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Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee

Mary Ann Lutz, Chair
Denis Bertone, Vice Chair

MINUTES

Wednesday, May 27th, 2009
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 a.m.

1.2 Self-Introductions

B. Harbicht Arcadia
S. Pedroza Claremont (*arrived 10:40 a.m.*)
M. Lutz Monrovia
D. Bertone San Dimas

R. Yeung AQMD
E. Kunitake LA County Public Works
D. Iwata Monrovia
V. Shatynski RMC

B. Cooke COG Staff
M. Creter COG Staff

2.0 Public Communications

There were no public communications.

3.0 Consent Items

3.1 April 22nd Minutes

There was a motion to approve the consent items (M/S/C: D. Bertone, M. Lutz, Consent - Bertone, Lutz; Abstain - Harbicht).

3.2 Correspondence

4.0 Discussion Items

4.1 Appoint Chair for Fiscal Year 2009 – 2010

This agenda item was moved to the end of the meeting.

There was a motion to nominate Mary Ann Lutz as Chair of the EENR Committee for FY 2009-10 (M/S/C: D. Bertone, S. Pedroza, Unanimous).

There was a motion to nominate Sam Pedroza as Vice Chair of the EENR Committee for FY 2009-10 (M/S/C: Bertone, Lutz, Unanimous).

4.2 Air Quality Working Group Update

i. SB 375

Staff gave a brief overview of key SB 375 issues including: the statewide target, subregional delegation, and growth forecast relationship to future transportation funding. A SB 375 briefing for elected officials, city managers, and planning staff is scheduled for Thursday, June 11th from 4:00 – 6:00 pm at the Garvey Community Center in Rosemead to begin the dialogue among San Gabriel Valley officials as to how to proceed.

4.3 Energy Working Group Update

i. Green Building Workshop – June 10th

Staff reported that a green building workshop will be held on June 10th at Monrovia's new LEED-certified library. More than 50 people have registered to attend. Presentations will focus on green building basics, public-private partnerships, and the real cost of green building.

ii. Energy Efficiency & Conservation Strategies

Due to requests from cities to explore opportunities to utilize a regional approach to stimulus funding, staff has issued a memo to city managers regarding the energy efficiency and conservation strategies required to receive funding from the federal Energy Efficiency and Conservation block grant. The COG is proposing to facilitate a master contract to procure consultant services to complete these strategies for member agencies. Eight cities have expressed interest in participating and will meet tomorrow to discuss in further detail.

iii. Energy Policy Paper

The energy working group has reviewed draft concepts for the energy policy paper. This will be finalized at their June meeting and will be reviewed by the EENR committee at next month's meeting.

4.4 Open Space Working Group Update

i. Bond Sales Update

RMC staff gave an update on the status of bond sales in California. There was a successful sale of 6.5 billion state bonds in March, however, it appears the state is slow to acting slowly to release these funds. California was also the first state to accept the federal Build America bonds from the federal recovery act. There is a lot of confusion surrounding the new rules associated with these bonds. There is some indication that the state will allow reimbursements and restarts for Proposition 12 funded programs, however, RMC does not manage funds from this source.

4.5 Solid Waste Working Group Update

i. Legislation

AB 283 (Chesbro) and AB 222 (Adams) - The committee requested that staff provide additional information from the opposition side for this legislation at the next meeting.

ii. Household Hazardous Waste Grant

Staff reported that they have been contacted by CIWMB regarding the application submitted for the HHW 17th cycle. Because they are not completing a NOFA for this year, they would like to fund this application. It is anticipated that the Waste Board will make a decision in July. The grant program would create a pilot product stewardship battery take-back program in the San Gabriel Valley.

The next solid waste working group meeting will feature a presentation from AQMD on their proposed composting rule. The working group is planning to develop policy recommendations related to green waste based on the presentations and discussion over the prior months.

4.6 Water Working Group Update

The Chair reported that last month's meeting featured a presentation and discussion with the Vice Chair of the State Water Resources Control Board regarding federal stimulus funding and the Board's recycled water policy. The working group is next set to tackle developing a regional water conservation messaging strategy.

4.7 Legislative Matrix

Staff gave an update on AB 139. The COG was considering taking a position of "support with clarifications." However, the legislation was pulled by the author so this item was not discussed at the Governing Board meeting.

4.8 Strategic Plan Update

The committee will discuss its current and future objectives at the next meeting.

5.0 Items for Future Meetings

The committee will discuss draft objectives for the next strategic plan meeting.

6.0 Set next meeting date

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, June 22nd at 10:30 am at the Monrovia Corporate Yard Building.

7.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am.