



Southern California Association of Governments
900 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1700, Los Angeles, CA 90017
EEC Agenda Item No. 1
March 1, 2018

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2018

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE. A DIGITAL RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE IN SCAG'S LOS ANGELES OFFICE.

Members Present

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| 1. Hon. Carmen Ramirez, Oxnard (Chair) | District 45 |
| 2. Sup. Linda Parks (Vice Chair) | Ventura County |
| 3. Hon. Ana Beltran, Westmoreland | ICTC |
| 4. Hon. Margaret Clark, Rosemead | District 32 |
| 5. Hon. Paula Devine, Glendale | Arroyo Verdugo Communities JPA |
| 6. Hon. Jordan Ehrenkranz, Canyon Lake | WRCOG |
| 7. Hon. Larry Forester, Signal Hill | GCCOG |
| 8. Hon. Mike Gardner, Riverside | WRCOG |
| 9. Hon. Sandra Genis, Costa Mesa | OCCOG |
| 10. Hon. Shari Horne, Laguna Woods | OCCOG |
| 11. Hon. Judy Mitchell, Rolling Hills Estates | District 40 |
| 12. Sup. Luis Plancarte, Imperial County | ICTC |
| 13. Hon. David Pollock, Moorpark | VCOG |
| 14. Hon. Meghan Sahli Wells, Culver City | WCCOG |
| 15. Hon. Betty Sanchez, Coachella Valley | CVAG |
| 16. Hon. Emma Sharif, Compton | GCCOG |
| 17. Hon. Diane Williams, Rancho Cucamonga | SBCTA |
| 18. Hon. Edward HJ Wilson, Signal Hill | Gateway Cities COG |
| 19. Hon. Bonnie Wright, Hemet | WRCOG |

Members Not Present

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| 20. Hon. Ned Davis, Westlake Village | LVMCOG |
| 21. Hon. Peggy Delach, Covina | District 33 |
| 22. Hon. Mitchell Englander, Los Angeles | District 59 |
| 23. Hon. Jon Harrison, Redlands | SBCTA |
| 24. Hon. Diana Mahmud, South Pasadena | SGVCOG |
| 25. Hon. Judy Nelson, Glendora | SGVCOG |
| 26. Hon. Jim Osborne, Lawndale | SBCCOG |
| 27. Hon. Deborah Robertson, Rialto | District 8 |
| 28. Hon. Laura Rosenthal, Malibu | District 44 |

The Energy and Environment Committee (EEC) held its meeting at 900 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1700, Los Angeles, CA 90017. A quorum was present.

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable Carmen Ramirez, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. and asked Grieg Asher to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public comment speakers.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

There was no reprioritization of the agenda.

ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Authorization to Accept Grant for SCAG 2017 Disadvantaged Communities Planning Initiative and Approve Notice of Exemption.

Chair Carmen Ramirez introduced the item and asked Alan Thompson, SCAG staff, to provide background information.

A MOTION was made (Forester) to approve Item No. 1, as amended, to include the County of Riverside. Motion was SECONDED (Sanchez) and passed by the following votes:

AYE/S: Beltran, Clark, Devine, Ehrenkranz, Forester, Gardner, Genis, Horne, Mitchell, Moran, Parks, Plancarte, Pollock, Ramirez, Sahli-Wells, Sanchez, Sharif, Williams and Wright (19).

NOE/S: None (0).

ABSTAIN: None (0).

2. Authorization to Accept Grant for Exposition Park Active Transportation Plan and to Approve Notice of Exemption.
3. Authorization to Accept Grant for SCAG 2017 Local Active Transportation Planning Initiative and Approve Notice of Exemption.
4. Authorization to Manage Grant for SCAG 2017 Safety and Encouragement Campaign (Phase 2), and Approve Notice of Exemption.

A MOTION was made (Pollock) to approve Item Nos. 2, 3, and 4. Motion was SECONDED (Moran) and passed by the following votes:

AYE/S: Beltran, Clark, Devine, Ehrenkranz, Forester, Gardner, Genis, Horne, Mitchell, Moran, Parks, Plancarte, Pollock, Ramirez, Sahli-Wells, Sanchez, Sharif, Williams and Wright (19).

NOE/S: None (0).

ABSTAIN: None (0).

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval Items

5. Minutes of the December 1, 2017 Meeting

Receive and File

6. Updated California Air Resources Board Pollution Mapping Tool

7. Summary of the Department of Finance's 2017 Population Growth Estimates for the SCAG Region

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

AYE/S: Beltran, Clark, Devine, Ehrenkranz, Forester, Gardner, Genis, Mitchell, Moran, Parks, Plancarte, Pollock, Ramirez, Sahli-Wells, Sharif, Williams and Wright (17).

NOE/S: None (0).

ABSTAIN: Sanchez (1).

INFORMATION ITEMS

8. Status Update on Implementation of AB 617 in the South Coast Region

Kome Ajise, Director of Planning, introduced the item and welcomed Dr. Philip Fine, Deputy Executive Officer, South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) to provide a presentation.

Dr. Philip Fine provided an overview of AB 617 requirements including a status update on the implementation of the bill in the South Coast Region. Illustrating using a PowerPoint presentation, Dr. Fine discussed the following: key components of AB 617; timeline associated from monitoring through emissions reporting; key implementation issues for SCAQMD; community identification; statewide monitoring plan; emission reduction plans; Best Available Retrofit Control Technology (BARCT); and SCAQMD's approach in implementing AB 617 in the South Coast Basin through close coordination with the California Air Resources Board (ARB). In closing, Dr. Fine encouraged the committee members to contact him for questions or additional information relative to AB 617 requirements.

On behalf of the Energy and Environment Committee, Chair Ramirez thanked Dr. Philip Fine for his presentation.

9. Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) Proposed Updates to the CEQA Guidelines

Chair Ramirez introduced the item and asked Roland Ok, SCAG staff, to provide background information.

Roland Ok, SCAG staff, reported that the OPR transmitted the final proposed amendments to the Guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to the California Natural Resources Agency in November 2017. He discussed the changes and/or additions to facilitate the environmental review process including the proposed SB 743 Implementation Guidelines. He also provided an overview of proposed updates to the CEQA guidelines, including key updates on efficiency, substantive and technical improvements. Lastly, he provided a status update of the staff review and careful evaluation of the environmental baseline, proposed language on tiering, use of existing regulatory standards in the CEQA process, discussion of energy-based impacts, proposed changes to greenhouse gas impact analysis and project benefits. In closing, Roland Ok provided an update on the public review process; next steps; and encouraged the members to visit the following websites for more information on the Proposed Update to the CEQA Guidelines at: <http://opr.ca.gov/ceqa/updates/guidelines/> and California Natural Resources Agency's website at: <http://resources.ca.gov/ceqa/guidelines>

On behalf of the Energy and Environment Committee, Chair Ramirez thanked Roland Ok for his presentation.

10. Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) Proposed SB 743 Implementation Guidelines and Technical Advisory

Chair Ramirez introduced the item and asked Mike Gainor, SCAG staff, to provide background information.

Mike Gainor, SCAG staff, reported the OPR transmitted the final proposed SB 743 Implementation Guidelines to the California Natural Resources Agency for final rulemaking in November 2017 and stated the process will provide an opportunity for public review and comment. He stated that at the time the staff report was written, the Natural Resources Agency had not yet announced the details regarding the public review period. Mike Gainor also provided background information regarding the key dates in the SB 743 Implementation Guidelines development process. He discussed the proposed updates to SB 743 and the final proposed implementation guidelines that include several key revisions to CEQA guidelines which include the transportation impact analysis and vehicle miles travelled (VMT) implementation changes. In closing, Mike Gainor provided an update on the status of staff review; public review, next steps; and encouraged the members to visit the following websites for more information on the Proposed Update to the CEQA Guidelines at: <http://opr.ca.gov/ceqa/updates/guidelines/> and California Natural Resources Agency's website at: <http://resources.ca.gov/ceqa/guidelines>

On behalf of the Energy and Environment Committee, Chair Ramirez thanked Mike Gainor for his presentation.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Carmen Ramirez asked that a future discussion be provided relative to the Trump administration's policy changes in energy and environment and how this will impact the SCAG region. She also stated that the California Energy Commission (CEC) did not approve the proposal to build a fourth power plant in the city of Oxnard and stated that a project involving solar and battery storage will now depend on a process headed by Southern California Edison. Additionally, Vice Chair Linda Parks stated the County of Ventura joined the Clean Power Alliance, a community choice aggregation Joint Powers Authority designed to help cities establish an alternative energy provider.

STAFF REPORT

A report was not provided.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEM/S

There were no future agenda items.

ANNOUNCEMENT/S

Chair Carmen Ramirez announced and introduced new EEC Member Cynthia Moran, Chino Hills, representing SBCTA.

Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director, welcomed the members to the new SCAG headquarters office. He also invited the members to stay for lunch after the EEC meeting to hear a presentation from City of Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti regarding LA2028 during the first portion of the Regional Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Carmen Ramirez adjourned the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

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