



San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments

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Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee

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MINUTES

Wednesday, August 26, 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 am.

1.2 Self-Introductions

M. Lutz	Monrovia
D. Bertone	San Dimas
S. Pedroza	Claremont
R. Yeung	AQMD
L. Cetina	MWD
D. Iwata	Monrovia
H. Maloney	Monrovia
D. Enos	COG/RMC

M. Creter	COG staff
B. Cooke	COG staff

2.0 Public Communications

There were no public communications.

3.0 Consent Items

3.1 June 22nd Minutes

3.2 Correspondence

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

4.0 Discussion Items

4.1 Sustainable San Gabriel Valley Initiative

Staff gave an overview of the proposed initiative. The purpose of this initiative is to organize and market the many environment-related programs and activities undertaken by the COG under one brand. COG staff will develop web and brochure marketing materials to publicize this effort. **There was a motion to recommend to the Governing Board establishment of a “Sustainable San Gabriel Valley” initiative (M/S/C: D. Bertone, S. Pedroza, Unanimous).**

Staff reported that the County of Los Angeles and Local Government Sustainable Energy Coalition invited representatives from the COG to attend an upcoming meeting with the CARB President. Council members indicated scheduling conflicts and are unable to attend, however, staff will attend on behalf of the COG.

4.2 Air Quality Working Group Update

AQMD staff reported that a smoke advisory is currently in effect and gave an update on AQMD programs, funding, and sponsored legislation.

It was recommended that the air quality and energy working groups merge as the issues relative to these topics that are being addressed by the COG are often shared. Examples include AB 32 and other climate change initiatives. **There was a motion to merge the air quality and energy working groups into a “Climate Change and Energy” working group (M/S/C: S. Pedroza, D. Bertone, Unanimous).**

4.3 Energy Working Group Update

i. Energy Policy Paper

There was a motion to recommend adoption of the Energy Policy Paper (M/S/C: D. Bertone, S. Pedroza, Unanimous).

ii. San Gabriel Valley Energy Wise Partnership

Staff gave an update on Partnership activities, including the AB 811 workshop on August 20th.

4.4 Open Space Working Group Update

i. Workshop

D. Bertone gave an overview of this workshop that is being planned for the end of October in collaboration with RMC. There was discussion regarding a potential water bond. **There was a motion to recommend that the COG Governing Board send a letter to the Governor and other appropriate recipients requesting that any proposed water bond include specific language that allocates funding of \$100 million to the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (M/S/C: D. Bertone, S. Pedroza, Unanimous).**

M. Lutz reported that a group met with Congressman Drier yesterday to discuss the San Gabriel Mountains Forever Campaign. Congressman Drier agreed to sponsor legislation that will designate portions of the San Gabriel Mountains as “wilderness.” Committee members congratulated her on this great success.

4.5 Solid Waste Working Group Update

i. Green Waste Analysis Report

S. Pedroza referred members to the memo in the packet.

4.6 Water Working Group Update

i. Watershed Coordinator

No update.

4.7 Legislative Matrix

MWD staff gave a presentation on the Delta water package. Five bills that address the reform needs of the Sacramento Delta have been circulated in pre-print and are being finalized. MWD staff distributed a letter signed by more than 30 agencies expressing support of the package's overall objective and making recommendations for refinement to various elements of the proposed reform strategies. MWD staff requested that the COG submit a similar letter. There was discussion regarding the timeline. The bills are expected to be finalized and voted on by the end of the legislative session on September 11th. The COG Governing Board will not meet prior to this date, and historically, letters of this nature may not be sent from the COG without Governing Board approval. Staff will look into the options available to the committee. **There was a motion to send a letter if allowable according to COG policy (M/S/C: D. Bertone, S. Pedroza, Unanimous).**

5.0 Items for Future Meetings

MWD staff will present information on additional water-related legislation.

6.0 Set next meeting date

The next meeting will be rescheduled due to the COG Transportation Summit scheduled for Wednesday, September 23rd. Staff will email committee members regarding their availability.

7.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 am.