



San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments

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Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee

Mary Ann Lutz, Chair
Sam Pedroza, Vice Chair

MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, September 30, 2009
Time: 10:30 am
Location: Monrovia Corporate Yard Building
600 S. Mountain Avenue
Monrovia, CA 91016

1.0 Preliminary Business

1.1 Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 10:40 am.

1.2 Self-Introductions

Committee Members

M. Lutz	Monrovia
D. Bertone	San Dimas
B. Harbicht	Arcadia
J. Mosca	Sierra Madre

COG Staff

M. Creter
A. Koenker

Guests and Ex-Officio

R. Yeung	AQMD
E. Kunitake	LADPW
H. Maloney	Monrovia
H. Romero Shaw	So. Cal. Gas
B. Faustinos	RMC
W. Wheeler	Monterey Park
S. Ng	Monterey Park
D. Rossman	SG Mountains Forever

2.0 Public Communications

H. Maloney announced Monrovia will be receiving the Clean Air Award for the City's successful implementation of a sustainability program. Consent Items

2.1 August 26th Minutes

2.2 Correspondence

There was a motion to approve the consent items (M/S/C: D. Bertone, B. Harbicht, Unanimous).

3.0 Discussion Items

3.1 So Cal Gas Company Advanced Metering Infrastructure

- i. A representative for So Cal Gas, presented on the Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) project. This \$1B project will retrofit 6M gas meters with wireless modules, allowing citizens and the gas company to electronically collect

usage information. The meters will be implemented over a 5 year period and the cost will be covered by billing an additional \$2/month charge on all utility bills for the first 5 years of the project.

- ii. A representative from the Utility Workers Union of America presented the union's concerns with the project, including the 1,000 meter readers whose jobs may be affected, the cost of the project, and their issues with the "green" nature of the project. **There was a motion recommend that this item not be agendized for the Governing Board's consideration and that no position be recommended by the Committee (M/S/C: D. Bertone, B. Harbicht, unanimous).**

3.2 Climate Change and Energy Working Group Update

COG staff updated the committee on the AB 811 Workshop which took place in August and on other Partnership activities. The Energy Working Group will be tasked with providing recommendations on AB 811 program implementation over the next six months.

3.3 Open Space Working Group Update

D. Bertone updated the committee on the workshop, which is scheduled for October 27th. The committee reviewed the agenda. D. Bertone requested the COG staff prepare a letter to be sent to SGV city managers, stressing the importance of attending this workshop in order to learn about accessing open space funding opportunities.

3.4 Solid Waste Working Group Update

COG reported the next meeting will take place October 26th and announced staff from West Hollywood will present information on their "food scraps collection" program. The Chair will refer another possible speaker.

3.5 Water Working Group Update

COG staff reported Debbie Enos started August 1st as the Watershed coordinator.

3.6 Legislative Matrix

The Chair referred the committee members to the supporting documents.

3.7 Goals and Objectives

The Chair stated the EENR committee is on track to completing all of the objectives.

4.0 Items for Future Meetings

The October Governing Board agenda will include an action item regarding comments on the National Park Services' study of the San Gabriel Mountains.

5.0 Set next meeting date

The committee will not meet in October and will have a joint November/December meeting, tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, December 2nd. Staff will email committee members regarding their availability.

6.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 am.