



Southern California Association of Governments
900 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1700, Los Angeles, California 90017
November 7, 2019

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 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 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

- Sup. Linda Parks (Chair)
Hon. David Pollock, Moorpark (Vice Chair)
Hon. Margaret Clark, Rosemead
Hon. Ned Davis, Westlake Village
Hon. Mike Gardner, Riverside
Hon. Sandra Genis, Costa Mesa
Hon. Diana Mahmud, South Pasadena
Hon. Judy Mitchell, Rolling Hills Estates
Hon. Oscar Ortiz, Indio
Hon. James Osborne, Lawndale
Sup. Luis Plancarte, Imperial County
Hon. Carmen Ramirez, Oxnard
Hon. Greg Raths, Mission Viejo
Hon. Meghan Sahli-Wells, Culver City
Hon. Rhonda Shader, Placentia
Hon. Emma Sharif, Compton
Hon. Sharon Springer, Burbank
Hon. Edward H.J. Wilson, Signal Hill
Ventura County
District 46
District 32
LVMCOG
WRCOG
OCCOG
SGVCOG
District 40
CVAG
SBCCOG
Imperial County
District 45
OCCOG
WCCOG
President's Appointment
GCCOG
SFVCOG
GCCOG

Members Not Present

- Hon. Ana Beltran, WestmorelandICTC
Hon. Robert Copeland, Signal Hill
Hon. Paula Devine, Glendale
Hon. Jordan Ehrenkranz, Canyon Lake
GCCOG
AVCJPA
WRCOG

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. Shari Horne, Laguna Woods	OCCOG
Hon. Toni Momberger, Redlands	SBCTA
Hon. Greg Morena, Santa Monica	WSCCOG
Hon. Cynthia Moran, Chino Hills	SBCTA
Hon. Judy Nelson, Glendora	SGVCOG
Hon. Deborah Robertson, Rialto	District 8
Hon. John Valdivia, San Bernardino	SBCCOG

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Linda Parks called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and asked Mayor Ned Davis to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Seeing there were no public comment speakers, Chair Parks closed the Public Comment period.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

Chair Parks acknowledged there was no request to prioritize agenda items.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval Item

1. Minutes of the Meeting - September 5, 2019
2. Authorization to Approve Notice of Exemption (NOE) for SCAG 2017 Disadvantaged Communities Active Transportation

Received and File

3. Walktober and International Walk to School Month

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

AYE/S: Davis, Gardner, Mahmud, Momberger, Ortiz, Osborne, Parks, Plancarte, Pollock, Raths, Sahli-Wells and Springer (12)

NOE/S: None (0)

ABSTAIN/S: None (0)

INFORMATION ITEMS

4. Connect SoCal Natural and Farm Lands Conservation

Chair Parks introduced the item and asked India Brookover, SCAG staff, to provide a presentation and background information.

Ms. Brookover began her presentation by providing an overview of the natural (habitat) lands and farm lands in the SCAG region. She discussed the challenges faced by loss of 300 square miles of farmlands or agricultural lands in the region. She also discussed the challenges of increased wild-urban or greenfield development and habitat fragmentation including the policy and regulatory framework of SB 375 and AB 32 and how this relates to conservation in Connect SoCal's goals. Ms. Brookover also discussed SCAG's SCS and the growth constraint areas including the natural lands conservation areas data and methodology. In closing, she discussed the next steps and all the great work that is currently being done in the region such as the L.A. County Significant Ecological Areas ordinance; Liberty Canyon Wildlife Crossing; OCTA Measure M2 Freeway Environmental Mitigation Program; San Bernardino County RCIS, Rancho Mission Viejo and Palm Springs Agrihoods and the Ventura County Habitat Connectivity and Wildlife Corridor Ordinance.

On behalf of the EEC, Chair Parks thanked India Brookover for her presentation.

5. Connect SoCal Environmental Justice (EJ) Report

Chair Parks introduced the item and asked Anita Au and Tom Vo, SCAG staff, to provide a presentation.

Anita Au, SCAG staff, provided background information regarding SCAG's EJ Program which stems from regulatory compliance such as Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the California Government Code Section 11135. She discussed the purpose of the EJ Toolbox and how this relates to the EJ component of Connect SoCal including promoting a healthy, safe and sanitary housing; and the recommended practices and approaches for active living, active transportation and physical activity; climate vulnerability and resiliency; and exposure impacts of air quality and air pollution.

Tom Vo, SCAG staff, described the technical updates of the EJ Report such as: regional, local and

community analysis; EJ improvements; performance indicators; jobs-housing imbalance; neighborhood changes and displacement; and qualitative analysis of SB 1. In closing, Mr. Vo stated that SCAG will continue to work on the EJ Report component of Connect SoCal in anticipation of the November 2019 draft release of the Plan.

On behalf of the EEC, Chair Parks thanked Anita au and Tom Vo for their presentation.

6. SB 1383 Short-Lived Climate Pollutants Regulations Update

Chair Parks introduced the item and welcomed CalRecycle staff, Jaenna Wessling and Nicole Macatrao, to provide a presentation.

As an environmental scientist at CalRecycle, Jaenna Wessling provided an overview of the SB 1383's organic waste reduction requirements in California and reported that CalRecycle has just released a new revised draft of the SB 1383 Short-Lived Climate Pollutants Regulations for a 15-day written public comment and review period ending October 18, 2019. Ms. Wessling stated that while CalRecycle is still in a formal rulemaking process, the regulations are not finalized and may not be able to answer or comment on some of the EEC members' questions after the presentation but will bring those questions to their SB 1383 team at CalRecycle.

Ms. Wessling provided information on SB 1383 and reported that organic waste is the largest waste stream in California. She discussed the negative impacts of climate change; SB 1383 requirements, whereby regulations will take effect in 2022; and the bill's key implementation dates and key jurisdiction dates and responsibilities. Ms. Wessling also discussed that each local government plays a vital role in the implementation of SB 1383 and that each jurisdiction's enforceable requirements for each resident and business.

Nicole Macatrao, CalRecycle environmental scientist, also noted the requirements for jurisdictions' education outreach to the communities especially providing materials to linguistically-isolated households. Ms. Macatrao also discussed the compliance requirements for construction, landscaping and infrastructure including inspection and enforcement requirements on commercial food generators. She also discussed the record-keeping requirements as CalRecycle's oversight will begin in 2022. In closing, Ms. Macatrao reminded the EEC members that SB 1383 is a statewide target and not a jurisdiction organic waste diversion target. For more information, she asked the members to visit CalRecycle's website at: <https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp>

Chair Parks opened the floor for discussion and questions.

EEC Vice Chair David Pollock, Moorpark, District 46, asked a question regarding if any consideration is being given to the effects of greenhouse gas as we start encouraging [at-home]

composting.

Councilmember Carmen Ramirez, Oxnard, District 45, requested for a copy of CalRecycle's PowerPoint presentation. SCAG staff acknowledged the request by sending a copy of the presentation to all members of the EEC.

Councilmember Meghan Sahli-Wells, Culver City, District 41, shared information regarding Culver City's community-wide composting program and offered providing advice to those cities who are implementing a similar program.

Councilmember Margaret Clark, Rosemead, District 32, asked a question whether CalRecycle provides financial assistance or grant funding to cities in order to meet SB 1383 requirements.

Councilmember Greg Raths, Mission Viejo, OCCOG, expressed concerns regarding the increased costs associated with meeting the requirements of the state-mandated bill and asked who authored the bill. [In September 2016, Governor Brown signed into law SB 1383 (Lara, Chapter 395, Statutes of 2016), establishing methane emissions reduction targets in a statewide effort to reduce emissions of short-lived climate pollutants (SLCP) in various sectors of California's economy.]

Councilmember Sandra Genis, Costa Mesa, OCCOG, asked a question as to why composting is a better aerobic process in reducing or preventing the release of methane during organic matter breakdown and also asked about the difference between storing compost above or underground.

Councilmember Diana Mahmud, South Pasadena, SGVCOG, commented that *"...Southern California Edison (SCE) initial renewable energy contracts were sourced from the methane from existing landfills so this is a problem that we have successfully addressed as a society for decades. For CalRecycle to push down on us the responsibility for education it would be very far more cost-effective for CalRecycle to undertake the education. We have a model, for example, we have Flex Your Power...and it would be difficult and I look at this bill and it goes beyond fruits and vegetables...and it is just not realistic. In addition, I do understand from my waste hauler that there are not sufficient facilities currently constructed to accept the mechanics. When does CalRecycle reasonably anticipate that it should reach a hundred composting facilities that are needed would be constructed? How can you possibly impose any enforcement on us if our waste haulers do not have a place to take it?"*

Councilmember Mike Gardner, Riverside, WRCOG, expressed concerns that the mandate is an example of Sacramento at its worst and stated none of the jurisdictions receive funding from for carrying out this mandate as each jurisdiction face financial challenges.

Councilmember Emma Sharif, Compton, District 26, suggested sending the comments made today

to CalRecycle or sending the draft Minutes of the Meeting to capture the discussions relative to this item. Chair Linda Parks acknowledged the request and instructed SCAG staff to transmit the comments to CalRecycle.

Councilmember Meghan Sahli-Wells, Culver City, District 41, stated support for SCAG transmitting the comments to CalRecycle; however she asked to note that Culver City is implementing this program and emphasized that Culver City does not have a problem with the bill.

On behalf of EEC, Chair Parks thanked the CalRecycle staff for their presentation.

7. Connect SoCal Public Health Strategies and Actions

In the interest of time, Chair Parks announced that Agenda Item No. 8 will be taken up ahead of Agenda Item 7.

8. Final Federal Safer, Affordable, Fuel-Efficient (SAFE) Vehicles Rule Part I

Chair Parks noted the Supplemental Report accompanying Agenda Item 8 has been distributed to the members and asked Rongsheng Luo, SCAG staff to provide background information.

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG staff, provided background on the potential transportation impacts of the Proposed SAFE Vehicles Rule and proposed by U.S. DOT's NHTSA and U.S. EPA in August 2018. Mr. Luo discussed the highlights of SCAG efforts and how this relates to SAFE Rule Part I including status updates to regional partners and CTCs. In closing, Mr. Luo discussed the next steps and the continued development of Connect SoCal.

On behalf of EEC, Chair Parks thanked Rongsheng Luo for his presentation.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Due to lack of time, Chair Parks announced that Agenda Item 7, Connect SoCal Public Health Strategies and Actions, will be carried forward to the next meeting of the EEC.

STAFF REPORT

A report was not provided.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEM/S

None



ANNOUNCEMENT/S

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Parks adjourned the Energy and Environment Committee meeting at 12:05 p.m.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 6, 2020 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 Att To
Beltran, Ana		Westmoreland, ICTC		0		0	1	0							
Clark, Margaret		Rosemead, RC District 32		1		1	1	1							
Copeland, Robert	Jun-19	Signal Hill, GCCOG		1		0	1	0							
Davila, Maria		South Gate, GCCOG		0		0	0	0							
Davis, Ned		Westlake Village, LVMCOG		1		1	0	1							
Devine, Paula		Glendale, AVCIPA		1		0	1	0							
Ehrenkranz, Jordan		Canyon Lake, WRCOG		1		0	1	0							
Gardner, Mike		Riverside, WRCOG		1		1	1	0							
Genis, Sandra		Costa Mesa, OCCOG		1		1	1	1							
Horne, Shari		Laguna Woods, OCCOG		1		1	1	0							
Mahmud, Diana		So. Pasadena, SGVCOG		1		0	1	1							
Mitchell, Judy		Rolling Hills Estates, RC District 40		0		0	1	1							
Momberger, Toni	Aug-19	Redlands, SBCTA				1	0	0							
Moran, Cynthia		Chino Hills, SBCTA	D	0	D	0	0	0							
Morena, Greg	May-19	Santa Monica, WCCOG	A	0	A	1	0	0							
Ortiz, Oscar		Indio, CVAG	R	1	R	1	1	1							
Osborne, Jim		Lawndale, SBCCOG	K	1	K	0	1	1							
Parks, Linda (CHAIR)		Ventura County		1		0	1	1							
Plancarte, Luis		Imperial County		0		1	1	1							
Pollock, David (Vice Chair)		Moorpark, VCOG		1		1	1	1							
Ramirez, Carmen		Oxnard, RC District 45		1		1	1	1							
Raths, Greg		Mission Viejo, OCCOG		0		0	0	1							
Robertson, Deborah		Rialto, RC District 8		0		1	1	0							
Sahli-Wells, Meghan		Culver City, RC District 41		0		1	1	1							
Shader, Rhonda	Jun-19	Placentia, President's Appointment		0		0	0	1							
Sharif, Emma		Compton, RC District 26		1		1	1	1							
Springer, Sharon		Burbank, SFVCOG		1		1	1	1							
Valdivia, John		San Bernardino, SBCCOG		0		1	0	0							
Wilson, Edward H.J.		Signal Hill, GCCOG		1		0	0	1							
Wright, Bonnie		Hemet, WRCOG		0		0	0	0							

Attachment: Attendance Report (Minutes of the Meeting - October 3, 2019)