



San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments*

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

Wednesday, November 16, 2022 – 1:00 PM

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Thank you for participating in today's meeting. The EENR Committee encourages public participation and invites you to share your views on agenda items.

MEETINGS: *Regular Meetings of the EENR Committee are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 1:00 PM at the Monrovia Community Center, 119 W. Palm Avenue, Monrovia, CA 91016.* The agenda packet is available at the San Gabriel Valley Council of Government's (SGVCOG) Monrovia Office, 1333 S. Mayflower Avenue, Suite 360, Monrovia, CA, and on the website, www.sgvkog.org. A copy of the agenda is also viewable at the Alhambra City Hall, 111 S. 1st Street, Alhambra, CA 91801. 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. Attendance at this public meeting may result in the recording of your voice.

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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 so requests. In this event, the item will be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered after the Consent Calendar.



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***MEETING MODIFICATIONS DUE TO THE STATE AND LOCAL EMERGENCY RESULTING FROM THE THREAT OF COVID-19:** AB 361 (Rivas), signed by California Governor Gavin Newsom on September 16, 2021, authorizes local agencies 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 emergency resulting from the threat of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).

To follow the new provisions in AB 361 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 Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee meeting will not be allowed. To allow for public participation, the Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee will conduct its meeting through Zoom Video Communications. To participate in the meeting, download Zoom on any phone or computer device and copy and paste the following link into your browser to access the live meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89958191025>. You may also access the meeting via the livestream link on the front of the agenda page.

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- Written Comments (Email): If you wish to submit written public comments to be distributed to the committee members prior to or during the meeting, please submit these materials via email to SGVCOG Management Analyst, Brianne Logasa, at blogasa@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 read into the record and will be part of the recorded meeting minutes. Written public comments may include, but are not limited to letters, reports, and presentations. While there is no page or word count limit for written comments, the time for reading written public comments into the record will be limited to three minutes, which is the same time allotted for verbal comments.
- Verbal Comments (Zoom): Through Zoom, you may provide a verbal comment by using the web interface "Raise Hand" feature. Wait to be called upon by staff, and then you may provide verbal comments for up to 3 minutes. Public comment is taken at the beginning of the meeting for items not on the agenda. Public comment is also accepted at the beginning of each agenda item.

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PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Public Comment

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

4. EENR Meeting Minutes – October 19, 2022 **(Page 5)**
Recommended Action: Review and approve.
5. SGVCOG Capital Projects and Construction Committee, Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee, Executive Committee, Governing Board, Homelessness Committee, Transportation Committee, and Water Committee Special Joint Meeting Minutes – 10/6/2022 **(Page 8)**
Recommended Action: Approve
6. Adoption of Resolution 22-13-EENR Enabling the EENR Committee to Continue Holding Meetings via Teleconferencing **(Page 11)**
Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution 22-13-EENR making certain findings that the existence of a local and state of emergency in California caused by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic continues to directly impact the ability of the SGVCOG to hold public meetings safely in-person, thereby necessitating an ability to continue holding meetings via teleconference.

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

7. 2023 SGVCOG EENR Legislative Priorities **(Page 13)**
Recommend the Governing Board to adopt the 2023 SGVCOG EENR Legislative Priorities intended to inform and guide the legislative, policy, and programmatic actions and positions taken by the SGVCOG over the course of the 2023 calendar year.

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

8. Clean Power Alliance Overview – Dalia Gomez, Clean Power Alliance **(Page 16)**
Recommended Action: For information only.

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

9. Energy Champion Awards Updates **(Page 18)**
Recommended Action: For information only.

LIAISON REPORTS

10. Clean Power Alliance
11. San Gabriel Mountains Community Collaborative
12. San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District
13. Trust for Public Land
14. San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy
15. Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County
16. Southern California Edison
17. Southern California Gas Company
18. [South Coast Air Quality Management District \(AQMD\)](#)

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

19. Committee Meeting Schedule

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURN



SGVCOG EENR Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: **October 19, 2022**
Time: 1:00 PM
Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

- 1. Call to Order
J. Stark called the meeting to order at 1:01pm.

- 2. Roll Call
A quorum was in attendance.

Committee Members Present

Claremont J. Stark
Covina M. Flores
Duarte V. Truong
Pasadena J. Guess
Rosemead M. Clark
Sierra Madre R. Arizmendi
South Pasadena M. Cacciotti

Absent

Pomona
San Dimas
San Gabriel
West Covina
Temple City (Ex-officio)

Guests

J. Gonzalez, RMC
L. Augino, Watermaster
T. Torres, Center for Creative Land Recycling
R. Yeung, South Coast AQMD
M. Tasnif-Abbasi, DTSC
H. Shaw, SoCalGas

SGVCOG Staff

B. Logasa, Staff
N. Ryu, Staff
S. Wong, Staff
M. Bolger, Staff

- 3. Public Comment
There were no public comments.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 4. EENR Meeting Minutes – September 21, 2022
- 5. SGVCOG Capital Projects and Construction Committee, Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee, Executive Committee, Governing Board, Homelessness Committee, Transportation Committee, and Water Committee Special Joint Meeting Minutes – 9/15/2022
- 6. Adoption of Resolution 22-12-EENR Enabling the EENR Committee to Continue Holding Meetings via Teleconferencing

There was a motion to approve consent calendar items 4-6. (M/S: R. Arizmendi/V. Truong)

[Motion Passed]

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

PRESENTATIONS

7. Mount Wilson Express Shuttle – Bryan Matsumoto, Nature for All
 The committee heard a presentation from Bryan Matsumoto from Nature for All about the plans for a Mount Wilson Express Shuttle, which would connect the Metro L (Gold) Line Memorial Park Station in Old Pasadena to various locations in the Angeles National Forest. Nature for All received \$995,000 from U.S. Representative Judy Chu to begin planning and building the Shuttle. The San Gabriel Mountains, the mountain range protected by the Angeles National Forest, make up 70% of Los Angeles County’s open space. Currently, the Forest and Mountains can only be reached by private vehicle, creating concerns regarding outdoor accessibility and equity. California Clean Air Day – Brian Sheridan, Coalition for Clean Air

8. Equitable Community Revitalization Grant - Maryam Tasnif-Abassi, California Department of Toxic Substances Control
 The committee heard a presentation from Maryam Tasnif-Abassi from the California Department of Toxic Substances Control about Round 2 funding from the Equitable Community Revitalization Grant (ECRG). Round 2 of the ECRG will issue grants ranging from \$80,000 to \$7 million for environmentally-impacted sites to conduct community-wide assessments, environmental investigations, and environmental cleanups. Interested individuals can learn more about the ECRG by clicking here.

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STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

6. Committee Meeting Schedule
 SGVCOG staff announced that the Committee will reconvene on Wednesday, November 16, 2022 at 1:00pm. Staff also announced a new SGVCOG employee, Mackenzie Bolger, who will become the EENR staff liaison starting in 2023.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no additional announcements.

ADJOURN

J. Stark adjourned the Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee meeting at 2:05pm.

Special Joint Meeting of the Capital Projects and Construction Committee, Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee, Executive Committee, Governing Board, Homelessness Committee, Transportation Committee, and Water Committee

October 6, 2022
4:00 PM



SGVCOG Capital Projects and Construction Committee, Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee, Executive Committee, Governing Board, Homelessness Committee, Transportation Committee, and Water Committee

Unapproved Special Joint Meeting Minutes

Date: October 6, 2022
Time: 4:00 PM
Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order
SGVCOG President, Becky Shevlin, called the Special Joint Meeting of the Capital Projects and Construction Committee, Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee, Executive Committee, Governing Board, Homelessness Committee, Transportation Committee, and Water Committee to order at 4:07 pm. A quorum was in attendance.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
Glendora Councilmember, Michael Allawos, led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll Call
A quorum for the Capital Projects and Construction Committee, Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee, Executive Committee, Governing Board, Homelessness Committee, Transportation Committee, and Water Committee was in attendance.

Committee Members Present

Arcadia	A. Verlato
Azusa	R. Gonzales
Claremont	E. Reece
Diamond Bar	N. Lyons
Duarte	J. Schulz
Glendora	M. Allawos
Industry	C. Moss
Irwindale	A. Ambriz
La Puente	G. Quiñones
La Verne	T. Hepburn
Monrovia	B. Shevlin
Montebello*	A. Jimenez
Monterey Park	H. Lo
Pasadena	V. Gordo
Rosemead	M. Clark
San Gabriel	T. Ding
San Marino	S. Jakubowski
South Pasadena	M. Cacciotti

Absent

Alhambra
Baldwin Park
Bradbury
Covina
El Monte
Pomona
San Dimas
Sierra Madre
La Cañada Flintridge
South El Monte
Temple City
West Covina
SGV Water Districts

SGVCOG Staff

M. Creter, Executive Director
A. Godoy, Staff
B. Ruano, Staff

Special Joint Meeting of the Capital Projects and Construction Committee, Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee, Executive Committee, Governing Board, Homelessness Committee, Transportation Committee, and Water Committee

October 6, 2022
4:00 PM

Walnut	N. Tragarz	B. Logasa, Staff
L.A. County District #1	E. Gonzalez	J. Romanul, Staff
L.A. County District #5	V. Paul	J. Beshay, Staff
		K. Ward, Staff
		M. Sharkey, Staff
		N. Ryu, Staff
		R. Alimoren, Staff
		Ro. Choi, Staff
		S. Pedersen, Staff
		S. Hernandez, Staff
		S. Sousa, Staff
		S. Wong, Staff
		T. Lott, Staff
		V. Guerra, Staff
		V. Urenia, Staff
		Y. Harabedian, Staff

*The voting member representing the City of Montebello for the Capital Projects and Construction Committee was in attendance.

JOINT MEETING BUSINESS/ACTION ITEM

- Adopt Joint Resolution 22-49 of the Capital Projects and Construction Committee, Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee, Executive Committee, Governing Board, Homelessness Committee, Transportation Committee, and Water Committee Making Findings to Enable Them to Continue to Hold Meetings Via Teleconferencing

There was a motion to adopt Joint Resolution 22-49 making certain findings that the existence of a local and state of emergency in California exists, that social distancing being mandated or recommended by state or local officials due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and that meeting in person presents an imminent risk to the health and safety of attendees.

(M/S: E. Reece/A. Verlato) [Motion Passed]

AYES:	Arcadia, Azusa, Claremont, Diamond Bar, Duarte, Glendora, Industry, Irwindale, La Puente, La Verne, Monrovia, Montebello*, Monterey Park, Pasadena, Rosemead, San Marino, South Pasadena, Walnut, L.A. County District #1, L.A. County District #5
NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	
NO VOTE RECORDED:	San Gabriel
ABSENT:	Alhambra, Baldwin Park, Bradbury, Covina, El Monte, La Cañada Flintridge, Pomona, San Dimas, Sierra Madre, South El Monte, Temple City, West Covina, SGV Water Districts

*The vote on behalf of the City of Montebello only counts toward the Capital Projects and

Special Joint Meeting of the Capital Projects and Construction Committee, Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee, Executive Committee, Governing Board, Homelessness Committee, Transportation Committee, and Water Committee

October 6, 2022

4:00 PM

Construction Committee's joint resolution.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

5. Next Regular Governing Board Meeting – October 20, 2022
Governing Board President, Becky Shevlin, announced the next Governing Board meeting.

GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Pasadena Council Member, Victor Gordo, provided a comment.

ADJOURN JOINT MEETING

SGVCOG President, Becky Shevlin, adjourned the Special Joint Meeting of the Capital Projects and Construction Committee, Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee, Executive Committee, Governing Board, Homelessness Committee, Transportation Committee, and Water Committee at 4:17 pm.

BOARD APPROVED

Date

Marisa Creter, Secretary

REPORT

DATE: November 16, 2022

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

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 22-13-EENR ENABLING THE EENR COMMITTEE TO CONTINUE HOLDING MEETINGS VIA TELECONFERENCING**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Adopt Resolution 22-13-EENR making certain findings that the existence of a local and state of emergency in California caused by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic continues to directly impact the ability of the SGVCOG to hold public meetings safely in-person, thereby necessitating an ability to continue holding meetings via teleconferencing.

BACKGROUND

Introduced by Assemblymember Robert Rivas (D-Hollister) on February 1, 2021, AB 361 codifies portions of Governor Gavin Newsom's existing Ralph M. Brown Act exemptions pertaining to teleconferencing if a local agency issues an emergency finding, and reissues it every 30 days, that it is unsafe to meet in person. Specifically, the Brown Act exemptions include requirements to provide a public teleconference location, to maintain a member quorum within the agency's jurisdiction and to provide for public comment at each teleconference location, such as a private residence. The legislation expires in December 2024. On September 16, 2021, California Governor Gavin Newsom signed AB 361 into law, effective immediately.

A local agency wishing to rely on the provisions of AB 361 must meet one of the following criteria:

1. The local agency holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency, and state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing; or
2. The local holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency for the purpose of determining, by majority vote, whether as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees; or
3. The local agency holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency and has determined, by majority vote, that, as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.


On March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency in California due to the threat of COVID-19 and shortly thereafter issued Executive Order N-29-20 suspending certain Brown Act provisions relating to teleconferencing as public meetings began to be held online.¹

¹ Similarly, on March 4, 2020, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and Los Angeles County Health Officer declared a local and health emergency due to the threat of COVID-19.


However, this Executive Order expired on September 30, 2021, despite the State of Emergency remaining in place.

The threat that COVID-19 has presented continues to directly impact the ability of the SGVCOG to conduct Governing Board/committee meetings safely in person. Updated guidelines issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health in July and August 2021 advise governmental entities to refrain from conducting indoor meetings and consider moving operations outdoors, where feasible, to prevent transmission. SGVCOG staff finds it has been unable to find a suitable outdoor space with the requisite audio/visual capabilities at which the monthly committee meetings can be held safely. Similarly, an indoor space with sufficient capacity to accommodate safe social distance practices among members, staff, and the public could not be identified.

In order to continue to conduct meetings in a safe manner and to prevent unnecessary COVID-19 exposure to members, staff and the public, staff is recommending that the EENR Committee adopts a resolution making certain findings in order to be able to continue teleconferencing for its meetings.

Prepared by: 

Brianne Logasa
Management Analyst

Approved by: 

Marisa Creter
Executive Director

ATTACHMENTS

[Attachment A – Resolution 22-13-EENR](#)

DATE: November 16, 2022
TO: Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources (EENR) Committee
FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director
RE: **2023 SGVCOG EENR LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Recommend the Governing Board to adopt the 2023 SGVCOG EENR Legislative Priorities intended to inform and guide the legislative, policy, and programmatic actions and positions taken by the SGVCOG over the course of the 2023 calendar year.

BACKGROUND

The SGVCOG Governing Board adopts various legislative priorities in concurrence with the Strategic Plan on an annual basis. The purpose of the legislative priorities is to outline the position of the Governing Board on priority issues and matters that impact the San Gabriel Valley. These legislative priorities are developed based on feedback and input from the SGVCOG policy committees and aim to address several regulatory, funding, and structural challenges faced by San Gabriel Valley cities. SGVCOG staff is currently working to develop a list of environmental legislative priorities to be presented to the SGVCOG Governing Board for adoption.

The proposed legislative priorities build upon those adopted in previous years. Items that have been updated from the 2022 EENR Legislative Priorities are italicized below as a reference.

PROPOSED 2023 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Air Quality:

- Support the inclusion of city officials on the governing bodies of air districts and opposes efforts to remove such city representation;
- Support the reduction of vehicle emissions through increased fuel efficiency, use of appropriate alternative fueled vehicles, and low-emission vehicles in public agency fleets;
- Support cities' authority to establish local air quality standards and programs that are stricter than state and federal standards; and,
- Oppose legislation that redirects funds that are dedicated to supporting locally-based air quality programs.

Energy:

- *Support implementation of energy programs in partnership with the Southern California Regional Energy Network (SoCalREN);*
- *Support efforts to keep energy costs affordable and stabilized;*
- *Support expansion of electric vehicle charging stations;*
- *Support the continuation of incentives for rooftop solar panel installations;*

- Encourage local governments to complete an inventory of greenhouse gas emissions, set appropriate reduction targets, and create greenhouse gas emission reduction plans;
- Support local governments in their efforts to benchmark their municipal facilities to monitor energy usage, identify facilities with high energy usage, and conduct audits to pinpoint potential energy efficiency projects to reduce energy consumption at those facilities;
- Support tax credits, grants, loans, and other incentives to assist the public and local agencies that invest in energy-efficient equipment and technology, as well as fuel-efficient and low-emission vehicles;
- Ensure energy supply while limiting dependence on foreign sources of energy;
- Employ diverse strategies for conserving energy including: energy efficiency, land use strategies, urban forest management, and infrastructure improvements (i.e. green building);
- Develop innovative and affordable financing options for energy efficiency;
- Move towards a “net-zero energy” model where the amount of energy provided by on-site renewable energy sources is equal to the amount of energy used by a building;
- Support advancement of technology that expands renewable energy generation *and storage*;
- Inform the cities and agencies about the choice and opportunities of community choice aggregation (CCA); and,
- Promote public education of energy efficiency and conservation opportunities.

Open Space:

- *Support the implementation and expansion of the Neighborhood Coyote Program*
- Identify and protect open space for the multi-benefit enhancement of natural resources and enjoyment for the public;
- Plan for growth by incentivizing compact development in some areas to protect open space;
- Develop greenbelts and greenways along and within urban development to limit unsuitable development and provide buffers to wildlife habitat;
- Acquire and preserve open space at high risk of ecological degradation, primarily along the foothills, waterways, flood plains, and within the upper watershed;
- Promote connectivity of wildlife corridors;
- Promote development of diverse and localized recreational opportunities;
- Promote public outreach and interpretation to foster awareness, knowledge, and stewardship of open space as a valuable resource; and
- Advocate for state and federal appropriations, funding from the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, California Natural Resources Agency, and/or loan programs for open space acquisition, development, restoration, and management.

Wildfire Prevention:

- *Support the implementation and expansion of the Fire Prep SGV program;*
- Support legislation that reduces wildfire risk in San Gabriel Valley communities;
- Advocate for county, state, and federal appropriations and grant programs for wildfire prevention planning, brush clearance, and hazardous fuel mitigation programs;
- Promote public education of wildfire adaptation and prevention opportunities;


- *Support regional wildfire prevention planning efforts.*

Solid Waste:

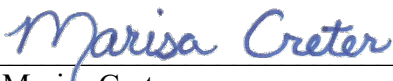
- Support the implementation *and expansion* of the San Gabriel Valley Regional Food Recovery Program;
- *Encourage finding new uses for recycled plastics and encourage the reduction of plastic usage altogether;*
- Encourage the diversification of solid waste management strategies, including conversion technology, that will create new markets that are feasible given the landscape and conditions of the San Gabriel Valley;
- Support efforts to improve curbside recycling programs;
- Encourage alternative renewable energy generation from organic waste, including biogas production;
- Promote shared responsibility waste management principles, such as product stewardship, throughout the entire life cycle of a product, from design to disposal;
- Advocate for county, state, and federal appropriations and/or loan programs for solid waste management programs and initiatives;
- Support regional, state, and federal efforts to implement policies that promote zero waste objectives;
- *Advocate for increased infrastructure to support expansion of municipal composting capacity as per SB 1383 (Lara, 2016);*
- Provide a strong commitment to utilizing financial incentives rather than mandatory requirements; and,
- Ensure local jurisdictions are not subject to duplicative or contradictory legislative requirements.

The purpose of these legislative priorities is to advocate for San Gabriel Valley interests at the County, State, and Federal level, as they pertain to the topics of energy, environment, and natural resources. The review of these legislative items will help improve quality of life for all residents regionally. As a result, SGVCOG staff recommends the Committee to recommend the Governing Board to adopt the 2023 EENR Legislative Priorities.

SGVCOG Management Analyst, Brianne Logasa, will provide a detailed presentation on this item.

Prepared by: 

Brianne Logasa
Management Analyst

Approved by: 

Marisa Creter
Executive Director

DATE: November 16, 2022

TO: Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **CLEAN POWER ALLIANCE OVERVIEW**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

For information only.

BACKGROUND

The Clean Power Alliance (CPA) is a not-for-profit electricity supplier, offering clean, renewable energy. CPA is a public entity formed through a Joint Powers Authority, comprised of 32 public agencies across Los Angeles and Ventura Counties, including six cities in the San Gabriel Valley:

- Alhambra
- Arcadia
- Claremont
- Sierra Madre
- South Pasadena
- Temple City


CPA operates by purchasing clean power that is delivered by Southern California Edison (SCE). Cities that participate in the program can choose between using different percentages of renewable energy. The Clean Power Alliance also leads different programs related to renewable energy.


Power Share Program: The Power Share Program is a social equity program that enables eligible customers in under-served communities to receive the benefits of solar power without having to install their own rooftop solar panels. Eligible customers receive 100% renewable energy at a 20% discount.

Community Solar Program: The Community Solar Program is a social equity program that installs small-scale solar projects in under-served communities, providing clean energy to eligible customers at a 20% discount. CPA is currently working with its member agencies and local community-based organizations to identify project sites and community sponsors.

Power Response Program: The Power Response Program is an incentive program for customers when they reduce their energy usage during peak power demand periods.

At this EENR Committee meeting, Dalia Gomez from the Clean Power Alliance will an overview of the Clean Power Alliance, including operations, rate restructure, and community programs.

Prepared by: 
Brianne Logasa
Management Analyst

Approved by: 
Marisa Creter
Executive Director

DATE: November 16, 2022

TO: Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **2022-2023 SAN GABRIEL VALLEY ENERGY CHAMPION AWARDS UPDATES**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

For information only.

BACKGROUND

The SGVCOG launched the 2022-2023 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 meetings or webinars, hosting an energy efficiency related event to the local community and submitting a project commitment form. An Energy Champion Awards Guidebook (Attachment A) is available to detail and outline the tasks that need to be taken in order to earn a particular level recognition.

Below you may find the details on the 2022-2023 Energy Champion Awards Structure:

	Silver	Gold	Platinum	Champion
Energy Education	Attend 2 total Energy Work Group meetings AND 1 total energy efficiency related webinar/seminar	Attend 4 total Energy Work Group meetings AND 2 total energy efficiency related webinars/seminars	Attend 5 total Energy Work Group meetings AND 3 total energy efficiency related webinars/seminars	Attend 6 total Energy Work Group meetings AND 4 total energy efficiency related webinars/seminars
Program Outreach	Complete 1 out of 3 items of an Outreach Campaign	Complete 1 Outreach Campaign	Successfully refer another agency to the SGVCOG to discuss SoCalREN program opportunities and complete 1 Outreach Campaign OR Complete 2 Outreach Campaigns	Host SGVCOG at a community event to promote Energy Efficiency Programs AND Complete Platinum requirements for Program Outreach
Energy Efficiency in Action	Complete 1 Energy Efficiency in Action Item	Complete 2 Energy Efficiency in Action Items	Complete 3 Energy Efficiency in Action Items	Complete 4 Energy Efficiency in Action Items

Agencies must first achieve Silver, Gold, and Platinum in order to obtain the highest Energy Champion level. The SGVCOG would like to congratulate the City of Duarte, City of Irwindale, City of Monrovia, City of South Pasadena, South Coast AQMD and Foothill Transit for obtaining Silver recognition on the Energy Champion Awards. Cities and agencies will have until November 9, 2023 to reach the highest tier.

Cities and agencies are encouraged to contact the SGVCOG staff regarding questions on the 2022-2023 Energy Champion Award structure. If your city or agency is interested in scheduling a meeting, please contact SGVCOG staff via email vguerra@sgvcog.org. Additional information on the Energy Champion Awards and the Guidebook can be found at the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments website at <https://www.sgvcog.org/energy-champion-awards>.

SGVCOG Management Aide, Vanessa Guerra, will provide updates on this item.

Prepared by: 
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