



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, MARCH 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

Hon. Jenny Crosswhite (Chair)	<i>Santa Paula</i>	District 47
Hon. Lauren Meister (Vice Chair)	<i>West Hollywood</i>	District 41
Hon. Ana Beltran	<i>Westmoreland</i>	ICTC
Hon. Art Bishop	<i>Town of Apple Valley</i>	SBCTA
Hon. Margaret Clark	<i>Rosemead</i>	SGVCOG
Hon. Robert Copeland	<i>Signal Hill</i>	GCCOG
Hon. Ned Davis	<i>Westlake Village</i>	LVMCOG
Hon. Rick Denison	<i>Yucca Valley</i>	District 11
Hon. Jesus Escobar		Imperial County
Hon. Carmen Hernandez	<i>Barstow</i>	SBCTA
Hon. Shari Horne	<i>Laguna Woods</i>	OCCOG
Hon. Brian Johsz	<i>Chino Hills</i>	SBCTA
Hon. Joe Kalmick	<i>Seal Beach</i>	District 20
Hon. Elaine Litster	<i>Simi Valley</i>	VCOG
Hon. Vianey Lopez		Ventura County
Hon. Yasmine-Imani McMorrin	<i>Culver City</i>	WCCOG
Hon. Daniel Ramos	<i>Adelanto</i>	SBCTA
Hon. Jeannette Sanchez-Palacios	<i>Ventura</i>	VCOG
Hon. Suely Saro	<i>Long Beach</i>	District 29
Hon. Patty Senecal	<i>Seal Beach</i>	OCCOG
Hon. Tamala Takahashi	<i>Burbank</i>	SFVCOG
Hon. Stephanie Virgen	<i>Coachella</i>	CVAG



Members Not Present

Hon. Britt Huff	<i>Rolling Hills Estates</i>	SBCCOG
Hon. Steven Leash	<i>Cahuilla Band of Indians</i>	
Hon. Patricia Lock Dawson	<i>Riverside</i>	District 68
Hon. Cory Moss	<i>City of Industry</i>	Pres. Appt
Hon. Jose Sanchez	<i>Los Angeles County</i>	COC
Hon. Jennifer Stark	<i>Claremont</i>	SGVCOG
Hon. Ali Taj	<i>Artesia</i>	Pres. Appt
Hon. Connor Traut	<i>Buena Park</i>	OCCOG
Hon. Dale Welty	<i>Canyon Lake</i>	WRCOG

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Crosswhite called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. and Regional Council member Lauren Meister, West Hollywood, District 41, led the Pledge of Allegiance. Staff confirmed a quorum was present.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Chair Crosswhite opened the public comment period and noted that this was the time for members of the public to offer comment on matters that are within SCAG’s jurisdiction but are not listed on the agenda.

Chair Crosswhite asked if any comments were received after the deadline. SCAG staff acknowledged there were no public comments received after the 5:00 p.m. deadline on March 5, 2025.

Seeing no public comment, Chair Crosswhite 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 – December 5, 2024

Receive and File

2. Energy and Environment Committee Outlook and Future Agenda Items

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

AYES: Beltran, Bishop, Clark, Crosswhite, Davis, Denison, Hernandez, Horne, Johsz, Kalmick, Litster, Lopez, Meister, McMorris, Ramos, Sanchez-Palacios, Takahashi, and Virgen (18)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: Escobar (1)

INFORMATION ITEMS

3. Regional Resilience Framework Overview

There were no public comments on item 3.

Joseph Dieguez, Senior Vice President at Kosmont Companies, provided an overview of Primary Development Finance tools and discussed Tax Increment Financing (TIF). He stated public agencies were authorizing TIF Districts because of the acceleration in growth of net fiscal revenues, job creation, housing production, essential infrastructure improvements and tax increments from other entities. He provided an example of a TIF District schedule and legislative updates. Lastly, he discussed best practices.

Tanya Narath, Chief Deputy Executive Director at the Sonoma County Transportation Agency/Regional Climate Protection Authority, stated that the mission was to lead a local government coalition to mobilize climate action in Sonoma County. She provided a historical timeline of the agency and discussed funding challenges. Lastly, she listed priorities for 2025.

Nuin-Tara Key, Executive Director of Programs at California Forward, described strategies to reduce, mitigate, and manage climate risk. She stated that as natural hazards become more frequent, unpredictable, and severe due to climate change, historical climate data are less accurate predictors of future risk. She indicated that large-scale disasters could result in catastrophic losses that would exceed the capacity of individual insurers to cover which would lead to market failures and the need for government intervention.



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.

CHAIR’S REPORT

Chair Crosswhite welcomed new members, Brian Johsz, Chino Hills, SBCTA and Yasmine-Imani McMorrin, Culver City, Westside Cities COG, to the committee. She announced she had participated at the Climate Resilience Summit and provided an overview. She indicated a key takeaway was to find common goals to fix issues within the communities.

STAFF REPORT

Rachel Wagner, Government Affairs Officer, announced that SCAG was hosting its 60th Annual Regional Conference and General Assembly on May 1 and 2 in Palm Desert. She stated applications for SCAG’s annual Scholarship Program were open and would close on March 21. Lastly, she stated the April EEC meeting would hold elections for the 2025-26 Chair and Vice Chair positions.

ANNOUNCEMENT

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Crosswhite adjourned the Energy and Environment Committee meeting at 11:31 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
Baker, Debbie	La Palma, RC District 18										0				0
Beltran, Ana	Westmoreland, ICTC	0			0		0	1			1				2
Bishop, Art	Apple Valley, SBCTA	1			1		1	0			1				4
Clark, Margaret	Rosemead, RC District 32	1			1		1	1			1				5
Copeland, Robert	Signal Hill, GCCOG	1			0		1	0			1				3
Crosswhite, Jenny	Santa Paula, RC District 47	1			1		1	1			1				5
Davis, Ned	Westlake Village, LVMCOG	1			0		0	1			1				3
Denison, Rick	Yucca Valley, RC District 11	1			1		1	1			1				5
Esobar, Jesus	Imperial County			D						D	1				1
Hernandez, Carmen	Barstow, SBCTA	1		A	1		1	1		A	1				5
Horne, Shari	Laguna Woods, OCCOG	1		R	1		1	1		R	1				5
Huff, Britt	Rolling Hills Estates, SCBCOG	1		K	1		1	1		K	0				4
Johsz, Brian	Chino Hills, SBCTA										1				1
Kalmick, Joe	Seal Beach, RC District 20	1			1		1	1			1				5
Leash, Steven	Cahuilla Band of Indians	1			1		0	0			0				2
Litster, Elaine	Simi Valley, VCOG	0			1		1	1			1				4
Lock Dawson, Patricia	Riverside, District 68				1		1	1			0				3
Lopez, Vianey	Ventura County	1			1		1	1			1				5
Meister, Lauren	West Hollywood, RC District 41	1			1		1	1			1				5
McMorrin, Yasmine-Imani	Culver City, WCCOG										1				1
Moss, Cory	City of Industry, Pres. Apt						0	0			0				0
Ramos, Daniel	Adelanto, SBCTA	1			1		1	1			1				5
Sanchez, Jose	Los Angeles County, COC	0			0		0	0			0				0
Sanchez-Palacios, Jeanette	Ventura, VCOG	0			0		0	1			1				2
Saro, Suely	Long Beach, RC District 29										1				1
Senecal, Patty	Seal Beach, OCCOG										1				1
Stark, Jennifer	Claremont, SGVCOG	1			1		0	1			0				3
Taj, Ali	Artesia, Pres. Apt	1			0		0	0			0				1
Takahashi, Tamala	Burbank, SFVCOG	1			1		0	1			1				4
Traut, Connor	Buena Park, OCCOG	1			1		0	1			0				3
Virgen, Stephanie	Coachella, CVAG	1			1		0	1			1				4
Welty, Dale	Canyon Lake, WRCOG	1			1		1	1			0				4