer for their presentation.

7. Connect SoCal Goods Movement Environmental Strategy

Chair Parks introduced the item and asked Alison Linder, SCAG staff, to provide background information.

Ms. Linder reported on Connect SoCal's plan for Goods Movement environmental challenges, strategy and action plan. She noted the air quality requirements and related regulatory initiatives which are under development and SCAG's and partner agencies' roles and responsibilities including ongoing and potential study areas for SCAG. In closing, Ms. Linder discussed the Goods Movement Four-Step Technology Advancement Strategy.

On behalf of the EEC, Chair Parks thanked Alison Linder for her presentation.

6. Transportation Safety Element in Connect SoCal

Chair Parks introduced the item and asked Hina Chanchlani, SCAG staff, to provide background information.

Ms. Chanchlani provided an overview of SCAG's transportation safety goals, strategies and provided examples for improving safety for aging populations. She noted SCAG's action plans including safe systems approach regarding Vision Zero, Road to Zero (RTZ) and Towards Zero Deaths (TZD) strategies. In closing, Ms. Chanchlani provided an overview of Map 21 federal requirements and the goal of AB 2363's Zero Traffic Fatalities Taskforce.

On behalf of the EEC, Chair Parks thanked Hina Chanchlani for her presentation.

CHAIR'S REPORT

A report was not provided.

STAFF REPORT

A report was not provided.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEM/S

Councilmember Mike Gardner, Riverside, requested to add an item on the agenda regarding recycling. He stated that California's largest operator of recycling redemption center, Re-Planet, closed down due to increased business costs and falling prices of recycled materials.

Councilmember Diana Mahmud, So. Pasadena, similarly suggested exploring the feasibility of SCAG sponsoring legislation to conform to the practice of other states with successful recycling efforts that require retailers to take back various recyclable materials.

ANNOUNCEMENT/S

Chair Parks announced that October 2, 2019 is the Annual California Clean Air Day where people and organizations across the state take the clean air pledge to make a difference.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Parks adjourned the Energy and Environment Committee meeting at 12:00 p.m.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 3, 2019 at the SCAG Los Angeles, Office.

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ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

2019-20

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

Attachment: EEC Attendance Sheet 2019 (Minutes of the Meeting - September 5, 2019)