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Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee

Mary Ann Lutz, Chair
Denis Bertone, Vice-Chair

Minutes
Wednesday, September 26th
12:00 noon

Metropolitan Water District Headquarters
700 North Alameda Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012-2944

- I. Preliminary Business
 - a. Call to Order
 - b. Self-Introductions

Present

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

Absent

E. Joffe, Sierra Madre

Other Agencies

A. Bokde RMC
H. Brolo Intergy Corporation
L. Cetina Metropolitan Water District
G. Chen Metropolitan Water District
B. Faustinos RMC
A. Heil LA County Sanitation District
A. Ramirez Save the Montebello Hills Club Task Force
R. Rivera AQMD
C. Robinson Amigos de Los Rios
H. Shaw Southern California Gas
L. Strong Save the Montebello Hills Club Task Force
R. Yeung AQMD

SGVCOG Staff

M. Creter

- II. Public Communications

- III. Consent Items

- a. June 18th Minutes
- b. Correspondence

A motion was made to approve the consent items (M/S/C: Bertone/ Cacciotti/ Unanimous).

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

a. San Gabriel Valley Open Space Priority Projects List

D. Bertone introduced this item by stating that one of the goals of the RMC Governing Board is to outreach to those jurisdictions that have not applied for grants in past funding cycles.

B. Faustinos gave a full presentation on this item. She stated that the RMC territory is comprised of 68 cities as well as unincorporated portions of LA and Orange Counties. In the past, the RMC has successfully acquired 163 acres of land for less than \$50 million. Under the current Call for Projects, \$51 million dollars will be made available for open space projects and that this funding will be targeted into three categories: urban land; river/tributary parkways; and mountains, hills and foothills.

She stated that the Call for Projects will be released on October 1st and all Step 1 applications are due by November 21st.

M. Lutz requested that RMC staff forward all SGV applications to the EENR committee so that the Committee can track the progress of these projects and applications.

b. Emerald Necklace Park Network (Amigos de los Rios)

C. Robinson, President of Amigos de los Rios, gave a presentation on this item. She stated that the goal of the Emerald Necklace Park Network project is to create multi-benefit projects that address water quality, water conservation, flood management, habitat enhancement, environmental education and recreational opportunities. This project area includes 17 miles of interconnected parks and trails, across 17 cities, and reaching ½ million residents.

C. Robinson briefly overviewed Amigos de los Rios primary policy goals: to expand the number of cities who have signed the “Emerald Necklace Accord”, insure cities include the Emerald Necklace in general plans and relevant master plans, review existing and create new ordinances to support Emerald Necklace Principles, and promote greenways.

M. Lutz stated that a presentation on the Emerald Necklace Park Network is scheduled for presentation to the full Governing Board in November.

c. Prop. 84: (Water development, supply, and quality reliability)

G. Chen (MWD) gave a presentation on this item.

d. Request for Support – S 1499 (Boxer & Feinstein) and HR 2548 (Solis) (Marine Vessels Emission)

R. Yeung gave a presentation on this item. She stated that this bill would require both domestic and foreign-flagged marine vessels to meet emissions regulations set forth by the EPA. She stated that this bill has widespread support including ACE and the LA/Long Beach ports, and that there is no known opposition.

A motion was made to recommend to the Governing Board submittal of a letter of support for S 1499 and HR 2548 (M/S/C: Bertone/ Cacciotti/ Unanimous).

- e.** SGV Energywise Partnership – Upcoming events
H. Brolo distributed a flyer about the upcoming SGV Energywise events in the San Gabriel Valley.
- f.** Update on Proposition 84 (RMC Call for Projects)
See item IV. A.
- g.** SGV Water Agencies admission to SGVCOG

Committee members were referred to the agenda attachments for this item. Committee members requested that this item be carried over to the October meeting for a full discussion.

- V.** Set next meeting date
The next meeting is scheduled for October 24th.

- VI.** Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.