



Southern California Association of Governments
900 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1700, Los Angeles, CA 90017
EEC Agenda Item No. 2
April 5, 2018

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 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

- 1. Hon. Carmen Ramirez, Oxnard (Chair)
2. Sup. Linda Parks (Vice Chair)
3. Hon. Ana Beltran, Westmoreland
4. Hon. Betty Sanchez, Coachella Valley
5. Hon. Cynthia Moran, Chino Hills
6. Hon. David Pollock, Moorpark
7. Hon. Diana Mahmud, South Pasadena
8. Hon. Diane Williams, Rancho Cucamonga
9. Hon. Edward HJ Wilson, Signal Hill
10. Hon. Emma Sharif, Compton
11. Hon. Jordan Ehrenkranz, Canyon Lake
12. Hon. Judy Mitchell, Rolling Hills Estates
13. Hon. Larry Forester, Signal Hill
14. Hon. Laura Rosenthal, Malibu
15. Hon. Margaret Clark, Rosemead
16. Hon. Meghan Sahli Wells, Culver City
17. Hon. Ned Davis, Westlake Village
18. Hon. Shari Horne, Laguna Woods
19. Sup. Luis Plancarte, Imperial County

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Members Not Present

- 20. Hon. Bonnie Wright, Hemet
21. Hon. Deborah Robertson, Rialto
22. Hon. Jim Osborne, Lawndale
23. Hon. Jon Harrison, Redlands
24. Hon. Judy Nelson, Glendora
25. Hon. Mike Gardner, Riverside
26. Hon. Mitchell Englander, Los Angeles
27. Hon. Paula Devine, Glendale
28. Hon. Peggy Delach, Covina
29. Hon. Sandra Genis, Costa Mesa
WRCOG
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AVCJPA
District 33
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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 Councilmember Judy Mitchell, City of Rolling Hills Estates, District 40, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Chair Ramirez opened the Public Comment period.

Leeor Alpern, South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD), announced that MSRC extended the deadline for Local Government Partnership Program to August 2, 2018. He also announced that SCAQMD will host a series of community meetings on new measures aimed at reducing pollution exposure in environmental justice (EJ) communities with its focus on AB 617 that creates opportunities with EJ communities to improve air quality in the region; and AB 134 that provides immediate funding to replace vehicles with cleaner technologies.

Chair Ramirez closed the Public Comment period.

**REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS**

There was no reprioritization of the agenda.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Approval Item

1. Minutes of the February 1, 2018 Meeting

A MOTION was made (Forester) to approve Item No. 1. Motion was SECONDED (Sanchez) and passed by the following votes:

**AYE/S:** Clark, Ehrenkranz, Forester, Horne, Mahmud, Mitchell, Moran, Pollock, Ramirez, Sahli-Wells, Sanchez, Plancarte, Rosenthal, Parks and Williams (15).

**NOE/S:** None (0).

**ABSTAIN:** None (0).

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

2. Sea-Level Rise Guidance Update

Chair Ramirez welcomed and introduced Jenn Phillips, Ocean Protection Council, California Natural Resources Agency.

Jenn Phillips provided background information regarding the Ocean Protection Council's (OPC) mission, priorities and role in the state, cabinet level and other departments and commissions. She also reported regarding EO B-30-15, SB 379 and SB 264 as it relates to climate change, resiliency strategies and coordination of local and state climate adaptation strategies. Jenn Phillips discussed the drivers of sea-level rise projections at three (3) coastal locations. She explained the scenarios of extreme sea-level rise from the West Antarctic Ice Sheet. In closing, she discussed the guidance framework; the steps in risk analysis decision framework and next steps.

On behalf of the EEC, Chair Ramirez thanked Jenn Phillips for her presentation.

### 3. Salton Sea Update

Chair Ramirez announced that Bruce Wilcox, Assistant Secretary, California Natural Resources Agency, will not be able to present today. She directed staff to reschedule this item at a future EEC meeting. SCAG staff noted and acknowledged the request.

### 4. 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 provided an update regarding the final proposed amendments to the state guidelines implementing the CEQA to the California Natural Resources Agency. He announced the public comment period will end on March 15, 2018 while SCAG is currently drafting a comment letter in response to the proposed updates. Roland Ok discussed the preliminary staff comments and SCAG's preliminary response. In closing, he discussed the next steps including a Public Hearing scheduled for March 14, 2018 which will be conducted by the California Natural Resources Agency.

On behalf of the EEC, Chair Ramirez thanked Roland Ok for his presentation.

### 5. Office of Planning and Research Proposed SB 743 Implementation Guidelines

Chair Ramirez introduced the item and asked Ping Chang, SCAG staff, to provide background information.

Ping Chang, SCAG staff, provided an update regarding the Proposed SB 743 Implementation Guidelines, including several key revisions to the CEQA guidelines such as: Transportation Impact Analysis and VMT Implementation Changes. He also provided a status of staff review and next steps. In closing, Ping Chang reported SCAG will be drafting a comment letter which will incorporate comments from SCAG staff and input received at the SB 743 Workshop, as appropriate. He encouraged the members to attend the California Natural Resources Agency public hearing scheduled for March 14, 2018 in Los Angeles.

On Chair Ramirez thanked Ping Chang for his presentation.

## **CHAIR'S REPORT**

## **STAFF REPORT**

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Chair Ramirez directed staff to add to a future agenda a discussion relative to energy sources as requested by Supervisor Linda Parks. She also asked to explore water education, including issues on availability, accessibility, quality and safety, acceptability and affordability as it relates to the formal recognition of 'Human Right to Water' after Governor Brown signed AB 685.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chair Ramirez encouraged members to support SCAG's Paperless Initiative with regards to accessing agenda packets online instead of paper packets that are still being mailed. Paper copies will continue to be provided at the meetings.

She invited members to stay for lunch and hear a presentation from Randall Winston, Executive Director, Strategic Growth Council to hear updates regarding SGC programs and projects.

Lastly, Chair Ramirez reminded the committee to file their Annual Statement of Economic Interest FPPC Form 700 online or mail a hard-copy to staff no later than Monday, April 2, 2018.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Ramirez adjourned the EEC meeting at 11:48 a.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 5, 2018.

**Energy and Environment Committee Attendance Report**

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	MEMBERS	Date Appointed if after 1/1/18	Representing	COUNTY	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total Mtgs Attended To Date
1	Beltran, Ana		ICTC	Imperial		1	1										2
2	Clark, Margaret		Rosemead	Los Angeles		1	1										2
3	Davis, Ned		LVMCOG	Los Angeles		0	1										1
4	Delach, Peggy		Covina	Los Angeles		0	0										0
5	Devine, Paula		Arroyo Verdugo Cities	Los Angeles		1	0										1
6	Ehrenkranz, Jordan		WRCOG	Riverside		1	1										2
7	Englander, Mitchell		Los Angeles	Los Angeles		0	0										0
8	Forester, Larry		Gateway Cities	Los Angeles		1	1										2
9	Gardner, Mike		WRCOG	Riverside		1	0										1
10	Genis, Sandra		OCCOG	Orange		1	0										1
11	Harrison, John		SBCTA	San Bernardino		0	0										0
12	Horne, Shari		OCCOG	Orange		1	1										2
13	Mahmud, Diana		SGVCOG	Los Angeles		0	1										1
14	Mitchell, Judy		SBCCOG	Los Angeles		1	1										2
15	Moran, Cynthia	2/1/2018	SBCTA	San Bernardino		1	1										2
16	Nelson, Judy		SGVCOG	Los Angeles		0	0										0
17	Osborne, Jim		SBCCOG	Los Angeles		0	0										0
18	Parks, Linda (VICE CHAIR)		Ventura	Ventura		1	1										2
19	Plancarte, Luis		ICTC	Imperial		1	1										2
20	Pollock, David		VCOG	Ventura		1	1										2
21	Ramirez, Carmen (CHAIR)		Oxnard	Ventura		1	1										2
22	Robertson, Deborah		Rialto	San Bernardino		0	0										0
23	Rosenthal, Laura		Malibu	Los Angeles		0	1										1
24	Sahli-Wells, Meghan		WCCOG	Los Angeles		1	1										2
25	Sanchez, Betty		CVAG	Riverside		1	1										2
26	Sharif, Emma		GCCOG	Los Angeles		1	1										2
27	Williams, Diane		SBCTA	San Bernardino		1	1										2
28	Wilson, Edward		GCCOG	Los Angeles		1	1										2
29	Wright, Bonnie		WRCOG	Riverside		1	0										1
30	VACANT		BIASC	Orange		0	0										0