



**AGENDA AND NOTICE OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (SGVCOG)  
ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**SGVCOG Monrovia Office**  
**1333 S. Mayflower Ave, Suite 360, Monrovia, CA 91016**  
**Wednesday, February 11, 2026 – 10:30 AM**  
**Zoom Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82178841928>**

**Chair**

Jennifer Stark  
City of Claremont

Thank you for participating in the Energy, Environment & Natural Resources Committee meeting. The Committee encourages public participation and invites you to share your views on agenda items.

**Vice Chair**

Vinh Truong  
City of Duarte

**MEETINGS: *Regular Meetings of the Energy, Environment & Natural Resources (EENR) Committee are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 10:30 AM at the SGVCOG Monrovia Office (1333 South Mayflower Avenue, Suite 360, Monrovia, CA 91016).*** The EENR Committee agenda packet is available at the SGVCOG Monrovia Office (1333 South Mayflower Avenue, Suite 360, Monrovia, CA 91016), and on the website, [www.sgvkog.org](http://www.sgvkog.org). A copy of the agenda is also viewable to the public at the entrance of the SGVCOG Monrovia Office Building. 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.

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Claremont  
Covina  
Diamond Bar  
Duarte  
Glendora  
La Cañada Flintridge  
Monrovia  
Pasadena  
Pomona  
Rosemead  
San Gabriel  
San Gabriel Mosquito  
and Vector Control  
District  
South Pasadena

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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.



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**CONSENT CALENDAR:** Items listed on the Consent Calendar are routine and will be acted upon by one motion. There will be no separate discussion on these matters unless a Committee member requests. In this event, the item will be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered after the Consent Calendar.

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**City of Covina**  
125 E. College Street  
Covina, CA 91723

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- Written Comments (Email): If you wish to submit written public comments to be distributed to the Committee Members at the meeting, please submit these materials via email to Mackenzie Bolger at [mbolger@sgvcog.org](mailto:mbolger@sgvcog.org) at least 1 hour prior to the scheduled meeting time. Please indicate in the "Subject" line of the email "FOR PUBLIC COMMENT" and the agenda item number to which the public comment is addressed. Written public comments may include, but are not limited to letters, reports, and presentations.
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For questions related to accessing the available teleconference locations, please contact Mackenzie Bolger at [mbolger@sgvcog.org](mailto:mbolger@sgvcog.org) or (626) 214-1316.

**PRELIMINARY BUSINESS**

**5 MINUTES**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Public Comment
4. Changes to the Agenda Order

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**2 MINUTES**

5. January EENR Committee Meeting Minutes (**Page 1**)  
*Recommended Action: Review and approve.*

**PRESENTATION ITEMS**

**50 MINUTES**

6. SB 877 (Perez) and SB 878 (Perez) – Carmen Balber, Executive Director, Consumer Watchdog and Carlin Shelby, Deputy Director, Townsend Public Affairs (**Page 4**)  
*Recommended Action: For information only.*
7. Environmental and Public Health Impacts of California Data Centers – Stephanie Leonard, Director of Research, Next10 and Dr. Shaolei Ren, Associate Professor, Electrical and Computer Engineering, UC Riverside (**Page 8**)  
*Recommended Action: For information only.*

**LIAISON REPORTS**

**10 MINUTES**

8. Clean Power Alliance
9. Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts
10. San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy
11. San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District
12. Southern California Edison
13. Southern California Gas Company
14. South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD)

**STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**2 MINUTES**

**ADJOURN**



**SGVCOG EENR Committee Meeting Minutes**

Date: January 7, 2026

Time: 10:30 AM

Location: 1333 S. Mayflower Avenue, Suite 360, Monrovia, CA 91016

**PRELIMINARY BUSINESS**

**1. Call to Order**

Chair J. Stark called the meeting to order at 10:30AM.

**2. Roll Call**

**A quorum was in attendance.**

**Committee Members Present**

Bradbury	M. Syzmkowski
Claremont	J. Stark
Covina	M. Flores
Duarte	V. Truong
Glendora	M. Allawos
La Cañada Flintridge	S. Fossan
Monrovia	T. Kelly
Rosemead	M. Clark
SGVMVCD	J. Wall Doornik
South Pasadena	M. Cacciotti

**Absent**

Diamond Bar  
Pasadena  
Pomona  
San Gabriel

**Guests**

Alex Tachiki, Monrovia  
Kelly Gardner, Watermaster  
Jennifer Pierre, State Water Contractors  
Lanae O'Shields, SoCalGas  
Armando Infanzon, SoCalGas  
Jose Reynoso, SGVMWD  
Evelyn Reyes, SGVMWD  
Marissa Castro-Salvati, SCE  
Ray Tahir, TECS Environmental  
Michael Daudt, Woodruff & Smart  
Brian Dickinson, Sierra Madre  
Lauren Augino, Watermaster  
Anthony Ortiz, Pomona  
Brittany Jasso, Monrovia  
Dalia Gomez, CPA  
Jake Stotz, LACSD

**SGVCOG Staff**

S. Wong  
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J. Pantoja  
L. Gardner  
K. Ward  
N. Arreaga  
A. Gilbert  
J. Horton  
Z. Mapes  
T. Sotelo

**3. Public Comment**

There was a public comment by Ray Tahir.

**4. Changes to the Agenda Order**

Item 6 has been moved to follow Item 8.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**5. December EENR Committee Meeting Minutes**

*Recommended Action: Review and approve.*

**There was a motion to approve the consent calendar. (M/S: M. Allawos, T. Kelly)**

**[Motion Passed]**

<b>AYES:</b>	Bradbury, Claremont, Covina, Duarte, Glendora, La Cañada Flintridge, Monrovia, Rosemead, SGVMVCD, South Pasadena
<b>NOES:</b>	
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	
<b>NO VOTE RECORDED:</b>	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Diamond Bar, Pasadena, Pomona, San Gabriel

**ACTION ITEMS**

**6. California Aqueduct Subsidence & Regional Funding Support**

*Recommended Actions: Recommend the Governing Board take the following actions:*

*1) Authorize the Executive Director to take necessary actions, including letters and advocacy efforts, to support a long-term funding commitment of \$150 million annually over 15 years from the State's Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) to address Aqueduct subsidence impacts and ensure long-term conveyance reliability for Southern California.*

*2) Encourage each SGVCOG member agency to submit letters of support.*

**There was a motion to recommend the Governing Board support the recommended actions. (M/S: M. Clark, M. Allawos)**

**[Motion Passed]**

<b>AYES:</b>	Bradbury, Claremont, Duarte, Glendora, La Cañada Flintridge, Monrovia, Rosemead, SGVMVCD, South Pasadena
<b>NOES:</b>	
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	
<b>NO VOTE RECORDED:</b>	Covina
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Diamond Bar, Pasadena, Pomona, San Gabriel

**7. Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster Golden Mussels Status Update**

*Recommended Action: Recommend the Governing Board authorize the Executive Director to take necessary actions, including letters and advocacy efforts, to support Metropolitan Water District (MWD) and San Gabriel Valley Water Agencies in their response to the Golden Mussel issue.*

**There was a motion to recommend the Governing Board support the recommended action. (M/S: M. Clark, M. Allawos)**

**[Motion Passed]**

<b>AYES:</b>	Bradbury, Claremont, Covina, Duarte, Glendora, La Cañada Flintridge, Monrovia, Rosemead, SGVMVCD, South Pasadena
<b>NOES:</b>	
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	

<b>NO VOTE RECORDED:</b>	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Diamond Bar, Pasadena, Pomona, San Gabriel

**8. Southern California Gas Company Microgrid Optional Tariff**

*Recommended Action: Recommend the Governing Board authorize the Executive Director to take necessary actions, including letters and advocacy efforts, to support the Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) in the approval process for the Microgrid Optional Tariff.*

**There was a motion to recommend the Governing Board support the recommended action.** (M/S: M. Clark, M. Allawos)

**[Motion Passed]**

<b>AYES:</b>	Bradbury, Claremont, Duarte, Glendora, La Cañada Flintridge, Monrovia, Rosemead, SGVMVCD, South Pasadena
<b>NOES:</b>	
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	
<b>NO VOTE RECORDED:</b>	Covina
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Diamond Bar, Pasadena, Pomona, San Gabriel

**LIAISON REPORTS**

- 9.** Clean Power Alliance
- 10.** San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy
- 11.** San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District
- 12.** Southern California Edison  
Marissa Castro-Salvati provided an update.
- 13.** Southern California Gas Company
- 14.** South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Staff announced that the next regular EENR Committee meeting will take place on February 4, 2026, at 10:30AM at the SGVCOG Monrovia office.

**ADJOURN**

Chair J. Stark adjourned the Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee meeting at 12:17PM.

DATE: February 11, 2026

TO: Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **SB 877 (PEREZ) AND SB 878 (PEREZ)**

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

For information only.

## **SB 877 (PEREZ): FAIR CLAIMS PRACTICES AND TRANSPARENCY ACT**

SB 877 (Pérez) is a consumer transparency and fair-claims measure focused on how residential property insurance claims are evaluated after a covered loss. While existing law requires insurers to maintain claim-related documents and provide certain disclosures, homeowners often lack visibility into how loss estimates change over the life of a claim. SB 877 addresses this gap by requiring insurers to proactively disclose all documents used to evaluate damages and determine repair or replacement costs, including original estimates, revisions, and explanations for any reductions.

### **Background**

When a home is damaged or destroyed, California's Standard Form Fire Insurance Policy (Insurance Code §§ 2070–2071) requires insurers to cover the full amount of a covered loss, up to policy limits. Before remediation, rebuilding, or recovery can begin, insurers must determine the value of the loss through a detailed estimate. Insurers typically rely on independent adjusters and licensed contractors to inspect properties and prepare comprehensive loss estimates based on observed conditions. These estimates are then reviewed by insurers and used to calculate claim payments to policyholders.

California regulations already require insurers to retain all claim-related documents, including original loss estimates and any revisions (10 CCR §§ 2695.3, 2695.5(c)). However, it does not require insurers to provide policyholders with all versions of loss estimates or explain how and why those estimates change. As a result, homeowners frequently receive only the insurer's final, edited estimate, without access to the original estimate, subsequent revisions, or documentation of reductions.

In May 2025, the U.S. Senate heard testimony from whistleblower adjusters claiming estimate manipulation as a widespread practice used to delay payments, exhaust survivors, and pressure families into accepting less than they are owed. Recently, the Eaton Fire Survivors Network compiled nearly 500 survivor accounts of similar practices. Survivors report that original estimates are sometimes omitted from claim portals, replaced with revised versions, or altered without disclosure. In some cases, reductions exceeded \$100,000 per household, without documentation of the original figures, the amount reduced, or the rationale for the change.

Without access to the underlying data, homeowners cannot identify errors, omissions, or improper reductions, nor meaningfully dispute claim determinations—undermining both consumer protection and confidence in the claims process.

### Author's Statement

“SB 877 restores balance and accountability by requiring insurers to fully disclose all loss estimate documents and revisions to policyholders, provide clear written explanations for any changes that reduce the estimated loss, and identify who made those changes. By ensuring transparency at the point where recovery depends on accurate numbers, SB 877 protects homeowners from arbitrary or undisclosed estimate reductions and helps families secure the funds necessary to remediate damage, rebuild safely, stabilize their lives, and move forward after disaster.”

### Support and Opposition

SB 877 is sponsored by the Eaton Fire Survivors Network and Consumer Watchdog. A full list of supporters and opposition will be available at the bill's first policy committee hearing.

### Status

SB 877 was introduced on January 6 and is pending policy committee referral and action by the Legislature.

### **SB 878 (PEREZ): INSURANCE PAYMENT ACCOUNTABILITY ACT**

SB 878 (Pérez) strengthens California's existing prompt-payment insurance laws by attaching automatic financial consequences to insurer delays. While current regulations require insurers to meet specific deadlines for responding to claims, making coverage determinations, and issuing undisputed payments, some suggest those deadlines are routinely evaded with little consequence. SB 878 closes this enforcement gap by imposing interest penalties when insurers miss statutory timelines without justifiable cause and by reinforcing requirements to pay undisputed amounts promptly, even when other portions of a claim remain unresolved.

### Background

As wildfire losses intensify statewide, California continues to face compounding challenges related to property insurance availability, affordability, and reliability. Once a disaster occurs, homeowners depend on prompt-payment protections enforced by the Insurance Commissioner.

Existing regulations require insurers to respond to a claim within 15 days, accept or deny coverage within 40 days of receiving proof of claim, and issue all undisputed payments within 30 days after accepting coverage. These timelines are intended to ensure that families can begin remediation, secure housing stability, and initiate recovery without unnecessary delay. However, compliance depends largely on voluntary adherence, as current law lacks automatic penalties for missed deadlines.

Investigations following recent disasters have documented patterns of delayed coverage determinations, reduced payouts, non-renewals, and pressure on policyholders to shift into higher-cost insurance products. Community-based data further illustrates the scale of the problem. The Department of Angels, an independent nonprofit founded in the immediate aftermath of the January 2025 Los Angeles fires, released a survey of nearly 2,000 Eaton and Palisades survivors which found that approximately 70 percent are experiencing insurance delays or denials that are



actively blocking recovery. Separate findings released in October 2025 concluded that prolonged failures to make coverage decisions are stalling recovery efforts across Los Angeles County.

Additional documentation collected by the Eaton Fire Survivors Network includes nearly 500 firsthand accounts describing practices such as partial disputes used to delay undisputed payments, verbal denials that prevent appeals or enforcement, and repeated reassignment of adjusters which causes additional delays. Although many of these practices already violate California law, the absence of automatic financial consequences allows delay to persist as a routine business strategy.

SB 878 strengthens enforcement by aligning insurer incentives with timely claim resolution. The bill imposes automatic interest penalties when insurers miss statutory deadlines without justifiable cause and reinforces clear expectations around partial disputes and undisputed payments.

Specifically, SB 878 would:

- Impose a 20% interest penalty on delayed payments when insurers fail to meet statutory decision or payment deadlines.
- Require insurers to clearly identify disputed items within the 40-day decision window and specify what information is needed to resolve them.
- Require timely payment of all undisputed claim amounts, even when other portions of a claim remain under review.
- Increase transparency and accountability to curb prolonged, unresolved claims.

By allowing interest to accrue automatically when deadlines are missed, SB 878 reduces the financial incentive to delay coverage decisions and strengthens California's insurance system so families can begin recovery sooner.

### Author's Statement

"SB 878 ensures that prompt-payment laws have real meaning by attaching consequences to unjustified delay. Families recovering from disaster should not have to wait indefinitely for coverage decisions or undisputed payments that the law already requires insurers to make. This bill restores accountability, strengthens enforcement, and helps ensure that Californians can begin rebuilding their lives when they need it most."

### Support and Opposition

SB 878 is sponsored by the Eaton Fire Survivors Network and Consumer Watchdog. A full list of supporters and opposition will be available at the bill's first policy committee hearing

### Status

SB 878 was introduced on January 6, 2026, and is pending policy committee referral and action by the Legislature

Carmen Balber, Executive Director, Consumer Watchdog and Carlin Shelby, Townsend Public Affairs will provide a presentation on this item. This staff report was prepared by Townsend Public Affairs.

# REPORT

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Executive Director

## **ATTACHMENTS**

[Attachment A – SB 877 \(Pérez\): Fair Claims Practices and Transparency Act](#)  
[Attachment B – SB 878 \(Pérez\): Insurance Payment Accountability Act](#)

DATE: February 11, 2026

TO: Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **ENVIRONMENTAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH IMPACTS OF CALIFORNIA DATA CENTERS**

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

For information only.

## **BACKGROUND**

The rapid rise of artificial intelligence (AI) has significantly increased demand for new data centers over the past five years, a trend that is expected to accelerate through the remainder of the decade. This growth has driven a corresponding increase in energy demand, leading to higher electricity consumption, carbon emissions, water use, and public health costs.

A report developed collaboratively by Next 10—an independent, nonpartisan organization that educates, engages, and empowers Californians to shape the state’s future—and UC Riverside presents a quantitative assessment of the environmental and public health impacts of California data centers. Some key findings include:

- From 2019 to 2023, electricity consumption by California data centers increased by 95%.
- Carbon emissions from California data centers nearly doubled, rising from 1.2 million short tons in 2019 to 2.38 million short tons in 2023 (*One short ton equals 2,000 pounds and is slightly less than a metric ton*).
- Total water consumption by California data centers increased by 96.4% from 2019 to 2023.
- Health-related costs associated with emissions from California data centers—including both on-site emissions and those from electricity generation used to power these facilities—increased significantly, rising from \$44.68 million in 2018 to \$155.44 million in 2023.

The report provides some key recommendations to support the development of data centers in California with the following actions:

- **United Reporting of Comprehensive Metrics:** Standardize reporting protocols for electricity consumption, carbon emissions, water use, and associated public health impacts across California regions to create a consistent, high-quality, and comparable data foundation for targeted policy interventions and enhanced transparency.
- **Accelerate Clean Energy Integration with Equity Considerations:** Shift marginal demand growth toward low-carbon, fuel-free renewable energy sources rather than fossil-based generation, while ensuring that equity considerations remain central to implementation.
- **Institutionalize Community Science and Cross-Sector Impact Research:** Establish sustained, community-based monitoring and interdisciplinary policy evaluation to ensure

that data center operations transparently account for their social, environmental, and economic impacts.

- **Modernize Backup Power Systems:** Transition from conventional diesel generators to cleaner and more sustainable backup solutions, such as battery energy storage systems, fuel cells, and other advanced alternative fuels.
- **Strengthen California's National Leadership in Sustainable Data Center Development:** Advance policies that streamline permitting for energy-efficient and water-resilient data centers located in regions with abundant clean power and stable water supplies, while maintaining strong safeguards against local impacts such as water scarcity, grid stress, and pollution.

Stephanie Leonard, Director of Research, Next 10 and Dr. Sholei Ren, Associate Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering, UC Riverside will provide a presentation on this item.



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Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Marisa Creter  
Executive Director

## Attachments

[Attachment A – An Assessment of California Data Centers' Environmental and Public Health Impacts](#)