



SGVCOG EENR Committee Regular Meeting Minutes

Date: June 16, 2021
Time: 1:00 PM
Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order
D. Bertone called the meeting to order at 1:02pm.
2. Roll Call
A quorum was in attendance.

Committee Members Present

Claremont	J. Stark
El Monte	P. Garcia
Pasadena	J. Guess
Pomona	J. Carver
Rosemead	M. Clark
San Dimas	D. Bertone
San Gabriel	C. Liao
West Covina	T. Wu

Absent

Covina
Duarte
Sierra Madre
Temple City (Ex-Officio)

Guests

City of South Pasadena	A. Kasparian
City of Walnut	A. Ramos
Claremont Wildlands Conser.	T. Grill
Ctr. For Sustainable Energy	K. Hendrickson
kW Engineering	D. Gilliland
Nature for All	B. Bernal
SoCalGas	H. Shaw
South Coast AQMD	R. Yeung
The Energy Coalition	N. Espinoza

SGVCOG Staff

A. Fung, Staff
S. Pedersen, Staff

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

5. EENR Meeting Minutes – May 19, 2021
Action: Review and approve.
6. *FY 2021-2022 EENR Committee Chair and Vice Chair Elections*
Action: Elect San Dimas Mayor Pro Tem Denis Bertone as the FY 2021-2022 EENR

Committee Chair and Claremont Mayor Jennifer Stark as the FY 2021-2022 EENR Committee Vice Chair.

**There was a motion to approve consent calendar item 5. (M/S: C. Liao/J. Carver)
[Motion Passed]**

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

**There was a motion to approve consent calendar item 6. (M/S: J. Stark/T. Wu)
[Motion Passed]**

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

LIAISON REPORTS

No verbal report was given unless otherwise noted.

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

PRESENTATIONS

16. Indoor Air Quality in the COVID and Post-COVID Age
kW Engineering Director, David Gilliland, P.E. provided a presentation on this item. Mr. Gilliland provided an overview of the core recommendations for reducing airborne infectious aerosol exposure from the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE).

Key Discussions/Questions:

- C. Liao inquired about locations that sell MERV 13 filters. Mr. Gilliland responded that MERV 13 filters can be purchased at local hardware stores;

however, MERV 13 filters for larger industrial HVAC units can be purchased from the units' maintenance providers.

- C. Liao inquired about recommendations for installing UV lighting in the Council Chambers. Mr. Gilliland responded that it is recommended for UV fixtures to include covers that prevent occupants from directly staring at the UV lights. Additionally, UV fixtures can include special controls where the lighting would only operate when the space has no occupants.
- C. Liao inquired about HVAC units' ability to control humidity. Mr. Gilliland responded that some HVAC units allow users to control the space's humidity; however, those units are not as common in California due to the state's dry climate. The act of cooling the air alone would remove moisture from a space.
- C. Liao inquired about the virus' chance of survival in different temperatures. Mr. Gilliland responded that environments where lower temperatures do not necessarily deactivate the virus, but spaces with cooler and dryer environments increase the chance of deactivating the virus.
- C. Liao inquired about ways to improve ventilation systems in elevators. Mr. Gilliland responded elevators can be suitable candidates for installing UV fixtures and ionization technology to deactivate the virus.
- D. Bertone inquired about whether ventilation and air cleaning are as important as mask-wearing and social distancing in preventing COVID-19 diseases. Mr. Gilliland responded that ventilation and air cleaning systems can help with preventing the spread of diseases; however, the systems cannot prevent local transmissions if the occupants do not wear masks or social distance.

17. Solar on Multifamily Affordable Housing

The Center for Sustainable Energy Project Manager, Kajsa Hendrickson, provided a presentation on this item. The Solar on Multifamily Affordable Housing (SOMAH) Program, which is administered by the Center for Sustainable Energy, Association for Energy Affordability, GRID Alternatives, and California Housing Partnership, aims to help close the gap between those who has access to solar and those who benefits from solar, as it is traditionally unavailable to low-income households.

Key Discussions/Questions:

- D. Bertone inquired about the property owner's share of installing solar panels under the SOMAH Program. Ms. Hendrickson responded that the property owner's share of expense depends on the percentage of the system that is dedicated to their tenants. The Program is designed to cover up to 100% of the tenant-allocated system and the Program also pairs contractors with property owners.
- C. Liao inquired about proper methods to dispose aged solar panels. Ms. Hendrickson responded that contractors often provide disposal services.
- J. Stark offered to connect Ms. Hendrickson with the Claremont/Pomona Locally Grown Power group.
- M. Clark inquired about the Program's benefits for property owners. Ms. Hendrickson responded that the solar panels can decrease the properties' energy consumption and lower energy costs.

- J. Stark inquired about the Program’s list of eligible sites. Ms. Hendrickson responded that the Eligible SOMAH Properties Map, which can be found on <https://calsomah.org/eligible-somah-properties-map>, provides a list of eligible sites.

18. Plastic Recycling Symbols and Codes Overview

SGVCOG Management Analyst, Alexander Fung, provided a presentation on this item. The “Chasing Arrows” Symbol that can commonly be found in plastic containers and products does not necessarily imply that the product is recyclable. Each number indicates the grade of plastic and can also identify the safety and uses of the respective item. The presentation provided committee members in-depth knowledge on the details of each recycling symbol.

Key Discussions/Questions:

- D. Bertone inquired about codes for non-recyclable plastics. Mr. Fung responded that plastic products with a code does not necessarily imply that the items are recyclable. If an item does not include a plastic recycling or identification code, it is likely that the item is not recyclable.
- J. Stark suggested that cities can enhance their outreach efforts to encourage members of the public to recycle items that can only be recycled.
- T. Grill commented that members of the public typically interpret products with chasing arrow symbols as products that can be recycled and shared that ASTM and the plastic industry are now recommending that resin identification codes be rebranded with solid triangles.
- M. Clark shared that SB 1383 regulations can be difficult to enforce and expressed appreciation for the Committee’s efforts to raise awareness.
- J. Stark inquired about ways to advocate for additional funds to upgrade existing recycling infrastructure in California. Mr. Fung responded that staff submitted a letter of support, at the request of the Committee, to request the Governor allocate \$225 million from this year’s surplus to support local jurisdictions’ solid waste efforts. The Committee can also direct staff to submit additional letters of support to the Legislature.
- J. Guess expressed support for additional advocacy to request for resources to upgrade the state’s existing recycling infrastructure.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENT

19. Next Committee Meeting

The committee is scheduled to reconvene on Wednesday, August 18, 2021 at 1:00pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no additional announcements.

ADJOURN

D. Bertone adjourned the Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources (EENR) Committee meeting at 2:32 p.m.