



SGVCOG EENR Committee Approved Meeting Minutes

Date: August 19, 2020
Time: 1:00 PM
Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:01 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Members Present:

Claremont – J. Stark
Duarte – L. Reilly
Rosemead – M. Clark
San Dimas – D. Bertone
West Covina – T. Wu
Temple City – J. Lee (Ex-officio)

Members Absent:

Covina
San Gabriel

SGVCOG Staff:

A. Fung, Staff

Guests:

E. Rasmussen, L.A. County Dept. of Public Health
S. Gee, RMC
H. Shaw, SoCalGas

3. Public Comment

S. Gee from the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy provided a public comment on the second round of Proposition 68's call-for-projects. \$22 million of funding will be made available to develop urban recreation projects and habitat protection or restoration projects in accordance with statewide priorities.

H. Shaw from SoCalGas provided a public comment on SoCalGas' commitment to provide safe and reliable services during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Additionally, Ms. Shaw announced that services will not be discontinued because of nonpayment and that there are scammers framing themselves as SoCalGas employees and calling residents to obtain personal information.

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 – June 17, 2020

Recommended Action: Approve.

6. 2020 San Gabriel Valley Energy Champion Awards Progress Report

- Recommended Action: Receive and file.*
7. Correspondence
Recommended Action: Receive and file.

There was a motion made to approve consent calendar items 5-7. (M/S: L. Reilly/J. Stark)
[Motion Passed]

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

LIAISON REPORTS

8. Clean Power Alliance
 There were no updates from the Clean Power Alliance.
9. San Gabriel Mountains Community Collaborative
 L. Reilly provided a written report on this item. The Collaborative is currently collecting information to develop a website for individuals and groups that are interested in volunteering in the Angeles National Forest.
10. San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District (MVCD)
 There were no updates from the San Gabriel Valley MVCD.
11. Trust for Public Land
 There were no updates from the Trust for Public Land.
12. San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC)
 S. Gee provided a written report on this item. The second round of Proposition 68 call-for-projects will be available and \$22 million will be allocated for projects to develop urban recreation projects and habitat protection or restoration projects in accordance with statewide priorities.
13. Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County
 M. Rosales provided a written report on this item. The Sanitation Districts are now offering free virtual tours of select facilities via Zoom. The upcoming tour is scheduled for Saturday, September 12, 2020 and will cover the San Jose Creek Water Reclamation Plant.
14. Southern California Edison
 There were no updates from Southern California Edison.
15. Southern California Gas Company

H. Shaw provided a written report on this item. SoCalGas is currently offering assistance programs for eligible customers and donations for families in need during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

16. South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD)

R. Yeung provided a written report on this item. The AQMD recently approved \$27 million to replace higher polluting trucks with zero-emission vehicles. The \$27 million would be the first installation from the \$90 million that was made available for Zero-Emission Class 8 Freight and Port Drayage Trucks category and will provide funding to replace freight trucks, waste haulers, dump trucks, and concrete mixers.

ACTION ITEM

17. SGVCOG Zero Waste Policy

SGVCOG staff provided a presentation on this item. As part of the 2020 Legislative Priorities, the EENR Committee has been tasked to develop a Zero Waste Policy to eliminate the negative impacts of designing, producing, using, and discarding of products and packaging and recommend the policy be approved and adopted by the Governing Board. The SGVCOG Zero Waste Policy states that the SGVCOG acknowledges the negative impacts of waste generation and the importance of conserving natural resources and protecting the environment. Aside from minimizing pollutants and mitigating the harmful nature of single-use plastics, the SGVCOG would also lead the San Gabriel Valley region in supporting and implementing zero waste policies.

Discussions/Questions:

- A committee member commented that the cities have control over food waste and oil. Local residents and businesses can donate excess oil and food waste to waste haulers and facilities that can process the materials into renewable energy.
- Another committee member inquired about the possibility of stopping the SGVCOG's service of providing food and drinks at committee meetings to reduce waste and the methods that the SGVCOG would be undertaking to assist member agencies to adopt zero waste policies. SGVCOG staff responded that the service of providing food and drinks at committee meetings can be stopped at the request of the respective committee and that the SGVCOG can assist cities to adopt zero waste policies by providing a preliminary framework that includes items, topics, and policies for cities to consider when developing a zero waste policy.
- Two committee members expressed support to reduce waste by encouraging SGVCOG staff to only serve food and drinks with no packaging or biodegradable packaging. Committee members and attendees should bring their own water bottles when attending in-person meetings.
- A committee member mentioned that it is important for the SGVCOG to follow existing legislation when implementing the proposed SGVCOG Zero Waste Policy.

There was a motion made to recommend the SGVCOG Governing Board to adopt the SGVCOG Zero Waste Policy. (M/S: L. Reilly/J. Stark)

[Motion Passed]

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

PRESENTATION

18. COVID-19 Updates and Flu Season Preparation

Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Community Liaison Public Health Nurse Supervisor, Elyse Rasmussen, provided a presentation on this item. Both flu and COVID-19 possess varying degrees of symptoms and signs, ranging from no symptoms to severe symptoms. The most common symptoms that both flu and COVID-19 share include cough, fever or feeling feverish, chills, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, fatigue, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, muscle pain or body aches, and headaches. Some symptomatic individuals may also experience vomiting and diarrhea when contracted with flu or COVID-19. With an expectation that the flu and COVID-19 will both be spreading in the fall and winter, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) strongly recommends that residents aged 6 months and older receive annual flu vaccines. Residents are encouraged to rest, stay home, and avoid attending social activities if they experience flu-like symptoms.

Discussions/Questions:

- A committee member inquired about providing aspirin to children or teenagers when they are experiencing flu symptoms or other diseases. Ms. Rasmussen responded that it is highly not recommended for individuals to provide aspirin to children or teenagers given that aspirin is not safe for children. Instead, general over-the-counter medication such as Tylenol and ibuprofen should be used to treat children’s flu symptoms.
- Another committee member inquired about the timeline to receive flu vaccines. Ms. Rasmussen responded that individuals should receive their flu vaccines in September or October.
- A committee member inquired about the Department of Public Health’s expectations for the upcoming flu season. Ms. Rasmussen responded that the severity of the upcoming flu season can be lowered if residents continue to stay home to keep themselves safe from COVID-19 and receive their flu vaccines.
- A committee member inquired about quadrivalent flu vaccines. Ms. Rasmussen responded that quadrivalent flu vaccines are designed to protect against four different flu viruses, including two influenza A viruses and two influenza B viruses. Individuals can also receive both the flu vaccine and pneumonia vaccine at the same time.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENT

19. Upcoming Energy Work Group Meeting

The Energy Work Group will reconvene on Tuesday, September 29, 2020 at 1:30pm.

20. Next Committee Meeting

The upcoming committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at 1:00pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no additional announcements.

ADJOURN

D. Bertone adjourned the meeting at 2:21 p.m.