



# San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments\*

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

Wednesday, September 15, 2021 – 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 EENR Committee agenda packet is available at the San Gabriel Valley Council of Government's (SGVCOG) Office, 1000 South Fremont Avenue, Suite 10210, Alhambra, CA, and on the website, [www.sgvkog.org](http://www.sgvkog.org). 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.

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To follow the new Order issued by the Governor 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 EENR Committee meeting scheduled for September 15, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. will not be allowed. To allow for public participation, the EENR 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.

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

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

5. EENR Meeting Minutes – August 18, 2021 (**Page 1**)  
*Recommended Action: Review and approve.*

## **LIAISON REPORTS**

6. Clean Power Alliance
7. San Gabriel Mountains Community Collaborative
8. San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District
9. Trust for Public Land
10. San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy
11. Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County
12. Southern California Edison
13. Southern California Gas Company
14. South Coast Air Quality Management District (**Page 6**)

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

15. SoCalGas Public Direct Install Program – Brian Fronk, Senior Project Manager, Synergy Companies (**Page 9**)  
*Recommended Action: For information only.*
16. Quemetco Battery Recycling Facility Overview – Paulina Velasco, Senior Vice President, Velada Consulting (**Page 11**)  
*Recommended Action: For information only.*
17. Los Angeles County Climate Vulnerability Assessment – Liz Crosson, City Liaison, Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office (**Page 12**)  
*Recommended Action: For information only.*
18. Wildfire Prevention Planning in the San Gabriel Valley – Ronnie Siegel, Principal, Swire Siegel Landscape Architects & Greg Kochanowski, Principal, GGA Architects (**Page 14**)  
*Recommended Action: For information only.*

## **STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS**

19. Next Committee Meeting  
*Recommended Action: For information only.*

## **ADJOURN**



**SGVCOG EENR Committee Regular Meeting Minutes**

Date: August 18, 2021  
Time: 1:00 PM  
Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting

**PRELIMINARY BUSINESS**

1. Call to Order  
D. Bertone called the meeting to order at 1:01pm.
  
2. Roll Call  
**A quorum was in attendance.**

**Committee Members Present**

Claremont	J. Stark
Duarte	V. Truong
Pasadena	J. Guess
Pomona	J. Carver
Rosemead	M. Clark
San Dimas	D. Bertone
San Gabriel	C. Liao
Sierra Madre	R. Arizmendi
West Covina	T. Wu

**Absent**

Covina  
El Monte  
Temple City (Ex-officio)

**Guests**

City of Alhambra	L. Garcia
City of Alhambra	R. Stover
City of Monrovia	B. Shevlin
City of Pomona	S. Dittman
City of South Pasadena	M. Cacciotti
City of South Pasadena	A. Kasparian
City of South Pasadena	H. Gerber
MSGW Watermaster	L. Augino
National Park Service	S. Elder
Nature for All	B. Bernal
Nature for All	B. Faustinos
RMC	S. Gee
SoCalGas	H. Shaw
South Coast AQMD	R. Yeung
The Trust for Public Land	P. Perrone

**SGVCOG Staff**

A. Fung, Staff  
S. Sousa, 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 – June 16, 2021

*Action: Review and approve.*

**There was a motion to approve consent calendar item 5. (M/S: C. Liao/M. Clark)**

**[Motion Passed]**

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

**LIAISON REPORTS**

*No verbal report was given unless otherwise noted.*

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

R. Yeung provided a verbal report on this item. In addition to the two items included in the South Coast AQMD’s liaison report, the AQMD’s latest newsletter is available. There are several upcoming air quality events, including the ACT Expo and Drive Electric Week. Additionally, the AQMD’s 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Environmental Justice Conference is scheduled to be held in-person and virtually at the Ontario Convention Center on October 27<sup>th</sup>.

**PRESENTATIONS**

15. Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail

Landscape Designer/Planner at the National Park Service, Scott Elder, provided a presentation on this item. The 1,200-mile Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail commemorates the Spanish colonial Anza Expedition of 1775-1776. Part of the trail lies within the San Gabriel Valley, highlighting an opportunity for partnership between the SGVCOG and the Anza Trail. To accomplish this, the National Park Service would establish a partnership certification agreement, creating a certified segment of trail within the San Gabriel Valley. This certification can be used to leverage grants and other beneficial funding/partnership opportunities. Mr. Elder viewed the potential partnership as a way to provide historical meaning to recent efforts encouraging multimodal transportation in the San Gabriel Valley.

Key Discussions/Questions:

- M. Clark inquired about planning for cyclists on certain segments of the Anza Trail. Mr. Elder stated that while the ActiveSGV Network is proposing cyclists' use of the trail, fusing the two entities' (ActiveSGV and the National Park Service) goals together can be beneficial.
- C. Liao suggested that San Gabriel be included in Mr. Elder's partnership proposal for the Anza Trail and the ActiveSGV Network due to San Gabriel's relevant history. Mr. Elder assured Mr. Liao that San Gabriel is already included in the proposal.
- C. Liao inquired whether the City of San Gabriel could apply for grants regarding the City's annual event commemorating the 1781 settlers' walk on Mission Road from San Gabriel to Downtown Los Angeles. Mr. Liao also suggested partnership with the Anza Trail. Mr. Elder suggested further discussion outside of the committee meeting.
- J. Stark inquired whether the Anza Trail extends to Claremont. Mr. Elder suggested committee members visit the Anza Trail Map Collaborator for a more detailed view of the trails' boundaries.
- D. Bertone inquired about the percentage of the Anza Trail that is walkable. Mr. Elder estimated 1/10<sup>th</sup> of the trail is walkable. Mr. Bertone inquired whether the trail begins in Mexico or the United States. Mr. Elder affirmed that the trail starts in Mexico, but the National Park Service's jurisdiction over the trail begins in Nogales, Arizona.
- S. Gee highlighted the fact that the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works (LACDPW) is currently developing the San Gabriel Valley Freeway Network Study, and that the Department owns a portion of the Anza Trail. Mr. Elder stated that he has been in contact with the LACDPW and that they are enthusiastic about his proposal.

**16. Governor Newsom's 30x30 Initiative**

Southern California Project Manager at the Trust for Public Land, Paolo Perrone, provided a presentation on this item. Executive Order N-82-20, issued by Governor Newsom last year, directs state agencies to advance strategies that will conserve at least 30% of California's lands and waters by 2030. This effort is designed to help combat climate change, conserve biodiversity, and improve the overall wellbeing of communities in California. Reaching the goal of conserving at least 30% of the state's lands and waters can allow for more equitable public access to outdoor spaces, especially for low-income neighborhoods and communities of color. Senator Portantino recently acquired \$3.7 billion to address climate change, and a significant portion of these funds will be allocated to 30x30 initiative compliance efforts, providing additional funding opportunities for the SGVCOG and others.

Key Discussions/Questions:

- J. Stark announced that public land is available for everyone, regardless of its zip code or area.

**UPDATE ITEMS**

**17. San Gabriel Valley Regional Food Recovery Program**

SGVCOG Senior Management Analyst, Alexander Fung, provided updates on this item. At the SGVCOG Solid Waste Working Group meeting on March 25, 2021, several cities expressed an interest in participating in a regional endeavor to comply with SB 1383's edible food recovery regulations, which can include the hiring of an external consultant to conduct activities, such as assessing potential food recovery agencies and their capacities to utilize for SB 1383

requirements, assessing their Tier 1 and Tier 2 generators for current compliance with edible food recovery, preparing guidance, assisting with outreach efforts, and implementing inspection and enforcement programs.

Key Discussions/Questions:

- D. Bertone inquired whether the State reduced disposal of organic waste by 50% by January 1, 2020, in compliance with SB 1383's first target. Mr. Fung responded that the State did not accomplish this target.
- C. Liao stated that while public schools are large generators of food waste, cities do not have jurisdiction over them, and therefore cannot enforce food waste regulations. Mr. Liao inquired about reconciling this issue. Mr. Fung ensured that some level of collaboration between school districts and cities will be established. Mr. Liao requested Mr. Fung to share information about the Regional Food Recovery Program with the City of San Gabriel.
- C. Liao inquired whether food waste that is converted to animal feed is considered "food recovery." Mr. Fung highlighted the definition of SB 1383, which is to recover food for human consumption.
- T. Wu inquired individuals who are qualified to conduct inspections under the Regional Food Recovery Program. Mr. Fung responded that the hired consultants would conduct inspections.
- T. Wu inquired about how cities may join the Regional Food Recovery Program. Mr. Fung stated that the SGVCOG would need a statement of interest from participating cities.
- V. Truong inquired whether MOAs would only be issued to cities that have expressed interest to participate in the Regional Food Recovery Program. Mr. Fung stated that once the SGVCOG receives proposals from the consultants, then staff will execute an MOA with participating cities.

**18. Solid Waste Advocacy Updates**

SGVCOG Senior Management Analyst, Alexander Fung, provided updates on this item. On January 21, 2021, the Governing Board adopted Resolution 21-03 to affirm the SGVCOG's Legislative Agenda, which includes several solid waste advocacy directions. In addition, the SGVCOG reconvened the Solid Waste Working Group in February 2021 to provide city staff a platform to discuss solid waste topics and SB 1383 compliance efforts. Discussions from the Solid Waste Working Group meetings led to the formation of the Regional Food Recovery Program, which provides assistance to participating cities to comply with SB 1383's food recovery regulations. The SGVCOG is also coordinating with the County of Los Angeles to identify sites in the San Gabriel Valley that can be utilized for constructing recycling facilities.

Key Discussions/Questions:

- C. Liao noted that one CR&R facility that generated renewable natural gas cost \$50 million to construct. Mr. Liao recommended that solid waste be turned into bio char, which is more valuable than compost, and can be used for several purposes.
- C. Liao inquired whether there was a way to find out from CalRecycle if bio char is an acceptable form of food recovery. Mr. Liao also noted that creating bio char is easier and faster than composting, and the facility would only cost about \$3 million. Mr. Fung stated that he would contact CalRecycle and provide updates accordingly.

**STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**19. Next Committee**

The committee is scheduled to reconvene on Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at 1:00pm.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

C. Liao mentioned the EPA's report regarding copper and its ability to kill the corona virus. Mr. Fung suggested that the SGVCOG contact the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health for potential feedback and presentations regarding the EPA's report.

**ADJOURN**

D. Bertone adjourned the Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee meeting at 1:34pm

DATE: September 15, 2021  
TO: Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources (EENR) Committee  
FROM: South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD)  
RE: **AQMD LIAISON REPORT**

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

For information only.

## **LIAISON REPORT**

### **California VW Mitigation Trust – Zero-emission Transit and Shuttle Buses**

Money for transit and shuttle buses is still available, on a first-come first-served basis. The replacement buses must be new and use commercially available zero-emission technologies, including both battery electric and fuel cell electric.

<https://www.californiavwtrust.org/>

### **National Drive Electric Week Clean Air and Transportation (Virtual Webinar)**

Date: Wednesday, September 29, 2021

Time: 1:00 – 2:30 PM PDT

Host: South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD)

Topics: Virtual Test Drive, Buses, Trucks, Solar and EVs

To register: <https://driveelectricweek.org/event?eventid=2931>

### **South Coast AQMD's 7th Annual EJ Conference**

South Coast AQMD's 7th Annual EJ Conference South Coast AQMD will host the 7th Annual Environmental Justice Conference, "The Fight for Clean Air, Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow" on Wednesday, October 27 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. online via Zoom and in-person at the Ontario Convention Center located at 2000 E. Convention Center Way, Ontario. This will be the largest environmental justice hybrid conference in Southern California. South Coast AQMD seeks to unite attendees and environmental justice advocates, public agencies, community-based organizations, and public health experts committed to creating a vibrant, cleaner air future for all communities and residents. The conference is part of South Coast AQMD's Environmental Justice Community Partnership which aims to engage, and support community members and organizations dedicated to creating equitable and sustainable environments today for a better tomorrow. Complimentary breakfast, lunch and parking is available for guests attending in-person. Spanish interpretation will also be available to all attendees. For more information, call 909-396-2311 or email [EJCP@aqmd.gov](mailto:EJCP@aqmd.gov).

## South Coast AQMD Leads North America’s Largest Deployment of Class 8 Battery-Electric Trucks

South Coast AQMD is leading a landmark effort along with the California Air Resources Board (CARB) and the California Energy Commission (CEC) to deploy 100 battery-electric regional haul and drayage trucks across California. The battery-electric trucks will be deployed through a partnership with NFI Industries (NFI) and Schneider. The project, known as Joint Electric Truck Scaling Initiative, or JETSI, is the largest commercial deployment of battery-electric trucks in North America to date, helping to significantly increase the number of zero-emission heavy-duty trucks available for goods movement while achieving necessary emission reductions. This is the first battery-electric truck project jointly financed by CARB and the CEC, and the largest investment of its kind.

<http://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/news-archive/2021/JETSI-aug31-2021.pdf>

## South Coast AQMD – WAIRE Program

### WAIRE Program

Rule 2305 – Warehouse Actions and Investments to Reduce Emissions (WAIRE) Program includes compliance and reporting requirements for warehouse owners and operators.

## WAIRE POP is now available for submitting Warehouse Operations Notifications

To access WAIRE POP, [click here](#).

To access the training videos on WAIRE POP, [click here](#).

### Introduction

[Rule 2305](#) – WAIRE Program is an indirect source rule that regulates warehouse facilities to reduce emissions from the goods movement industry. [Rule 316](#) establishes fees to fund Rule 2305 compliance activities. Rule 2305 applies to warehouses with at least 100,000 square feet of indoor floor space in a single building.

An overview of the program is summarized in a [fact sheet](#).

### Guidance Documents

The resources below provide warehouse operators and owners with further guidance on complying

with Rule 2305.

- [WAIRE Implementation Guidelines](#) (pdf, 589kb)
- [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#) (pdf, 200kb)
- [WAIRE Upcoming Compliance Due Dates](#) (pdf, 153kb)

## **Compliance and Reporting**

The WAIRE Program is a menu-based point system that requires warehouse operators to earn WAIRE Points by completing actions off the WAIRE Menu, by implementing an approved Custom WAIRE Plan, or by paying a mitigation fee every year.

Warehouse owners will be required to submit an informational report on their buildings (Warehouse Operators Notification), and warehouse operators will also be required to submit reports about facility operations and compliance approaches (Initial Site Information Report and Annual WAIRE Report).

- [WAIRE User Calculator](#) (xlsx, 32kb)
- [Online Training Videos](#)
- [WON Spreadsheet Template Final Version](#) (xlsx,179kb) *New*
- [WAIRE POP \(for submitting reports and fees\)](#) *New*

**WAIRE Program Hotline: 909-396-3140**

Email: [waire-program@aqmd.gov](mailto:waire-program@aqmd.gov)

## **Other Helpful Links**

[Rule 2305](#) - Adopted May 7, 2021

[Rule 316](#) - Adopted May 7, 2021

[Rule 2305 and Rule 316 Governing Board Package](#) - May 7, 2021

[Facility-Based Mobile Source Measures Webpage](#)

DATE: September 15, 2021

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

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **SOCALGAS PUBLIC DIRECT INSTALL PROGRAM**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

For information only.

**BACKGROUND**

In partnership with Synergy Companies, SoCalGas offers the Public Direct Install Program to provide no-cost furnace and water heating optimization measures and incentives for upgrading to high-efficiency furnaces and tankless water heaters. The Program prepares K-12 schools and public facilities for an advanced clean energy future.

The Public Direct Install Program provides no-cost offerings such as low-flow showerheads, hot water heater tank insulation, pipe wraps, and low-flow pre-rinse spray nozzles. Additionally, the Program offers the following incentives and rebates:

Measure	Unit	Customer Incentive Per Unit
Commercial Stor. Heaters, <=75 kBtu/hr, 50G-HD-0.68 UEF (OfS)	Cap-kBTUh	\$5.75
Commercial Stor. Heaters, <=75 kBtu/hr, 50G-MD-0.64 UEF (OfS)	Cap-kBTUh	\$2.25
Commercial Inst. Heaters, <=200 kBtu/hr, 0.81UEF	Cap-kBTUh	\$5.95
Commercial Inst. Heaters, >200 kBtu/hr, 80% TE	Cap-kBTUh	\$9.49
Tankless Water Heater <=200 MBtu/hr (Small/Medium), Tier 2 (>=0.87 UEF)	Cap-kBTUh	\$6.99
Tankless Water Heaters - Large (>200MBtuh) -Tier 2 (>=90%TE)	Cap-kBTUh	\$13.75

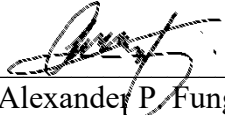
These incentive discounts are applied immediately at the point of sale and the energy savings can assist paying for the equipment costs of the co-pay amounts. 0% On-Bill Financing is also available to allow for no additional costs on the public agencies’ natural gas bills.

Participating in the SoCalGas Direct Install Program can help a San Gabriel Valley city or agency progress in the 2021 San Gabriel Valley Energy Champion Awards. The Awards were created to recognize San Gabriel Valley agencies’ efforts to increase energy efficiency in municipal facilities and engage in long-term strategic planning for energy efficiency. Additional information on the Energy Champion Awards can be found on <https://www.sgvenergywise.org/2021-sgv-energy-champion-awards>.

# REPORT

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Cities and agencies that are interested in participating in the SoCalGas Direct Install Program can contact Brian Fronk at [brian.fronk@synergycompanies.org](mailto:brian.fronk@synergycompanies.org) or (951) 440-1694. Representatives from Synergy Companies will provide a detailed presentation on this item.

Prepared by:   
Alexander P. Fung  
Senior Management Analyst

Approved by:   
Marisa Creter  
Executive Director

# REPORT

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DATE: September 15, 2021  
TO: Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources (EENR) Committee  
FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director  
RE: **QUEMETCO BATTERY RECYCLING FACILITY OVERVIEW**

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

For information only.


## **BACKGROUND**

Founded in 1959, Quemetco is a battery recycling facility that employs 210 full-time local union workers in the City of Industry. The facility recycles 10 million batteries and generates approximately 120,000 tons of recycled lead every year. Approximately 85% of the lead refined at the facility derives from spent lead-acid automotive batteries.

According to Quemetco, the company's battery recycling operations promote responsible environmental management of batteries and meet or exceed all applicable environmental federal, state, and local standards. Quemetco recently launched a robust community engagement program and is currently offering virtual tours to interested elected officials, city staff, residents, and community stakeholders. Individuals who are interested in participating in a virtual tour of the facility can contact Kathia Velasco at [kathia@veladaconsulting.com](mailto:kathia@veladaconsulting.com) or (323) 314-4943.

Velada Consulting Senior Vice President, Paulina Velasco, will provide a detailed presentation on Quemetco's battery recycling facility at this meeting.

Prepared by:   
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Alexander P. Fung  
Senior Management Analyst

Approved by:   
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Marisa Creter  
Executive Director

# REPORT

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DATE: September 15, 2021  
TO: Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources (EENR) Committee  
FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director  
RE: **LOS ANGELES COUNTY CLIMATE VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT**

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

For information only.

## **BACKGROUND**

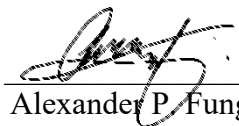
Developed by the Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office (CSO), the Los Angeles County Climate Vulnerability Assessment (CVA) examined the physical and social vulnerability of communities to climate impacts such as extreme heat, extreme precipitation, wildfire, sea level rise, drought, and flooding. The Assessment also examined the potential for differential impact on specific communities and sub-populations, such as low-income neighborhoods, aging adults, and outdoor workers. Through collaborations with local jurisdictions, the County of Los Angeles has identified vulnerabilities that cross jurisdictional boundary lines.

Key findings from the CVA highlighted that extreme heat is projected to increase in frequency and severity and that wildfire events are projected to be considerably larger, more frequent, and more destructive by mid-century. Droughts will also happen more often and lasting longer, which lead to drier springs and summers. Inland flooding will likely increase in the future with the drier climates and wetter winters. Additionally, coastal flooding events may become more frequent and severe, with small increases in sea level rise.

Local jurisdictions can use the CVA to inform a grant and apply for funding, create a city adaptation plan/program, support vulnerability assessments for SB 379, and prioritize hazard mitigation efforts, public health policies, emergency preparedness, land use planning, and infrastructure investments. Additional information on the CVA can be found on <https://ceo.lacounty.gov/ourcounty-cso-actions/>.

CSO City Liaison, Liz Crosson, will provide a detailed presentation on this item.

Prepared by:



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Alexander P. Fung  
Senior Management Analyst

# REPORT

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Approved by: Marisa Creter  
Marisa Creter  
Executive Director

# REPORT

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DATE: September 15, 2021

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

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **WILDFIRE PREVENTION PLANNING IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY**

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

For information only.

## **BACKGROUND**

Wildlands near the San Gabriel Valley are increasingly stressed given the climate's swift in growing heat and drier conditions. Additionally, wildfires have burned more state acres in 2020 than any other year on record. Many jurisdictions within the San Gabriel Valley, including the Cities of Arcadia, Azusa, Bradbury, Claremont, Covina, Diamond Bar, Duarte, Glendora, Irwindale, La Canada Flintridge, La Verne, Monrovia, Pasadena, Pomona, San Dimas, Sierra Madre, Walnut, and West Covina, also have neighborhoods or communities that are designated as fire hazard severity zones.

To improve stewardship in the wildland urban interface, the Fire Safe Alliance was formed as a collaboration of public agencies, departments, and communities to identify solutions and resources for property owners and land managers. The Alliance aims to create safer communities and protect natural areas by involving and educating stakeholders, sharing best practices, and providing beneficial resources. The Alliance also encourages local jurisdictions to participate or lead efforts to develop a Community Wildfire Protection Plan, which guides future actions of private landowners, local Fire Safe Councils, land management agencies, and emergency service providers wanting to take proactive steps to minimize risks and protect local communities.

In partnership with local community members, the SGVCOG will host several regional forums over the next few months to support member agencies and local communities to boost their wildfire prevention planning efforts. Swire Siegel Landscape Architects Principal Ronnie Siegel and GGA Architects Principal Greg Kochanowski will provide a detailed presentation on the importance of prioritizing wildfire prevention planning efforts in the San Gabriel Valley.

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