



San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments

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Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee

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MINUTES

Wednesday, April 28, 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 10:33 am.

1.2 Self-Introductions

The following individuals were in attendance:

D. Bertone	San Dimas
M. Clark	Rosemead
S. Pedroza	Claremont
H. Maloney	Monrovia
R. Romanek	Watershed Conservation Authority
S. Atchley	Pomona
M. Chilson	Develop America Green
R. Woodbeck	Develop America Green
M. Creter	COG staff
B. Cooke	COG staff

2.0 Public Communications

H. Maloney announced that the City of Monrovia will host its first Community Sustainability Fair on September 25th to spread awareness of its Environmental Accords.

3.0 Consent Items

3.1 March 24th Minutes

3.2 Correspondence

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

4.0 Discussion Items

4.1 Develop America Green, Inc.

This item was held to the end of the meeting. M. Chilson, CEO, gave a presentation on sustainable Algae Bio-reactors that protect the environment by

feeding carbon emissions to large algae ponds. This algae is then harvested and processed into bio-fuels, bio-oils and biomass.

4.2 Climate Change and Energy Working Group

i. CPUC Meetings

Staff reported that members of the COG Executive Committee met with the five CPUC Commissioners and Executive Director in one-on-one meetings during their visit to the Los Angeles region.

ii. County AB 811/PACE Financing Program

Staff reported that the County Board of Supervisors voted to begin implementation of the County Energy Program that includes a PACE financing element. The Board of Supervisors is anticipated to adopt its financing district on May 25th. Cities may participate by adopting consenting resolutions after that date.

iii. San Gabriel Valley Energy Wise Partnership

Staff reported that the COG submitted a \$5.5 million proposal to SCE for activities that support the State Long-Term Energy Efficiency Strategic Plan. Award notifications were anticipated to be released that day.

4.3 Open Space Working Group

The Open Space Working Group Chair reported that the State has released \$10 million to the RMC as a result of its recent bond sale. There are 10 projects in the San Gabriel Valley that have been “approved and not funded” that are being considered for funding. The RMC Board will be reviewing and making funding recommendations at its future meeting.

4.4 Solid Waste Working Group

i. CalRecycle Household Hazardous Waste Grant

Staff reported that the consultant has completed focus groups to assess consumer and retailer knowledge and opinion regarding product stewardship principles. These focus groups were very informative and have provided good data for the purposes of the project. The cities of Monrovia and Claremont as well as the COG, have all recently adopted resolutions in support of extended producer responsibility.

The committee reviewed the solid waste working group legislative matrix and recommendations. **There was a motion to support the following bills:**

- **AB 1998 (Brownley) – 2/17/10 version**
- **AB 2139 (Chesbro)**
- **AB 2176 (Blumenfield)**
- **AB 2398 (Perez)**
- **SB 1100 (Corbett)**

(M/S/C: D. Bertone, M. Clark, Unanimous)

The Solid Waste Working Group Chair announced that the working group has scheduled a tour of the LACSD MRF for Wednesday, May 12th. LACSD staff is also scheduled to present to the COG City Managers’ TAC about the waste-by-rail system and cost transition plan at an upcoming meeting.

4.5 Water Working Group

i. Watershed Coordinator Grant

The Watershed Coordinator gave an update on the grant. He announced that staff had submitted budget and work plan revisions to the grant manager. He gave an overview of recent and planned watershed restoration outreach activities as well as the GIS mapping effort underway.

4.6 Goals & Objectives

Staff reported that all items are on track.

5.0 Items for Future Meetings

There were no new items for future meetings. Presentations have been planned for May and June.

6.0 Set next meeting date

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, May 26th at 12:00 pm at the COG offices (change of time and location).

7.0 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 am.