



AGENDA ITEM 1

REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
June 5, 2025

MINUTES OF THE MEETING ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 2025

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/>](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). A quorum was present.

Members Present

Hon. Jenny Crosswhite (Chair)	<i>Santa Paula</i>	District 47
Hon. Lauren Meister (Vice Chair)	<i>West Hollywood</i>	District 41
Hon. Ana Beltran	<i>Westmoreland</i>	ICTC
Hon. Art Bishop	<i>Town of Apple Valley</i>	SBCTA
Hon. Margaret Clark	<i>Rosemead</i>	SGVCOG
Hon. Ned Davis	<i>Westlake Village</i>	LVMCOG
Hon. Rick Denison	<i>Yucca Valley</i>	District 11
Hon. Jesus Escobar		Imperial County
Hon. Carmen Hernandez	<i>Barstow</i>	SBCTA
Hon. Shari Horne	<i>Laguna Woods</i>	OCCOG
Hon. Britt Huff	<i>Rolling Hills Estates</i>	SBCCOG
Hon. Brian Johsz	<i>Chino Hills</i>	SBCTA
Hon. Joe Kalmick	<i>Seal Beach</i>	District 20
Hon. Elaine Litster	<i>Simi Valley</i>	VCOG
Hon. Patricia Lock Dawson	<i>Riverside</i>	District 68
Hon. Vianey Lopez		Ventura County
Hon. Yasmine-Imani McMorris	<i>Culver City</i>	WCCOG
Hon. Daniel Ramos	<i>Adelanto</i>	SBCTA
Hon. Suely Saro	<i>Long Beach</i>	District 29
Hon. Patty Senecal	<i>Seal Beach</i>	OCCOG
Hon. Connor Traut	<i>Buena Park</i>	OCCOG
Hon. Stephanie Virgen	<i>Coachella</i>	CVAG
Hon. Dale Welty	<i>Canyon Lake</i>	WRCOG

Members Not Present

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. Jeannette Sanchez-Palacios	<i>Ventura</i>	VCOG
Hon. Jennifer Stark	<i>Claremont</i>	SGVCOG
Hon. Ali Taj	<i>Artesia</i>	Pres. Appt
Hon. Tamala Takahashi	<i>Burbank</i>	SFVCOG

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Crosswhite called the meeting to order at 10:11 a.m. and Vice Chair Lauren Meister, West Hollywood, District 41, led the Pledge of Allegiance. Staff confirmed a quorum was present.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Chair Crosswhite 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 Crosswhite 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 April 2, 2025.

Seeing no public comment, Chair Crosswhite 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.

ACTION ITEM**1. Election of Chair and Vice Chair**

Chair Crosswhite asked Legal Counsel to announce the nominations that had been received by March 26, and also asked him to walk them through the process.

Chief Counsel Jeffery Elder stated one nomination had been received for Chair, Rick Denison, Yucca-Valley. 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 Crosswhite stated the floor was open for nominations for Chair. Seeing no nominations from the floor, Chair Crosswhite closed the nomination period.

A MOTION to select Rick Denison as Chair of Energy and Environment Committee passed by the following votes:

AYES: Beltran, Bishop, Clark, Crosswhite, Davis, Denison, Hernandez, Horne, Huff, Johsz, Kalmick, Litster, Lock Dawson, Lopez, Meister, McMorrin, Ramos, Saro, Senecal, Traut, Virgen and Welty (22)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

Chair Crosswhite thanked everyone for their support.

Chair Crosswhite once again asked Legal Counsel to announce the nominations that had been received by March 26 for Vice Chair, and to walk them through the process.

Chief Counsel Elder stated one nomination had been received for Vice Chair, for Daniel Ramos, City of Adelanto. He stated that in addition to the 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 Crosswhite stated the floor was open for nominations for Vice Chair. Seeing no nominations from the floor, Chair Crosswhite closed the nomination period.

A MOTION to select Daniel Ramos as Vice Chair of Energy and Environment Committee passed by the following votes:

AYES: Beltran, Bishop, Clark, Crosswhite, Davis, Denison, Hernandez, Horne, Huff, Johsz, Kalmick, Litster, Lock Dawson, Lopez, Meister, McMorrin, Ramos, Saro, Senecal, Traut, Virgen and Welty (22)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

CONSENT CALENDARApproval Items

2. Minutes of the Meeting – March 6, 2025

Receive and File

3. Energy and Environment Committee Outlook and Future Agenda Items

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

AYES: Beltran, Bishop, Clark, Crosswhite, Davis, Denison, Hernandez, Horne, Huff, Johsz, Kalmick, Litster, Lock Dawson, Lopez, Meister, McMorris, Ramos, Saro, Senecal, Traut, Virgen and Welty (22)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: Escobar (1)

INFORMATION ITEMS

4. Regional Recovery and Resilience in the face of Disasters-Policy Discussion

There were no public comments on item 4.

Kim Clark, Planning Supervisor, SCAG provided an overview of the selection of general plan safety element requirements such as landslides and wildfire. She reviewed the recent laws for Climate Resilience and provided the regional performance on safety element compliance. She indicated that the city of Arcadia was a case study for safety elements and introduced Fiona Graham, Planning Services Manager, for the city.

Ms. Graham provided a brief history of the City of Arcadia. She stated that the city started the preparation of the Housing Element Update in early 2021 and had contracted with Dudek early 2022 to prepare the Safety Element and Environmental Justice Element. She reviewed current bills which required safety elements and discussed the climate hazards in Arcadia. She stated there were 12 new safety element policy goals on earthquake preparedness and evacuation route planning, developments in flood areas, reducing the impacts of wildfire, and effective emergency and disaster response preparedness. She indicated that new policies were a joint effort between Development Services and Fire Departments. She stated that the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan was adopted on

May 11, 2022, and formally adopted by the City Council February 18, 2025. Lastly, she discussed the implementation plan.

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. South Coast AQMD Proposed Heater and Water Heater Rules

There were 6 public comments received; Theresa Lee, Rita Loof, Deborah Cam, Dave-resident of Rancho Cucamonga and Jessica Martinez expressed concern over various issues concerning water heaters and Pete Marsh expressed support over regulations on fossil fuel emissions.

Heather Farr, Planning and Rules Manager, South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD), stated that SCAQMD was the government agency responsible for air quality in the greater Southern California region and was obligated under federal law to meet health-based air quality standards. She reviewed the 2022 Air Quality Management Plan and regulation of space and water heating. She discussed the proposed amended rules 1111 and 1121 which applied to gas-fired furnaces and water heaters in primarily residences. She stated that in February 2025, staff revised the original rule proposal and proposed a new rule concept which would replace other alternative options with manufacturer sales target for zero-emission and NOx-emitting appliances. She discussed the manufacturer compliance targets and proposed mitigation fee. She indicated that SCAQMD would offer a pilot incentive program called Go Zero. Some of what the program would include were heat pump rebates for space and water heating and \$21 million funding for the pilot phase. Lastly, she stated there would be a public hearing on May 2, 2025 and the pilot program would launch in Spring 2025.

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CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Crosswhite stated that members of SCAG's Legislative/Communications, and Membership Committee travelled to Sacramento, where they met with key elected officials and staff to advocate for the region's priorities. She indicated that they met with the Insurance Commissioner to discuss fire insurance and spoke with legislators about climate resilience districts.

She welcomed the incoming Chair and Vice Chair and thanked Vice Chair Meister for her contributions to the committee.

STAFF REPORT



Rachel Wagner, Government Affairs Officer, announced that SCAG was looking forward to seeing the members at the General Assembly and staff would reach out to those cities who had not sent information on their designated voting delegate.

ANNOUNCEMENT

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Crosswhite adjourned the Energy and Environment Committee meeting at 11:51 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
Beltran, Ana	Westmoreland, ICTC	0			0		0	1			1	1			3
Bishop, Art	Apple Valley, SBCTA	1			1		1	0			1	1			5
Clark, Margaret	Rosemead, RC District 32	1			1		1	1			1	1			6
Copeland, Robert	Signal Hill, GCCOG	1			0		1	0			1	0			3
Crosswhite, Jenny	Santa Paula, RC District 47	1			1		1	1			1	1			6
Davis, Ned	Westlake Village, LVMCOG	1			0		0	1			1	1			4
Denison, Rick	Yucca Valley, RC District 11	1			1		1	1			1	1			6
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Hernandez, Carmen	Barstow, SBCTA	1	A		1		1	1	A		1	1			6
Horne, Shari	Laguna Woods, OCCOG	1	R		1		1	1	R		1	1			6
Huff, Britt	Rolling Hills Estates, SCBCOG	1	K		1		1	1	K		0	1			5
Johsz, Brian	Chino Hills, SBCTA										1	1			2
Kalmick, Joe	Seal Beach, RC District 20	1			1		1	1			1	1			6
Leash, Steven	Cahuilla Band of Indians	1			1		0	0			0	0			2
Litster, Elaine	Simi Valley, VCOG	0			1		1	1			1	1			5
Lock Dawson, Patricia	Riverside, District 68				1		1	1			0	1			4
Lopez, Vianey	Ventura County	1			1		1	1			1	1			6
Meister, Lauren	West Hollywood, RC District 41	1			1		1	1			1	1			6
McMorrin, Yasmine-Imani	Culver City, WCCOG										1	1			2
Moss, Cory	City of Industry, Pres. Apt						0	0			0	0			0
Ramos, Daniel	Adelanto, SBCTA	1			1		1	1			1	1			6
Sanchez, Jose	Los Angeles County, COC	0			0		0	0			0	0			0
Sanchez-Palacios, Jeanette	Ventura, VCOG	0			0		0	1			1	0			2
Saro, Suely	Long Beach, RC District 29										1	1			2
Senecal, Patty	Seal Beach, OCCOG										1	1			2
Stark, Jennifer	Claremont, SGVCOG	1			1		0	1			0	0			3
Taj, Ali	Artesia, Pres. Apt	1			0		0	0			0	0			1
Takahashi, Tamala	Burbank, SFVCOG	1			1		0	1			1	0			4
Traut, Connor	Buena Park, OCCOG	1			1		0	1			0	1			4
Virgen, Stephanie	Coachella, CVAG	1			1		0	1			1	1			5
Welty, Dale	Canyon Lake, WRCOG	1			1		1	1			0	1			5