



San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments

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Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee

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Denis Bertone, Vice Chair

MINUTES

Monday, June 22nd, 2009
10:30 am

Monrovia Corporate Yard Building
600 S. Mountain Avenue
Monrovia, CA 91016

1.0 Preliminary Business

1.1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:35 am.

1.2 Self-Introductions

M. Lutz	Monrovia
D. Bertone	San Dimas
B. Harbicht	Arcadia
D. Iwata	Monrovia
H. Shaw	The Gas Company
E. Kunitake	LA County Public Works
M. Creter	COG staff
B. Cooke	COG staff

2.0 Public Communications

There were no public communications.

3.0 Consent Items

3.1 May 27th Minutes

3.2 Correspondence

There was a motion to approve the consent items (M/S/C: B. Harbicht, D. Bertone, Unanimous).

4.0 Discussion Items

4.1 Air Quality Working Group Update

i. SB 375

Staff provided an update of SB 375 issues. A briefing was held on June 11th for San Gabriel Valley officials. Staff is working on developing maps that demonstrate proposed land use changes to facilitate understanding of key issues. The COG must determine whether it will take subdelegation by October 2009. There was discussion about the impact of the legislation on actual land use development, behavior change, and future transportation investment.

4.2 Energy Working Group Update

i. Energy Policy Paper

Staff reported that this item will be brought back to the committee at the next meeting.

ii. Energy Efficiency & Conservation Strategies

Staff reported that the COG has released an RFP for the development of EECSs on behalf of six cities in the San Gabriel Valley.

iii. San Gabriel Valley Energy Wise Partnership

Staff provided an update on Partnership activities, including a recap of the green building workshop held on June 10th. A homeowners' solar information session is scheduled for July 8th in the City of Claremont. Participants requested that staff forward the flyer for this event to the committee. Staff also reported that they have been directed to apply for an EPA grant to complete greenhouse gas emissions reduction plans for the region. Many cities have expressed interest in completing such a plan, and the Energy Working Group has been reviewing various GHG inventory and reduction plan development strategies in recent months. Staff will ask for Governing Board approval to apply for this funding at its July meeting.

4.3 Open Space Working Group Update

The chair of the open space working group reported that he will meet with the Executive Director of the RMC to discuss bond funding next week. He is planning a meeting with all cities regarding their Prop 84 project status and also a presentation on the San Gabriel Mountains Wilderness Campaign.

4.4 Solid Waste Working Group Update

Committee members discussed the following legislation:

- AB 222 (Adams)

There was a motion to take a position of “support” for AB 222 (M/S/C: B. Harbricht, D. Bertone, Unanimous).

- AB 283 (Chesbro)

There was a motion to take a position of “watch” for AB 283 (M/S/C: D. Bertone, B. Harbricht, Unanimous).

4.5 Water Working Group Update

i. Watershed Coordinator

Staff reported that the COG has been given permission to restart the Watershed Coordinator grant. Staff is working with RMC and the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Watershed Council on logistics relative to financing and management of the project moving forward.

4.6 Legislative Matrix

This item was discussed under the Solid Waste Working Group update.

4.7 Develop draft strategic plan objectives

Committee members reviewed draft objectives and made recommendations for revised language. There was discussion regarding aligning the EENR committee's work plan with the strategic plan goals and objectives at the next strategic planning session.

5.0 Items for Future Meetings

None.

6.0 Set next meeting date

The committee will not meet in July due to the Strategic Plan session scheduled during the committee's regular meeting time. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 26th at 10:30 am.

7.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:26 am.