



SGVCOG EENR Committee Approved Meeting Minutes

Date: May 20, 2020
Time: 1:00 PM
Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m.

2. Roll Call
Members Present: Claremont – J. Stark
Duarte – L. Reilly
Rosemead – M. Clark
San Dimas – D. Bertone
San Gabriel – C. Liao
West Covina – T. Wu
Sierra Madre – J. Capoccia
Temple City – J. Lee (Ex-officio)
Members Absent: Covina

SGVCOG Staff:
K. Ward, Staff
A. Fung, Staff

3. Public Comment
There were no public comments at this meeting.

4. Changes to Agenda Order: Identify emergency items arising after agenda posting and requiring action prior to next regular meeting.
There were no changes to the agenda order.

CONSENT CALENDAR

5. EENR Meeting Minutes – April 15, 2020
Recommended Action: Approve.

6. Correspondence
Recommended Action: Receive and file.

There was a motion made to approve consent calendar items 5-6. (M/S: C. Liao/L. Reilly)

[Motion Passed]

AYES:	Claremont, Duarte, Rosemead, San Dimas, San Gabriel, Sierra Madre, West Covina
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NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	
ABSENT:	Covina

LIAISON REPORTS

- 7. Clean Power Alliance
There were no updates from the Clean Power Alliance.
- 8. San Gabriel Mountains Community Collaborative
L. Reilly provided a written report on this item. The Collaborative is currently partnering with Nature For All to apply for REI grant funds that will support the establishment of a framework for a Los Angeles-wide volunteer portal system that would benefit outdoor spaces such as the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument. The proposed portal will feature volunteer opportunities, projects, and links to the San Gabriel Mountains Forest Service website, Bulletin Board, and Calendar of Events.
- 9. San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District (MVCD)
There were no updates from the San Gabriel Valley MVCD.
- 10. Trust for Public Land
There were no updates from the Trust for Public Land.
- 11. San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy
There were no updates from the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy.
- 12. Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County
M. Rosales provided a written report on this item. The Sanitation Districts are currently working with universities and a state agency to test for novel coronavirus in sewage in hopes of providing insights into the magnitude of the COVID-19 outbreak in local communities. Sewer systems and treatment plants are fully functional and the California Water Resources Control Board confirmed that the novel coronavirus is destroyed during the wastewater treatment process.
- 13. Southern California Edison
There were no updates from Southern California Edison.
- 14. Southern California Gas Company
H. Romero Shaw provided a written report on this item. The report highlighted two nonprofits, including The Laundry Truck LA (TLTLA) and Energy Independence Now (EIN). TLTLA provides free laundry services and necessities to the homeless population in Los Angeles and EIN provides hydrogen car rental services and fuel cards for the Men with Vision Foundation to deliver groceries to veterans, seniors, low-income families, and individuals experiencing homelessness.

15. South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD)
R. Yeung provided a written report on this item. AQMD recently unveiled a new online Permit Application Status tool for businesses and organizations to track submitted permit applications. Additionally, the report included details of the temporary relief measures for non-emissions-related requirements during the COVID-19 pandemic.

PRESENTATIONS

16. 2020 San Gabriel Valley Energy Wise Partnership Programs
SGVCOG staff provided a presentation on this item. Implemented by the SGVCOG, the San Gabriel Valley Energy Wise Partnership identifies opportunities for municipal building energy efficiency retrofits and assists cities to access financial incentives and technical resources to complete these retrofits. Additionally, the Partnership offers toolbox trainings for city staff, provides facility benchmarking and energy auditing services to help cities monitor their facilities' energy usage, and hosts quarterly Energy Work Group meetings to facilitate peer discussions on municipal energy efficiency projects.

Discussions/Questions:

- A committee member inquired if the one-on-one energy efficiency city meetings are conducted virtually. SGVCOG staff responded that these meetings will be conducted online due to COVID-19. Other meetings and assessments that are offered as part of the San Gabriel Valley Energy Wise Partnership will also be implemented online for now to minimize COVID-19 transmissions.
- Another committee member inquired about the possibility of the Partnership assisting with a City's streetlight projects. SGVCOG staff responded that the San Gabriel Valley Energy Wise Partnership only focuses on natural gas projects for this year; however, SGVCOG staff offered to connect the committee member with the Southern California Regional Energy Network to assist with the streetlights and other electric projects.
- A committee member inquired about the possibility of presenting the Partnership's Commercial Energy Assessment Program to the local chambers of commerce. SGVCOG staff responded that the Commercial Energy Assessment Program, known as SGV Go Green, can be presented to local chambers of commerce and other community organizations.
- A committee member inquired if the energy assessments can be provided in Spanish given that English and Chinese options are currently available. SGVCOG staff responded that the SGVCOG currently does not have the staff capacity to conduct these assessments in Spanish.
- Another committee member requested SGVCOG staff to conduct an energy assessment on the San Gabriel Mission Playhouse through the SGV Go Green Program. SGVCOG staff responded that they would contact the City's Public Works Department to schedule an appointment for the assessment.
- The committee recognized the Cities of Claremont, Rosemead, and San Gabriel for their energy efficiency achievements in the 2020 San Gabriel Valley Energy Champion Awards.

17. Legislative Updates: H.R. 535 (Dingell) – PFAS Action Act of 2019
 Congresswoman Debbie Dingell introduced H.R. 535, known as the PFAS Action Act of 2019, to address perfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) contamination across the United States. The bill would require the EPA to publish a maximum contaminant level goal for PFAS and establish national drinking water safeguards for PFAS chemicals. The bill would also require the EPA to stem the flow of PFAS contamination into the environment by requiring cleanup of sites that are contaminated with PFOA and PFOS, setting air emission limits, prohibiting unsafe incineration of PFAS, and limiting the introduction of new PFAS chemicals into commerce.

Discussions/Questions:

- A committee member provided a comment that PFAS is commonly used in cooking pots and pans. Some of the pots and pans come with “PFAS-free” labels.
- Another committee member inquired about the bill’s focus on cleaning up landfills that are contaminated with PFAS chemicals. SGVCOG staff responded that the bill language did not specifically mention protocols to clean up landfills that are contaminated with PFAS. There were, however, discussions on cleaning up PFAS-contaminated military bases.
- A committee member inquired if this bill was endorsed by the SGVCOG. SGVCOG staff responded that the SGVCOG has not taken a position on this bill yet.

There was a motion made to recommend the Governing Board to support H.R. 535 (Dingell) – PFAS Action Act of 2019 with recommendations for the bill to include additional details on cleaning up landfills that are contaminated with PFAS chemicals. (M/S: M. Clark/C. Liao)

[Motion Passed]

AYES:	Claremont, Duarte, Rosemead, San Dimas, San Gabriel, Sierra Madre, West Covina
NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	
ABSENT:	Covina

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENT

18. Next Committee Meeting

The upcoming committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at 1:00pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A committee member mentioned that Southern California Edison (SCE) proposed to increase residential electricity rates by 14.4% starting next year. The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) will be considering the proposed rate increase. The EENR Committee directed SGVCOG staff to conduct research and provide updates to the SGVCOG Governing Board at its upcoming meeting. Additionally, the committee directed SGVCOG staff to invite SCE representatives to present on this item at the June EENR Committee meeting.

ADJOURN

D. Bertone adjourned the meeting at 1:54 p.m.