



AGENDA ITEM 1 REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
September 4, 2025

MINUTES OF THE MEETING ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE THURSDAY, JUNE 5, 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.iqm2.com/Citizens/>](http://scag.iqm2.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. Rick Denison (Chair)	<i>Yucca Valley</i>	District 11
Hon. Daniel Ramos (Vice Chair)	<i>Adelanto</i>	District 65
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. Jenny Crosswhite	<i>Santa Paula</i>	District 47
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. Vianey Lopez		Ventura County
Hon. Yasmine-Imani McMorris	<i>Culver City</i>	WCCOG
Hon. Patty Senecal	<i>Seal Beach</i>	OCCOG
Hon. Jennifer Stark	<i>Claremont</i>	SGVCOG
Hon. Ali Taj	<i>Artesia</i>	Pres. Appt
Hon. Tamala Takahashi	<i>Burbank</i>	SFVCOG
Hon. Connor Traut	<i>Buena Park</i>	OCCOG
Hon. Dale Welty	<i>Canyon Lake</i>	WRCOG

Members Not Present

Hon. Robert Copeland	<i>Signal Hill</i>	GCCOG
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Hon. Jesus Escobar		Imperial County
Hon. Steven Leash	<i>Cahuilla Band of Indians</i>	
Hon. Patricia Lock Dawson	<i>Riverside</i>	District 68
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. Suely Saro	<i>Long Beach</i>	District 29
Hon. Stephanie Virgen	<i>Coachella</i>	CVAG

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Denison called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. and 2nd Vice President Jenny Crosswhite, Santa Paula, District 47, led the Pledge of Allegiance. Staff confirmed a quorum was present.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Chair Denison 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 Denison 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 June 4, 2025.

Seeing no public comment, Chair Denison 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

Approval Items

1. Minutes of the Meeting – April 3, 2025

Receive and File

2. Energy and Environment Committee Outlook and Future Agenda Items

A MOTION was made (Kalmick) to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion was SECONDED (Clark)

and passed by the following votes:

AYES: Beltran, Bishop, Clark, Crosswhite, Denison, Hernandez, Horne, Huff, Johsz, Kalmick, Litster, Lopez, Ramos, Senecal, Stark, Taj, Takahashi, Traut, and Welty (19)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

INFORMATION ITEMS

3. Connect SoCal 2024: Implementation Strategies Update

There were no public comments on item 3.

Annaleigh Ekman, Associate Regional Planner, SCAG, provided an update on the milestones that have been made on the Implementation Strategies. She provided an overview of SCAG's role in the region and discussed the four primary ways SCAG supported their partners in implementation which were to coordinate policy efforts across jurisdictions and stakeholders; ensure state and federally funded transportation projects and programs support Connect SoCal and assist the region in advancing key performance measures; and conduct data collection, analysis, and research to further policy advancement and provide funding and resources for local government. She stated SCAG had progressed on 79 of the 93 strategies since plan adoption. Lastly, she reviewed the vision and goals for mobility, communities, environment, and economy.

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.

4. Connect SoCal 2024: Sustainable Communities Strategy Acceptance and Target Updates

Camille Guiriba, Senior Regional Planner, SCAG, stated that on May 7th, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) communicated they had accepted SCAG's determination that Connect SoCal 2024 met the greenhouse gas emission reduction targets. She indicated CARB anticipated updating regional GHG emission targets by the fall of 2026 and that this process typically occurred every 8 years with the last one being in 2018. She stated SCAG and other MPO's had requested to maintain the same targets and focus efforts on implementation.

The comprehensive staff report was provided verbally. The meeting video is also available on the SCAG website.

5. Water Action Resolution White Paper

Kim Clark, Planning Supervisor, SCAG, stated that by 2050, an additional 2.5 million people were projected to live in the SCAG region. The region was also anticipating major growth in water-intensive industries. Water agencies were grappling with issues and needed funding to address them. She indicated SCAG conducted interviews with stakeholders across six counties to understand opportunities for collaboration. She stated the findings were based on the five indicators for water equity which were reliability, cleanliness and safety, affordability, accessibility, and resilience. She provided an overview for each of the indicators. Lastly, she stated key conclusions and stated next steps.

Ms. Clark introduced the panel speakers: Tracy Quinn, President and CEO of Heal the Bay; Rod Woods, Deputy General Manager of the Moulton Niguel Water District; and Greg Woodside, Chief of Planning & Watershed Resilience of the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District. The speakers discussed connections between water, quality, resilience, and wildfires, and included challenges and solutions due to recent events in Los Angeles County.

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CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Denison stated that in May, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) accepted SCAG's determination that the Connect SoCal 2024 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy met CARB's greenhouse gas emission reduction targets. He congratulated EEC member and Riverside Mayor, Patricia Lock Dawson, on her recent appointment to the California Air Resources Board. Lastly, he thanked everyone who joined the 60th annual General Assembly and stated he was looking forward to continuing the work of the committee throughout the upcoming year.

STAFF REPORT

Ivette Macias, Senior Government Affairs Officer, announced that she had taken over as the support government affairs staff member to the Energy & Environment Committee. She provided information on Go Human opportunities such as Under the Traffic Safety Event Sponsorship and helmet distribution.

ANNOUNCEMENT

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Denison adjourned the Energy and Environment Committee meeting at 11:41 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		1	4	
Bishop, Art	Apple Valley, SBCTA	1			1		1	0			1	1		1	6	
Clark, Margaret	Rosemead, RC District 32	1			1		1	1			1	1		1	7	
Copeland, Robert	Signal Hill, GCCOG	1			0		1	0			1	0		0	3	
Crosswhite, Jenny	Santa Paula, RC District 47	1			1		1	1			1	1		1	7	
Davis, Ned	Westlake Village, LVMCOG	1			0		0	1			1	1		1	5	
Denison, Rick	Yucca Valley, RC District 11	1			1		1	1			1	1		1	7	
Esobar, Jesus	Imperial County										1	1		0	2	
Hernandez, Carmen	Barstow, SBCTA	1			1		1	1			1	1		1	7	
Horne, Shari	Laguna Woods, OCCOG	1			1		1	1			1	1		1	7	
Huff, Britt	Rolling Hills Estates, SCBCOG	1			1		1	1			0	1		1	6	
Johsz, Brian	Chino Hills, SBCTA										1	1		1	3	
Kalmick, Joe	Seal Beach, RC District 20	1			1		1	1			1	1		1	7	
Leash, Steven	Cahuilla Band of Indians	1			1		0	0			0	0		0	2	
Litster, Elaine	Simi Valley, VCOG	0			1		1	1			1	1		1	6	
Lock Dawson, Patricia	Riverside, District 68				1		1	1			0	1		0	4	
Lopez, Vianey	Ventura County	1			1		1	1			1	1		1	7	
McMorrin, Yasmine-Imani	Culver City, WCCOG										1	1		1	3	
Moss, Cory	City of Industry, Pres. Apt						0	0			0	0		0	0	
Ramos, Daniel	Adelanto, SBCTA	1			1		1	1			1	1		1	7	
Sanchez-Palacios, Jeanette	Ventura, VCOG	0			0		0	1			1	0		0	2	
Saro, Suely	Long Beach, RC District 29										1	1		0	2	
Senecal, Patty	Seal Beach, OCCOG										1	1		1	3	
Stark, Jennifer	Claremont, SGVCOG	1			1		0	1			0	0		1	4	
Taj, Ali	Artesia, Pres. Apt	1			0		0	0			0	0		1	2	
Takahashi, Tamala	Burbank, SFVCOG	1			1		0	1			1	0		1	5	
Traut, Connor	Buena Park, OCCOG	1			1		0	1			0	1		1	5	
Virgen, Stephanie	Coachella, CVAG	1			1		0	1			1	1		0	5	
Welty, Dale	Canyon Lake, WRCOG	1			1		1	1			0	1		1	6	