



SGVCOG EENR Committee Regular Meeting Minutes

Date: May 19, 2021
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. Saint
El Monte	P. Garcia
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

Duarte
Temple City (Ex-officio)

Guests

City of El Monte	L. Ortiz
City of South Pasadena	A. Kasparian
City of South Pasadena	A. Tesfaye
CA Water Envir. Association	H. Geber
Los Angeles County DPH	J. Ferrer
MSGB Watermaster	L. Augino
Nature for All	B. Bernal
RMC	S. Gee
RPOSD	C. Angeles
RPOSD	L. Hancock
South Coast AQMD	B. Keith
South Coast AQMD	R. Yeung

SGVCOG Staff

P. Hubler, Staff
A. Fung, Staff
A. Bordallo, Staff
S. Pedersen, Staff

3. Public Comment
S. Gee from the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) provided a verbal public comment to report on RMC's Wildfire Prevention Grant Program.
4. Changes to Agenda Order
There were no changes to the agenda.

CONSENT CALENDAR

5. EENR Meeting Minutes – April 21, 2021

Action: Review and approve.

There was a motion to approve consent calendar item 5. (M/S: T. Wu/J. Stark)

[Motion Passed]

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

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 behalf of AQMD.

UPDATE ITEM

15. 2021 San Gabriel Valley Energy Champion Awards Progress Updates

SGVCOG Management Aide, Ana Bordallo, provided updates on this item. Earlier this year, the SGVCOG launched the 2021 San Gabriel Valley Energy Champion Awards to encourage San Gabriel Valley cities and agencies to implement energy efficiency actions and engage in long-term energy planning activities. Requirements for cities and agencies to receive an award include implementing a combination of activities such as attending energy efficiency trainings and meetings, benchmarking municipal facilities, and conducting energy efficiency outreach activities. The Energy Champion Awards' most recent progress report can be found on the San Gabriel Valley Energy Wise Partnership website at <https://www.sgvenergywise.org/2021-sgv-energy-champion-awards>.

Key Discussions/Questions:

- A. Kasparian inquired about the possibility of transferring last year's Energy Champion Awards progress over to this year. SGVCOG staff responded that the 2021 Energy Champion Awards structure is different than the prior year's structure and that credits will not be able to transfer over.

ACTION ITEMS

16. AB 1201 (Ting)

SGVCOG Management Analyst, Alexander Fung, provided a presentation on this item. Introduced by Assemblymember Phil Ting (D-San Francisco) on February 18, 2021, AB 1201 would prohibit an individual from selling a plastic product that is labeled with the terms “compostable,” “home compostable,” or “soil biodegradable” unless the product meets specified standards and satisfies specified criteria.

Key Discussions/Questions:

- J. Stark and R. Arizmendi commented to express support for AB 1201.
- M. Clark inquired about a consumer’s ability to distinguish compostable products from non-compostable products. Mr. Fung responded that most compostable products provide labeling on the packaging to indicate whether the products can be compostable.

There was a motion to recommend the Governing Board to support AB 1201 (Ting). (M/S: J. Stark/M. Clark)

[Motion Passed]

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

17. SB 289 (Newman)

SGVCOG Management Analyst, Alexander Fung, provided a presentation on this item. SB 289 was introduced by Senator Josh Newman (D-Fullerton) to establish a proper collection mechanism to reduce incidents of fires and illegal dumping of unwanted batteries, increase recycling, and substantially reduce local government costs for the end-of-life management of discarded batteries and battery-embedded products.

Key Discussions/Questions:

- R. Arizmendi inquired about the bill’s overall fiscal impact. Mr. Fung responded that the bill analysis did not specify the bill’s fiscal impact.
- M. Clark commented to express support for SB 289.

There was a motion to recommend the Governing Board to support SB 289 (Newman). (M/S: M. Clark/J. Stark)

[Motion Passed]

AYES:	Claremont, El Monte, Pasadena, Pomona, Rosemead, San Dimas
NOES:	Sierra Madre

ABSTAIN:	West Covina
NO VOTE RECORDED:	Covina, San Gabriel
ABSENT:	Duarte

PRESENTATIONS

18. Revised Regional Park and Open Space District Reimbursement Guidelines

Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (RPOSD) Administrator, Christina Angeles, provided a presentation on this item. RPOSD is responsible for implementing and administering the Los Angeles County Safe, Clean Neighborhood Parks and Beaches Measure of 2016, commonly known as Measure A. Recently, the District updated the Measure A Grants Administration Manual (GAM), which include specific revisions that will be implemented commencing July 1, 2021.

Key Discussions/Questions:

- D. Bertone inquired about Measure A's funding distribution formula. Ms. Angeles responded that Measure A's annual allocation is based on the 2016 needs assessment. The District collects approximately \$96 million to \$100 million in Measure A dollars on an annual basis.
- J. Stark inquired about possible pathways for cities that do not score highly on the needs assessment to obtain funding for open space and recreation projects. Ms. Angeles responded that the RPOSD recently opened a competitive grant opportunity, which will award \$33 million for projects in January 2022. Application guidelines can be found on the RPOSD website.
- T. Wu inquired about possible grant opportunities for trail development. Ms. Angeles responded that RPOSD reserved approximately \$11 million for trail projects in the recent round of competitive grants and encouraged cities to apply for funding.

19. Reopening Procedures and Recommendations from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health

Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (DPH) Industrial Hygienist, John Ferrer, provided a presentation on this item. DPH recently updated the Health Office Order on May 14, 2021 as Los Angeles County entered the least restrictive tier of the State's Blueprint for a Safer Economy Framework. As certain activities are allowed to resume, DPH continues to urge residents to adhere to precautions and receive vaccinations. Vaccinations are widely available to those 12 years and older, but most individuals are still not fully vaccinated and remain susceptible to infections. It is vitally important to vaccinate as many residents as soon as possible given that the virus variants' impacts remain largely unknown. Neighboring states, including Oregon, Nevada, Utah, and Arizona, are experiencing a recent increase in case and hospitalization rates.

Key Discussions/Questions:

- C. Liao inquired about mask mandates for Los Angeles County residents beyond June 15th. Mr. Ferrer responded that DPH will continue to evaluate the existing situation and issue another reopening protocol that dictates the need for mask-

wearing beyond June 15th.

- C. Liao expressed concerns regarding indoor parks and recreation classes and inquired about restrictions for indoor class instructions. Mr. Ferrer responded that DPH will follow up to provide additional information on restrictions for indoor class instructions.
- D. Bertone commented that the conflicting recommendations and regulations between the federal, state, and local levels can be confusing for residents. Mr. Ferrer responded that residents and businesses are recommended to follow local guidance to avoid confusion.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENT

20. Next Committee Meeting

The committee is scheduled to reconvene on Wednesday, June 16, 2021 at 1:00pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

C. Liao announced that the League of California Cities is currently advocating for the State to allocate \$225 million from the General Fund to support local governments' efforts to comply with SB 1383.

ADJOURN

D. Bertone adjourned the Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources (EENR) Committee meeting at 2:18 p.m.