



Southern California Association of Governments
900 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1700, Los Angeles, CA 90017

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
THURSDAY, April 5, 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. Margaret Clark, Rosemead
4. Hon. Paula Devine, Glendale
5. Hon. Larry Forester, Signal Hill
6. Hon. Sandra Genis, Costa Mesa
7. Hon. Cynthia Moran, Chino Hills
8. Hon. Judy Nelson, Glendora
9. Hon. Shari Horne, Laguna Woods
10. Hon. Jim Osborne, Lawndale
11. Hon. David Pollock, Moorpark
12. Sup. Luis Plancarte, Imperial County
13. Hon. Laura Rosenthal, Malibu
14. Hon. Meghan Sahli Wells, Culver City
15. Hon. Betty Sanchez, Coachella Valley
16. Hon. Emma Sharif, Compton
17. Hon. Diane Williams, Rancho Cucamonga
18. Hon. Edward HJ Wilson, Signal Hill

- District 45**
Ventura County
District 32
AVCJPA
GCCOG
OCCOG
SBCTA
SGVCOG
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VCOG
ICTC
District 44
WCCOG
CVAG
GCCOG
SBCTA
Gateway Cities
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Members Not Present

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| 19. Hon. Ana Beltran, Westmoreland | ICTC |
| 20. Hon. Ned Davis, Westlake Village | LVMCOG |
| 21. Hon. Peggy Delach, Covina | District 33 |
| 22. Hon. Jordan Ehrenkranz, Canyon Lake | WRCOG |
| 23. Hon. Mitchell Englander, Los Angeles | District 59 |
| 24. Hon. Mike Gardner, Riverside | WRCOG |
| 25. Hon. Jon Harrison, Redlands | SBCTA |
| 26. Hon. Diana Mahmud, South Pasadena | SGVCOG |
| 27. Hon. Judy Mitchell, Rolling Hills Estates | District 40 |
| 28. Hon. Deborah Robertson, Rialto | District 8 |
| 29. Hon. Bonnie Wright, Hemet | WRCOG |

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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 10:13 a.m. and asked Councilmember Larry Forrester, Signal Hill, GCCOG, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Chair Ramirez opened the Public Comment period.

Seth Jacobson, Energy Upgrade California, stated the California Public Utilities Commission established the Energy Upgrade California to provide residents and small businesses with information about energy concepts, programs, services rates and benefits of taking action in this campaign. He asked the members to pick-up a copy of information materials and flyers regarding this initiative that he leave at the back of the meeting room.

Chair Ramirez closed the Public Comment period.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

There was no reprioritization of the agenda.

ACTION ITEM

1. Election of 2018-19 Chair and Vice Chair

Chair Ramirez opened the item and asked Deputy Legal Counsel Justine Block to provide background information. Deputy Legal Counsel Block reported that the following nominations were received for the position of Chair, Linda Parks; and for the position of Vice Chair, Luis Plancarte. Since there are no other nominations received from the floor, Chair Ramirez entertained a motion to approve the slate of candidates.

A MOTION was made (Forester) to approve Linda Parks for the position of Chair; and Luis Plancarte for the position of Vice Chair. Motion was SECONDED (Rosenthal) and passed by the following votes:

AYE/S: Clark, Devine, Forester, Genis, Horne, Moran, Nelson, Osborne, Parks, Plancarte, Pollock, Ramirez, Rosenthal, Sahli-Wells, Sanchez, Sharif and Williams (17).

NOE/S: None (0).

ABSTAIN: None (0).

Chair Ramirez and the members of the EEC applauded and congratulated new EEC Chair Linda Parks and Vice Chair Luis Plancarte.

Supervisor Parks made remarks and expressed appreciation to outgoing Chair Ramirez for her leadership; stating that she looks forward to innovative energy projects that are available in the communities and encouraged the committee members to bring those discussions to the meeting with the goal of learning from each other.

Supervisor Plancarte made remarks and expressed appreciation for former Imperial County Supervisor and Regional Council and EEC member Jack Terrazas who provided him with the knowledge and understanding of the EEC's tasks. He stated he looks forward to serving the committee and helping improve the environment while resolving energy issues in the communities.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval Item

- 2. Minutes of April 5, 2018 Meeting

Receive and File

- 3. 29th Annual Demographic Workshop – June 11, 2018
- 4. Regional Planning Working Group Series
- 5. 2019 Active Transportation Program Guidelines and Call for Projects

A MOTION was made (Forester) to approve the Consent Calendar, Item Nos. 2 through 5. Motion was SECONDED (Sharif) and passed by the following votes:

AYE/S: Clark, Devine, Forester, Genis, Horne, Moran, Nelson, Parks, Plancarte, Pollock, Ramirez, Rosenthal, Sahli-Wells, Sanchez, Sharif* and Williams (16).

NOE/S: None (0).

ABSTAIN: Osborne (1).

After the electronic voting was closed, Councilmember Emma Sharif, Compton, Gateway Cities COG, stated she inadvertently voted “No” and indicated that she intended to vote “Yes” on the Consent Calendar. Chair Ramirez directed staff to correct Councilmember Sharif’s vote which is annotated* above.

INFORMATION ITEMS

- 6. Health Equity and Climate Change

Chair Ramirez introduced the item and asked Rye Baerg, SCAG staff, to provide background information.

Mr. Baerg introduced Meredith Milet, Epidemiologist, Climate Change and Health Equity Program, California Department of Public Health (CDPH). Illustrating with a PowerPoint presentation, Ms. Milet discussed equality and equity issues of CDPH Climate Change and Health Equity Program including information on life expectancies that vary by where an individual resides; provided examples of health inequities and social determinants in the SCAG region including climate vulnerabilities such as extreme heat, air pollution and extreme weather. Ms. Milet

concluded her presentation by promoting health and equity while preventing climate change. On behalf of the EEC, Chair Ramirez thanked Meredith Milet for the presentation.

7. Ventura County Raptor Pilot Study

Chair Ramirez introduced the item and asked Vice Chair Linda Parks to provide background information. Vice Chair Parks introduced Karl Novak, Deputy Director of Ventura County Public Works Department, to provide a presentation regarding the Ventura County Raptor Pilot Study (“Study”).

Karl Novak stated that two years ago, Ventura County undertook the Raptor Pilot Study for Levees Protection. He discussed the county’s watershed protection encompassing several miles of earthen levees, channels and earthen dams and how these are highly susceptible to rodent burrow damage. Mr. Novak discussed the environmental concerns that resulted with development of the Study and benefits of the program. He discussed the Study’s goals, site selection, raptor features and monitoring, pellet analysis and why raptors outperform rodenticides. In closing, Mr. Novak announced the study received an Environmental Sustainability Award recognition. On behalf of the EEC, Chair Ramirez thanked Karl Novak for his presentation.

8. Air Resources Board (ARB) SB 375 Regional GHG Target Update for the 2020 Regional Transportation Plan/ Sustainable Communities Strategy (2020 RTP/SCS)

Chair Ramirez introduced the item and asked Ping Chang, SCAG staff, to provide background information. Ping Chang reported that ARB recently approved the 19% per capita GHG reduction target for 2035 for the SCAG region which will be applied to the 2020 RTP/SCS. He discussed the framework which focused on land use and transportation policy and investments contained in the RTP/SCS. In closing, Mr. Chang discussed ARB’s next steps in convening working group meetings with the MPOs, identifying tools and incentives with tracking methodologies and revising the SB 375 Program Guidelines. On behalf of the EEC, Chair Ramirez thanked Ping Chang for his presentation.

9. Environmental Justice (EJ) Working Group

Chair Ramirez introduced the item and asked Anita Au, SCAG staff, to provide background information. For the next RTP/SCS, Anita Au reported SCAG is proposing the development of an EJ working group for continuous conversations on EJ issues with its membership be comprised of advocacy groups, CTCs, air quality districts, city/county staff and other stakeholders such as non-governmental and community-based organizations. Anita Au stated the future meetings will focus on progress of the RTP/SCS EJ Appendix, and other EJ-related discussions including implementation of SB 1000 (Levy) Land use: general plans: safety and environmental justice. On behalf of the EEC, Chair Ramirez thanked Anita Au for her presentation.

10. Southern California Edison Charge Ready Pilot Project

Chair Ramirez introduced the item and welcomed Erica Bowman, Director of Environmental Strategy and Analytics of the Southern California Edison (SCE) to provide background information and provide a presentation regarding Charge Ready Pilot Project. She stated the benefits of transportation electrification and obtaining zero emissions by SCE’s integrated solution. In closing, Ms. Bowman identified a diverse set of programs to overcome barriers and SCE’s testing of new technologies and business models that can help integrate electric vehicles into the grid. On behalf of the EEC, Chair Ramirez thanked Erica Bowman for her presentation.

11. Go Human Active Transportation Safety and Encouragement

Chair Ramirez introduced the item and asked Julia Lippe-Klein, SCAG staff, to provide background information. In coordination with SCAG's local and regional partners, Ms. Lippe-Klein stated a re-run of the Go Human advertising campaign will coincide with the National Bike Month in May. This is an opportunity to continue the momentum of the Go Human Campaign through advertising, Open Streets and Demo Projects, Partnerships and co-branding and material distribution. In closing, Julia Lippe-Klein discussed the benefits of the campaign and announced its upcoming events from and throughout the region. On behalf of the EEC, Chair Ramirez thanked Julia Lippe-Klein for her presentation.

CHAIR'S REPORT

STAFF REPORT

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Ramirez invited the members to stay for lunch and hear an update from former Transportation Brian Kelly and new Chief Executive Officer of California High-Speed Rail Authority. Chair Ramirez also announced registration for the upcoming SCAG Regional Conference and General Assembly.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Ramirez adjourned the EEC meeting at 12:15 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 6, 2018.

[MINUTES ARE UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED BY THE EEC]

Energy and Environment Committee Regularly Scheduled Meetings Attendance Report

2018

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

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