



San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments*

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

Wednesday, February 17, 2021 – 1:00 PM

Teleconference Meeting:

Livestream Available at: <https://youtu.be/uwPefz1D4oM>

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Denis Bertone
City of San Dimas

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Planning Commission

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. 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 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 STATE OF EMERGENCY RESULTING FROM THE THREAT OF COVID-19:** On March 17, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20 authorizing a local legislative body 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 State of Emergency resulting from the threat of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).

To follow the new Order issued by the Governor and ensure the safety of Board Members and staff for the purpose of limiting the risk of COVID-19, in-person public participation at the Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources (EENR) Committee meeting scheduled for February 17, 2021 at 1:00pm will not be allowed. Members of the public may view the meeting live at <https://youtu.be/uwPefz1D4oM>.

Submission of Public Comments: For those wishing to make public comments on agenda and non-agenda items you may submit comments via email or by phone.

- Email: Please submit via email your public comment to SGVCOG Management Analyst, Alexander Fung (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 part of the recorded meeting minutes. Public comments may be summarized in the interest of time; however, the full texts will be provided to all members of the Committee prior to the meeting.
- Phone: Please email your name and phone number to SGVCOG Management Analyst, Alexander Fung (afung@sgvcog.org), at least 1 hour prior to the scheduled meeting time for the specific agenda item you wish to provide public comment on. Please indicate in the Subject Line of the email "FOR PUBLIC COMMENT." You will be called on the phone number provided at the appropriate time, either during general public comment or specific agenda item. Wait to be called upon by staff, and then you may provide verbal comments for up to 3 minutes.

Any member of the public requiring a reasonable accommodation to participate in this meeting should contact SGVCOG Management Analyst, Alexander Fung, at least 48 hours prior to the meeting at (626) 457-1800 or email afung@sgvcog.org.

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 – January 20, 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 (**Page 6**)
11. Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County
12. Southern California Edison
13. Southern California Gas Company
14. South Coast Air Quality Management District (**Page 17**)

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

15. Clean Power Alliance Overview – Christian Cruz, Community Outreach Manager, Clean Power Alliance (**Page 18**)
Recommended Action: For information only.
16. Los Angeles River Master Plan – Christine Wartman, Civil Engineer, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works (**Page 20**)
Recommended Action: For information only.
17. Los Angeles County Solid Waste Legislative Updates – Christopher Sheppard, Senior Civil Engineer, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works (**Page 22**)
Recommended Action: For information only.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENT

18. Next Committee Meeting
Recommended Action: For information only.

ADJOURN



SGVCOG EENR Committee Regular Meeting Minutes

Date: January 20, 2021
Time: 1:00 PM
Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order
D. Bertone called the meeting to order at 1:03pm.
2. Roll Call
A quorum was in attendance.

Committee Members Present

Claremont	Jennifer Stark
Covina	Michele Saint
El Monte	Priscilla Garcia
Pomona	Julie Carver
Rosemead	Margaret Clark
San Dimas	Denis Bertone
San Gabriel	Chin Ho Liao
Sierra Madre	Rachelle Arizmendi
West Covina	Tony Wu
Temple City	Jeffrey Lee (Ex-officio)

Absent

Duarte

Guests

L.A. County DPH	Melisa Acoba
L.A. County DPH	Jocelyn Estiandan

SGVCOG Staff

A. Fung, 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 – November 18, 2020
Action: Review and approve.
6. Election of FY 2020-2021 EENR Committee Vice Chair
Action: Elect Claremont Mayor Jennifer Stark as the FY 2020-2021 EENR Committee Vice Chair.
7. Appointment of SGVCOG Delegate to the San Gabriel Mountains Community Collaborative
Action: Recommend the Governing Board to appoint Claremont Mayor Jennifer Stark as

the SGVCOG Delegate to the San Gabriel Mountains Community Collaborative.

8. Appointment of Additional SGVCOG Representative to the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) Board of Directors
Action: Recommend the Governing Board to appoint El Monte City Councilmember Victoria Martinez Muela to the Office of the Governor for appointment on the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Board of Directors.

There was a motion to approve consent calendar items 5-8. (M/S: C. Liao/R. Arizmendi)

[Motion Passed]

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

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)

DISCUSSION ITEM

18. Revised SGVCOG Energy, Open Space Preservation, and Solid Waste Policies
 SGVCOG Management Analyst, Alexander Fung, provided a presentation on this item. The SGVCOG adopts various policies and white papers to outline the position of the agency on priority issues and matters that impact the San Gabriel Valley. These documents are developed based on feedback and input from SGVCOG policy committees, city staff, and stakeholders. SGVCOG staff is currently working to revise the dated Energy Policy, Open Space Preservation Policy, and Solid Waste Policy to be presented to the Governing Board for adoption.

Key Discussions/Questions:

- M. Clark suggested adding the support of balanced energy solutions in the Revised Energy Policy.
- J. Stark expressed concerns of including language on balanced energy solutions in the Revised Energy Policy given that the State’s plan to move towards electrification also includes the use of natural gas. Ms. Stark emphasized that the

committee should be mindful about not including language that reflects a company’s marketing campaign.

- C. Liao and T. Wu expressed that the committee should include balanced energy solutions in the Revised Energy Policy given that communities should have the opportunity to choose to use clean and affordable energy options.
- D. Bertone suggested the inclusion of “clean balanced energy” in the Revised Energy Policy.
- J. Stark suggested to include “promoting a regional effort to protect and enhance open space connectivity for all San Gabriel Valley communities” in the Revised Open Space Preservation Policy.
- M. Clark recommended that the Revised Solid Waste Policy should include language that ensures organic waste regulations do not further the spreading of diseases and contaminations.

There was a motion made to include “Support balanced energy, including clean natural gas” in the Revised Energy Policy. (M/S: M. Clark/T. Wu)

[Motion Passed]

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

There was a motion made to include “Promote a regional effort to protect and enhance open space connectivity for all San Gabriel Valley communities” in the Revised Open Space Preservation Policy. (M/S: J. Stark/D. Bertone)

[Motion Passed]

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

There was a motion made to include “Ensure that organic waste regulations prevent the spreading of diseases and contaminations” in the Revised Solid Waste Policy. (M/S: M. Clark/C. Liao)

[Motion Passed]

AYES:	Claremont, El Monte, Pomona, Rosemead, San Dimas, San Gabriel, Sierra Madre, West Covina
NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	

NO VOTE RECORDED:	Covina
ABSENT:	Duarte

There was a final motion made to recommend the SGVCOG Governing Board to adopt the Revised SGVCOG Energy, Open Space Preservation, and Solid Waste Policies with the approved changes. (M/S: C. Liao/J. Stark)

[Motion Passed]

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

PRESENTATIONS

19. 2021 San Gabriel Valley Energy Champion Awards Structure
 SGVCOG Management Analyst, Alexander Fung, provided a presentation on this item. Last year, the SGVCOG launched the San Gabriel Valley Energy Champion Awards to encourage cities and agencies to implement energy efficiency actions and engage in long-term strategic energy planning activities. Witnessing the success of implementing the awards structure in 2020, the SGVCOG revamped the recognition model and introduced the 2021 San Gabriel Valley Energy Champion Awards last month. Requirements for cities and agencies to be awarded include implementing a combination of activities such as attending energy trainings and meetings, benchmarking municipal facilities, and conducting outreach activities.

20. COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Plan
 Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (DPH) representatives provided a presentation on this item. The representatives stated that COVID-19 vaccines will be made available for free to every resident and will be offered to different groups in various phases. Priorities are based on the risk of becoming ill and the need to maintain the existing healthcare system. It is anticipated that vaccines will be made available to the general public starting in Spring/Summer 2021. All individuals who are vaccinated require two doses for the most effective protection against COVID-19. The first dose primes the immune system and the second dose strengthens the system’s immune response.

Key Discussions/Questions:

- C. Liao inquired about the vaccines’ side effects on individuals’ reproductive health. DPH representatives responded that individuals who are pregnant should discuss the risks and benefits of being vaccinated with their healthcare providers.
- C. Liao also inquired about CDC’s vaccination guidelines for individuals with underlying health conditions. DPH representatives responded that the vaccine studies did not include individuals with weak immune systems. The studies, however, did conclude that the vaccine is safe for individuals with stable HIV

conditions. Individuals with underlying health conditions or weak immune systems should consult their healthcare providers prior to being vaccinated.

- J. Stark inquired about the County of Los Angeles' plan to coordinate with cities and community partners to set up vaccine sites. DPH representatives responded that the Department is currently working with local cities to identify and assemble vaccination sites to ensure that the County has adequate infrastructure in place to vaccinate all residents and workers. Once additional vaccination doses arrive, the Department hopes to quickly set up additional sites with the cities' assistance.
- M. Clark inquired about other existing vaccines that utilize mRNA technology. DPH representatives responded that mRNA technology has been studied for over a decade and has been used for other vaccines. mRNA does not affect an individual's genes.
- R. Arizmendi inquired about the use of mRNA technology in the Johnson & Johnson vaccines. DPH representatives responded that Johnson & Johnson uses a different technology known as the adenovector and not mRNA in its vaccine trials.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENT

21. Next Committee Meeting

The upcoming committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at 1:00pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

C. Liao requested staff to provide a presentation on HVAC systems that can prevent the spread of COVID-19 at a future committee meeting.

ADJOURN

D. Bertone adjourned the Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources (EENR) Committee meeting at 2:57 p.m.

February 2021 RMC Newsletter



February 3, 2021

Welcome to the third edition of RMC's newsletter! We are thrilled to share our new electronic communication with you to give you a snapshot of RMC's work. In this monthly newsletter, we will provide project spotlights, news on recently approved projects, updates on active projects and our Joint Powers Authority activities. We will also share any events, funding opportunities, as well as announcements.

A Message from RMC's Executive Officer

For those of you celebrating the Lunar New Year, I want to welcome you once again to 2021! Happy Year of the Ox! The Ox is a valued animal because of its role in agriculture and positive characteristics such as being hardworking and honest.

As we enter this year's Black History Month it does feel like a new year witnessing last month's Presidential Inauguration. So many historic firsts and proud moments for our nation. Notably having former U.S. Senator Harris (D-CA) become the first South Asian and African American woman Vice President of the United States. Statewide and locally, we want to give a shout out to Dr. Shirley Weber who became the first Black Secretary of State for California and Holly Mitchell as the new Los Angeles County Board of Supervisor of District Two, making it an all-female LA County Board of Supervisors for the first time in history. This is so timely as we celebrate black history this month to acknowledge the significant achievements of African Americans in our country.



In the coming months we will be focused on prioritizing projects for approval before the RMC Board, continue to coordinate the design of the Southeast Los Angeles Cultural Center, work towards

implementation of a River Ranger Program for the LA River, and continue to be a resource of information for our partners towards an effort to expand the territory of the RMC through State legislation, AB 78 (O'Donnell). It is exciting to see and walk the trails completed by the Watershed Conservation Authority, our JPA with Los Angeles County Flood Control District, along the Antonovich Trail as it weaves its way through the City of San Dimas and Los Angeles County land. Last, but certainly not least, the Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority Board of Directors, RMC's JPA with the Cities of Long Beach, Seal Beach and California State Coastal Conservancy, approved certification of the Program Environmental Impact Report for the Los Cerritos Wetlands, a major step towards future restoration of Southern California's coastal wetlands.

Most recently, the RMC's Proposition 68 competitive grant deadline closed on January 13th. We received 26 grant applications for our Regionwide Program, resulting in a total grant request of over \$67.5 million dollars. We know that there is an increase in need, perpetuated even further by the COVID-19 pandemic. We recognize the need is great and funding is not abundant, however we look forward to the challenge and doing our part to provide funding for projects through the RMC's 1,400 square mile territory.

I continue to be inspired by the words of Frederick Douglass, the Great Emancipator, who was born in the month of February, the year 1818 in Talbot County Maryland, one county over from the birthplace of my ancestors. Like many of my ancestors, he escaped slavery, and knew the value of education and the struggle to achieve it. Douglass once said, "If this is no struggle, there is no progress...." This quote is a great reminder of the work that we strive to accomplish on a daily basis. As a leader of RMC, I look to furthering our mission in providing opportunities to preserve open space and habitat protection, provide for low-impact recreation, watershed improvements, and give light to education. Along with this is an effort to distribute our funds equitably and be a voice for areas of greater need. We encourage opportunities to partner, engage and listen, because it is through partnerships that we are able to accomplish so much together.

Be Safe,
Mark

Project Spotlights

Project Highlight Honoring Contributions of African Americans: Willowbrook Walking Path & Carver Park

Did you know that there is a walking path that has been recently completed in the Willowbrook community? The walking path begins at 118th Street, adjacent to the Compton Creek and includes a 0.6-mile urban health and fitness loop trail with connections to George Washington Carver Park, the Watts Willowbrook Boys and Girls Club, and Carver Elementary School. The trail is adjacent to the Compton Creek, near the Willowbrook community and is within walking distance of Martin Luther King Jr. Hospital.

Carver Park is named after George Washington Carver, a scientist who was born into slavery in Missouri around 1864 and went on to become one of the most prominent scientist and inventors of his time. Carver devised over 100 products using the peanut including dyes, plastics, and gasoline. Aside from these agricultural and technological inventions, he was also an accomplished musician, artist, orator, and athletic trainer. Carver was so

educated and innovative that he was sought after for advice, even advising President Theodore Roosevelt (26th US President) on matters of agriculture as well as Indian leader Mahatma Gandhi on matters of agriculture and nutrition.

A Carver quote one can live by: “It is not the style of clothes one wears, neither the kind of automobile one drives, nor the amount of money one has in the bank, that counts. These things mean nothing. It is simply service that measures success.”

This project was constructed by local youth members of the LACC, which created jobs, as well as the opportunity for the crew members to gain valuable experience that led them into Construction Specialist positions while working on this project, a job that entails more responsibility and commensurate compensation.

Improvements along the Creek include:

- New Paving- 13,725 sq.ft color to match Urban Trail at Carver Park
- Permeable decomposed granite path
- Ornamental gates
- New river rock rip rap swale
- Shade trees and irrigation
- New riparian grasses and irrigation
- Educational signage and standing mileage markers





The RMC is a proud funding partner that contributed to the development of this trail, which was constructed by the Los Angeles Conservation Corps, in collaboration with the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation and Public Works. Additional funds were received from the State Coastal Conservancy, and the 2nd Supervisorial District. The trail was completed in 2020 and is frequently used by local residents including the fitness equipment at Carver Park.

Banna Park

The RMC congratulates the City of Covina on the completion of Banna Park, a new 2-acre park partially funded from RMC's Proposition 68 allocation in the amount of \$1 Million. Proposition 68 is the California Drought, Water, Parks Climate, Coastal Protection and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018. The RMC's grant funded the development of a walking trail, nature inspired playground, exercise equipment, and an outdoor education space amongst other public amenities. This new park is a welcome addition to the City of

Covina's public park space, a conversion of a vacant lot into a long-awaited community resource.

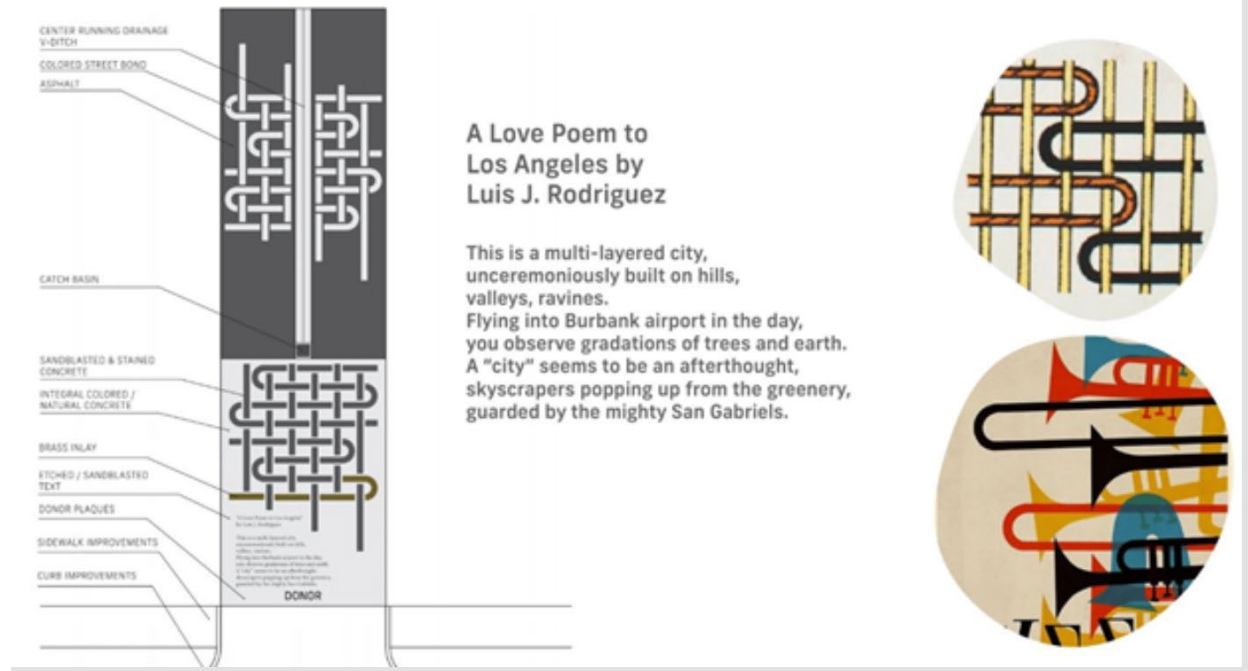


Project Updates

Central Jefferson High School Green Alleys Multi-Benefit Stormwater Project

What's in an alley? The Jefferson High School Green Alleys project will develop 11 alleys in Historic South-Central Los Angeles into safer sustainable greenways. RMC is providing Proposition 1 funds in the amount of \$645,362. The project is spearheaded by Trust for Public Land (TPL), a non-profit organization, and includes stormwater capture elements, most obvious will be permeable pavement. Other elements include lighting and pedestrian safety features, native landscaping and public art. This project is very unique in that it will convert these alleys into a welcoming public space that the community can feel safer using, while also addressing climate change by removing impermeable concrete, planting a variety of native plants where none currently exist, and a cooling the area along with enhancing aesthetics. The project is currently in the community outreach and design phase with strong involvement from community residents. This project is a partnership between TPL, The City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation and Public Works, and the local community residents that have been very engaged during the design phase. The Office of Los Angeles City Councilmember Curren Price (9th District) provides additional matching funds to this project.

CENTRAL JEFFERSON ALLEY VIGNETTE - 15' & 20'



Joint Powers Authorities

WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

The Watershed Conservation Authority's Mt Baldy Preserve Become Winter Wonderland

This past week's storms have blessed our region with white gold in the form of snow in our mountains. Our rangers took these snowy photos this weekend while out on patrol highlighting just how beautiful the changing seasons of our Mt Baldy Wilderness Preserve can be this time of year. Come spring the snow will melt providing a much-needed water source for the flora and fauna of the area, as well as, flowing water that will feed San Antonio Creek before reaching San Antonio Dam at the end of the canyon and entering Chino Creek, a tributary of the Santa Ana River.

The Watershed Conservation Authority acquired the 230+ acres of Mt Baldy Wilderness

property to protect significant natural and scenic resources that support a diverse range of wildlife, habitat, and public trails and ensures critical wildlife corridors and landscape connections to the expansive adjacent public lands of the Angeles National Forest in perpetuity. Located off Mt Baldy Road, in Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties, the property forms a junction between the Sheep Mountain Wilderness, Cucamonga Wilderness and the San Dimas Experimental Forest, all of which are considered vital habitat areas within the Angeles and San Bernardino National Forests.

Mt Baldy Wilderness Preserve features an array of sensitive environments, including riparian corridors, pine forest and chaparral that cover the lower slopes, which provide habitat for a rich diversity of wildlife, including Nelson bighorn sheep, deer, coyotes, bears, mountain lions, as well as rainbow and brown trout. The Preserve, open to the public sunrise to sunset, is rustic with currently very limited public amenities.



LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS AUTHORITY

Los Cerritos Wetlands Stewardship Program was established in 2009 to involve the public with the restoration and conservation of the Los Cerritos Wetlands. Over 500 public programs with over 7,500 participants have been hosted at the wetlands with the partnership of the Aquarium of the Pacific, Los Cerritos Wetlands Land Trust, and El Dorado Audubon Society. These organizations provide hundreds of hours of in-kind services each year for community-based restoration programs planting native plants and removing invasive plants from LCWA's Zedler Marsh, and for citizen science projects like the San Gabriel River Sea Turtle Monitoring Program. These organizations also secure tens of thousands of dollars in funding for public programs on LCWA land each year.

The Aquarium of the Pacific's Sea Turtle Monitoring Citizen Science Program at the Los Cerritos Wetlands enables citizens to collect important baseline data and see first-hand the connection between a charismatic and endangered marine species, the Los Cerritos Wetlands, the ocean, and our urban influence. Originally funded by the Aquarium of the Pacific's Marine Conservation Research Institute, the program now consists of more than 60 citizen science volunteers. The program has been collecting data since October 2012. The goal of the program is to improve estimates of the total number of individuals and determine areas most highly frequented in order to better understand the population dynamics of Pacific green sea turtles in the San Gabriel River, while simultaneously inspiring citizens to consider our connection to this endangered species throughout our watersheds. Find out more here:

https://www.aquariumofpacific.org/conservation/sea_turtle_monitoring





Announcement

Grant Opportunities for Parks and Open Space

- **Statewide Park Program (SPP) - Round Four:**
 - This competitive program will create new parks and new recreation opportunities in underserved, park-poor communities across California
 - March 12, 2021 Application Deadline
 - \$395.3 million available statewide
 - https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=29939
- **RMC Regionwide Prop 68 Grants**

- Grants to preserve and enhance open space and habitat and provide for low-impact recreation and educational uses.
 - Small (< \$300,000) and Very Small (< \$50,000) grants available
 - Round 2 awards anticipated to be announced Summer 2021
 - **RMC Lower LA River Prop 1 and 68**
 - Over \$30 million available for projects along the Lower LA River that support the Lower LA River Revitalization Plan from each Proposition
 - More information on RMC grants at: <http://rmc.ca.gov/grants/>
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LA River Master Plan

Public Comments Through March 14, 2021!

The Los Angeles County River Master Plan draft is LIVE and Los Angeles County Public Works wants your feedback. Check it out at: <http://www.larivermasterplan.org/>

The Los Angeles River flows through a 51-mile connected public open space and serves as an integral part of daily life in Los Angeles County. The LA River Master Plan is an update of the LA County 1996 LA River Master Plan, which serves as a template for future projects throughout the river corridor.

Additionally, the LA River Master Plan update incorporates and builds on the 2018 Lower LA River Revitalization Plan's that identifies over 155 project opportunity sites projects, 4 signature projects, community stabilization toolkit, and other resources. The plan addresses flood risk, equitable access, healthy ecosystems, arts and culture, impacts to affordable housing, engagement, and local water supply and quality.

The 60-Day comment period for the LA Master Plan is open through March 14, 2021. Submit your comments today!



After two years of work and community outreach, the LA River Master Plan draft is complete! The river is an integral part of life in LA County, and we are excited to share this with you!



We want to hear from you!

Let us know what you think at

→ LARiverMasterPlan.org ←



DATE: February 17, 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

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.

For Frequently Asked Questions:

www.cleanairfurnacerebate.com/frequently-asked-questions/

To enter the program webpage for the online application and more program details:

www.cleanairfurnacerebate.com

For inquiries, please call (866) 273-5280 or email cleanairfurnace@egia.org.

REPORT

DATE: February 17, 2021
TO: Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources (EENR) Committee
FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director
RE: **CLEAN POWER ALLIANCE OVERVIEW**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

For information only.

BACKGROUND

The Clean Power Alliance (CPA) was formed in 2017 to provide cost-competitive electric services, reduce electric sector greenhouse gas emissions, stimulate renewable energy development, and sustain long-term rate stability for residents and businesses through local control. Originally established as a joint powers authority with unincorporated Los Angeles County, Rolling Hills Estates, and South Pasadena, the organization expanded to a coalition of 32 agencies across Los Angeles and Ventura Counties. Within the San Gabriel Valley, the Cities of Alhambra, Arcadia, Claremont, Sierra Madre, South Pasadena, and Temple City are currently enrolled in the Alliance.

The CPA serves as a community choice aggregate (CCA) that purchases and sells power and administers programs and operations. Residents and businesses of participating cities are automatically enrolled in a default rate chosen by their respective cities; however, they are given the opportunity to change their rate or opt out of the program. The CPA set rate options as follows:

36% Renewable	Provides a 1-2% overall bill savings as compared to Southern California Edison base rates.
50% Renewable	Provides at cost parity with Southern California Edison base rates.
100% Renewable	Leads to a 7-9% overall bill premium in comparison to Southern California Edison base rates (no upcharge for low-income families).

According to the CPA, approximately 80% of customers are currently on either 50% or 100% renewable energy rates. Customers have the choice to opt-up, opt-down, or opt-out and return to Southern California Edison service at any time.

Clean Power Alliance Community Outreach Manager, Christian Cruz, will provide a detailed presentation at this meeting.

Prepared by: 
Alexander P. Fung
Management Analyst

REPORT

Approved by: Marisa Creter
Marisa Creter
Executive Director

DATE: February 17, 2021
TO: Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources (EENR) Committee
FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director
RE: **LOS ANGELES RIVER MASTER PLAN**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

For information only.

BACKGROUND

In October 2016, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors directed the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works (DPW) to update the dated Los Angeles River Master Plan. Originally adopted in the 1990s, the Plan serves as a guideline for the Los Angeles River to become 51 miles of connected public open space that provides landmark opportunities to reduce flood risk and improve resiliency, support healthy and connected ecosystems, address potential adverse impacts to housing affordability and individuals experiencing homelessness, and create jobs that foster opportunities for arts, culture, and community engagement. The Plan also addresses the disparity within communities and improves the quality of life and ecosystem health for current and future generations.

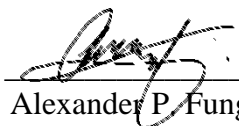
The 2020 Los Angeles River Master Plan identifies opportunities for the following:

- 200+ potential project sites that can create local jobs;
- Thousands of acres of publicly accessible open space that will help address public health issues, especially in the most disadvantaged communities;
- Innovative multi-benefit projects that assist in mitigating future disasters;
- Actions for affordable housing and homelessness; and
- A framework for future community engagement to influence projects built under the Plan.

The draft 2020 Los Angeles River Master Plan is currently available for public comment until March 14, 2021. A copy of the 494-page draft document, as well as the public comment form, can be found on <https://www.larivermasterplan.org/>.

DPW Civil Engineer, Christine Wartman, will provide a detailed presentation at this meeting.

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RE: **LOS ANGELES COUNTY SOLID WASTE LEGISLATIVE UPDATES**

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BACKGROUND


The Los Angeles County Department of Public Works (DPW) serves as staff to the Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force, which was formed in 1990 to address the various rising and multi-faceted issues surrounding solid waste management throughout Los Angeles County. The Task Force analyzes pieces of legislation and votes to take support or oppose positions depending on the impact to residents, businesses, and municipalities in Los Angeles County. Representatives from DPW will provide details on the following key bills at this meeting:

Bill	Author	Summary	Topic	Status/Location
AB 1	Cristina Garcia and Santiago	This bill creates the Board of Environmental Safety within CalEPA to review hazardous waste control laws.	Hazardous Waste	Assembly Committee on Environmental Safety & Toxic Materials
AB 51	Quirk	This bill requires the Strategic Growth Council to establish guidelines for the formation of regional climate adaptation planning groups and plans.	Climate Change: Regional Climate Adaptation Planning Groups and Plans	Assembly Committee on Natural Resources
AB 96	O' Donnell	This bill extends 20% of funding allocated to research and early commercial deployment of existing zero- and near-zero emission heavy-duty vehicles.	California Clean Truck, Bus, and Off-Road Vehicle & Equipment Technology Program	Assembly Committees on Transportation & Natural Resources
AB 246	Quick and Mathis	This bill would add illegal dumping to the list of violations for disciplinary action.	Contractors: Disciplinary Actions	Assembly Committee on Business & Professions
AB 318	Levine	This bill requires that green waste be disposed of in a landfill or in a composting operation.	Hazardous Waste: Green Waste Exclusion	Pending Referral
AB 322	Salas	This bill requires 20% of funds appropriated for the Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC) Program be allocated for biomass conversion.	Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC) Program: Biomass	Pending Referral

AB 332	Assembly Committee on ESTIM	This bill authorizes an urgency statute to repeal the sunset on Alternative Management Standards for treated food waste.	Hazardous Waste: Treated Wood Waste Management Standards	Pending Referral
AJR 4	Cristina Garcia	This bill declares that California supports the U.S. ratifying the Basel Convention at earliest convenience.	Basel Convention Ratification	Assembly Committee on Natural Resources
SB 37	Cortese	This bill requires DTSC create a list of hazardous waste facilities that released hazardous waste and prevents them from being exempt from CEQA.	Retail Food: Reusable Containers: Multiuse Utensils	Pending Referral
SB 38	Wieckowski	This bill requires beverage producers to form a beverage container stewardship organization with a state goal of a 90% redemption rate for beverage containers.	Beverage Containers	Senate Committee on Environmental Quality
SB 54	Allen, Stern, and Weiner	This bill reduces the amount of disposable packaging and foodware waste.	Plastic Pollution Producer Responsibility Act	Pending Referral
SB 207	Becker	This bill creates a group to develop policy recommendations for the Legislature to ensure that 100% of solar panels are reused or recycled.	Photovoltaic Recycling Advisory Group	Pending Referral
SB 240	Eggman	This bill extends the authorization for food bank donation tax credits to a taxable year beginning before January 1, 2027.	Income Tax Credits: Food Bank Donations	Senate Committee on Governance & Finance
SB 244	Archuleta	This bill requires a solid waste enterprise to adopt a protocol and arrange any necessary training for relevant employees.	Lithium-ion Batteries: Illegal Disposal: Fire Prevention	Senate Committee on Environmental Quality
SB 289	Newman	This bill would add nickel metal hydride and lithium-ion batteries to the definition of household batteries.	Recycling: Household Batteries	Pending Referral

DPW Senior Civil Engineer, Christopher Sheppard, will provide a summary of solid waste-related legislation introduced this year. Questions and inquiries can be directed to Mr. Sheppard at csheppard@dpw.lacounty.gov or (626) 458-3592.

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