



MINUTES OF THE MEETING
ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 2024

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 both in person and virtually (telephonically and electronically). A quorum was present.

Members Present

Sup. Luis Plancarte (Chair)

Hon. Jenny Crosswhite (Vice Chair)

- Hon. Art Bishop
- Hon. Phil Brock
- Hon. Margaret Clark
- Hon. Robert Copeland
- Hon. Ned Davis
- Hon. Rick Denison
- Hon. Carmen Hernandez
- Hon. Shari Horne
- Hon. Britt Huff
- Hon. Dan Kalmick
- Hon. Joe Kalmick
- Hon. Steven Leash
- Hon. Vianey Lopez
- Hon. Lauren Meister
- Hon. Daniel Ramos
- Hon. Nick Schultz
- Hon. Jennifer Stark
- Hon. Ali Taj
- Hon. Tamala Takahashi
- Hon. Connor Traut
- Hon. Stephanie Virgen

Santa Paula

- Town of Apple Valley*
- Santa Monica*
- Rosemead*
- Signal Hill*
- Westlake Village*
- Yucca Valley*
- Barstow*
- Laguna Woods*
- Rolling Hills Estates*
- Huntington Beach*
- Seal Beach*
- Cahuilla Band of Indians*

West Hollywood

- Adelanto*
- Burbank*
- Claremont*
- Artesia*
- Burbank*
- Buena Park*
- Coachella*

Imperial County

District 47

- SBCTA
- WSCCOG
- SGVCOG
- GCCOG
- LVMCOG
- District 11
- SBCTA
- OCCOG
- SBCCOG
- OCCOG
- District 20

Ventura County

- District 41
- SBCTA
- AVCJPA
- SGVCOG
- Pres. Appt
- SFVCOG
- OCCOG
- CVAG



Hon. Dale Welty	<i>Canyon Lake</i>	WRCOG
Hon. Edward H.J. Wilson	<i>Signal Hill</i>	GCCOG

Members Not Present

Hon. Damon L. Alexander	<i>San Bernardino</i>	SBCTA
Hon. Ana Beltran	<i>Westmoreland</i>	ICTC
Hon. Elaine Litster	<i>Simi Valley</i>	VCOG
Hon. Jose Sanchez	<i>Los Angeles County</i>	COC
Hon. Jeannette Sanchez-Palacios	<i>Ventura</i>	VCOG

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Plancarte called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. and Vice Chair Jenny Crosswhite, Santa Paula, District 47, led the Pledge of Allegiance. Staff confirmed a quorum was present.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Chair Plancarte opened the public comment period and provided detailed instructions on how to provide public comments. He noted that this was the time for members of the public to offer comment for matters that are within SCAG’s jurisdiction but are not listed on the agenda.

He reminded the public to submit comments via email to EECPublicComment@scag.ca.gov. He noted that public comments received via email after 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 5, 2024, would be announced and included as part of the official record of the meeting.

Michael DiGianntonio addressed the committee. He introduced his law firm and provided an overview of the services they offer.

SCAG staff acknowledged there were no public comments received before the 5:00 p.m. deadline on June 5, 2024.

Seeing there was no further public comment, Chair Plancarte closed the public comment period for matters not listed on the agenda.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no requests to prioritize agenda items.

CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no public comments on the Consent Calendar.

Approval Items

1. Minutes of the Meeting – April 4, 2024
2. Transmittal to South Coast Air Quality Management District of Final 2024 PM2.5 State Implementation Plan Appendix IV-C Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy and Transportation Control Measures

Receive and File

3. Energy and Environment Committee Outlook and Future Agenda Items
4. Update on U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Proposed Action on South Coast Air Quality Management District's Plan to Meet the 1997 Ozone Standard
5. Highways to Boulevards Regional Study

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

AYES: Bishop, Brock, Clark, Copeland, Crosswhite, Davis, Denison, Hernandez, Horne, D. Kalmick, J. Kalmick, Leash, Lopez, Meister, Plancarte, Ramos, Schultz, Stark, Taj, Traut, Virgen, and Welty (22)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAINS: None (0)

ACTION ITEM

6. Release of Draft Transportation Conformity Analyses of Draft 2025 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) and Draft Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 1

There were no public comments on item 6.

Lijin Sun, Principal Regional Planner, provided a brief update on the Federal transportation conformity regulations that SCAG staff was preparing. She provided a timeline of events once the release of the draft has been approved.

The comprehensive staff report was included in the agenda packet and posted on the SCAG website. The meeting video is also available on the SCAG website.

A MOTION was made (Taj) to recommend that the Regional Council (RC) authorize the Executive Director to release the draft transportation conformity analyses as part of the draft 2025 FTIP and the draft Connect SoCal 2024 (2024 RTP/SCS) Amendment 1 for public review and comment. Motion was SECONDED (Ramos) and passed by the following votes:

AYES: Bishop, Brock, Clark, Copeland, Crosswhite, Davis, Denison, Hernandez, Horne, D. Kalmick, J. Kalmick, Leash, Lopez, Meister, Plancarte, Ramos, Schultz, Stark, Taj, Traut, Virgen, and Welty (22)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAINS: None (0)

INFORMATION ITEMS

7. Connect SoCal 2024: Sustainable Communities Strategy Submittal

There were no public comments on item 7.

Camille Guiriba, Senior Regional Planner, stated that in April, SCAG had reached a major milestone with the adoption of the latest Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS or Connect SoCal 2024). She stated the next step to fulfill the state requirements was to submit Connect SoCal 2024 to the California Air Resources Board (CARB) for review. The submittal package included the quantification of greenhouse gas emission reductions, data and details for CARB to conduct trend analysis, policy analysis, investment analysis, plan adjustment analysis, and extensive details about SCAG's modeling. She stated the package was to be submitted later that month and CARB would have 60 days to evaluate. She indicated that after the evaluation period, CARB would accept or reject SCAG's determination that the SCS meets the GHG reduction targets of 8% by 2020 and 19% by 2035.

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At the conclusion of the presentation for Item 7, Chair Plancarte reorganized the agenda to address the Chair and Staff reports before Items 8 and 9 as the presenters for both of the items were not yet on the call.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Plancarte stated there was nothing to report out and called on Ryan Wolfe to make an announcement regarding REAP 2.0.

Ryan Wolfe, Department Manager of Sustainable and Resilient Development, stated that on May 30, the legislative leadership in the State Assembly and State Senate had announced the Joint Legislative Budget Plan. He reported the Joint Legislative Budget Plan restored funding for several programs cut under Governor Gavin Newsom's January Budget proposal and May Revision. He stated the Joint Legislative Budget Plan reduced proposed cuts to the Regional Early Action Planning program (REAP 2.0) from \$300 million to \$50 million and protected the Active Transportation Program. He indicated restoring funding to the REAP 2.0 program and protecting funding for the Active Transportation Program aligned with the goals of Connect SoCal 2024 and were important resources for plan implementation. He reported that if the budget were approved, SCAG would move forward with significant REAP sub-allocations and would continue engagement to restart the program once the budget was finalized.

STAFF REPORT

Rachel Wagner, Government Affairs Officer, stated there was no staff report for June.

At the conclusion of the staff report, Chair Plancarte called for a recess at 10:00 a.m. and requested the Committee resume at 10:25 a.m., at which time Item 8 and 9 would be presented.

The meeting was called back to order at 10:28 a.m.

8. Agrihoods: Housing Developments with Agricultural Amenities

There were no public comments on item 8.

Scott Snodgrass, Partner at Meristem Communities, stated that Agmenity was a full service, agricultural amenity, design, consulting, and operating firm. He shared that they help master plan community developers, jurisdictions, school districts and hospital districts design, and operate their agricultural amenities. He stated they were also master plan community developers, and their first project was located in the suburbs of Houston called Indigo. He indicated that the benefits of incorporating agriculture into real estate development was food systems, human health, and environment. He provided examples of each benefit and explained its importance. He shared

further information on the Houston suburban project, Indigo. He stated the area was 235 acres and 60% had remained open space by developing more densely in the areas where homes were located. He presented a map of the area and went into detail of what was built. He indicated that agriculture was difficult to be profitable and provided ways to incentivize agriculture growth.

Members of the committee voiced their support for the work Mr. Snodgrass and Agmenity were doing.

The comprehensive staff report was included in the agenda packet and posted on the SCAG website. The meeting video is also available on the SCAG website.

9. California Department of Food and Agriculture Healthy Soils Initiative

There were no public comments on item 9.

Virginia Jameson, Deputy Secretary for Climate and Working Lands, California Department of Food and Agriculture, shared that California was the largest agriculture state in the United States and in 2022, the estimated value production was \$59 billion. She stated California accounts for 11% of all U.S. production with California producing almost half of all the fruits, nuts, and vegetables in the United States. She reported California had some of the highest environmental quality standards and ambitious climate goals in the world. She discussed the Healthy Soils Initiative which was a collaboration of state agencies and departments to promote the development of healthy soils on California farmlands and ranchlands. She reported that in 2022, Governor Newsom signed AB 1757 which called for the Department of Food and Drug Administration to work with natural resources agency and a resources board to set targets across natural and working lands for the expansion of nature-based solutions and healthy soils practices. She provided an overview of other projects that the California Department of Food and Agriculture were working on.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

There were no announcements.



ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Plancarte adjourned the Energy and Environment Committee meeting at 11:24 a.m.

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ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

2023-2024

MEMBERS	Representing	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	Jun	Total Mtgs Attended To Date
Alexander, Damon L.	San Bernardino, RC Distrcit 7	1	1			1	1		0	0		1		0	5
Beltran, Ana	Westmoreland, ICTC	0	0			1	0		1	0		0		0	2
Bishop, Art	Apple Valley, SBCTA	0	1			1	1		1	1		1		1	7
Brock, Phil	Santa Monica, WSCCOG	1	0			1	1		1	1		1		1	7
Clark, Margaret	Rosemead, RC District 32	1	1			1	1		1	1		1		1	8
Copeland, Robert	Signal Hill, GCCOG	1	0	D		1	1	D	1	1		1		1	7
Crosswhite, Jenny	Santa Paula, RC District 47	1	1			1	1		1	1		1		1	8
Davila, Maria	South Gate, GCCOG	0	0			0	0		0	0		0			0
Davis, Ned	Westlake Village, LVMCOG	0	0			1	1		1	1		1		1	6
Denison, Rick	Yucca Valley, RC District 11	1	1	A		1	1	A	1	1		1		1	8
Hernandez, Carmen	Barstow, SBCTA								0	0		1		1	2
Horne, Shari	Laguna Woods, OCCOG	1	0			1	1		1	1		1		1	7
Huff, Britt	Rolling Hills Estates, SCBCOG	1	1			1	0		1	1		1		1	7
Kalmick, Dan	Huntington Beach, OCCOG	1	1			1	1		1	1		1		1	8
Kalmick, Joe	Seal Beach, RC District 20	1	1			1	1		1	1		1		1	8
Leash, Steven	Cahuilla Band of Indians									1		0		1	2
Litster, Elaine	Simi Valley, VCOG	1	1	R		1	1	R	1	1		1		0	7
Lopez, Vianey	Ventura County	1	1			1	1		1	0		1		1	7
Meister, Lauren	West Hollywood, RC District 41	1	1			1	1		1	1		1		1	8
Ortiz, Oscar	Indio, RC District 66	1	1			0	1		1	1		0			5
Plancarte, Luis	Imperial County	1	1	K		1	1	K	1	1		1		1	8
Ramos, Daniel	Adelanto, SBCTA					1	1		1	1		1		1	6
Robertson, Deborah	Rialto, RC District 8	0	1			1	1		0	1		1			5
Sanchez, Jose	Los Angeles County, COC													0	0
Sanchez-Palacios, Jeanette	Ventura, VCOG	0	1			1	0		0	0		1		0	3
Schultz, Nick	Burbank, AVCJPA						1		1	1		0		1	4
Stark, Jennifer	Claremont, SGVCOG	1	1			1	1		1	1		0		1	7
Taj, Ali	Artesia, Gateway Cities									1		1		1	3
Takahashi, Tamala	Burbank, SFVCOG	1	1			1	0		1	1		1		1	7
Traut, Connor	Buena Park, OCCOG	0	1			1	1		1	1		1		1	7
Virgen, Stephanie	Coachella, CVAG	0	1			1	0		1	1		0		1	5
Welty, Dale	Canyon Lake, WRCOG	0	1			1	1		1	1		1		1	7
Wilson, Edward H.J.	Signal Hill, GCCOG	0	0			1	1		1	1		1		1	6