



SGVCOG EENR Committee Minutes

Date: March 20, 2019

Time: 12:30 PM

Location: Monrovia Community Center’s Monroe Conference Room (119 W. Palm Avenue, Monrovia, CA 91016)

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

- 1. Call to Order
This meeting was called to order at 12:31pm.
- 2. Roll Call

Members Present:

Claremont – J. Stark
 Rosemead – M. Clark
 San Dimas – D. Bertone
 West Covina – T. Wu
 L.A. County District #1 – H. Nguyen
 Temple City – J. Lee (Ex-officio)

Members Absent:

Sierra Madre

Late Arrivals:

Covina – M. Saint
 Duarte – L. Reilly
 San Gabriel – C. Liao

COG Staff:

A. Fung, Staff

- 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.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 5. EENR Meeting Minutes
- 6. Correspondence
There was a motion to approve consent items 5-6. (M/S: J. Stark/ H. Nguyen).

[Motion Passed]

AYES:	Claremont, Rosemead, San Dimas, West Covina, L.A. County District #1
NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	

PRESENTATIONS

7. The Trust for Public Land: Climate-Smart Cities Initiative
P. Perrone from the Trust for Public Land presented on the details of the Trust’s Climate-Smart Cities Initiative. After explaining how disadvantaged communities and low-income neighborhoods have fewer parks and green spaces to absorb stormwater, Mr. Perrone presented the benefits of cities participating in the Climate-Smart Cities Program. This program provides the platform for the Trust to partner with city leaders and residents to design, fund, and build climate-smart parks and green spaces where they are needed the most. The Trust aims to help cities use parks and natural lands as green infrastructure that links residents to popular destinations, reduces the urban “heat island” effect, absorbs rainwater, reduces flooding, protects residents from heat waves, and reduces summer energy use.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

8. San Gabriel Mountains Foothills and Rivers Protection Act
E. Robles from Office of the Congresswoman Judy Chu (CA-27) and H. Hutt from Office of the U.S. Senator Kamala Harris provided the second presentation of the meeting on the San Gabriel Mountains Foothills and Rivers Protection Act. Mr. Robles and Ms. Hutt presented on the overview of the bill, including details of expanding the existing San Gabriel Mountains National Monument, the establishment of the San Gabriel Mountains National Recreation Area, the establishment of new wilderness areas, and the re-classification of several San Gabriel Mountain rivers as Wild and Scenic Rivers. It is expected that this bill will be presented to Congress in the second week of April.

After viewing the presentation, Committee members Liz Reilly (Duarte Councilmember) and Margaret Clark (Rosemead Mayor Pro Tem), who both have served for over four years on the collaborative committee that was formed to develop the plans for the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument, expressed concerns regarding the Act. Since the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument was one of the monuments that President Trump considered to dismantle and that the collaborative has brought together various viewpoints and has worked in agreement, an extensive letter was sent from the collaborative to the President requesting that the National Monument remain. The two committee members were concerned that this Act can place the National Monument in jeopardy again and that funds may be taken away from maintaining the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument should the National Recreation Area be established.

There was a motion to recommend the SGVCOG Governing Board to support the San Gabriel Mountains Foothills and Rivers Protection Act.

There was then a substitute motion to table this item until more information on this bill becomes finalized. (M/S: M. Clark/L. Reilly).

[Motion Failed]

AYES:	Duarte, Rosemead, West Covina
NOES:	Claremont, Covina, San Dimas, San Gabriel, L.A. County District #1
ABSTAIN:	
ABSENT:	Sierra Madre

Since the substitute motion failed, the original motion was taken up: Recommend the SGVCOG Governing Board to support the following items in accordance to the language set out in the San Gabriel Mountains Foothills and Rivers Protection Act:

- **The expansion of the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument;**
- **The establishment of the San Gabriel Mountains National Recreation Area;**
- **The classifications of Yerba Buena and Condor Peak as Wilderness Areas;**
- **The expansions of the San Gabriel and Sheep Mountain Wilderness Areas; and,**
- **The classifications of WF San Gabriel River PWSR, Little Rock Creek PWSR, Cooper Canyon PWSR, SF Cooper Canyon PWSR, NF San Gabriel River PWSR, and EF San Gabriel River PWSR as Wild and Scenic Rivers.**

(M/S: C. Liao/H. Nguyen)

[Motion Passed]

AYES:	Claremont, Covina, San Dimas, San Gabriel, West Covina, L.A. County District #1
NOES:	Duarte, Rosemead
ABSTAIN:	
ABSENT:	Sierra Madre

ACTION ITEMS

There were no action items at this meeting.

UPDATE ITEMS

- 9.** Clean Power Alliance
There were no updates from the Clean Power Alliance.
- 10.** San Gabriel Mountains Community Collaborative
L. Reilly reported that the Community Collaborative will be having a meeting on March 23, 2019 to discuss ad-hoc-committee work plans to assist the U.S. Forest Service with its Program of Work.
- 11.** San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District
J. Farned from the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District mentioned that the Control District is heavily investing in updating its data management system. The system will help with enhancing surveillance efforts and other collaborations. Additionally, an aerial surveillance will be conducted next month to search for non-functional swimming pools in the region.

12. Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation
There were no updates from Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation at this meeting.
13. Trust for Public Land
There were no updates from the Trust for Public Land at this meeting.
14. San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC)
J. Gonzalez from the RMC shared that the Conservancy's Proposition 68 call-for-projects will be released in the next few weeks. Committee members requested the COG to inform member agencies when the call-for-projects is publicized.
15. Southern California Edison
There were no updates from Southern California Edison at this meeting.
16. Southern California Gas Company
H. Romero Shaw from Southern California Gas Company spoke about renewable natural gas filings with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). If the filings are approved, it is expected that renewable natural gas will replace fossil fuel and regular natural gas in SoCalGas' pipelines beginning 2022.

COMMITTEE MEMBER ITEMS

17. April CR&R Biogas Conversion Facility Tour Logistics
In lieu of the April EENR Committee meeting, the Committee will be touring CR&R's facility in Perris, CA. SGVCOG staff will work with the Chair to coordinate logistics of the tour.
18. Discussion on Potential Joint EENR-Public Works TAC-Planners TAC Meeting in May 2019
The EENR Committee will be re-scheduling its meeting time in May to have a joint-meeting with the Public Works TAC and Planners TAC on Wednesday, 5/15 or Wednesday, 5/22 at 12:30pm. The joint-meeting will focus on providing feedback to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) regarding its opened proceedings to evaluate proposed methodologies related to the development of rules, policies, and procedures that are aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions from buildings.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

19. Senate Bill 54/Assembly Bill 1080: Single-Use Packaging and Products
SGVCOG staff presented key details on this bill and mentioned that Committee members can choose to act on recommending the Governing Board to support or oppose this bill.
20. CalRecycle Senate Bill 1383 Updates
SGVCOG staff shared updates regarding the CalRecycle's SB 1383 formal rulemaking process and encouraged cities to share any comments and concerns with CalRecycle at SLCP.Organics@calrecycle.ca.gov.
21. Upcoming EENR Committee Presentations and Meeting Dates
The Committee will be hosting a tour of the CR&R's biogas conversion facility in Perris, CA in lieu of its April meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements at this meeting.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 2:02 pm.