



MINUTES OF THE MEETING
ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 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. Damon L. Alexander
- Hon. Art Bishop
- Hon. Phil Brock
- Hon. Margaret Clark
- Hon. Rick Denison
- Hon. Carmen Hernandez
- Hon. Shari Horne
- Hon. Britt Huff
- Hon. Dan Kalmick
- Hon. Joe Kalmick
- Hon. Steven Leash
- Hon. Elaine Litster
- Hon. Patricia Lock Dawson
- 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

- San Bernardino*
- Town of Apple Valley*
- Santa Monica*
- Rosemead*
- Yucca Valley*
- Barstow*
- Laguna Woods*
- Rolling Hills Estates*
- Huntington Beach*
- Seal Beach*
- Cahuilla Band of Indians*
- Simi Valley*
- Riverside*
- West Hollywood*
- Adelanto*
- Burbank*
- Claremont*
- Artesia*
- Burbank*
- Buena Park*
- Coachella*

Imperial County

District 47

- District 7
- SBCTA
- WSCCOG
- SGVCOG
- District 11
- SBCTA
- OCCOG
- SBCCOG
- OCCOG
- District 20
- VCOG
- District 68
- 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. Ana Beltran	<i>Westmoreland</i>	ICTC
Hon. Ned Davis	<i>Westlake Village</i>	LVMCOG
Hon. Jose Sanchez	<i>Los Angeles County</i>	COC
Hon. Jeannette Sanchez-Palacios	<i>Ventura</i>	VCOG
Hon. Ali Taj	<i>Artesia</i>	Pres. Appt

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Plancarte called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. and Policy Committee member Patricia Lock Dawson, Riverside, District 68, 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, September 4, 2024, would be announced and included as part of the official record of the meeting.

SCAG staff acknowledged there were no public comments received before the 5:00 p.m. deadline on September 4, 2024.

Seeing no 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 – June 6, 2024
2. Recommendation to Adopt Addendum 1 to the Connect SoCal 2024 Final Program Environmental Impact Report (State Clearinghouse No.: 2022100337)
3. Transportation Conformity Determinations of Proposed Final 2025 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) and Proposed Final Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 1

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

AYES: Alexander, Bishop, Brock, Clark, Crosswhite, Denison, Hernandez, Horne, Huff, D. Kalmick, Leash, Lopez, Meister, Plancarte, Ramos, Schultz, Stark, Takahashi, Traut, Virgen, Welty and Wilson (22)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAINS: Lock Dawson (1)

INFORMATION ITEMS

4. Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program Update

There were no public comments on item 4.

Ryan Wolfe, Manager of Sustainable and Resilient Development, shared that the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) made historic investments in climate action and IRA investments would drive significant emissions reductions over the next decade. He stated EPA would play a major role in delivering programs and approximately \$41.5 billion in funding. He stated EPA's CPRG program objectives were to reduce climate and air pollution, support jobs and lower energy costs and address environmental justice. He indicated SCAG would lead agencies in each of the three metro areas on technical and engagement processes for Priority Climate Action Plans (PCAP's) and identification of competitive applications, help coordinate regional efforts with the state PCAP process and facilitate the Los Angeles and Orange County steering committee to develop the metro area PCAP and Comprehensive Action Plan (CCAP).

Members asked about collaborating with cities/counties and EV trucks.

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.

5. Climate Adaptation and Mitigation Grant Opportunities

There were no public comments on item 5.

Sebastian Shetty, Associate Regional Planner, reported there were multiple climate-related grant opportunities that aligned with SCAG's mission to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve community resiliency to climate impacts. He stated those grants were sourced from the Inflation Reduction Act, Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, and the California State Budget. He provided a detailed overview of each grant source and included the amount of funding and application due dates.

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6. Energy and Environment Committee Outlook and Future Agenda

Ryan Wolfe, Manager of Sustainable and Resilient Development, stated there would be six meetings of the Energy and Environment Committee during the fiscal year and there would be many items to cover, however SCAG staff would make accommodations as needed. He provided a brief update on the agenda items for fiscal year 2025 which included various topics and local resources.

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7. Senate Bill 375 and Sustainable Communities Strategy Overview

Sarah Dominguez, Planning Supervisor, provided a brief history of the California Global Warming Solutions Act (AB 32) and discussed how AB 32 would be working with the transportation investments SCAG has made and how that will be reduce GHG emissions from passenger vehicles. She reported that since 2012 there were 500,000 new households located near transit and county transportation commission and local agencies had invested more in transit. She stated that since 2016, SCAG had been awarded \$75.9 million for local planning assistance and information services. She indicated that SCAG would work with the state and other partners to reach the goal of GHG reduction in the state.

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CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Plancarte reported that the 2024 Southern California Demographic Workshop would be held on September 24th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the SCAG offices in downtown Los Angeles. He stated the program would gather local leaders, elected officials, and demographic experts to discuss how changing population growth would affect regional planning. He reminded the committee there was no meeting for October and the next meeting would occur in November. Lastly, he welcomed Regional Council member, Patricia Lock Dawson, to the committee.

STAFF REPORT

Rachel Wagner, Government Affairs Officer, reminded the committee there would not be a meeting in October and thanked the committee members that attended the Port Hueneme Tour.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Member Ed Wilson stated he will not run for reelection and his last council meeting would occur on December 10th.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Plancarte adjourned the Energy and Environment Committee meeting at 11:13 a.m.

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ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

2024-2025

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 Distirct 7	0	D A R K		1										1	
Beltran, Ana	Westmoreland, ICTC	0		0												0
Bishop, Art	Apple Valley, SBCTA	1		1												2
Brock, Phil	Santa Monica, WSCCOG	1		1												2
Clark, Margaret	Rosemead, RC District 32	1		1												2
Copeland, Robert	Signal Hill, GCCOG	1		1												2
Crosswhite, Jenny	Santa Paula, RC District 47	1		1												2
Davis, Ned	Westlake Village, LVMCOG	1		0												1
Denison, Rick	Yucca Valley, RC District 11	1		1												2
Hernandez, Carmen	Barstow, SBCTA	1		1												2
Horne, Shari	Laguna Woods, OCCOG	1		1												2
Huff, Britt	Rolling Hills Estates, SCBCOG	1		1												2
Kalmick, Dan	Huntington Beach, OCCOG	1		1												2
Kalmick, Joe	Seal Beach, RC District 20	1		1												2
Leash, Steven	Cahuilla Band of Indians	1		1												2
Litster, Elaine	Simi Valley, VCOG	0		1												1
Lopez, Vianey	Ventura County	1		1												2
Meister, Lauren	West Hollywood, RC District 41	1		1												2
Plancarte, Luis	Imperial County	1		1												2
Ramos, Daniel	Adelanto, SBCTA	1		1												2
Sanchez, Jose	Los Angeles County, COC	0	0												0	
Sanchez-Palacios, Jeanette	Ventura, VCOG	0	0												0	
Schultz, Nick	Burbank, AVCJPA	1	1												2	
Stark, Jennifer	Claremont, SGVCOG	1	1												2	
Taj, Ali	Artesia, Gateway Cities	1	0												1	
Takahashi, Tamala	Burbank, SFVCOG	1	1												2	
Traut, Connor	Buena Park, OCCOG	1	1												2	
Virgen, Stephanie	Coachella, CVAG	1	1												2	
Welty, Dale	Canyon Lake, WRCOG	1	1												2	
Wilson, Edward H.J.	Signal Hill, GCCOG	1	1												2	