



# San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments\*

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

Wednesday, June 17, 2020 – 1:00 PM

Teleconference Meeting:

Livestream Available at <https://youtu.be/PfNN8ovF968>

Chair  
**Denis Bertone**  
City of San Dimas

Vice Chair  
**Liz Reilly**  
City of Duarte

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**Claremont**  
**Covina**  
**Duarte**  
**Rosemead**  
**San Dimas**  
**San Gabriel**  
**Sierra Madre**  
**West Covina**

Ex-Officio Member  
**Jeffrey Lee**  
City of Temple City's  
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](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.

**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 committee members and staff for the purpose of limiting the risk of COVID-19, in-person public participation at the Regular Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee meeting scheduled for June 17, 2020 at 1:00pm will not be allowed. Members of the public may view the meeting live on the SGVCOG's website. To access the meeting video, please visit <https://youtu.be/PfNN8ovF968> during the scheduled meeting time.

Public comments can be submitted electronically by emailing [afung@sgvcog.org](mailto:afung@sgvcog.org) at least 1 hour prior to the scheduled meeting time. Emailed public comments will be read into the record. If you wish to comment on a specific agenda item, please identify the item in your email. General public comments will be addressed during the general public comment item on the agenda.

Any member of the public requiring a reasonable accommodation to participate in this meeting should contact Alexander Fung at least 48 hours prior to the meeting at (626) 457-1800 or at [afung@sgvcog.org](mailto: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 – May 20, 2020 **(Page 1)**  
*Recommended Action: Approve.*
6. Correspondence **(Page 6)**  
*Recommended Action: Receive and file.*

## **LIAISON REPORTS**

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

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

16. Angeles National Forest Updates – Robert Garcia, Fire Chief, Angeles National Forest **(Page 11)**  
*Recommended Action: For information only.*

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

17. Southern California Regional Energy Network (SoCalREN) Public Agency Programs – Nicol Manzanares, Program Manager, The Energy Coalition & Natalie Espinoza, Program Manager, The Energy Coalition **(Page 12)**  
*Recommended Action: For information only.*

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

18. Discussion on Southern California Edison's Proposed Rate Increase – Doug Snow, Director of General Rate Case, Southern California Edison **(Page 15)**  
*Recommended Action: Discuss and provide direction to staff.*

## **STAFF ANNOUNCEMENT**

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

## **ADJOURN**



**SGVCOG EENR Committee Unapproved 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]**

<b>AYES:</b>	Claremont, Duarte, Rosemead, San Dimas, San Gabriel, Sierra Madre, West Covina
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<b>NOES:</b>	
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	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]**

<b>AYES:</b>	Claremont, Duarte, Rosemead, San Dimas, San Gabriel, Sierra Madre, West Covina
<b>NOES:</b>	
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	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.

# Governor Newsom Signs Executive Order on Actions in Response to COVID-19 6.5.20

Published: Jun 05, 2020

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*Order will help increase the availability of hand sanitizer and medical devices during the pandemic*

SACRAMENTO — Governor Gavin Newsom today signed an executive order that will help increase the availability of over-the-counter drugs, such as hand sanitizer, and medical devices, such as respirators, ventilators and masks, which are in demand due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The order allows the temporary manufacture of over-the-counter drugs and medical devices by firms not currently licensed by the California Department of Public Health. The firms must apply for temporary registration and self-certify they are compliant with guidance by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

The order defers renewal fees to address COVID-19 related economic hardship for manufacturers of drugs, medical devices, food and cosmetics that currently have California Department of Public Health licenses, registrations, and certificates.

The order also addresses a variety of other issues in response to the COVID-19 pandemic by extending a number of waivers to allow for flexibility in the emergency placement of foster youth and ensure that foster youth have access to critical programs and technology by verifying foster care status for foster youth and wards of the juvenile court whose cases are pending; permit In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) program caseworkers to continue their work caring for older adults and individuals with disabilities; and allow the California Department of Justice to develop procedures to perform name-based background checks to ensure there is no delay processing employment for critical sectors, such as health care services and care and support for vulnerable populations, including developmentally disabled persons.

In addition, the order extends statutory deadlines related to the timeframe of when a petition for reconsideration is deemed to have been denied by the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board, and for the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board to act on decisions by Workers' Compensation judges.

# SUSTAINABLE ENERGY INCUBATOR JUNE 25TH

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12:00 PM**

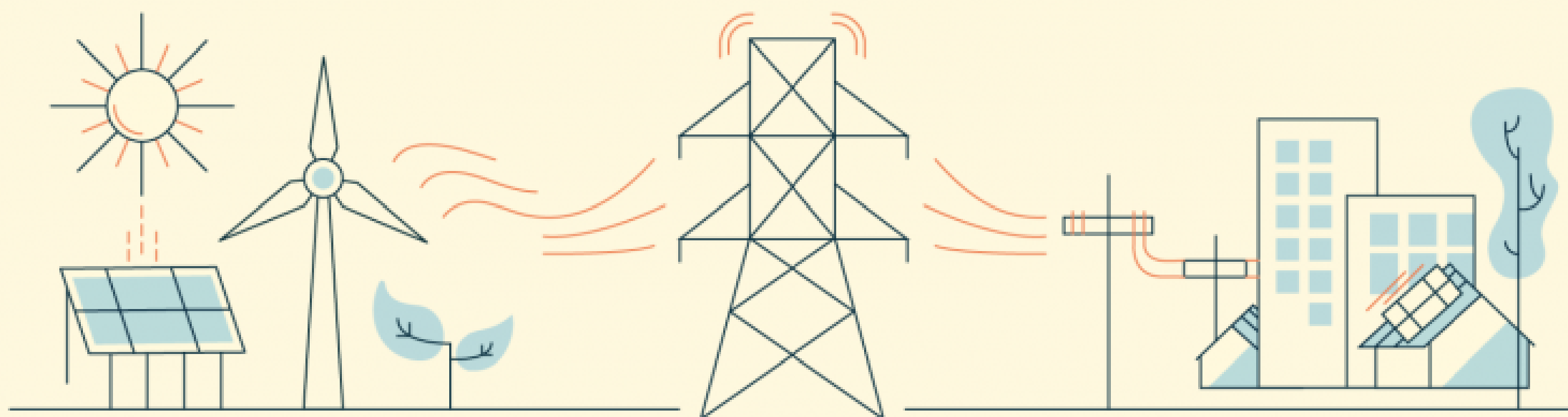
**WEBINAR**

Join us at the next Sustainable Energy Incubator workshop (now virtual!) on **Decarbonizing California During COVID-19**

**Speakers to be announced soon**

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DATE: June 17, 2020

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

FROM: San Gabriel Mountains Community Collaborative

RE: **SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS COMMUNITY COLLABORATIVE  
LIAISON REPORT**

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

For information only.

## **LIAISON REPORT**

The San Gabriel Mountains Community Collaborative and Nature For All have been awarded a \$7,000 grant from REI to help support efforts to develop a digital space to track and engage volunteers that serve the Angeles National Forest. The plan is to develop an online database of volunteers and to match their skills sets with projects and opportunities available in the Angeles National Forest and the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument.

# REPORT

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DATE: June 17, 2020  
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**

Due to public health concerns regarding COVID-19 and as part of efforts to minimize potential risk and exposure, the Small Business Assistance (SBA) Office is only providing assistance via telephone or email at this time. For assistance, please call 1-800-388-2121 or email [smallbizassistance@aqmd.gov](mailto:smallbizassistance@aqmd.gov).

The South Coast AQMD SBA Office helps small business owners comply with South Coast AQMD [rules and regulations](#), permit conditions, and recordkeeping through a variety of services. Just give the SBA Office a call and they will respond to your request ASAP.

The South Coast SBA team of engineers and inspectors is specifically designated to help small businesses (100 or fewer employees or with annual gross revenues up to \$5 million) understand and comply with air quality rules and regulations. The team provides free assistance to small businesses dealing with air quality permit requirements, including:

- Permit applications;
- Technical consultations;
- No-fault inspections;
- Recordkeeping;
- Variance applications;
- Dry cleaning grants;
- Air Quality Permit Checklist;
- Expired outreach program -- Assists small businesses in avoiding financial hardships that can result from a failure to properly maintain their permit(s). After a year, an expired permit becomes void and the facility will have to file for new permits. Filing for new permits may be costly especially when dealing with outdated equipment or processes.
- Fee Review Program -- Helps businesses resolve fee disputes thru South Coast AQMD's Fee Review Committee; and provides remedies in accordance with specific requirements.

The following are resources related to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak for businesses and employees:

- [U.S. Small Business Administration](#)
- [The Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development](#)
- [Employment Development Department, State of California](#)

# REPORT

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DATE: June 17, 2020  
TO: Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources (EENR) Committee  
FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director  
RE: **ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST UPDATES**

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**


For information only.

## **BACKGROUND**

The Angeles National Forest was established by an Executive Order in December 1892 to offer natural environments, recreational opportunities, and spectacular sceneries for Southern California residents. The forest covers about 700,000 acres and elevations range from 1,200 to 10,064 feet. As the fire season approaches, the Angeles National Forest would like to solicit cities' assistance in spreading the importance of reducing human-caused wildfires in their communities.

With anticipated record heat and dry conditions in Southern California, the 2020 fire season is expected to be more intense compared to prior years' fire seasons. Fire use on national forests in California is generally prohibited outside of developed campgrounds and residents are recommended to abide to local brush clearance requirements. Visitors of the Angeles National Forest are also encouraged to report illegal fire activities to forest rangers.

Angeles National Forest Fire Chief, Robert Garcia, will provide a detailed presentation on this item at the meeting.

Prepared by:   
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Alexander P. Fung  
Management Analyst

Approved by:   
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Marisa Creter  
Executive Director

DATE: June 17, 2020  
TO: Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources (EENR) Committee  
FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director  
RE: **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL ENERGY NETWORK PUBLIC AGENCY PROGRAMS**

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

For information only.

## **BACKGROUND**

The Southern California Regional Energy Network (SoCalREN) was created to harness the collective power of residents, businesses, and the public sector to achieve energy savings across Southern California. Administered by the County of Los Angeles, the SoCalREN utilizes comprehensive and customized methods to support the unique needs of public agencies and assist agencies to save energy. In April 2020, the SGVCOG officially partnered with the SoCalREN with the goal of leading San Gabriel Valley cities toward a safe, secure, resilient, affordable, and sustainable clean energy future.

The SoCalREN offers the following Public Agency Programs to municipalities:

- Project Delivery Program
- Metered Savings Program
- Pathway to Zero
- Revolving Loan Fund


These programs were designed to provide municipalities with tailored project delivery approaches, funding recommendations, and procurement pathways to support the implementation of energy efficiency projects. Additionally, the SoCalREN provides benchmarking and energy analytical services to assist cities to identify facilities that are high energy consumers and prioritize energy efficiency retrofits at these facilities.

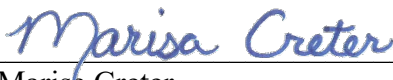
To access the benefits of the SoCalREN Public Agency Programs and resources, agencies must submit an enrollment form to the SoCalREN. Enrollment is non-binding and the following San Gabriel Valley cities are currently enrolled:

Alhambra	Duarte	Monrovia	South El Monte
Arcadia	El Monte	Monterey Park	South Pasadena
Claremont	Industry	Pomona	Temple City
Covina	La Puente	San Dimas	Walnut
Diamond Bar	La Verne	San Gabriel	West Covina

Public agencies are encouraged to join the SoCalREN by submitting an enrollment form to SGVCOG or SoCalREN staff members. A copy of the enrollment form can be found in Attachment A. Qualifying agencies include cities, counties, school districts, water districts, sanitation districts, and other public agencies in the County of Los Angeles.

SoCalREN Project Managers, Nicol Manzanares and Natalie Espinoza, will provide a brief presentation at this meeting.

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Alexander P. Fung  
Management Analyst

Approved by:   
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Marisa Creter  
Executive Director

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment A – SoCalREN Enrollment Form



**This enrollment form is non-binding, however, program services cannot be initiated until signed.**  
*Enrollment in SoCalREN Public Agency Programs becomes effective as of the date the enrollment form is signed and returned.*

**Enrollment in SoCalREN means your Agency:**

- Considers implementing the recommended energy-saving strategies that are economically and operationally feasible.
- Provides access to facilities, operational details and utility data in a timely manner as needed to facilitate energy audits and development of energy retrofit projects.
- Authorizes The Energy Coalition, as the implementer of the SoCalREN Public Agency Programs, to provide energy benchmarking services through Energy Star Portfolio Manager (ESPM).
- Completes authorization forms to release utility customer information related to energy and project data to the implementer of SoCalREN Public Agency Programs (required for utility incentive and financing application submission).
- Has access to a network of public agency peers where resources and best practices are shared broadly via workshops, conference forums, the SoCalREN website and more. This involves listing agency participation in informational materials and receiving email resources from SoCalREN’s mailing list.
- Receives individualized support from a dedicated SoCalREN Project Manager and technical assistance team with broad expertise—all at no cost.



**Enrollment**

Please designate a primary contact (Energy Champion) below to facilitate the Public Agency’s participation in SoCalREN who will commit sufficient time to support the successful delivery of SoCalREN’s services.

Official Public Agency Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Representative (Energy Champion) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# REPORT

DATE: June 17, 2020  
TO: Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources (EENR) Committee  
FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director  
RE: **DISCUSSION ON SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON'S PROPOSED RATE INCREASE**

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Discuss and provide direction to staff.

## **BACKGROUND**

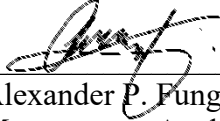
Southern California Edison (SCE) recently submitted a rate increase request to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) on August 30, 2019. This rate increase request, known as a general rate case (GRC), is typically submitted to the CPUC by large electric utilities every four years. GRCs are proceedings used to address the costs of operating and maintaining the utility system and the allocation of those costs among customer classes. SCE's GRC would increase rates by the following percentages starting in 2021:

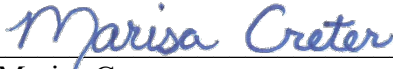
<b>Customer Group</b>	<b>Current Average Rates as of July 2019 (cents/kWh)</b>	<b>Proposed Average Rates as of Jan. 2021 (cents/kWh)</b>	<b>Total Change (cents/kWh)</b>	<b>Percentage Change (% Increase)</b>
Residential	18.1 cents/kWh	20.7 cents/kWh	2.6 cents/kWh	14.4%
Lighting — Small and Medium Power	17.3 cents/kWh	19.2 cents/kWh	1.9 cents/kWh	11.0%
Large Power	12.4 cents/kWh	13.5 cents/kWh	1.1 cents/kWh	8.9%
Agricultural	13.7 cents/kWh	15.1 cents/kWh	1.4 cents/kWh	10.2%
Street Lighting	25.5 cents/kWh	26.2 cents/kWh	0.7 cents/kWh	2.7%
Standby	10.2 cents/kWh	10.8 cents/kWh	0.6 cents/kWh	5.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>16.3 cents/kWh</b>	<b>18.2 cents/kWh</b>	<b>1.9 cents/kWh</b>	<b>11.7%</b>

According to SCE, the bulk of the revenue requirement request in the GRC relates to the foundational work required to maintain and improve the grid and continue efforts to implement the State's policy objective of reducing greenhouse gas emissions. SCE stated that crucial wildfire risk mitigation activities will continue and that appropriate wildfire insurance will be maintained.

The CPUC will be holding public forums to discuss the rate increase proposal before voting to approve or reject SCE's request. The public forums are scheduled for June 30, 2020 and July 1, 2020 at 2:00pm and 6:00pm. Interested attendees can join the public forums by visiting [www.adminmonitor.com/ca/cpuc](http://www.adminmonitor.com/ca/cpuc) and dial (800) 857-1917 with the password "167-3482."

SCE Director of General Rate Case, Doug Snow, will provide a detailed presentation on this item at the meeting.

Prepared by:   
Alexander P. Fung  
Management Analyst

Approved by:   
Marisa Creter  
Executive Director

## ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A – CPUC’s SCE Notice of Public Participation Hearings for 2021 GRC

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC FORUMS  
FOR SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY'S  
2021 GENERAL RATE CASE A.19-08-013**

**Why am I receiving this notice?** Southern California Edison (SCE) and the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) would like to hear from you. You are invited to participate in a public forum regarding SCE's application to raise electricity rates. At the public forum, you can make comments and raise concerns with the CPUC's Administrative Law Judge(s) (Judge) who are overseeing this rate increase request.

**How will the public forums be held?** Due to the Governor's directive and the CPUC's ongoing efforts to protect customers and community members during COVID-19, there will be no in-person physical location for these public forums.

The public forums can be viewed via internet, or listened to via phone, with the information below. If you wish to make a public comment, please participate by phone using the phone number and passcode below.

Date	Time	Details
Tuesday, June 30	2 p.m.	Phone number: <b>(800) 857-1917</b> Passcode: <b>1673482</b>
	6 p.m.	
Wednesday, July 1	2 p.m.	Webcast: <b>www.adminmonitor.com/ca/cpuc/</b>
	6 p.m.	

Written public comments may also be provided at any time during the proceeding using the "Add Public Comment" button on the "Public Comment" tab of the Docket Card for A.19-08-013, available at [cpuc.ca.gov/SCE2021GRCPublicComments](http://cpuc.ca.gov/SCE2021GRCPublicComments).

**Bundled service customers' average rate impacts:**

Customer Group	Current Average Rates as of July 2019 (cents/kWh)	Proposed Average Rates as of January 2021 (cents/kWh)	Total Change (cents/kWh)	Percentage Change (% Increase)
Residential	18.1 cents/kWh	20.7 cents/kWh	2.6 cents/kWh	14.4%
Lighting — Small and Medium Power	17.3 cents/kWh	19.2 cents/kWh	1.9 cents/kWh	11.0%
Large Power	12.4 cents/kWh	13.5 cents/kWh	1.1 cents/kWh	8.9%
Agricultural	13.7 cents/kWh	15.1 cents/kWh	1.4 cents/kWh	10.2%
Street Lighting	25.5 cents/kWh	26.2 cents/kWh	0.7 cents/kWh	2.7%
Standby	10.2 cents/kWh	10.8 cents/kWh	0.6 cents/kWh	5.9%
<b>Total</b>	16.3 cents/kWh	18.2 cents/kWh	1.9 cents/kWh	11.7%

Note: Total percentage system revenue increase including bundled and non-bundled service customers is 12.9%

The rates and percentages shown above are averages and are not the exact changes you may see in your bill. Changes in individual bills depend on how much energy each customer uses.

**Why is SCE requesting this rate increase?** SCE delivers your electricity. Every four years, SCE must file what is known as a General Rate Case (GRC) application with the CPUC. GRCs set rates that customers pay to fund SCE's day-to-day operations, including maintenance for its equipment and electricity grid upgrades.

**How could this affect my monthly bill?** If SCE's rate request is approved by the CPUC, the average residential monthly bill would increase by approximately \$14 in 2021, \$4 in 2022, and \$6 in 2023.

**How does the rest of the process work?** This application has been assigned to a Judge, who will consider all proposals and evidence presented during the formal hearing process. The Judge will issue a proposed decision which may adopt SCE's application, modify it or deny it. Any CPUC Commissioner may sponsor an alternate decision. The proposed decision, and any alternate decisions, will be discussed and voted upon by the CPUC Commissioners.

The Public Advocates Office (Cal Advocates) is currently reviewing this application. Cal Advocates is the independent consumer advocate within the CPUC with a statutory mandate to represent customers of investor-owned utilities to obtain the lowest possible rate for service consistent with safe and reliable service and the state's environmental policy goals. Cal Advocates has a multi-disciplinary staff with expertise in economics, finance, accounting and engineering. For more information about Cal Advocates, please call (415) 703-1584, e-mail [PublicAdvocatesOffice@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:PublicAdvocatesOffice@cpuc.ca.gov), or visit Cal Advocates' website at [publicadvocates.cpuc.ca.gov](http://publicadvocates.cpuc.ca.gov).

#### **Where can I get more information?**

##### **Contact SCE:**

- Mail: **Southern California Edison Company**  
**Attention: Douglas Snow, Director, General Rate Case**  
**A.19-08-013 – SCE's 2021 GRC**  
**P.O. Box 800 Rosemead, CA 91770**
- Email: [scegrc@sce.com](mailto:scegrc@sce.com)
- View SCE's GRC application: [on.sce.com/GRC2021app](http://on.sce.com/GRC2021app)
- View related information: [on.sce.com/GRC2021info](http://on.sce.com/GRC2021info)

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- Visit [cpuc.ca.gov/SCE2021GRCPublicComments](http://cpuc.ca.gov/SCE2021GRCPublicComments) to submit a public comment.
- Contact the CPUC's Public Advisor's Office if you have questions about CPUC processes:  
Phone: **1-866-849-8390** (toll-free) or **1-415-703-2074**  
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Please reference **SCE A.19-08-013** in any communications you have with the CPUC regarding this matter.