



San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments*

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

Wednesday, April 20, 2022 – 1:00 PM

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City of San Dimas

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City of Claremont

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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) Office, 4900 Rivergrade Road, Suite A120, Irwindale, CA, and on the website, www.sgvkog.org. A copy of the agenda is also viewable at Alhambra City Hall, 111 S 1st St, Alhambra, CA. Copies are available via email upon request (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 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://zoom.us/j/93151682000>. You may also access the meeting via the livestream link on the front of the agenda page.

Instructions for Public Comments: For those wishing to make public comments on agenda and non-agenda items, but within the SGVCOG's subject matter jurisdiction, you may submit written comments via email or provide a verbal comment by participating through Zoom.

- 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 Senior Management Analyst, Alexander Fung, at afung@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 (*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.

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

5. Adoption of Resolution 22-04-EENR Enabling the EENR Committee to Continue Holding Meetings via Teleconferencing (**Page 1**)
Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution 22-04-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.
6. Joint Capital Projects and Construction Committee, EENR Committee, Executive Committee, Governing Board, and Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes – March 10, 2022 (**Page 3**)
Recommended Action: Review and approve.
7. EENR Meeting Minutes – March 16, 2022 (**Page 6**)
Recommended Action: Review and approve.
8. Joint Capital Projects and Construction Committee, EENR Committee, Executive Committee, Governing Board, and Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes – March 24, 2022 (**Page 9**)
Recommended Action: Review and approve.

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

9. AB 2026 (Friedman) (**Page 12**)
Recommended Action: Discuss and provide direction to staff.
10. SB 54 (Allen) (**Page 14**)
Recommended Action: Discuss and provide direction to staff.

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

11. City Initiative Highlight: City of South Pasadena's Leaf Blower Ordinance – Arpy Kasparian, Environmental Services & Sustainability Manager, City of South Pasadena (**Page 16**)
Recommended Action: For information only.

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

12. eSGV Residential Energy Efficiency Program Updates (**Page 18**)
13. Southern California Edison Charge Ready Program Updates (**Page 20**)

LIAISON REPORTS

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

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 23.** Committee Meeting Schedule

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURN

DATE: April 20, 2022

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

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 22-04-EENR ENABLING THE EENR COMMITTEE TO CONTINUE HOLDING MEETINGS VIA TELECONFERENCING

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Adopt Resolution 22-04-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.

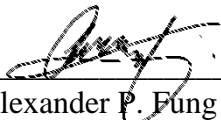
On March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency in California due to the threat of COVID-19 and shortly thereafter issued Executive Order N-29-20 suspending certain Brown Act provisions relating to teleconferencing as public meetings began to be held online.¹

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: 

Alexander P. Fung
Senior Management Analyst

Approved by: 

Marisa Creter
Executive Director

ATTACHMENTS

[Attachment A – Resolution-22-04-EENR](#)

SGVCOG Special Joint Meeting of the Capital Projects and Construction Committee, Energy, Environment, and Natural Resource Committee, Executive Committee, Governing Board, and Transportation Committee Meeting

March 10, 2022

4:00 PM



SGVCOG Capital Projects and Construction Committee, Energy, Environment, and Natural Resource Committee, Executive Committee, Governing Board, and Transportation Committee Approved **Special Joint Meeting Minutes**

Date: March 10, 2022
Time: 4:00 PM
Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order
SGVCOG President, Becky Shevlin, called the Joint Capital Projects and Construction Committee, Energy, Environment, and Natural Resource Committee, Executive Committee, Governing Board, and Transportation Committee Meeting to order at 4:02pm.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
City of Glendora Mayor, Michael Allawos, led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll Call
A quorum for the Capital Projects and Construction Committee, Energy, Environment, and Natural Resource Committee, Executive Committee, Governing Board, and Transportation Committee was in attendance.

Committee Members Present

Alhambra	A. Andrade-Stadler
Arcadia	A. Velato
Azusa	R. Gonzales
Bradbury	R. Barakat
Claremont	E. Reece
Covina	P. Cortez
Diamond Bar	N. Lyons
Duarte	J. Schulz
El Monte	M. Morales
Glendora	M. Allawos
Irwindale	A. Ambriz
La Puente	G. Quiñones
La Verne	T. Hepburn
Monrovia	B. Shevlin
Montebello	S. Peralta
Monterey Park	H. Lo
Pasadena	V. Gordo
Pomona	T. Sandoval
Rosemead	S. Dang
San Dimas	D. Bertone
San Gabriel	D. Menchaca

Absent

Baldwin Park
Industry
La Cañada Flintridge
San Marino
Walnut
L.A. County District #4
SGV Water Districts

SGVCOG Staff Present

M. Creter, Executive Director
D. DeBerry, General Council
T. Egan, Lobbyist
A. Fung, Staff
A. Godoy, Staff
B. Acevedo, Staff
B. Logasa, Staff
B. Ruano, Staff
C. Sims, Staff
E. Shen, Staff
J. Read, Staff
K. Ward, Staff

SGVCOG Special Joint Meeting of the Capital Projects and Construction Committee, Energy, Environment, and Natural Resource Committee, Executive Committee, Governing Board, and Transportation Committee Meeting

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4:00 PM

Sierra Madre	R. Arizmendi	M. Sharkey, Staff
South El Monte	G. Olmos	S. Hernandez, Staff
South Pasadena	D. Mahmud	S. Sousa, Staff
Temple City	C. Sternquist	S. Wong, Staff
West Covina	T. Wu	T. Lott, Staff
L.A. County District #1	A. Moreno	T. Tignino, Staff
L.A. County District #5	S. Croxton	V. Urenia, Staff

- 4. Public Comment
There were no public comments at this meeting.

JOINT MEETING BUSINESS/ACTION ITEM

- 5. Adopt Resolution 22-14 of the Capital Projects and Construction Committee, Executive Committee, Governing Board, and Transportation Committee Making Findings to Enable Them to Continue to Hold Meetings Via Teleconferencing
SGVCOG President, Becky Shevlin, provided verbal remarks on this item.

There was a motion to adopt Joint Resolution 22-14 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: N. Lyons/M. Allawos)

[Motion Passed]

AYES:	Alhambra, Arcadia, Azusa, Bradbury, Claremont, Covina, Diamond Bar, Duarte, El Monte, Glendora, Irwindale, Monrovia, Montebello, Monterey Park, Pomona, Rosemead, San Dimas, San Gabriel, Sierra Madre, South El Monte, South Pasadena, Temple City, West Covina, L.A. County District #1, L.A. County District #5
NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	
NO VOTE RECORDED:	La Verne, Pasadena
ABSENT:	Baldwin Park, Industry, La Cañada Flintridge, San Marino, Walnut, L.A. County District #4, SGV Water Districts

ADJOURN JOINT MEETING

SGVCOG President, Becky Shevlin, adjourned the Joint Capital Projects and Construction Committee, Executive Committee, Governing Board, and Transportation Committee Meeting at 4:13pm.

BOARD APPROVED

SGVCOG Special Joint Meeting of the Capital Projects and Construction Committee, Energy, Environment,
and Natural Resource Committee, Executive Committee, Governing Board, and Transportation Committee
Meeting

March 10, 2022

4:00 PM

Date

Marisa Creter

Marisa Creter, Secretary



SGVCOG EENR Committee Regular Meeting Minutes

Date: March 16, 2022
Time: 1:00 PM
Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order
D. Bertone called the meeting to order at 1:00pm.

2. Roll Call
A quorum was in attendance.

Committee Members Present

Claremont	J. Stark
Covina	M. Flores Jr.
Duarte	V. Truong
Pasadena	J. Guess
Pomona	J. Carver
Rosemead	M. Clark
San Dimas	D. Bertone
Sierra Madre	R. Arizmendi
West Covina	T. Wu

Absent

San Gabriel

Guests

City of Alhambra	J. Eigirdas
City of South Pasadena	A. Kasparian
Los Angeles County DPW	J. King
MSGB Watermaster	L. Augino
San Gabriel Valley MWD	E. Reyes
SoCalGas	H. Shaw
USGVMWD	N. Delgado
USGVMWD	T. Love
Watershed Health	D. Ready

SGVCOG Staff

A. Fung, Staff
B. Logasa, Staff
T. Egan, Lobbyist

3. Public Comment
There were no public comments.

4. Changes to Agenda Order
There were no changes to the Agenda Order.

CONSENT CALENDAR

5. Adoption of Resolution 22-03-EENR Enabling the EENR Committee to Continue Holding Meetings via Teleconferencing
Action: Adopt Resolution 22-03-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.

6. EENR Committee Minutes – February 16, 2022
Action: Review and approve.

7. Joint Capital Projects and Construction Committee, EENR Committee, Executive Committee, Governing Board, and Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes – February 17, 2022
Action: Review and approve.

There was a motion to approve consent calendar items 5-7. (M/S: R. Arizmendi/V. Truong)

[Motion Passed]

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

PRESENTATIONS

8. Bassett/Avocado Heights Advanced Energy Community
 SGVCOG Senior Management Analyst, Alexander Fung, provided a presentation on this item.

9. State Water Resource Control Board Emergency Water Conservation Mandates
 SGVCOG Management Analyst, Brianne Logasa, provided a presentation on this item.

10. San Gabriel Valley Regional Food Recovery Program Study Findings
 SGVCOG Senior Management Analyst, Alexander Fung, provided a presentation on this item.

LIAISON REPORTS

No verbal report was given unless otherwise noted.

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

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

23. Committee Meeting Schedule

SGVCOG staff announced that the Committee will reconvene on Wednesday, April 20, 2022 at 1:00pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no additional announcements.

ADJOURN

D. Bertone adjourned the Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee meeting at 1:47pm.

SGVCOG Special Joint Meeting of the Capital Projects and Construction Committee, Energy, Environment, and Natural Resource Committee, Executive Committee, Governing Board, and Transportation Committee Meeting

March 24, 2022

4:00 PM



SGVCOG Capital Projects and Construction Committee, Energy, Environment, and Natural Resource Committee, Executive Committee, Governing Board, and Transportation Committee Approved Special Joint Meeting Minutes

Date: March 24, 2022
Time: 4:00 PM
Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order
SGVCOG President, Becky Shevlin, called the Joint Capital Projects and Construction Committee, Energy, Environment, and Natural Resource Committee, Executive Committee, Governing Board, and Transportation Committee Meeting to order at 4:02pm.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
City of Industry Mayor, Cory Moss, led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll Call
A quorum for the Capital Projects and Construction Committee, Energy, Environment, and Natural Resource Committee, Executive Committee, Governing Board, and Transportation Committee was in attendance.

Committee Members Present

Alhambra	A. Andrade-Stadler
Arcadia	A. Velato
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Glendora	M. Allawos
Industry	C. Moss
La Cañada Flintridge	R. Gunter
La Puente	G. Quiñones
La Verne	T. Hepburn
Monrovia	B. Shevlin
Montebello	S. Peralta
Monterey Park	H. Lo
Pasadena	V. Gordo
Pomona	T. Sandoval
Rosemead	S. Dang

Absent

Irwindale
Sierra Madre
L.A. County District #4

SGVCOG Staff Present

M. Creter, Executive Director
D. DeBerry, General Council
T. Egan, Lobbyist
A. Fung, Staff
B. Acevedo, Staff
B. Ruano, Staff
C. Sims, Staff
E. Shen, Staff
K. Ward, Staff
M. Sharkey, Staff
P. Hubler, Staff
S. Hernandez, Staff
S. Pedersen, Staff
S. Sousa, Staff
T. Lott, Staff
V. Guerra, Staff

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4:00 PM

San Dimas	D. Bertone	V. Urenia, Staff
San Gabriel	D. Menchaca	
San Marino	S. Jakubowski	
South El Monte	G. Olmos	
South Pasadena	D. Mahmud	
Temple City	C. Sternquist	
Walnut	N. Tragarz	
West Covina	T. Wu	
L.A. County District #1	E. Gonzalez	
L.A. County District #5	S. Croxton	
SGV Water Districts	C. Goyita	

4. Public Comment

JOINT MEETING BUSINESS/ACTION ITEM

5. Adopt Resolution 22-12 of the Capital Projects and Construction Committee, Executive Committee, Governing Board, and Transportation Committee Making Findings to Enable Them to Continue to Hold Meetings Via Teleconferencing
 SGVCOG President, Becky Shevlin, provided verbal remarks on this item.

There was a motion to adopt Joint Resolution 22-12 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: R. Gonzales/C. Moss)

[Motion Passed]

AYES:	Alhambra, Arcadia, Bradbury, Claremont, Covina, Diamond Bar, El Monte, Glendora, Industry, La Verne, Monrovia, Monterey Park, Pasadena, Pomona, Rosemead, San Dimas, San Gabriel, South El Monte, South Pasadena, Temple City, West Covina, L.A. County District #1, L.A. County District #5, SGV Water Districts
NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	
NO VOTE RECORDED:	Azusa, Baldwin Park, Duarte, La Cañada Flintridge, La Puente, Walnut
ABSENT:	Irwindale, Sierra Madre, L.A. County District #4

ADJOURN JOINT MEETING

SGVCOG President, Becky Shevlin, adjourned the Joint Capital Projects and Construction Committee, Executive Committee, Governing Board, and Transportation Committee Meeting at 4:12pm.

BOARD APPROVED

SGVCOG Special Joint Meeting of the Capital Projects and Construction Committee, Energy, Environment,
and Natural Resource Committee, Executive Committee, Governing Board, and Transportation Committee
Meeting

March 24, 2022

4:00 PM

Date

Marisa Creter

Marisa Creter, Secretary

REPORT

DATE: April 20, 2022

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

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **AB 2026 (FRIEDMAN)**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Discuss and provide direction to staff.

BACKGROUND

Introduced by Assemblymember Laura Friedman (D-Burbank) on February 14, 2022, AB 2026 would restore the at-store recycling program and seeks to eliminate specified single-use plastics in the shipping of consumer products. Specifically, the bill would prohibit an online retailer that sells or offers for sale and ships purchased products in or into the state from using single-use plastic to ship or transport products. Manufacturers, retailers, producers, or other distributors that sell or offer for sale and ship purchased products in or into the state would be prohibited from using expanded or extruded polystyrene packaging to package or transport the products.

Based on regulations proposed in the legislation, large online retailers must comply on and after January 1, 2024 and small online retailers must comply on and after January 1, 2026. However, the bill allows for the use of expanded or extruded polystyrene to package or transport televisions, printers, computer screens, and large appliances until January 1, 2025. Such packaging materials are also allowed for the packaging and transport of prescription drugs that require cold storage, fragile medical devices, medical foods, and fortified oral nutritional supplements used for individuals who require supplemental or sole source nutrition.

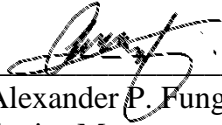
Large online retailers are defined as online retailers that have both gross sales equal to or more than \$1 million in or into the state, and equal to or more than 2,500 shipping units sold and transported in or into the state annually. Small online retailers are defined as retailers that have either annual gross sales of less than \$1 million in or into the state, or less than 2,500 shipping units sold and transported in or into the state annually.


Additionally, AB 2026 would establish the At-Store Recycling Program to require an operator or a store to establish a recycling program that provides customers the opportunity to return clean plastic carryout bags and clean reusable bags. The bill would require a plastic carryout bag or a reusable bag provided by a store to have specified information printed or displayed on the bag, and would require the placement of a collection bin in each store that is visible and easily accessible to the consumer.

AB 2026 recently passed the Assembly Committee on Natural Resources and the Assembly Judiciary Committee. It is currently being reviewed by the Assembly Appropriations Committee. Copies of the bill's language and analysis can be found in the attachments.

REPORT

SGVCOG Senior Management Analyst, Alexander Fung, will provide a presentation on this item.

Prepared by: 
Alexander P. Fung
Senior Management Analyst

Approved by: 
Marisa Creter
Executive Director

ATTACHMENTS

[Attachment A – AB 2026 Bill Language](#)

[Attachment B – AB 2026 Bill Analysis](#)

REPORT

DATE: April 20, 2022
TO: Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources (EENR) Committee
FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director
RE: **SB 54 (ALLEN)**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Discuss and provide direction to staff.

BACKGROUND

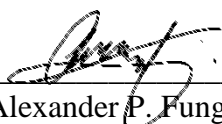
Introduced by Senator Ben Allen (D-Santa Monica) on December 7, 2020, SB 54 would prohibit producers of single-use, disposable packaging or single-use, disposable food service ware from being offered for sale, selling, distributing, or importing in or into the state those products manufactured after January 1, 2032, unless it is recyclable or compostable.

According to the author and supporters of SB 54, single-use packaging and food service ware contribute to environmental pollutions and additional wastes in the community. Plastic is primarily landfilled, recycled, or incinerated after usage. Despite that recycling has a moderate emissions profile, many plastics in the market are generally created using non-recycled products. Both landfilling and incineration result in high emission levels. Reducing waste can assist cities and counties to reduce the costs of managing additional wastes.

Opponents of the bill argue that the scope of SB 54 is unclear and that there has been a significant increase in the use of single-use plastics during the COVID-19 Pandemic due to public health safety concerns. Commentators also suggest that the bill should provide additional clarification on CalRecycle's role, compliance timeframes, market availability, and enforcement protocols.

SB 54 is supported by various community entities, including ActiveSGV, Sierra Club California, and the South Bay Cities Council of Governments, and opposed by the American Forest & Paper Association, California Food Producers, and the Californians for Recycling and the Environment. The bill recently passed the Senate Floor and is being read for the first time in the Assembly. Copies of SB 54's bill language and bill analysis can be found in the attachments.

SGVCOG Senior Management Analyst, Alexander Fung, will provide a presentation on this item.

Prepared by: 
Alexander P. Fung
Senior Management Analyst

REPORT

Approved by: Marisa Creter
Marisa Creter
Executive Director

ATTACHMENTS

[Attachment A – SB 54 Bill Language](#)
[Attachment B – SB 54 Bill Analysis](#)

REPORT

DATE: April 20, 2022

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

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **CITY INITIATIVE HIGHLIGHT: CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA'S LEAF BLOWER ORDINANCE**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

For information only.

BACKGROUND


The City of South Pasadena adopted an ordinance banning the use of gas-powered leaf blowers in the city starting October 1, 2022. The City stated that emissions from gas-powered leaf blowers are a significant source of air pollution in the community and contribute to severe negative impacts in the residents' public health.

According to the City of South Pasadena, toxic pollutants from gas-powered leaf blowers are known to cause health issues such as dizziness, asthma attacks, headaches, and heart and lung diseases for operators and bystanders. Noises from the gas-powered leaf blowers also cause hearing loss and diminish the quality of life in the city. Emissions from gas-powered leaf blowers, including carbon dioxide and nitrous oxide, contribute to air pollution and climate change.

The City's ordinance applies to every individual and any property owners, tenants, employees, agents, or contractors will be prohibited from operating a gas-powered leaf blower starting on October 1, 2022. The individual authorizing the use of a gas-powered leaf blower will be held responsible for violations of the ordinance. The only exemption is granted for emergency responders for the purpose of responding to an emergency, or to clear downed trees in areas needing expedient clearance for the safety of the public.

The City's ordinance states that violators will receive a written warning for first violations. Second violations would lead to a fine not exceeding \$100, and third violations would lead to a fine not exceeding \$200. Fourth violations and any subsequent violations would lead to a fine not exceeding \$500.

The City's Environmental Services & Sustainability Manager, Arpy Kasparian, will provide a presentation on this item.

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REPORT

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Executive Director

DATE: April 20, 2022

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

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **EFFICIENT SAN GABRIEL VALLEY (eSGV) PROGRAM UPDATES**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

For information only.

BACKGROUND

The SGVCOG has launched the Efficient San Gabriel Valley (eSGV) pilot program to provide no-cost home energy assessments to San Gabriel Valley residents. This program is an updated and rebranded version of the EASY program following its sunset with the San Gabriel Valley Energy Wise Partnership in December 2021. eSGV is currently presented in partnership with the Southern California Regional Energy Network (SoCalREN), a service of the County of Los Angeles that aims to reduce energy use throughout Southern California.

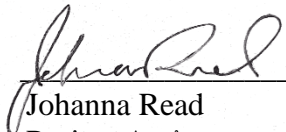
To support energy efficiency in the San Gabriel Valley, eSGV assists residents with identifying behavioral changes and household retrofit opportunities that can reduce energy usage and save money on energy bills. Additionally, the eSGV program informs homeowners about available incentives, rebates, and savings programs that can aid in the implementation of energy efficiency projects.

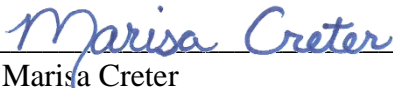
San Gabriel Valley residents may request an assessment through the eSGV website or by phone. At this time, eSGV offers residents the choice of in-person or virtual appointments to maximize accessibility to the program. Each assessment applies a "whole house" approach to energy efficiency by evaluating building materials, heating and cooling, household appliances, electricity usage, and water usage. During the assessment, a team of trained assessors guide residents through potential energy efficiency actions using the eSGV checklist and presentation. Following their appointment, residents receive a thorough post-assessment report with a series of tailored energy efficiency recommendations, as well as extensive resources for savings opportunities.

In conjunction with the program's launch, SGVCOG staff is promoting eSGV and providing energy efficiency education at a variety of community events throughout the San Gabriel Valley. Cities or agencies participating in the San Gabriel Valley Energy Champion Awards may contribute to their progress by hosting eSGV at a community event or completing an eSGV marketing campaign. For more information about the eSGV program, visit <https://www.sgvkog.org/esgv>.

SGVCOG Project Assistant, Johanna Read, will provide updates on this item.

REPORT

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REPORT

DATE: April 20, 2022

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

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON CHARGE READY PROGRAM UPDATES**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

For information only.

BACKGROUND

In support of California's greenhouse gas (GHG)-reduction goal and local air-quality requirements, Southern California Edison's (SCE) Charge Ready program assists public agencies and business/property owners by reducing their cost for the purchase and installation of required electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure, as well as providing rebates to offset the cost of charging stations for certain eligible customers. The program encourages widespread adoption of electric vehicles by increasing accessibility to electric vehicle charging stations through infrastructure upgrades, installation support, and charging station rebates.

The Charge Ready program has \$436 million in funding available to support EV charging infrastructure for light-duty electric vehicles. This funding is expected to support 30 to 40 thousand charging ports, with a target of 50% in Disadvantaged Communities (DAC) and 30% amongst multi-family properties. The program consists of three different offerings, designed to assist a variety of applicants:

- Charging Infrastructure & Rebate
 - Available to multi-family, commercial, and public sector properties
- Turn-Key Installation
 - Available only to multi-family properties located in DACs
- New Construction Rebate
 - Available to newly constructed multi-family properties

Applicants must be non-residential SCE customers, own/lease/manage or be the customer of record of the charging site, and have the project site located within the SCE service area. Representatives of SCE will provide a presentation on the Charge Ready program to further discuss program offerings and application logistics. Agencies interested in applying for assistance through the Charge Ready program can contact their SCE Account manager for application guidance or visit www.sce.com/chargeready for more information.

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