



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 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. Ana Beltran

Hon. Phil Brock

Hon. Margaret Clark

Hon. Ned Davis

Hon. Rick Denison

Hon. Carmen Hernandez

Hon. Shari Horne

Hon. Britt Huff

Hon. Joe Kalmick

Hon. Elaine Litster

Hon. Patricia Lock Dawson

Hon. Vianey Lopez

Hon. Lauren Meister

Hon. Daniel Ramos

Hon. Jeannette Sanchez-Palacios

Hon. Jennifer Stark

Hon. Tamala Takahashi

Hon. Connor Traut

Hon. Stephanie Virgen

Hon. Dale Welty

Hon Edward Wilson

Santa Paula

San Bernardino

Westmoreland

Santa Monica

Rosemead

Westlake Village

Yucca Valley

Barstow

Laguna Woods

Rolling Hills Estates

Seal Beach

Simi Valley

Riverside

West Hollywood

Adelanto

Ventura

Claremont

Burbank

Buena Park

Coachella

Canyon Lake

Signal Hill

Imperial County

District 47

District 7

ICTC

WSCCOG

SGVCOG

LVMCOG

District 11

SBCTA

OCCOG

SBCCOG

District 20

VCOG

District 68

Ventura County

District 41

SBCTA

VCOG

SGVCOG

SFVCOG

OCCOG

CVAG

WRCOG

GCCOG



Members Not Present

Hon. Art Bishop	<i>Town of Apple Valley</i>	SBCTA
Hon. Robert Copeland	<i>Signal Hill</i>	GCCOG
Hon. Steven Leash	<i>Cahuilla Band of Indians</i>	
Hon. Cory Moss	<i>City of Industry</i>	Pres. Appt
Hon. Jose Sanchez	<i>Los Angeles County</i>	COC
Hon. Ali Taj	<i>Artesia</i>	Pres. Appt

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Plancarte called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. and Policy Committee member Damon Alexander, San Bernardino, District 7, led the Pledge of Allegiance. Staff confirmed a quorum was present.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Chair Plancarte 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 Plancarte 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 December 4, 2024.

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

Chair Plancarte announced the election of Vice Chair would take place at the conclusion of the information items.

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 – November 7, 2024

Receive and File

2. Energy and Environment Committee Outlook and Future Agenda Items
3. Status Update on the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidance for Evaluating Cumulative Impacts from Air Toxics

A MOTION was made (Denison) to approve the Consent Calendar with corrections made to the attendance on the minutes from October 3rd and revision to language listed in the public comment section. Motion was SECONDED (Brock) and passed by the following votes:

AYES: Alexander, Brock, Clark, Crosswhite, Davis, Denison, Hernandez, Horne, Huff, Lock Dawson, Meister, Plancarte, Ramos, Sanchez-Palacios, Takahashi, Traut, Virgen, and Welty (18)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAINS: None (0)

INFORMATION ITEMS

4. Electric Grid Readiness

There were no public comments on item 4.

Hamed Mohsenian-Rad, Professor, UC Riverside, provided an overview on the future of California's electric landscape. He stated the starting point was to understand the future electrification landscape and that the transportation sector was significantly affected. He discussed the impact on California's electric grid and investment needs of grids. He stated that to ensure comprehensive and reliable data gathering, a single state agency could be designated to oversee various policy and technical issues concerning electrification and grid readiness. He provided additional recommendations for stakeholder communication and coordination.

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. Regional Resilience Framework Overview
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There were no public comments on item 5.

Sebastian Shetty, Associate Regional Planner, provided an overview and background on Regional Resilience Framework and stated the goals were to define regional resilience, explore challenges and opportunities, create a resource to assist local jurisdictions, identify strategies to reduce vulnerabilities, and support implementation of Connect SoCal strategies. He discussed the Resilience Advisory Committee duties and membership. Lastly, he listed the next steps stating the resource toolkit would be completed in 2025.

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6. Model Pathways to Deep Decarbonization

Rick Horsch and Jordan Gerow, Legal Pathways to Deep Decarbonization, stated that the LPDD Project had drafted model laws to mitigate climate change and made them available to policymakers at every level of government in the United States. They reported that the Project had enlisted dozens of law firms and scores of individual lawyers around the country to use their legal skills to engage in addressing climate change and the Project website provided free access to high quality legal work to legislators and non-governmental organizations. They listed the progress made to date and discussed drafting and peer review for model laws. Lastly, they discussed the scope of model laws available.

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ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Chair Plancarte asked Legal Counsel to announce the nominations that had been received by November 22, and also asked him to walk them through the process.

Jeffery Elder, Chief Counsel, stated two nominations had been received for Vice Chair, Lauren Meister, West Hollywood, District 41, and Rick Denison, Yucca Valley, RC District 11. He stated that in addition to nominees received before the meeting, SCAG's rules allowed for nominations from the floor. He then described the process for nominations from the floor and the election.

Chair Plancarte stated the floor was open for nominations for Vice Chair. Seeing no nominations from the floor, Chair Plancarte closed the nomination period.

A MOTION to select Rick Denison or Lauren Meister as Vice Chair of Energy and Environment

Committee passed by the following votes:

DENISON: Alexander, Hernandez, Ramos, Stark, Virgin, and Welty (6)

MEISTER: Brock, Clark, Crosswhite, Davis, Horne, Huff, Kalmick, Lock Dawson, Lopez, Sanchez-Palacios, Takahashi, and Wilson (12)

ABSTAINS: Plancarte (1)

Chair Plancarte thanked everyone for their support.

CHAIR’S REPORT

Chair Plancarte announced that the Regional Council meeting would hold the 2024 Southern California Economic Update and invited the members to join for an in-depth discussion from SCAG’s Economic Roundtable regarding the state of the region’s economy and emerging trends. He also recognized the outgoing members and thanked them for their service.

STAFF REPORT

Rachel Wagner, Government Affairs Officer, announced that SCAG’s 2025 Sustainability Awards nominations were being accepted through December 13. Government agencies, non-governmental agencies, community-based organizations, nonprofits, and universities could submit projects that were completed or adopted between January 1, 2021, and December 31, 2024. She reminded the committee that outgoing members would be formally recognized at the General Assembly in May.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Policy Committee Member Ed Wilson wished the committee happy holidays.

Regional Council Member Jenny Crosswhite thanked the Vice Chair candidates and stated she would miss the members leaving the committee.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Plancarte adjourned the Energy and Environment Committee meeting at 11:39 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			1		1	1							3	
Beltran, Ana	Westmoreland, ICTC	0			0		0	1							1	
Bishop, Art	Apple Valley, SBCTA	1			1		1	0							3	
Brock, Phil	Santa Monica, WSCCOG	1			1		1	1							4	
Clark, Margaret	Rosemead, RC District 32	1			1		1	1							4	
Copeland, Robert	Signal Hill, GCCOG	1			0		1	0							2	
Crosswhite, Jenny	Santa Paula, RC District 47	1			1		1	1							4	
Davis, Ned	Westlake Village, LVMCOG	1			0		0	1							2	
Denison, Rick	Yucca Valley, RC District 11	1	D A R K		1		1	1							4	
Hernandez, Carmen	Barstow, SBCTA	1		1		1		1	1							4
Horne, Shari	Laguna Woods, OCCOG	1		1		1		1	1							4
Huff, Britt	Rolling Hills Estates, SCBCOG	1		1		1		1	1							4
Kalmick, Joe	Seal Beach, RC District 20	1		1		1		1	1							4
Leash, Steven	Cahuilla Band of Indians	1		1		1		0	0							2
Litster, Elaine	Simi Valley, VCOG	0		1		1		1	1							3
Lock Dawson, Patricia	Riverside, District 68			1		1		1	1							3
Lopez, Vianey	Ventura County	1		1		1		1	1							4
Meister, Lauren	West Hollywood, RC District 41	1		1		1		1	1							4
Moss, Cory	City of Industry, Pres. Apt							0	0							0
Plancarte, Luis	Imperial County	1				1		1	1							4
Ramos, Daniel	Adelanto, SBCTA	1				1		1	1							4
Sanchez, Jose	Los Angeles County, COC	0				0		0	0							0
Sanchez-Palacios, Jeanette	Ventura, VCOG	0				0		0	1							1
Stark, Jennifer	Claremont, SGVCOG	1				1		0	1							3
Taj, Ali	Artesia, Pres. Apt	1			0		0	0							1	
Takahashi, Tamala	Burbank, SFVCOG	1			1		0	1							3	
Traut, Connor	Buena Park, OCCOG	1			1		0	1							3	
Virgen, Stephanie	Coachella, CVAG	1			1		0	1							3	
Welty, Dale	Canyon Lake, WRCOG	1			1		1	1							4	
Wilson, Edward H.J.	Signal Hill, GCCOG	1			1		1	1							4	