



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

Wednesday, March 24, 2010
10:30 am

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 10:36 am

1.2 Self-Introductions

M. Lutz	Monrovia
S. Pedroza	Claremont
D. Bertone	San Dimas
B. Harbicht	Arcadia
R. Yeung	AQMD
H. Maloney	Monrovia
D. Enos	RMC/WCA
R. Romanek	WCA/Watershed Coordinator
B. Graham	SCE
M. Castro-Salvati	SCE
B. Cooke	COG Staff
M. Creter	COG Staff

2.0 Public Communications

Monrovia staff announced a “Green Your Home” seminar taking place in the city on March 27th. It is free and open to the public. The Chair announced a meeting organized by the LA County Watershed Management Division regarding the latest watershed management planning techniques scheduled for March 30th.

3.0 Consent Items

3.1 February 26th Minutes

3.2 Correspondence

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

4.0 Discussion Items

4.1 Plug-In Electric Vehicles Presentation

B. Graham of Southern California Edison gave a presentation on this item. The committee discussed various issues relative to the plans to introduce additional plug-in hybrid and battery electric vehicles into the market over the next 10 years. Issues include: electricity generation capacity, local charging infrastructure, education and outreach, integration with existing city processes, and length of installation process.

4.2 Climate Change and Energy Working Group

i. AB 811

Staff updated the committee on the County AB 811 program, the SCE Whole House Retrofit Program, and the proposed Federal Jobs Bill for “Home Star” that will also provide cash rebates to homeowners for energy efficiency upgrades.

ii. San Gabriel Valley Energy Wise Partnership

Staff updated the committee on the planned home energy performance workshops, the COG’s proposal for the SCE local government strategic plan support activities RFP, and the stimulus workshop held the prior day.

4.3 Open Space Working Group

The Open Space Working Group Chair reported that the water bond scheduled for the November ballot includes \$75 million in funding for RMC open space projects. The COG helped advocate for inclusion of these funds in the bond. He also reported that the State has been selling bonds, which is anticipated to result in the release of funding for RMC approved projects under Prop 84.

4.4 Solid Waste Working Group

i. CalRecycle Household Hazardous Waste Grant Update

Staff reported that the Solid Waste Working Group hosted a presentation on extended producer responsibility (EPR) at its meeting on Monday. An EPR presentation is also scheduled for the next Governing Board meeting. Staff gave an update on the grant activities, including a telephone survey of SGV residents regarding HHW recycling behavior.

4.5 Water Working Group

i. Watershed Coordinator Update

The Watershed Coordinator gave an update on this item. He has been working on various GIS maps and has also been planning the outreach and education portion of the program.

ii. Watershed Stewardship Award Nominations

Staff described the purpose of the awards program. The Water Working Group has recommended that the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council receive the award for its pioneering efforts to organize local stakeholders around watershed issues. The other three nominated agencies will receive honorable mention recognition.

There was a motion to recommend to the Governing Board that the LASGRWC receive the 1st Annual Watershed Stewardship Award and the Los Angeles County Departments of Public Works and Parks & Recreation,

RMC, and Upper San Gabriel Valley MWD receive an honorable mention (M/S/C: Harbicht, Bertone, Unanimous).

There was a motion to recommend that the COG honor the RMC for 10th anniversary (M/S/C: Bertone, Pedroza, Unanimous).

4.6 Goals & Objectives

All items related to the EENR Committee are on target. The Chair requested that COG staff create a separate chart that tracks EENR-specific activities and accomplishments that are not included in the Strategic Plan.

AQMD staff announced that they will host a town hall meeting at the City of Duarte's request regarding the Vulcan mining issue on April 9th. AQMD has released a comment letter on this matter. AQMD staff also distributed a flyer about an upcoming high school education conference.

SCE staff announced that their direct install program is coming to various San Gabriel Valley cities. A list of cities and the direct install schedule will be sent to COG staff for distribution.

5.0 Items for Future Meetings

A presentation on greenhouse gas emissions reduction technology is scheduled for the next meeting.

6.0 Set next meeting date

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 28th at 10:30 am at the Monrovia Public Works building.

7.0 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 am.