



SGVCOG EENR Committee Approved Meeting Minutes

Date: September 17, 2020
Time: 1:00 PM
Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Members Present:

Claremont – J. Stark
Covina – M. Saint
Duarte – L. Reilly
Rosemead – M. Clark
San Dimas – D. Bertone
San Gabriel – C. Liao
Sierra Madre – J. Capoccia
West Covina – T. Wu

Members Absent:

Temple City (Ex-officio)

SGVCOG Staff:

A. Fung, Staff
A. Bordallo, Staff

Guests:

N. Espinoza, The Energy Coalition

3. Public Comment
There were no public comments at this meeting.

4. Changes to Agenda Order: Identify emergency items arising after agenda posting and requiring action prior to next regular meeting.
There were no changes to the agenda order.

CONSENT CALENDAR

5. EENR Meeting Minutes – August 19, 2020
Recommended Action: Approve.

6. Correspondence
Recommended Action: Receive and file.

There was a motion made to approve consent calendar items 5-6. (M/S: T. Wu/M. Clark)

[Motion Passed]

AYES:	Duarte, Rosemead, San Dimas, Sierra Madre, West Covina
NOES:	

ABSTAIN/NO VOTE RECORDED:	Claremont, Covina, San Gabriel
ABSENT:	

LIAISON REPORTS

- 7. Clean Power Alliance
There were no updates from the Clean Power Alliance.
- 8. San Gabriel Mountains Community Collaborative
There were no updates from the San Gabriel Mountains Community Collaborative.
- 9. San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District (MVCD)
There were no updates from the San Gabriel Valley MVCD.
- 10. Trust for Public Land
There were no updates from the Trust for Public Land.
- 11. San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC)
There were no updates from the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy.
- 12. Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County
There were no updates from the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County.
- 13. Southern California Edison
There were no updates from Southern California Edison.
- 14. Southern California Gas Company
There were no updates from SoCalGas.
- 15. South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD)
R. Yeung provided a written report on this item. The AQMD recommends residents to remain indoors with windows and doors closed as wildfires increases the amount of gaseous air pollutants across Southern California.

ACTION ITEM

- 16. Election of FY 2020-2021 Committee Chair and Vice Chair

There was a motion made to elect Denis Bertone from the City of San Dimas as the FY 2020-2021 EENR Committee Chair and Liz Reilly from the City of Duarte as the FY 2020-2021 EENR Committee Vice Chair. (M/S: M. Clark/J. Stark)

[Motion Passed]

AYES:	Claremont, Duarte, Rosemead, San Dimas, Sierra Madre, West Covina
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NOES:	
ABSTAIN/NO VOTE RECORDED:	Covina, San Gabriel
ABSENT:	

UPDATE ITEM

- 17.** 2020 San Gabriel Valley Energy Champion Awards Progress
 SGVCOG Project Assistant, Ana Bordallo, provided a presentation on this item. The SGVCOG proudly introduces the 2020 San Gabriel Valley Energy Champion Awards to recognize San Gabriel Valley cities’ efforts for increasing energy efficiency in municipal facilities. San Gabriel Valley cities that meet certain thresholds in municipal and community energy efficiency and community outreach will receive awards and recognition from the SGVCOG towards the end of this year. Ms. Bordallo announced that the Cities of South El Monte and South Pasadena recently reached the Silver Tier and that the City of San Gabriel has reached the Bronze Tier. Additionally, the Cities of Alhambra, Arcadia, Diamond Bar, El Monte, Irwindale, Monrovia, Pomona, San Dimas, and Walnut are close to achieving the Bronze Tier.

Discussions/Questions:

- A committee member inquired about the possibility of a City reaching higher tiers in the Energy Champion Awards if the City has reduced its electricity and gas consumption in recent months. Ms. Bordallo responded that the SGVCOG is open to working with the cities to reach the highest tier in the Energy Champion Awards.

PRESENTATIONS

- 18.** Existing Zero Waste Policies, Regulations, and Examples
 SGVCOG Management Analyst, Alexander Fung, provided a presentation on this item. Mr. Fung has stated that the State of California and the County of Los Angeles do not require local jurisdictions to adopt and implement Zero Waste policies; however, local jurisdictions are highly recommended to adopt such policies to minimize pollutants and reduce the amount of waste generated by their respective communities. The California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) offers technical assistance support for local jurisdictions that are interested in developing or refining their Zero Waste policies. Additionally, Mr. Fung presented various actions and goals that cities and agencies can consider when developing Zero Waste policies.

Discussions/Questions:

- A committee member inquired about the possibility of the SGVCOG providing Zero Waste presentations at local city council meetings to raise awareness. Mr. Fung responded that the SGVCOG is open to providing Zero Waste presentations at city council or commission meetings.
- Another committee member inquired about possible grants and resources for businesses and cities to recycle food waste. Mr. Fung responded that the SGVCOG will reach out to

CalRecycle to obtain further clarifications on existing resources and grants for food waste recycling.

- A committee member inquired about whether there is a need for federal or state legislation to address the lack of recycling and waste reduction grants and funding available to local jurisdictions. Mr. Fung responded that there has been an increase in the number of State legislation to advocate for additional funding and resources for cities to implement recycling and food waste reduction activities; however, there has not been a lot of bills that focus on addressing this issue at the Federal level.
- Two committee members expressed concerns over the lack of funding for cities to conduct food waste diversion and recycling activities in California.

- 19. Southern California Regional Energy Network (SoCalREN) Programs and Project Updates**
The Energy Coalition Project Manager, Natalie Espinoza, provided a presentation on this item. The SoCalREN was created to harness the collective power of residents, businesses, and the public sector to achieve energy savings across Southern California. Administered by the County of Los Angeles, the SoCalREN utilizes comprehensive and customized methods to support the unique needs of public agencies and assist agencies to save energy and implement energy efficiency projects. Together with the SoCalREN, the SGVCOG has assisted in the implementation of 18 energy efficiency projects and 28 audits and the planning of 47 pipeline projects. These projects and activities led to the creation of 58 jobs and a reduction of 3,000,000+ kilowatt-hours and 5,000+ therms in annual energy savings.

Discussions/Questions:

- A committee member inquired about the progress of streetlight conversion projects in the City of San Gabriel. Ms. Espinoza responded that the SoCalREN is actively working with the City of San Gabriel to quickly convert existing streetlights to LED streetlights.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENT

- 20. Upcoming Energy Work Group Meeting**
The Energy Work Group will reconvene on Tuesday, September 29, 2020 at 1:30pm.
- 21. Next Committee Meeting**
The upcoming committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 21, 2020 at 1:00pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

C. Liao announced that SB 1044 was introduced by Senator Ben Allen to ban the sale and use of firefighting foams containing PFAS chemicals in California. The bill passed the Legislature with bipartisan support and it is currently being reviewed by the Governor's Office.

ADJOURN

D. Bertone adjourned the meeting at 2:03 p.m.