



# San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments\*

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

Wednesday, February 16, 2022 – 1:00 PM

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City of San Dimas

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**Jennifer Stark**  
City of Claremont

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*Claremont*  
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*Pomona*  
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*San Dimas*  
*San Gabriel*  
*Sierra Madre*  
*West Covina*

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](http://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](mailto: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 Committee during the public comment period and may also comment on any agenda item at the time it is discussed. At a special meeting, the public may only comment on items that are on the agenda. Members of the public wishing to speak are asked to complete a comment card or simply rise to be recognized when the Chair asks for public comments to speak. We ask that members of the public state their name for the record and keep their remarks brief. If several persons wish to address the Committee on a single item, the Chair may impose a time limit on individual remarks at the beginning of discussion. **The EENR Committee may not discuss or vote on items not listed 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 or citizen so requests. In this event, the item will be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered after the Consent Calendar. If you would like an item on the Consent Calendar discussed, simply tell Staff or a member of the Committee.



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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 scheduled for February 16, 2022 at 1:00pm 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://zoom.us/j/93151682000>. 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 Senior Management Analyst, Alexander Fung, at [afung@sgvcog.org](mailto:afung@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.
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## **PRELIMINARY BUSINESS**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Public Comment (*If necessary, the Chair may place reasonable time limits on all comments*)
4. Changes to Agenda Order: Identify emergency items arising after agenda posting and requiring action prior to next regular meeting.

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

5. Adoption of Resolution 22-02-EENR Enabling the EENR Committee to Continue Holding Meetings via Teleconferencing (**Page 1**)  
*Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution 22-02-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.*
6. EENR Meeting Minutes – January 12, 2022 (**Page 3**)  
*Recommended Action: Review and approve.*
7. Joint Capital Projects and Construction Committee, EENR Committee, Executive Committee, Governing Board, and Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes – January 13, 2022 (**Page 5**)  
*Recommended Action: Review and approve.*
8. EENR Meeting Minutes – January 19, 2022 (**Page 9**)  
*Recommended Action: Review and approve.*
9. Joint Capital Projects and Construction Committee, EENR Committee, Executive Committee, Governing Board, and Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes – January 20, 2022 (**Page 11**)  
*Recommended Action: Review and approve.*

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

10. 2022 Southern California Regional Energy Network (SoCalREN) Public Agency Programs Overview – Natalie Espinoza, Program Manager, The Energy Coalition & Vanessa Guerra, Management Aide, SGVCOG (**Page 13**)  
*Recommended Action: For information only.*

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

11. SB 45 (Portantino): Local Government Assistance for Organics Reduction – Alexander Fung, Senior Management Analyst, SGVCOG (**Page 15**)  
*Recommended Action: Recommend the Governing Board to support SB 45 (Portantino).*

## **UPDATE ITEMS**

12. 2022 Solid Waste Legislative Updates (**Page 17**)
13. SGVCOG Wildfire Adaptation and Prevention Updates (**Page 18**)

## **LIAISON REPORTS**

14. Clean Power Alliance
15. San Gabriel Mountains Community Collaborative
16. San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District
17. Trust for Public Land
18. San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy
19. Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County
20. Southern California Edison
21. Southern California Gas Company

22. South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) **(Page 20)**

**STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS**

23. Committee Meeting Schedule

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ADJOURN**

DATE: February 16, 2022

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

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 22-02-EENR ENABLING THE EENR COMMITTEE TO CONTINUE HOLDING MEETINGS VIA TELECONFERENCING**

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Adopt Resolution 22-02-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.<sup>1</sup>

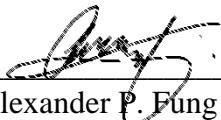
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<sup>1</sup> Similarly, on March 4, 2020, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and Los Angeles County Health Officer declared a local and health emergency due to the threat of COVID-19.

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:   
Alexander P. Fung  
Senior Management Analyst

Approved by:   
Marisa Creter  
Executive Director

## **ATTACHMENTS**

[Attachment A – Resolution 22-02-EENR](#)



**SGVCOG EENR Committee Regular Meeting Minutes**

Date: **January 12, 2022**  
Time: 1:00 PM  
Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting

**PRELIMINARY BUSINESS**

1. Call to Order  
D. Bertone called the meeting to order at 1:00pm.
2. Roll Call  
**A quorum was in attendance.**

**Committee Members Present**

Claremont	J. Stark
Covina	S. Gallant
Pasadena	J. Guess
Pomona	J. Carver
Rosemead	M. Clark
San Dimas	D. Bertone
San Gabriel	C. Liao
West Covina	T. Wu

**Absent**

Duarte  
Sierra Madre

**Guests**

None

**SGVCOG Staff**

A. Fung, Staff

3. Public Comment  
There were no public comments.
4. Changes to Agenda Order  
There were no changes to the agenda.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

5. Adoption of Resolution 22-01-EENR Enabling the EENR Committee to Continue Holding Meetings via Teleconferencing  
*Action: Adopt Resolution 22-01-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 item 5. (M/S: C. Liao/J. Stark)**

**[Motion Passed]**

<b>AYES:</b>	Claremont, Covina, Pasadena, Pomona, Rosemead, San Dimas, San Gabriel, West Covina
<b>NOES:</b>	
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	

<b>NO VOTE RECORDED:</b>	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Duarte, Sierra Madre

**STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**6. Committee Meeting Schedule**

SGVCOG staff announced that the Committee will reconvene on Wednesday, January 19, 2022 at 1:00pm.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no additional announcements.

**ADJOURN**

D. Bertone adjourned the Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee meeting at 1:02pm.

SGVCOG Special Joint Meeting of the Capital Projects and Construction Committee, Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources (EENR) Committee, Executive Committee, Governing Board, and Transportation Committee Meeting

January 13, 2022

4:00 PM



**SGVCOG Capital Projects and Construction Committee, Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources (EENR) Committee, Executive Committee, Governing Board, and Transportation Committee Unapproved Special Joint Meeting Minutes**

Date: January 13, 2022  
Time: 4:00 PM  
Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting

**PRELIMINARY BUSINESS**

1. Call to Order  
SGVCOG President, Becky Shevlin, called the Joint Capital Projects and Construction Committee, Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources (EENR) Committee, Executive Committee, Governing Board, and Transportation Committee Meeting to order at 4:03pm.
  
2. Roll Call  
**A quorum for the Capital Projects and Construction Committee, Executive Committee, Governing Board, and Transportation Committee was in attendance. A quorum for the Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources (EENR) Committee was not reached.**

**Committee Members Present**

Alhambra	A. Andrade-Stadler
Arcadia	A. Verlato
Azusa	R. Gonzales
Claremont	E. Reece
Diamond Bar	N. Lyons
Glendora	M. Allawos
Industry	C. Moss
Irwindale	A. Ambriz
La Canada Flintridge	K. Eich
La Puente	G. Quinones
La Verne	T. Hepburn
Monrovia	B. Shevlin
Monterey Park	P. Chan
Pasadena	V. Gordo
Pomona	T. Sandoval
Rosemead	S. Dang
San Dimas	D. Bertone
Sierra Madre	R. Arizmendi
South El Monte	G. Olmos
South Pasadena	D. Mahmud
Temple City	C. Sternquist
L.A. County District #5	S. Croxton
SGV Water Districts	C. Goytia

**Absent**

Baldwin Park  
Bradbury  
Covina  
Duarte  
El Monte  
Montebello  
San Gabriel  
San Marino  
Walnut  
West Covina  
L.A. County District #1  
L.A. County District #4

**SGVCOG Staff Present**

M. Creter, Executive Director  
D. DeBerry, General Counsel  
K. Ward, Staff  
A. Fung, Staff  
S. Pedersen, Staff  
B. Logasa, Staff  
T. Lott, Staff  
S. Sousa, Staff  
V. Guerra, Staff

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S. Hernandez, Staff  
B. Ruano, Staff

3. Public Comment

Deanna Rios, a member of the public, submitted a written public comment requesting the Executive Committee to publicly disclose the process of the performance of the review of the Executive Director. A copy of the written public comment can be found in Attachment A.

**JOINT MEETING BUSINESS/ACTION ITEM**

4. Adopt Resolution 22-01 of the Capital Projects and Construction Committee, Executive Committee, Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee, Governing Board, and Transportation Committee Making Findings to Enable Them to Continue to Hold Meetings Via Teleconferencing

SGVCOG President, Becky Shevlin, provided verbal remarks on this item.

**There was a motion to adopt Joint Resolution 22-01 making certain findings that the existence of a local and state of emergency in California exists, that social distancing being mandated or recommended by state or local officials due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and that meeting in person presents an imminent risk to the health and safety of attendees. (M/S: G. Olmos/T. Hepburn)**

**[Motion Passed]**

<b>AYES:</b>	Alhambra, Arcadia, Azusa, Claremont, Diamond Bar, Glendora, Industry, Irwindale, La Puente, La Verne, Monrovia, Monterey Park, Pasadena, Pomona, Rosemead, San Dimas, Sierra Madre, South El Monte, South Pasadena, Temple City, L.A. County District #5, San Gabriel Valley Water Districts
<b>NOES:</b>	
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	La Canada Flintridge
<b>NO VOTE RECORDED:</b>	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Baldwin Park, Bradbury, Covina, Duarte, El Monte, Montebello, San Gabriel, San Marino, Walnut, West Covina, L.A. County District #1, L.A. County District #4

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

5. Next Regular Governing Board Meeting – January 20, 2022

SGVCOG President, Becky Shevlin, announced that the subsequent Governing Board meeting will be held on January 20, 2022.

**GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

There were no Governing Board member comments.

**ADJOURN**

SGVCOG President, Becky Shevlin, adjourned the Joint Capital Projects and Construction Committee, Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources (EENR) Committee, Executive

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Committee, Governing Board, and Transportation Committee Meeting at 4:19pm.



Katie Ward

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**FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

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Deanna Rios

Thu, Jan 13, 2022 at 3:02 PM

I am making a request of the Executive Committee to publicly disclose the process of the performance review of the Executive Director. In addition, I am making on behalf of several staff, a request that there is the option to allow staff to submit in confidence information directly to the Board relating to the Executive Director's performance and/or bring attention to other matters that should be considered when discussing the overall performance of Marisa Creter as Executive Director.



**SGVCOG EENR Committee Regular Meeting Minutes**

Date: January 19, 2022  
Time: 1:00 PM  
Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting

**PRELIMINARY BUSINESS**

1. Call to Order  
D. Bertone 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
Pasadena	J. Guess
Pomona	J. Carver
Rosemead	M. Clark
San Dimas	D. Bertone
Sierra Madre	R. Arizmendi
West Covina	T. Wu

**Absent**

San Gabriel

**Guests**

City of Alhambra	K. Martel
City of South Pasadena	A. Kasparian
CalRecycle	J. Wallin
Los Angeles County DPH	N. Barakat
Los Angeles County DPH	J. Estiandan
MSGB Watermaster	L. Augino
SoCalGas	H. Shaw
South Coast AQMD	L. Augino

**SGVCOG Staff**

K. Ward, Staff  
A. Fung, Staff  
V. Guerra, Staff

3. Public Comment  
Rainbow Yeung from the South Coast AQMD provided a verbal public comment regarding the current no-burn regulations.
  
4. Changes to Agenda Order  
There were no changes to the agenda.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

5. EENR Meeting Minutes – December 15, 2021  
*Action: Review and approve.*

**There was a motion to approve consent calendar items 5. (M/S: R. Arizmendi/J. Stark)**

**[Motion Passed]**

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

**UPDATE ITEMS**

6. 2022-2023 San Gabriel Valley Energy Champion Awards Structure  
SGVCOG Management Aide, Vanessa Guerra, provided updates.
7. CalRecycle SB 1383 Local Assistance Grant Program  
SGVCOG Senior Management Analyst, Alexander Fung, provided updates.
8. Los Angeles County Department of Public Health COVID-19 Updates  
Los Angeles County Department of Public Health representatives provided updates.

**LIAISON REPORTS**

*No verbal report was given unless otherwise noted.*

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

**STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS**

18. Committee Meeting Schedule  
SGVCOG Senior Management Analyst, Alexander Fung, announced that the upcoming regular committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 17, 2022 at 1:00pm.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no additional announcements.

**ADJOURN**

J. Stark adjourned the Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee meeting at 2:11pm.

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Date: January 20, 2022  
Time: 4:00 PM  
Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting

**PRELIMINARY BUSINESS**

1. Call to Order  
SGVCOG President, Becky Shevlin, called the Joint Capital Projects and Construction Committee, Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee, Executive Committee, Governing Board, and Transportation Committee Meeting to order at 4:04pm.
2. Pledge of Allegiance  
SGVCOG Governing Board Member, Diana Mahmud, led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll Call  
**A quorum for the Capital Projects and Construction Committee, Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee, Executive Committee, Governing Board, and Transportation Committee was in attendance.**

**Committee Members Present**

Alhambra	A. Andrade-Stadler
Arcadia	A. Verlato
Azusa	R. Gonzales
Baldwin Park	E. Estrada
Bradbury	R. Barakat
Claremont	E. Reece
Covina	P. Cortez
Diamond Bar	N. Lyons
El Monte	M. Morales
Glendora	M. Allawos
Industry	C. Moss
Irwindale	A. Ambriz
La Canada Flintridge	K. Eich
La Puente	G. Quinones
La Verne	T. Hepburn
Monrovia	B. Shevlin
Montebello	S. Peralta
Monterey Park	H. Lo
Pasadena	V. Gordo
Pomona	T. Sandoval
Rosemead	S. Dang

**Absent**

Duarte  
La Puente  
San Gabriel  
L.A. County District #4

**SGVCOG Staff Present**

M. Creter, Executive Director  
D. DeBerry, General Counsel  
E. Shen, Staff  
P. Hubler, Staff  
K. Ward, Staff  
C. Sims, Staff  
B. Acevedo, Staff  
R. Coronel, Staff  
A. Fung, Staff  
S. Pedersen, Staff  
B. Logasa, Staff  
T. Lott, Staff  
V. Urenia, Staff  
S. Sousa, Staff  
V. Guerra, Staff

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San Dimas	D. Bertone	S. Hernandez, Staff
San Marino	S. Jakubowski	B. Ruano, Staff
Sierra Madre	R. Arizmendi	M. Sharkey, Staff
South El Monte	G. Olmos	T. Egan, Lobbyist
South Pasadena	D. Mahmud	
Temple City	C. Sternquist	
Walnut	N. Tragarz	
West Covina	T. Wu	
L.A. County District #1	E. Gonzalez	
L.A. County District #5	S. Croxton	
SGV Water Districts	C. Goytia	

4. Public Comment

There were no public comments at this meeting.

**JOINT MEETING BUSINESS/ACTION ITEM**

5. Adopt Resolution 22-02 of the Capital Projects and Construction Committee, Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee, Executive Committee, Governing Board, and Transportation Committee Making Findings to Enable Them to Continue to Hold Meetings Via Teleconferencing

SGVCOG President, Becky Shevlin, provided verbal remarks on this item.

**There was a motion to adopt Joint Resolution 22-02 making certain findings that the existence of a local and state of emergency in California exists, that social distancing being mandated or recommended by state or local officials due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and that meeting in person presents an imminent risk to the health and safety of attendees. (M/S: R. Gonzales/C. Sternquist)**

**[Motion Passed]**

<b>AYES:</b>	Alhambra, Arcadia, Azusa, Baldwin Park, Bradbury, Claremont, Covina, Diamond Bar, El Monte, Glendora, Industry, Irwindale, La Verne, Monrovia, Montebello, Rosemead, San Dimas, San Marino, Sierra Madre, South El Monte, South Pasadena, Temple City, Walnut, West Covina, L.A. County District #1, L.A. County District #5, SGV Water Districts
<b>NOES:</b>	
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	La Canada Flintridge
<b>NO VOTE RECORDED:</b>	Monterey Park, Pasadena, Pomona
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Duarte, La Puente, San Gabriel, L.A. County District #4

**ADJOURN JOINT MEETING**

SGVCOG President, Becky Shevlin, adjourned the Joint Capital Projects and Construction Committee, Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee, Executive Committee, Governing Board, and Transportation Committee Meeting at 4:13pm.

DATE: February 16, 2022

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

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **2022 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL ENERGY NETWORK  
PUBLIC AGENCY PROGRAMS OVERVIEW**

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

For information only.

## **BACKGROUND**

The Southern California Regional Energy Network (SoCalREN) was created to harness the collective power of residents, businesses, and the public sector to achieve energy savings across Southern California. Administered by the County of Los Angeles, the SoCalREN utilizes comprehensive and customized methods to support the unique needs of public agencies and assist agencies to save energy.

The SoCalREN offers the following Public Agency Programs to municipalities:

- Project Delivery Program
- Metered Savings Program
- Pathway to Zero
- Revolving Savings Fund

These programs were designed to provide municipalities with tailored project delivery approaches, funding recommendations, and procurement pathways to support the implementation of energy efficiency projects. Additionally, the SoCalREN provides benchmarking and energy analytical services to assist cities in identifying facilities that are high energy consumers and prioritize energy efficiency retrofits at these facilities, as well as no-cost training opportunities for city staff via periodic webinars and workshops.

To recognize and acknowledge San Gabriel Valley cities and agencies' involvement in implementing energy efficiency actions, the SGVCOG launched the 2022-2023 San Gabriel Valley Energy Champion Awards last month. Participation in any of the SoCalREN Public Agency Programs' benchmarking and energy analytical services, and/or SoCalREN webinars will be credited toward the 2022-2023 Energy Champion Awards.

All San Gabriel Valley cities, special districts, and school districts are eligible to join the SoCalREN Public Agency Programs. To access the benefits of the SoCalREN's programs and resources, agencies can first [register to join](#) the SoCalREN Network Toolkit, which includes tips to get started on energy efficiency projects, marketing tools to share your commitment to energy efficiency with your community, and access to SoCalREN webinars and full resource library. After

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registering, agencies can expect to be contacted by the SGVCOG regarding next steps for enrollment. Enrollment is non-binding and the following San Gabriel Valley cities are currently enrolled:

Alhambra	Covina	Irwindale	Monterey Park	South El Monte
Arcadia	Diamond Bar	La Puente	Pomona	South Pasadena
Baldwin Park	Duarte	La Verne	Rosemead	Temple City
Bradbury	El Monte	Monrovia	San Dimas	Walnut
Claremont	Industry	Montebello	San Gabriel	West Covina

SoCalREN Project Manager, Natalie Espinoza, will provide a brief presentation on this item.

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Executive Director

DATE: February 16, 2022

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

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **SB 45 (PORTANTINO): LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE FOR ORGANICS REDUCTION**

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Recommend the Governing Board to support SB 45 (Portantino).

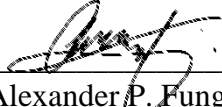
## **BACKGROUND**

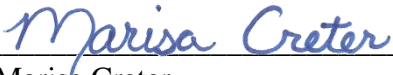
Both current law and the 2021-2022 Budget Act contain significant new directives and funding for the circular economy, including organic waste reduction efforts. Specifically, the Budget Act appropriated \$195 million for organics recycling, with \$60 million alone for local government recycling grants. The Budget also included \$105 million for organics infrastructure grants an additional \$5 million for composting organic waste.

SB 45, as amended on January 3, 2022, expressly directs the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) to consult with the State Air Resources Board and provide assistance to local jurisdictions including, but not limited to, any funding appropriated by the California Legislature in the annual Budget Act, for the purpose of assisting local agencies to comply with existing laws.

Earlier last month, the Governing Board adopted the 2022 Legislative Priorities, which direct staff to advocate for state appropriations for solid waste management programs. As a result, staff recommends the Committee to recommend the Governing Board to support SB 45. Copies of the bill's language and analysis can be found in Attachments A and B, respectively.

SGVCOG Senior Management Analyst, Alexander Fung, will provide a presentation on this item.

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

[Attachment A – SB 45 Bill Language](#)

[Attachment B – SB 45 Bill Analysis](#)

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DATE: February 16, 2022  
TO: Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources (EENR) Committee  
FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director  
RE: **2022 SOLID WASTE LEGISLATIVE UPDATES**


## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**


For information only.

## **BACKGROUND**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force actively tracks and takes position on key solid waste bills that are introduced at the federal and state levels. The Task Force, which is comprised of local government, solid waste management, recycling management, and community members, is currently staffed by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works (DPW).

DPW representatives will provide a presentation on key solid waste and recycling bills that were introduced in the current legislative cycle. Questions regarding solid waste legislation can be directed to DPW Senior Civil Engineer, Christopher Sheppard, at [csheppard@dpw.lacounty.gov](mailto:csheppard@dpw.lacounty.gov).

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Executive Director

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DATE: February 16, 2022

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

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **SGVCOG WILDFIRE ADAPTATION AND PREVENTION UPDATES**

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

For information only.

## **DEMONSTRATED NEED**

In 2020, the Bobcat Fire burned over 115,000 acres in the San Gabriel Mountains over a span of 3 months. It triggered mandatory evacuation orders in several San Gabriel Valley cities and is known as the second largest fire recorded in Los Angeles County to date. An estimated 6,000 structures were threatened and 27 residential homes and 83 other structures were destroyed. The Bobcat Fire had convinced several insurance companies to cease coverage in certain zip codes and counties, while other insurers have increased prices. Acknowledging that the San Gabriel Valley lacks a comprehensive regional wildfire prevention framework or program, San Gabriel Valley cities and agencies have approached the SGVCOG to explore the possibility of developing a regional model for wildfire adaptation.

In a survey that was conducted by the SGVCOG last year, 9 cities responded that they have not started wildfire prevention planning activities, 17 cities expressed interest in establishing a Regional Fire Safe Council, 19 cities expressed interest to participate in a wildfire prevention planning program that is led by the SGVCOG, and 20 cities expressed support for the development of a Regional Wildfire Adaptation Plan. Additionally, cities shared that they were interested in joining a regional effort to provide evacuation planning, structure hardening, hazardous fuel reduction, brush mitigation, and community education support.

## **ONGOING EFFORTS**

Acknowledging that there is interest for the SGVCOG to implement regional wildfire adaptation and prevention efforts, SGVCOG staff are currently seeking grant funds to implement comprehensive outreach and planning efforts for San Gabriel Valley cities and communities that are located in High Fire Hazard Severity Zones.

In November 2021, the SGVCOG successfully secured approximately \$228,000.00 from the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) to implement an 18-month Wildfire Adaptation and Prevention Outreach Program. The Program, which will officially be starting this month, includes the implementation of wildfire prevention workshops, community pop-up events, and social media marketing campaigns, with the goal of providing information for communities to create and maintain defensible space and structural hardening, prepare for possible

evacuations, develop and implement wildfire action plans, understand evacuation terminologies, and protect themselves in the event of being trapped by wildfires.

Additionally, the SGVCOG is submitting two grant applications to the Fire Prevention Grant Program that is administered by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) to seek funding for the development of a San Gabriel Valley Regional Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) and the extension of the Wildfire Adaptation and Prevention Outreach Program until 2026. The CWPP would include efforts to establish a community base map, develop a community risk assessment, establish hazard reduction priorities, and develop an assessment strategy.

SGVCOG Senior Management Analyst, Alexander Fung, will provide updates on this item.

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## Voucher Incentive Program – funds are still available!

The VIP is a streamlined approach to reduce emissions by replacing old, high-polluting vehicles with newer, lower-emission vehicles. This program is limited to owners/operators with **fleets of 10 or fewer** vehicles that have been operating at least 75% (mileage-based) in California during the previous twenty four (24) months.

The goal of this program is to reduce emissions from in-use heavy-duty trucks in small fleets by replacing Engine Model Years 2009 and older with Engine Model Years 2013 (or newer) emissions compliant models. The VIP is implemented by South Coast AQMD through contractual agreements with Dealers and Dismantlers. The Dealers will apply to South Coast AQMD for the vouchers on behalf of the applicant. If approved, the voucher amount will be deducted from the total purchase price of the truck by the Dealer.

Applicants interested in replacing their truck must purchase their replacement truck through an South Coast AQMD-approved VIP Participating Dealership that has completed the required training for the VIP. A current list of South Coast AQMD approved Dealerships and Dismantlers is included below. Additional updates to these lists will be posted on our webpage as they become available.

Please visit [www.AQMD.gov/VIP](http://www.AQMD.gov/VIP) for details.

## CLEANair Furnace Rebate Program

The CLEANair Furnace Rebate Program is accepting applications for consumer rebates on Ultra-Low NOx High Altitude Furnaces, Ultra-Low NOx Weatherized Furnaces, and replacement of a gas-fired furnace with a traditional all-electric heat pump system.

Approximately 150,000 natural-gas-fired furnaces are installed each year throughout the South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) region. These furnaces emit nitrogen oxides (NOx), an air pollutant that contributes to the formation of smog and particulate matter. Rule 1111 sets emission limits for these furnaces in an effort to reduce the NOx emissions from these devices.

South Coast AQMD continuously strives to improve the quality of the air you breathe and is sponsoring a program that provides a rebate to residents who purchase and install a furnace or full electric heat pump that meets the eligibility requirements. When you replace your furnace with an South Coast AQMD Qualified, Ultra-Low NOx furnace that meets the eligibility requirements or full electric heat pump, you will be an essential part of reducing emissions and meet the goal of improved air quality within the South Coast AQMD jurisdiction. Twenty-five percent of the funds will be reserved for installations in disadvantaged and low-income areas until those funds are exhausted.

Please [Click Here](#) for Frequently Asked Questions.

Please [Click Here](#) to enter the program webpage for the online application and more program details.

## Air Quality Sensor Evaluation team develops test method for indoor PM2.5 sensors

South Coast AQMD's Air Quality Sensor Performance Evaluation Center (AQ-SPEC) has led the development, validation, and publication of a new American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) International standardized test method for evaluating PM2.5 sensors used for indoor use.

This method is one of the most comprehensive evaluation protocols developed for PM2.5 sensors. Under a U.S. Department of Energy grant, the AQ-SPEC team developed the test standard and conducted data processing and analysis to evaluate how these commercially available indoor sensors can:

- Measure a variety of air pollutants,
- Repower after power loss, and
- Perform under various temperature and humidity conditions.

This test standard was officially published in September 2021 as ASTM Method D8405-21 "Standard Test Method for Evaluating PM2.5 Sensors or Sensor Systems Used in Indoor Air Applications." AQ SPEC developed a similar test method for indoor CO2 sensors which is currently undergoing ASTM's review.

For more information on the ASTM test standards efforts at South Coast AQMD for indoor air quality sensors, visit the AQ-SPEC web page at <http://www.aqmd.gov/aq-spec/evaluations/astm-test-standards>.