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Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee Meeting

Minutes

Monday, June 18, 2007

5:00 PM

San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments Office
3452 East Foothill Blvd., Suite 810, Pasadena

Present

S. Pedroza, Claremont
M. Lutz, Monrovia
D. Bertone, San Dimas
M. Cacciotti, South Pasadena

Absent

E. Joffe, Sierra Madre

Other Agencies

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| H. Brolo | Intergy Corporation |
| L. Cetina | Metropolitan Water District |
| L. Alfonso | Los Angeles Department of Public Works |
| C. Adamson | SCE |

I. Preliminary Business

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 p.m.

B. Self-Introductions

II. Public Communications

There were no public comments.

III. Consent Items

A. May 2 Minutes

A motion was made to approve the May 2 Minutes (M/S/C: D. Bertone/ M. Lutz/ Unanimous).

IV. Discussion Items (Committee may take action on the following items.)

A. EENR Committee Date, Time and Location

The committee discussed several options for changing the date, time and location of the meeting.

The meeting schedule for the next six months is as follows:

- July: No Meeting
- August: No Meeting
- September 26, 12 noon, Metropolitan Water District Headquarters (700 N. Alameda, Los Angeles, CA)
- October 24, 12 noon, Metropolitan Water District Headquarters
- November: TBD
- December: TBD

B. SCE Tehachapi Renewable Energy Project

C. Adamson (SCE) gave a presentation on this project. He stated that, with exception of limited segments in Kern County, all work on this project would be constructed in existing right of ways. The project would primarily consist of upgrades of existing power lines, and photo simulations of the upgrades are expected to be available in July 2007. The sections of the project that will directly affect the San Gabriel Valley cities will be Sections 7, 8 and 11. The total energy provided is expected to be equal to 4,500 megawatts. C. Adamson also clarified that the actual wind farms that are being proposed are owned by a private company, not SCE.

Next steps: SCE is expecting to receive approval for the project during 2007, with construction slated to begin mid-2009 and continue through 2012. The project's EIR/EIS will be reviewed jointly by the California Public Utilities Commission and the National Forest Service. C. Adamson stated that any mitigations funds that may be made available will be determined during the EIR/EIS process.

The committee requests that a presentation on this project, as well as a presentation on Pasadena's green building initiative be scheduled for the full SGVCOG Governing Board by next spring.

C. Request for Support – AB 1010 & AB 1114

The committee voted to recommend a support position to the full SGVCOG Governing Board for both AB 1010 & AB 1114 (M/S/C: D. Bertone/ S. Pedroza/ Unanimous).

They also recommended that the committee develop language that clarifies its position that water and open space projects and funding should not be viewed as being in competition with one another.

D. SGVCOG Strategic Plan Update July 1 – December 2007

The committee members reviewed that items were included under the three-year goal "Improve the Environment"

Objective 2: *Develop and recommend to the Board for action a legislative agenda to influence the Steinberg and DeLeon bills to ensure that SGV gets its share of the \$400 million from Proposition 84.”*

L. Cetina stated that he would work with B. Faustinos, Executive Director of the RMC, to coordinate information on the latest status of these bills.

Committee members also suggested that given appropriate staff resources, the Committee should consider developing a legislative matrix similar to the matrix used by the SGVCOG’s transportation committee. This should be reviewed by the CM TAC and include the perspective of all SGV cities. There should also be language including stating that any policy positions are consistent with the SGVCOG’s water policy, and in the future its energy and open space policies.

Objective 3: *Develop and recommend to the Board for action a list of priority environmental open space projects and funding mechanisms for the SGVCOG.*

The committee indicated that the September 1 timeline is unrealistic, and a more realistic objective for September would be to have a complete list of projects from both the RMC and the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, not necessarily in priority order. Additionally, D. Bertone stated that the RMC already has criteria for selecting projects including considering which jurisdictions have not yet received money from the RMC, and how close the project is to development.

Objective 5: *Recommend to their cities the adoption of resolutions for hybrid fuel and to use alternative fuels and hybrid fuels and their fleets.*

The group suggested that there needs to be follow up with all cities in the Valley, as only Sierra Madre and South Pasadena have adopted such as policy. M. Cacciotti also suggested that there be a monthly update on the progress included in the EENR committee report that is distributed to the Governing Board.

Objective 6: *Hold a Trash 101 Program*

The committee suggested waiting in this item to determine if the COG’s Solid Waste committee will be reactivated. If so, this objective should be given to this committee. If so, the committee would instead be interested in focusing on a Water Works 102 program.

Objective 7: *Recommend to the Board for action a resolution supporting the Emerald Necklace concept and encouraging other cities to do the same.*

S. Pedroza stated that the group “Amigos de los rios” has been working with staff from various cities on this item, but has had limited progress. For this reason, more education is needed about what the Emerald Necklace concept is, how it would work, and what cities would be involved. Additionally, committee

members recommended that it be made clear that this would not necessarily supersede other projects that were outside of the Emerald Necklace project area.

Objective 8: *Inform and encourage attendance at public environmental events that educate and make the public aware of air quality, water quality, waste management, and energy (solar, wind) issues.*

The committee intends to discuss a communications strategy (such as a weekly email blast or calendar) that incorporates this information to be distributed to COG representatives.

E. Recap of “Water Boot Camp 101”

Committee members stated that they were very pleased with the event, which had approximately 50 participants including 17 elected officials. They hope to hold a “Water Works 102” event that would focus in more detail on issues such as water quality, recycling, conservation and desalinization.

F. SGV Energywise Partnership – Upcoming Events

H. Brolo stated that Energywise has two programs scheduled for June 20 and June 21. Both will be in the “Energy Efficiency 101” format. The first will focus on assistants to both City Managers’ and Department heads, and the second will focus on members of the El Monte Chamber of Commerce.

M. Lutz recommended that Energywise contact the SGV association of Chambers about the possibility of giving a presentation.

L. Cetina also suggested that Energywise may be able to give a presentation to MWD employees.

G. Update on Proposition 84

D. Bertone stated that the RMC expects to announce a call for projects by July 2007.

H. SCAG’s Air Quality Crisis Resolution & Summit

Committee members discussed the recent conflict between AQMD and CARB regarding AQMD’s 2007 AQMP, that has delayed its adoption.

COG staff stated that they will continue to update members on the progress of this issue.

V. Set next meeting date

The meeting is currently set for June 27. Committee members will be contacted if there is any change in the meeting date.

September Agenda Items:

- List of priority open space projects
- “Amigos de los rios” presentation on Emerald Necklace concept
- Update on hybrid fuel resolution
- Trash 101 / Water Works 102
- Discuss communication strategy for environmental events and legislation in the SGV.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.