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900 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1700 - Policy A Meeting Room
Los Angeles, CA 90017
September 1, 2022

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
THURSDAY, JULY 7, 2022

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.ig2.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), given the declared state of emergency (pursuant to State of Emergency Proclamation dated March 4, 2020) and local public health directives imposing and recommending social distancing measures due to the threat of COVID-19, and pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e)(1)(A). A quorum was present.

Members Present

Hon. Deborah Robertson, Rialto (Chair)	District 8
Sup. Luis Plancarte (Vice Chair)	Imperial County
Hon. Cindy Allen, Long Beach	District 30
Hon. Daniel Brotman, Glendale	AVCJPA
Hon. Margaret Clark, Rosemead	SGVCOG
Hon. Robert Copeland, Signal Hill	GCCOG
Hon. Julian Gold, Beverly Hills	WSCCOG
Hon. Shari Horne, Laguna Woods	OCCOG
Hon. Britt Huff, Rolling Hills Estates	SBCCOG
Hon. Dan Kalmick, Huntington Beach	OCCOG
Hon. Joe Kalmick, Seal Beach	District 20
Hon. Diana Mahmud, South Pasadena	SGVCOG
Sup. Carmen Ramirez	Ventura County
Hon. Greg Raths, Mission Viejo	OCCOG
Hon. Richard Rollins, Port Hueneme	VCOG
Hon. Jesus Silva, Fullerton	President’s Appointment
Hon. Sharon Springer, Burbank	SFVCOG
Hon. Connor Traut, Buena Park	OCCOG
Hon. John Valdivia, San Bernardino	SBCTA



Hon. Colleen Wallace, Banning

WRCOG

Members Not Present

Hon. Ana Beltran, Westmoreland

ICTC

Hon. Maria Davila, South Gate

GCCOG

Hon. Ned Davis, Westlake Village

LVMCOG

Hon. Rick Denison, Yucca Valley

SBCTA

Hon. Elaine Litster, Simi Valley

VCOG

Hon. Cynthia Moran, Chino Hills

SBCTA

Hon. Oscar Ortiz, Indio

CVAG

Hon. Randall Putz, Big Bear Lake

District 11

Hon. Edward H.J. Wilson, Signal Hill

GCCOG

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair Luis Plancarte called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. Joe Kalmick, Seal Beach, led the Pledge of Allegiance. Staff confirmed a quorum was present.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Vice Chair Luis 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 5pm on Wednesday, July 6, 2022, would be announced and included as part of the official record of the meeting.

SCAG staff noted there were no written public comments received by email before or after the 5pm deadline on Wednesday, July 6, 2022. Vice Chair Plancarte acknowledged one public comment speaker for matters not listed on the agenda.

Jerilyn Mendoza shared the Climate Center had two bills that were moving through the legislature which she thought would be of interest to the [committee] and asked for support. One of the bills was AB 2649, the Natural Carbon Sequestration and Resilience Act of 2022. She stated this act required the State to provide resources and measure natural carbon sequestration from natural lands. She stated the second bill was SB 833, Community Energy Resilience Act of 2022. She stated this act would create technical assistance and grant programs administered by the California Energy Commission (CEC) to help local governments develop clean energy and resilience plans leveraging the substantial related investments that had already been made by the CEC.

Seeing no further public comment speakers, Vice 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

Vice Chair Plancarte opened the Public Comment Period.

Seeing no public comment speakers, Vice Chair Plancarte closed the Public Comment Period.

Policy Committee member John Valdivia, San Bernardino, SBCTA made a small correction noting that the June 2, meeting minutes listed him as Signal Hill but should be San Bernardino, SBCTA. He stated that with that correction he made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar.

Approval Items

1. Minutes of the Meeting – June 2, 2022
2. Release of Transportation Conformity Analyses of Draft 2023 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) and Draft 2020 Connect SoCal Amendment #2

Receive and File

3. Initial Findings for Connect SoCal CEQA Addendum No. 3 to Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (State Clearinghouse #2019011061)
4. Two Transit Transportation Control Measures (TCMs) Substitution by Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA)
5. SCAG Climate Action Resolution Quarterly Update

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

AYES: Brotman, Clark, Gold, Horne, Huff, D. Kalmick, J. Kalmick, Mahmud, Moran, Plancarte, Putz, Ramirez, Rath, Rollins, Springer, Traut, Valdivia, and Wallace (16)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAINS: Silva (1)

ACTION ITEMS

6. Connect SoCal Sustainable Communities Program (SCP) Call 4 – Civic Engagement, Equity, and Environmental Justice

Hannah Brunelle, Senior Regional Planner, and Anita Au, Senior Regional Planner, provided an overview of the program. They also discussed the goals and objectives of the call for applications. Furthermore, the application and evaluation process for the call for applications was discussed as well as the scoring criteria.

First Vice President Carmen Ramirez, Ventura County, asked when guidelines would be out. Sarah Jepson, Planning Director, stated guidelines were supposed to be out that week.

Vice Chair Plancarte opened the Public Comment Period.

Seeing no public comment speakers, Vice Chair Plancarte closed the Public Comment Period.

A MOTION was made (Ramirez) to recommend that the Regional Council approve the Connect SoCal SCP Call 4 Guidelines and authorize staff to release the Call for Applications. Motion was SECONDED (Mahmud) and passed by the following votes:

AYES: Brotman, Clark, Copeland, Gold, Horne, Huff, J. Kalmick, Litster, Mahmud, Plancarte, Ramirez, Rath, Rollins, Springer, Traut, and Wallace (16)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAINS: None (0)

INFORMATION ITEMS

7. Water Policy and Local Conservation Actions

Vice Chair Plancarte opened the Public Comment Period.

Seeing no public comment speakers, Vice Chair Plancarte closed the Public Comment Period.

Kimberly Clark, Program Manager, introduced Elise Goldman, Resource Specialist at Metropolitan Water District, stating she would speak on current drought conditions and regulations that had been adopted by the State of California in response to the current drought. Clark also introduced the John Kennedy, Executive Director of Engineering and Local Resources from the Orange County Water District, who would speak on the groundwater replenishment system in Orange County that supplied 30% of the water that refilled their groundwater basin.

Ms. Goldman talked to the committee about the historic drought conditions and what Metropolitan and the state were doing in response.

Chair Robertson thanked Ms. Goldman for her presentation. She also thanked Vice Chair Plancarte for leading the meeting in her absence as she had some matters to tend to.

Ms. Goldman responded to comments and questions posed by the members of the committee concerning storm water capture programs, artificial turf, watering regulations for commercial and residential properties as well as rebates for high efficiency washers.

Chair Robertson announced that due to time constraints, they would be moving [Item No. 11] to the following [EEC meeting].

Chair Robertson introduced John Kennedy Executive Director of Engineering and Local Resources of the Orange County Water District, asking him to proceed with his presentation.

Mr. Kennedy provided background information on the Orange County Water District and talked about the groundwater replenishment system in Orange County that supplied 30% of the water that refilled their groundwater basin.

8. Connect SoCal 2024 – Draft Vision, Goals, and Performance Measures

Leslie Cayton, Junior Planner, co-presented this item with Mike Gainor, Senior Regional Planner. They provided an overview of Connect SoCal 2024 goals, plan performance measures, and timeline.

Chair Robertson opened the Public Comment Period.

Seeing no public comment speakers, Chair Robertson closed the Public Comment Period.

Chair Robertson announced they would forgo Items 9-11 in the interest of time.

9. Equity Analysis Update (formerly Environmental Justice Analysis) - Performance Measures

10. Status Update on Transportation Conformity Challenges in SCAG Region

11. Green Region Resource Areas Methodology for SCAG's Local Data Exchange (LDX)

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Robertson welcomed back the Presidential Appointee, Jesus Silva. She also acknowledged the Supervisor and Committee Vice Chair Luis Plancarte for being appointed as President of the Salton Sea Authority.

STAFF REPORT

Rachel Wagner, Regional Affairs Officer, reported that at the recent EAC retreat two options had been discussed to help facilitate more engagement at Regional Council and Policy Committee meetings. She announced SCAG staff would be sending out a survey to members to gauge their preference on those options for future meetings. She also reported SCAG was hosting one-on-one meetings on their local data exchange to develop forecasted regional development patterns for Southern California and they were meeting with the 197 local jurisdictions and providing background on Connect SoCal 2024. She also reported SCAG was conducting extensive public input and planning to take proposed RHNA reform recommendations. She stated staff would be presenting at the Housing Working Group on July 19 and the Technical Working Group on July 21. She reported SCAG had announced a call for applications for jurisdictions and tribal governments to receive support for writing any housing related grant applications. She stated applications could be submitted on a rolling basis since the deadline had passed. Lastly, she reported SCAG had recently received an achievement award for its Housing Policy Leadership Academy and efforts that had gone into that.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no future agenda items.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.



ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Robertson adjourned the Energy and Environment Committee meeting at 11:38 a.m.

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ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

2022-23

MEMBERS	Representing	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	Total Mtgs Attended To Date	
Allen, Cindy	Long Beach, District 30	1	1	D										2	
Beltran, Ana	Westmoreland, ICTC	0	0												0
Brotman, Daniel	Glendale, AVCJPA	1	1												2
Clark, Margaret	Rosemead, SGVCOG	1	1												2
Copeland, Robert	Signal Hill, GCCOG	1	1												2
Davila, Maria	South Gate, GCCOG	0	0												0
Davis, Ned	Westlake Village, LVMCOG	1	0												1
Denison, Rick	Yucca Valley, SCBTA	1	0												1
Gold, Julian	Beverly Hills, WSCCOG	1	1												2
Horne, Shari	Laguna Woods, OCCOG	1	1												2
Huff, Britt	Rolling Hills Estates, SCBCOG	1	1	A										2	
Ingram, Jonathan	Murrieta, WRCOG	0	0											0	
Kalmick, Dan	Huntington Beach, OCCOG	1	1											2	
Kalmick, Joe	Seal Beach, District 20	1	1											2	
Litster, Elaine	Simi Valley, VCOG	0	1											1	
Mahmud, Diana	So. Pasadena, SGVCOG	1	1	R										2	
Moran, Cynthia	Chino Hills, SBCTA	1	0											1	
Ortiz, Oscar	Indio, CVAG	0	0											0	
Plancarte, Luis	Imperial County	1	1											2	
Putz, Randall	Big Bear Lake, District 11	1	0											1	
Ramirez, Carmen	Oxnard, RC District 45	1	1	K										2	
Raths, Greg	Mission Viejo, OCCOG	0	1											1	
Robertson, Deborah	Rialto, RC District 8	1	1											2	
Rollins, Richard	Port Hueneme, VCOG	0	1											1	
Springer, Sharon	Burbank, SFVCOG	1	1											2	
Traut, Connor	Buena Park, OCCOG	1	1											2	
Valdivia, John	San Bernardino, SBCCOG	1	1											2	
Wallace, Colleen	Banning, WRCOG	1	1											2	
Wilson, Edward H.J.	Signal Hill, GCCOG	0	0											0	

Attachment: EEC Attendance Sheet 2022-23 (Minutes of the Meeting - July 7, 2022)