



Southern California Association of Governments
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**ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2021**

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.iqm2.com/Citizens/>.

The Energy and Environment Committee (EEC) of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) held its regular meeting virtually (telephonically and electronically), given the declared state of emergency (pursuant to State of Emergency Proclamation dated March 4, 2020) and local public health directives imposing and recommending social distancing measures due to the threat of COVID-19, and pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e)(1)(A). A quorum was present.

Members Present

Hon. David Pollock, Moorpark (Chair)	District 46
Hon. Deborah Robertson, Rialto (Vice Chair)	District 8
Hon. Cindy Allen, Long Beach	District 30
Hon. Daniel Brotman, Glendale	AVCJPA
Hon. Margaret Clark, Rosemead	SGVCOG
Hon. Robert Copeland, Signal Hill	GCCOG
Hon. Ned Davis, Westlake Village	LVMCOG
Hon. Julian Gold, Beverly Hills	WSCCOG
Hon. Shari Horne, Laguna Woods	OCCOG
Hon. Britt Huff, Rolling Hills Estates	SBCCOG
Hon. Jonathan Ingram, Murrieta	WRCOG
Hon. Dan Kalmick, Huntington Beach	OCCOG
Hon. Joe Kalmick, Seal Beach	District 20
Hon. Elaine Litster, Simi Valley	VCOG
Hon. Diana Mahmud, South Pasadena	SGVCOG
Hon. Cynthia Moran, Chino Hills	SBCTA
Hon. Oscar Ortiz, Indio	CVAG
Sup. Luis Plancarte	Imperial County
Hon. Randall Putz, Big Bear Lake	District 11
Sup. Carmen Ramirez	Ventura County



Hon. Greg Raths, Mission Viejo	OCCOG
Hon. Jesus Silva, Fullerton	President’s Appointment
Hon. Sharon Springer, Burbank	SFVCOG
Hon. Connor Traut, Buena Park	OCCOG
Hon. John Valdivia, Signal Hill	GCCOG
Hon. Edward H.J. Wilson, Signal Hill	GCCOG

Members Not Present

Hon. Ana Beltran, Westmoreland	ICTC
Hon. Maria Davila, South Gate	GCCOG
Hon. Rick Denison, Yucca Valley	SBCTA
Hon. Richard Rollins, Port Hueneme	VCOG

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair David Pollock called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m. Staff confirmed a quorum was present. Policy Committee Member, Carmen Ramirez, Ventura County, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Chair Pollock opened the Public Comment Period and outlined instructions for public comments. He noted the total time period for all public comments related to items on the agenda and any other matter within the agency’s subject matter jurisdiction was five minutes and the public comment period would be held open for at least five minutes to afford the public the ability to comment on all items on this agenda.

He reminded the public to submit comments via email to ePublicComment@scag.ca.gov. The Clerk acknowledged there were no written public comments received by email before or after the deadline. The Public Comment period was open for five minutes.

Seeing there were no public comment speakers, Chair Pollock closed the Public Comment Period.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no requests to prioritize agenda items.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval Items

1. Minutes of the Meeting - October 7, 2021

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

AYES: Allen, Brotman, Clark, Copeland, Davis, Gold, Horne, Huff, Ingram, D. Kalmick, Litster, Mahmud, Moran, Ortiz, Plancarte, Pollock, Putz*, Ramirez, Rath, Robertson, Silva, Springer and Traut (23)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAINS: None (0)

*The Clerk received a message from Policy Committee member Randall Putz indicating he was having microphone issues and that his vote was a yes on the Consent Calendar.

INFORMATION ITEMS

2. U.S. Green Business Council Los Angeles: Wildfire Defense Education and Tours

Ben Stapleton, Executive Director of U.S. Green Business Council's (USGBC) Los Angeles Chapter provided a brief overview of USGBC-LA's Wildfire Defense Education and Tours program which aims to bring together Southern California residents, the real estate industry, and the green building community together to take effective actions to save lives and property while mitigating fire risk. Furthermore, the program is designed to empower property owners, designers, and managers to proactively reduce wildfire hazards to minimize the loss of property and life, which helps to realize Connect SoCal's goal for the region to adapt to a changing climate.

Policy Committee Member Jonathan Ingram, Murrieta, asked if these services were available only in Los Angeles County and expressed concern over not having the infrastructure to help protect structures or the availability of grants. Mr. Stapleton acknowledged the question.

Policy Committee Member Daniel Brotman, Glendale, asked Mr. Stapleton if he could talk about what they were doing in building decarbonization. Mr. Stapleton stated they had been doing advocacy on the local level around decarbonization.

Second Vice President Carmen Ramirez, Ventura County, asked about information on insurance and discounts for people who engage in good practices. Mr. Stapleton indicated there were discounts available, but that several insurance carriers would not insure property unless they were forced to by the state.

Vice Chair Deborah Robertson, Rialto, asked what organizations they were working with in San Bernardino County and if they had interacted with the California Community College system to help get more people engaged with career opportunities. She indicated she would like to help them connect. Mr. Stapleton welcomed the introduction.

3. Orange County Equity Map and Social Progress Index

Katie Kalvoda, President and Board Chair at AdvanceOC provided a presentation on the Orange County Equity Map and Social Progress Index (SPI), which was developed through a public-private partnership between AdvanceOC, the County of Orange, and the Health Care Agency. SPI, used world-wide, was developed to enable users to identify root causes, understand social determinants, investigate disparities, and help create equity focused strategies and solutions. Using 50 indicators, SPI can measure, track, and map inequities with neighborhood precision.

Second Vice President Ramirez asked Ms. Kalvoda if she could comment on the living wage with respect to their calculations, specifically if they took into consideration the kind of income people have and what they spend on housing, health care and other things. Ms. Kalvoda addressed the question.

Vice Chair Robertson asked if they looked at other external reasons that were currently impacting communities that add to additional environmental and health factors. Ms. Kalvoda stated that when they started the SPI, they brought a variety of different stakeholders to ask them what data sets and information were valuable for the work they were doing.

Policy Committee Member Ingram expressed concern over the increase in homeless and asked how they could get resources and work together as communities to combine those resources, so that they could make an impact. Ms. Kalvoda stated she would welcome a conversation to see what they could do to help leverage this platform.

Policy Committee Member Margaret Clark, Rosemead, asked how they got the medical information without violating HIPAA regulations. Ms. Kalvoda indicated the data was provided by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, where it's done in a non-identified way so that no one is identified.

Policy Committee Member Huff asked if the raw data had a breakdown of nationalities and languages. Ms. Kalvoda acknowledged the question.

Agenda Item 5 was taken before Agenda Item 4 to allow staff time to arrive to the meeting from another presentation. Agenda Items have been reorganized to reflect the order of presentations.

5. Water Supply and Drought Update

Danielle Dolan, Water Program Manager at the Local Government Commission (LGC), provided a presentation on the findings from LGC's statewide study on the Equitable Integration of Water and Land-Use, including how California's lack of watershed-wise planning has inhibited recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and left cities unprepared for recent iterations of catastrophic fire and drought in California's natural climate cycle. Ms. Dolan also shared best practices and recommendations to ensure local communities and regions as a whole plan for these conditions and are better equipped to handle the climate impacts of drought, fire, and flood, even when compounded by economic instability and a public health crisis.

Vice Chair Robertson asked Ms. Dolan if she had provided this presentation or interfaced with the state legislative bodies or representatives. Ms. Dolan stated that they held a policy briefing for legislators and legislative staff when they first finished this report.

Second Vice President Ramirez requested more presentations at this Committee from the local water agencies as she felt the average water consumer did not understand or have knowledge where water comes from, what it takes to deliver, the cost, and what the looming drought meant for all of them.

Policy Committee Member Jesus Silva, Fullerton, expressed concern over the repeal of section 1412 of the Safe Drinking Water Act, current legislation regarding the Environmental Protection Agency bypassing the existing scientific process for determining the level of contaminants, and HR 2467 which puts the onus on water agencies to be liable for perfluorooctanesulphonate (PFOs) contamination.

4. Southern California Goods Movement Communities Freight Impact assessment

Alison Linder, Senior Regional Planner provided an overview of the Southern California Goods Movement Communities Freight Impact Assessment study which is expected to start November 2021. She reported this project, funded through a Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant, would combine analysis and outreach to understand the positive and negative impacts of goods movement as well as the experience of these impacts on communities. This study would focus on public health, workforce development, and communications and outreach best practices. She further noted that key products included a toolkit for impacted communities with recommendations on goods movement impact mitigation and recommendations to connect communities to the economic opportunities of goods movement.

Vice Chair Robertson expressed concern over surrounding communities not having truck routes.

CHAIR'S REPORT

There was no Chair's report.

STAFF REPORT

There was no staff report.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no future agenda items.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Pollock informed the Committee members that the Executive/Administration Committee discussed a potential change in the meeting schedule for 2022. He asked the members to provide feedback on the issue. He also announced the 12th Annual Economic Summit scheduled for December 2 at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Pollock adjourned the Energy and Environment Committee meeting at 11:42 a.m.

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ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

2021-22

MEMBERS	Representing	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	Total Mtgs Attended To Date
Allen, Cindy	Long Beach, District 30	1	1		0	1	1							4
Beltran, Ana	Westmoreland, ICTC	1	0		0	1	0							2
Brotman, Daniel	Glendale, AVCJPA	1	1		1	1	1							5
Clark, Margaret	Rosemead, SGVCOG	1	0		1	1	1							4
Copeland, Robert	Signal Hill, GCCOG	1	1		1	1	1							5
Davila, Maria	South Gate, GCCOG	0	0		0	0	0							0
Davis, Ned	Westlake Village, LVMCOG	1	1		1	0	1							4
Denison, Rick	Yucca Valley, SCBTA	1	1		0	1	0							3
Gold, Julian	Beverly Hills, WSCCOG	1	1	D	1	1	1	D						5
Horne, Shari	Laguna Woods, OCCOG	1	1		1	1	1							5
Huff, Britt	Rolling Hills Estates, SCBCOG	1	1	A	1	1	1	A						5
Ingram, Jonathan	Murrieta, WRCOG				1	1	1							3
Kalmick, Dan	Huntington Beach, OCCOG	1	1		1	1	1							5
Kalmick, Joe	Seal Beach, District 20	1	1	R	1	1	1	R						5
Litster, Elaine	Simi Valley, VCOG	1	0		1	1	1							4
Mahmud, Diana	So. Pasadena, SGVCOG	1	0	K	1	1	1	K						4
Moran, Cynthia	Chino Hills, SBCTA	1	1		1	1	1							5
Ortiz, Oscar	Indio, CVAG	1	1		1	1	1							5
Plancarte, Luis	Imperial County	1	1		1	1	1							5
Pollock, David (CHAIR)	Moorpark, VCOG	1	1		1	1	1							5
Putz, Randall	Big Bear Lake, District 11	1	1		1	1	1							5
Ramirez, Carmen	Oxnard, RC District 45	1	1		1	1	1							5
Raths, Greg	Mission Viejo, OCCOG	1	1		1	1	1							5
Robertson, Deborah	Rialto, RC District 8	1	1		1	1	1							5
Rollins, Richard	Port Hueneme, VCOG	1	1		1	0	0							3
Silva, Jesus	Fullerton, President's Appointment	1	1		1	1	1							5
Springer, Sharon	Burbank, SFVCOG	1	0		1	1	1							4
Traut, Connor	Buena Park, OCCOG	1	1		1	1	1							5
Valdivia, John	San Bernardino, SBCCOG	0	1		1	0	1							3
Wilson, Edward H.J.	Signal Hill, GCCOG	1	1		0	1	1							3

Attachment: EEC Attendance Sheet 2021-22 (Minutes of the Meeting - November 4, 2021)