



SGVCOG EENR Committee Regular Meeting Minutes

Date: September 15, 2021
Time: 1:00 PM
Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order
D. Bertone called the meeting to order at 1:01pm.
2. Roll Call
A quorum was in attendance.

Committee Members Present

Claremont	J. Stark
Covina	S. Gallant
Duarte	V. Truong
Pomona	J. Carver
Rosemead	M. Clark
San Dimas	D. Bertone
Sierra Madre	R. Arizmendi
West Covina	T. Wu

Absent

El Monte
Pasadena
San Gabriel
Temple City (Ex-Officio)

Guests

City of Monterey Park	A. Ho
City of South Pasadena	A. Kasparian
City of South Pasadena	T. Gerber
GGA Architects	G. Kochanowski
Los Angeles County CSO	L. Crosson
MSGW Watermaster	L. Augino
Office of Rep. Napolitano	B. Pence
RMC	S. Gee
SoCalGas	H. Shaw
SoCalGas	J. Kong
SSL Architects	R. Siegel
Synergy Companies	B. Fronk
Velada Consulting	K. Velasco
Velada Consulting	P. Velasco
Member of Public	R. Sobero

SGVCOG Staff

A. Fung, Staff
C. Serrato, Staff
V. Guerra, Staff

3. Public Comment
Sally Gee from the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) provided a verbal public comment on the RMC Wildfire Grant Program.
4. Changes to Agenda Order

There were no changes to the agenda.

CONSENT CALENDAR

5. EENR Meeting Minutes – August 18, 2021

Action: Review and approve.

**There was a motion to approve consent calendar item 5. (M/S: J. Stark/V. Truong)
[Motion Passed]**

AYES:	Claremont, Duarte, Pomona, Rosemead, San Dimas, Sierra Madre, West Covina
NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	Covina
NO VOTE RECORDED:	
ABSENT:	El Monte, Pasadena, San Gabriel

LIAISON REPORTS

No verbal report was given unless otherwise noted.

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

PRESENTATIONS

15. SoCalGas Public Direct Install Program

Synergy Companies Senior Project Manager, Brian Fronk, provided a presentation on this item. In partnership with Synergy Companies, SoCalGas offers the Public Direct Install Program to provide no-cost furnace and water heating optimization measures and incentives for upgrading to high-efficiency furnaces and tankless water heaters. The Program offers various incentives and rebates and provides no-cost offerings such as low-flow showerheads, hot water heater tank insulation, pipe wraps, and low-flow pre-rinse spray nozzles.

Key Discussions/Questions:

- D. Bertone inquired about whether residents can access the benefits of the Public Direct Install Program. Mr. Fronk responded that the Program only applies to municipal facilities. SoCalGas provides other energy programs for residential customers.
- M. Clark commented that tankless water heaters can conserve water usage compared to regular water heaters. Mr. Fronk agreed with Ms. Clark’s comments and responded that the residential programs are being advertised in the community.

16. Quemetco Battery Recycling Facility Overview

Velada Consulting Senior Vice President, Paulina Velasco, provided a presentation on this item. Quemetco is a battery recycling facility that employs 210 full-time local union workers in the City of Industry. The facility recycles 10 million batteries and generates approximately 120,000 tons of recycled lead every year. Approximately 85% of the lead refined at the facility derives from spent lead-acid automotive batteries. Quemetco recently launched a robust community engagement program and is currently offering virtual tours to interested elected officials, city staff, residents, and community stakeholders.

Key Discussions/Questions:

- D. Bertone inquired about whether all batteries are recycled. Ms. Velasco responded that a battery's recyclability depends on its components. Most batteries can be recycled as long as their lead are removed.
- M. Clark expressed interest in touring the Quemetco facility.

17. Los Angeles County Climate Vulnerability Assessment

Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office City Liaison, Liz Crosson, provided a presentation on this item. Developed by the Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office, the Los Angeles County Climate Vulnerability Assessment (CVA) examined the physical and social vulnerability of communities to climate impacts such as extreme heat, extreme precipitation, wildfire, sea level rise, drought, and flooding.

Key Discussions/Questions:

- D. Bertone inquired whether the CVA services are mostly informational. Ms. Crosson responded that the County of Los Angeles plans on partnering with cities to provide climate adaptation technical assistance programs.
- D. Bertone inquired whether the goal of the CVA is to influence legislation. Ms. Crosson responded that the County hopes to communicate communities that are at risk in Los Angeles County and provide funding opportunities through the CVA.
- J. Stark inquired about climate vulnerability assessments in cities' hazard mitigation plans. Ms. Crosson responded that vulnerability assessments are mandated in cities' hazard mitigation plans.

18. Wildfire Prevention Planning in the San Gabriel Valley

GGA Architects Principal, Greg Kochanowski, provided a presentation on this item. To improve stewardship in the wildland urban interface, the Fire Safe Alliance was formed as a collaboration of public agencies, departments, and communities to identify solutions and resources for property owners and land managers. The Alliance encourages local jurisdictions to participate or lead efforts to develop a Community Wildfire Protection Plan, which guides future actions of private landowners, local Fire Safe Councils, land management agencies, and emergency service providers wanting to take proactive steps to minimize risks and protect local communities.

Key Discussions/Questions:

- J. Stark recommended this presentation be also provide to the San Gabriel Mountains Community Collaborative.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

19. Next Committee

The committee is scheduled to reconvene on Wednesday, October 20, 2021 at 1:00pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no additional announcements.

ADJOURN

D. Bertone adjourned the Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee meeting at 2:05pm.