



San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments*

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

Wednesday, September 21, 2022 – 1:00 PM

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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. EENR Meeting Minutes – August 10, 2022 **(Page 4)**
Recommended Action: Review and approve.
5. EENR Meeting Minutes – August 17, 2022 **(Page 6)**
Recommended Action: Review and approve.
6. Adoption of Resolution 22-11-EENR Enabling the EENR Committee to Continue Holding Meetings via Teleconferencing **(Page 8)**
Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution 22-11-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)*

7. Draft 2022 Air Quality Management Plan Overview - Michael Krause, South Coast Air Quality Management District **(Page 10)**
Recommended Action: For information only.
8. California Clean Air Day – Brian Sheridan, Coalition for Clean Air **(Page 11)**
Recommended Action: For information only.

LIAISON REPORTS

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURN



SGVCOG EENR Committee Special Meeting Minutes

Date: **August 10, 2022**
 Time: 1:00 PM
 Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order
 J. Stark called the meeting to order at 1:01pm.

2. Roll Call
A quorum was in attendance.

Committee Members Present

Claremont	J. Stark
Covina	M. Flores Jr.
Duarte	V. Truong
Pasadena	J. Guess
South Pasadena	M. Cacciotti

Absent

Pomona
 Rosemead
 San Dimas
 San Gabriel
 Sierra Madre
 Temple City (Ex-officio)
 West Covina

Guests

SGVCOG Staff

B. Logasa Staff

3. Public Comment
 There were no public comments.

CONSENT CALENDAR

4. Adoption of Resolution 22-08-EENR Enabling the EENR Committee to Continue Holding Meetings via Teleconferencing
Action: Adopt Resolution 22-08-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.

5. EENR Committee Minutes – July 13, 2022
Action: Review and approve.

There was a motion to approve consent calendar items 4-5. (M/S: V. Truong/R. Arizmendi)

[Motion Passed]

AYES:	Claremont, Covina, Duarte, Pasadena, South Pasadena
NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	
NO VOTE	

RECORDED:	
ABSENT:	Pomona, Rosemead, Sierra Madre, San Dimas, San Gabriel, West Covina

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

6. Committee Meeting Schedule

SGVCOG staff announced that the Committee will reconvene on Wednesday, August 17, 2022 at 1:00pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no additional announcements.

ADJOURN

J. Stark adjourned the Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee meeting at 1:07pm.



SGVCOG EENR Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: August 17, 2022
 Time: 1:00 PM
 Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order
 J. Stark called the meeting to order at 1:00pm.

2. Roll Call
A quorum was in attendance.

Committee Members Present

Claremont	J. Stark
Covina	M. Flores Jr.
Duarte	V. Truong
Pomona	J. Carver
Sierra Madre	R. Arizmendi
South Pasadena	M. Cacciotti

Absent

Pasadena
 Rosemead
 San Dimas
 San Gabriel
 Temple City (Ex-officio)
 West Covina

Guests

B. Crossman, RMC
 L. Augino, Watermaster

SGVCOG Staff

B. Logasa, Staff
 S. Wong, Staff
 N. Ryu, Staff

3. Public Comment
 There were no public comments.

CONSENT CALENDAR

4. Adoption of Resolution 22-09-EENR Enabling the EENR Committee to Continue Holding Meetings via Teleconferencing
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.

There was a motion to approve consent calendar items 4. (M/S: R. Arizmendi/J. Carver)
[Motion Passed]

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

PRESENTATIONS

5. Opportunities for Public Fleet Electrification & Electric Vehicle Charging – Maddie Emerson et al., TRC (Page 6)

TRC staff provided a presentation on this item. 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.

6. AB 1985 (Rivas, Robert) Organic waste: recovered organic waste product procurement targets (Page 8)

Brianne Logasa provided information on this item. 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.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

6. Committee Meeting Schedule

SGVCOG staff announced that the Committee will reconvene on Wednesday, September 14, 2022 at 1:00pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no additional announcements.

ADJOURN

J. Stark adjourned the Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee meeting at 1:47pm.

DATE: September 21, 2022

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

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 22-11-EENR ENABLING THE EENR COMMITTEE TO CONTINUE HOLDING MEETINGS VIA TELECONFERENCING**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Adopt Resolution 22-11-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

ATTACHMENTS

[Attachment A – Resolution 22-11-EENR](#)

DATE: September 21, 2022
TO: Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee
FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director
RE: **DRAFT 2022 AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN OVERVIEW**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

For information only.

BACKGROUND


Los Angeles County has historically suffered from poor air quality levels compared to the rest of the United States. Despite progress made over the years, Los Angeles County is still reported to have the worst smog levels in the country, and among the worst fine particulate matter (PM2.5).

In 2015, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) tightened the ozone air quality standard to 70 parts per billion (ppb). This regulation change necessitated the creation of Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP) to address control strategies to meet the ozone standard by 2037.


On May 6, 2022, the South Coast Air Quality Management District recently released its Draft 2022 AQMP. The AQMP is a blueprint to improve air quality and achieve federal air quality standards in the South Coast Air Basin and Coachella Valley. Included in the Draft AQMP is stationary and area source control strategy, mobile source control strategy, public input and outreach plans, and other measures to support the EPA's ozone air quality standard.

The Draft 2022 Air Quality Management Plan can be found here: <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/air-quality/clean-air-plans/air-quality-mgt-plan>.

Michael Krause, Assistant Deputy Executive Officer, Planning, Rule Development and Implementation at South Coast Air Quality Management District will provide a detailed presentation on this item.

Prepared by: 

Brianne Logasa
Management Analyst

Approved by: 

Marisa Creter
Executive Director

REPORT

DATE: September 21, 2022
TO: Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee
FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director
RE: **CALIFORNIA CLEAN AIR DAY**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

For information only.

BACKGROUND


The Coalition for Clean Air, founded in 1971, is California's only statewide organization working exclusively on air quality issues. The organization's mission is to protect public health, improve air quality, and prevent climate change by working collaboratively with advocates, organizations, companies, and legislators across the state to find cooperative solutions to the state's most pressing air quality issues.

The Coalition for Clean Air will host its 5th Annual California Clean Air Day on October 5, 2022. California Clean Air Day aims to join organizations and individuals together for a unified day of action. California Clean Air Day encourages others to create new habits to clear the air for all members of California's diverse communities. As a part of California Clean Air Day, individuals and organizations can make a pledge to do their part to support air quality. In 2021, 1.8 million Californians signed onto the individual pledge and 650 companies and organizations took part in the organization pledge. Overall, 3.4 million actions were taken in 2021 to clear the air.

So far for 2022, 342 organizations have taken the pledge to protect air quality.

The California Clean Air Day website is linked here: <https://www.cleanairday.org/>.

Brian Sheridan from the Coalition for Clean Air will provide a detailed presentation on this item.

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Approved by: 

Marisa Creter
Executive Director