



San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments*

NOTICE AND AGENDA OF THE MEETING OF THE ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (EENR) COMMITTEE

Wednesday, August 17, 2022 – 1:00 PM

Zoom Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89958191025>

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Thank you for participating in today's meeting. The EENR Committee encourages public participation and invites you to share your views on agenda items.

MEETINGS: *Regular Meetings of the EENR Committee are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 1:00 PM at the Monrovia Community Center, 119 W. Palm Avenue, Monrovia, CA 91016.* The agenda packet is available at the San Gabriel Valley Council of Government's (SGVCOG) Office, 4900 Rivergrade Road, Suite A120, Irwindale, CA, and on the website, www.sgvkog.org. A copy of the agenda is also viewable at Alhambra City Hall, 111 S 1st St, Alhambra, CA. Copies are available via email upon request (sgv@sgvcog.org). Documents distributed to a majority of the Committee after the posting will be available for review in the SGVCOG office and on the SGVCOG website. Your attendance at this public meeting may result in the recording of your voice.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Your participation is welcomed and invited at all EENR Committee meetings. Time is reserved at each regular meeting for those who wish to address the Committee. SGVCOG requests that persons addressing the Committee refrain from making personal, slanderous, profane or disruptive remarks.

TO ADDRESS THE EENR COMMITTEE: At a regular meeting, the public may comment on any matter within the jurisdiction of the SGVCOG during the public comment period at the beginning of the agenda, on any item(s) that is on the Consent Calendar prior to action taken on the Consent Calendar, and on any other agenda item prior to the time it is considered by the Committee. At a special meeting, the public may only comment on items that are on the agenda. Members of the public are requested to state their name prior to speaking, and comments are limited to a maximum of three minutes per person. The Committee Chair may impose additional time limits if comments become repetitious, an individual member of the public seeks to speak on numerous items, or a large number of members of the public seek to speak on an item. The Committee may not take action on items not on the agenda and is restricted in discussing items on the agenda.

AGENDA ITEMS: The Agenda contains the regular order of business of the EENR Committee. Items on the Agenda have generally been reviewed and investigated by the staff in advance of the meeting so that the EENR Committee can be fully informed about a matter before making its decision.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Items listed on the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and will be acted upon by one motion. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless a committee member so requests. In this event, the item will be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered after the Consent Calendar.



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***MEETING MODIFICATIONS DUE TO THE STATE AND LOCAL EMERGENCY RESULTING FROM THE THREAT OF COVID-19:** AB 361 (Rivas), signed by California Governor Gavin Newsom on September 16, 2021, authorizes local agencies to hold public meetings via teleconferencing and allows for members of the public to observe and address the meeting telephonically or electronically to promote social distancing due to the state and local emergency resulting from the threat of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).

To follow the new provisions in AB 361 and ensure the safety of Committee Members and staff for the purpose of limiting the risk of COVID-19, in-person public participation at the Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee meeting will not be allowed. To allow for public participation, the Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee will conduct its meeting through Zoom Video Communications. To participate in the meeting, download Zoom on any phone or computer device and copy and paste the following link into your browser to access the live meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89958191025>. You may also access the meeting via the livestream link on the front of the agenda page.

Instructions for Public Comments: For those wishing to make public comments on agenda and non-agenda items, but within the SGVCOG's subject matter jurisdiction, you may submit written comments via email or provide a verbal comment by participating through Zoom.

- Written Comments (Email): If you wish to submit written public comments to be distributed to the committee members prior to or during the meeting, please submit these materials via email to SGVCOG Management Analyst, Brianne Logasa, at blogasa@sgvcog.org at least 1 hour prior to the scheduled meeting time. Please indicate in the Subject Line of the email "FOR PUBLIC COMMENT." Emailed public comments will be read into the record and will be part of the recorded meeting minutes. Written public comments may include, but are not limited to letters, reports, and presentations. While there is no page or word count limit for written comments, the time for reading written public comments into the record will be limited to three minutes, which is the same time allotted for verbal comments.
- Verbal Comments (Zoom): Through Zoom, you may provide a verbal comment by using the web interface "Raise Hand" feature. Wait to be called upon by staff, and then you may provide verbal comments for up to 3 minutes. Public comment is taken at the beginning of the meeting for items not on the agenda. Public comment is also accepted at the beginning of each agenda item.

Any member of the public requiring reasonable accommodation to participate in this meeting should contact SGVCOG Management Analyst, Brianne Logasa, at least 48 hours prior to the meeting at (626) 457-1800 or at blogasa@sgvcog.org.

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Public Comment

CONSENT CALENDAR *(It is anticipated that the EENR Committee may take action on the following matters)*

4. Adoption of Resolution 22-09-EENR Enabling the EENR Committee to Continue Holding Meetings via Teleconferencing **(Page 4)**
Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution 22-09-EENR making certain findings that the existence of a local and state of emergency in California caused by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic continues to directly impact the ability of the SGVCOG to hold public meetings safely in-person, thereby necessitating an ability to continue holding meetings via teleconference.

PRESENTATIONS *(It is anticipated that the EENR Committee may take action on the following matters)*

5. Opportunities for Public Fleet Electrification & Electric Vehicle Charging – Maddie Emerson et al., TRC **(Page 6)**
Recommended Action: For information only.
6. AB 1985 (Rivas, Robert) Organic waste: recovered organic waste product procurement targets **(Page 8)**
Recommended Action: For information only.

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8. Clean Power Alliance
9. San Gabriel Mountains Community Collaborative
10. San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District
11. Trust for Public Land
12. [San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy](#)
13. Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County
14. Southern California Edison
15. Southern California Gas Company
16. [South Coast Air Quality Management District \(AQMD\)](#)

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DATE: August 17, 2022

TO: Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources (EENR) Committee

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 22-09-EENR ENABLING THE EENR COMMITTEE TO CONTINUE HOLDING MEETINGS VIA TELECONFERENCING**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Adopt Resolution 22-09-EENR making certain findings that the existence of a local and state of emergency in California caused by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic continues to directly impact the ability of the SGVCOG to hold public meetings safely in-person, thereby necessitating an ability to continue holding meetings via teleconferencing.

BACKGROUND

Introduced by Assemblymember Robert Rivas (D-Hollister) on February 1, 2021, AB 361 codifies portions of Governor Gavin Newsom's existing Ralph M. Brown Act exemptions pertaining to teleconferencing if a local agency issues an emergency finding, and reissues it every 30 days, that it is unsafe to meet in person. Specifically, the Brown Act exemptions include requirements to provide a public teleconference location, to maintain a member quorum within the agency's jurisdiction and to provide for public comment at each teleconference location, such as a private residence. The legislation expires in December 2024. On September 16, 2021, California Governor Gavin Newsom signed AB 361 into law, effective immediately.

A local agency wishing to rely on the provisions of AB 361 must meet one of the following criteria:

1. The local agency holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency, and state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing; or
2. The local holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency for the purpose of determining, by majority vote, whether as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees; or
3. The local agency holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency and has determined, by majority vote, that, as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.

On March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency in California due to the threat of COVID-19 and shortly thereafter issued Executive Order N-29-20 suspending certain Brown Act provisions relating to teleconferencing as public meetings began to be held online.¹

¹ Similarly, on March 4, 2020, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and Los Angeles County Health Officer declared a local and health emergency due to the threat of COVID-19.

However, this Executive Order expired on September 30, 2021, despite the State of Emergency remaining in place.

The threat that COVID-19 has presented continues to directly impact the ability of the SGVCOG to conduct Governing Board/committee meetings safely in person. Updated guidelines issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health in July and August 2021 advise governmental entities to refrain from conducting indoor meetings and consider moving operations outdoors, where feasible, to prevent transmission. SGVCOG staff finds it has been unable to find a suitable outdoor space with the requisite audio/visual capabilities at which the monthly committee meetings can be held safely. Similarly, an indoor space with sufficient capacity to accommodate safe social distance practices among members, staff, and the public could not be identified.

In order to continue to conduct meetings in a safe manner and to prevent unnecessary COVID-19 exposure to members, staff and the public, staff is recommending that the EENR Committee adopts a resolution making certain findings in order to be able to continue teleconferencing for its meetings.

Prepared by:



Brianne Logasa
Management Analyst

Approved by:



Marisa Creter
Executive Director

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[Attachment A – Resolution 22-09-EENR](#)

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DATE: August 17, 2022

TO: Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS AND FLEET ELECTRIFICATION**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

For information only.

BACKGROUND


As electric vehicle (EV) technology advances, the electrification of entire fleets of medium and heavy duty vehicles for commercial operations has become more viable. Some key obstacles to widespread adoption include high capital costs, EV model availability, and operational unknowns particularly related to charging. Ensuring an affordable, fast, and easy charging process requires appropriate support from the power grid and dedicated infrastructure, both of which will depend on federal and state funding. SGVCOG member cities can benefit from the cost savings associated with fleet electrification, the opportunity to meet emissions reduction goals, and complying with regulations. It is critical to inform local leaders on the available federal funding sources, the EV procurement and deployment process, anticipated challenges, and the infrastructure investments required for these projects.

TRC is an environmental, engineering, and technology firm that has conducted significant research and analysis work on the topics of energy efficiency, electrification, and distributed energy resources.

Representatives from TRC will provide a detailed presentation on this item.

- Calder Silcox, Transportation Electrification Lead
- Maddie Emerson, Legislative & Regulatory Analyst
- Jonathan Rossi, Engineering Director
- Marissa Van Sant, Program Director

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Steph Wong
Management Analyst

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Approved by: Marisa Creter
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Executive Director

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[Attachment A - TRC Electric Fleet and Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment Presentation](#)

DATE: August 17, 2022

TO: Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **AB 1985 (RIVAS, ROBERT) – ORGANIC WASTE: RECOVERED ORGANIC WASTE PRODUCT PROCUREMENT TARGETS**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

For information only.

BACKGROUND

Starting January 1, 2022, SB 1383 required the State Air Resources Board approve and implement the comprehensive short lived climate pollutant strategy to achieve, from 2013 levels, a 40% reduction in methane, a 40% reduction in hydrofluorocarbon gases, and a 50% reduction in anthropogenic black carbon, by 2030. In order to accomplish these goals, the bill specified that the methane emission reduction goals include targets to reduce the landfill disposal of organic waste 50% by 2020 and 75% by 2025 from the 2014 level. In order to achieve these goals, California's waste management infrastructure is going to have to recycle much higher quantities of organic material.

AB 1985 (Rivas, Robert) would allow a local jurisdiction to procure landfill-diverted recovered organic waste made from California to comply with these recovered organic waste product procurement target requirements. The bill would allow a local jurisdiction, in procuring recovered organic waste products, to utilize California-derived recovered organic waste that is processed outside of the state. Additionally, this bill would require any penalties imposed by the department on a local jurisdiction that fails to meet its recovered organic waste procurement target to be imposed pursuant to a specified schedule based on the percentage of the local jurisdiction's recovered organic waste product procurement target achieved.

DISCUSSION

Like all recycling, organic waste recycling can only succeed if there is a market for the recycled materials. At this time, production of compost and other organic waste products exceeds demand. In order to address this problem, under the direction of SB 1383, CalRecycle has developed a requirement for local governments to procure minimum amounts of organic waste products. AB 1985 (Rivas, Robert) clarifies the procurement regulations and guidelines. This bill seeks to give local jurisdictions flexibility in meeting the ambitious requirements set by SB 1383. One of the key provisions of this bill is to allow jurisdictions to compensate for failing to meet procurement targets by implementing programs designed to reduce waste.

Those in support of this bill assert that it will help local governments in reaching organic waste goals by providing a way to connect with local farmers and community members in need of organic waste products, and expand procurement options for local jurisdictions to provide innovation solutions that will help reach out California's climate goals. However, one concern of this bill is that by allowing local jurisdictions to meet its procurement requirements by purchasing

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Californian waste that has been processed out of state, it undercuts the goal of building recycling infrastructure in California. Increased infrastructure will be necessary to process all of the organic waste that the state will produce.

AB 1985 has passed in the Assembly and is currently expected to be heard by the Senate Appropriations Committee on August 8, 2022.

Supporters of the bill include—but are not limited to—the following:

- California State Association of Counties (CSAC)
- Californians Against Waste
- League of California Cities
- Northern California Recycling Association
- Republic Services – Western Region
- Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC)
- South Bayside Waste Management Authority (SBWMA)

As of June 13, 2022, there were no opponents listed on file with the State Senate.

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[Attachment A – AB 1985 \(Rivas, Robert\) Text](#)