



# 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, December 2, 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 10:32 am.

##### **1.2 Self-Introductions**

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| B. Harbicht | Arcadia                         |
| S. Pedroza  | Claremont                       |
| M. Lutz     | Monrovia                        |
| D. Bertone  | San Dimas                       |
| J. Mosca    | Sierra Madre                    |
| R. Yeung    | AQMD                            |
| D. Hartman  | HartmanBaldwin Design/Build     |
| D. Morris   | HF&H Consultants                |
| E. Kunitake | Los Angeles County Public Works |
| H. Maloney  | Monrovia                        |
| D. Enos     | RMC                             |
| R. Romenek  | RMC                             |
| M. Creter   | COG Staff                       |
| B. Cooke    | COG Staff                       |

#### **2.0 Public Communications**

There were no public communications.

#### **3.0 Consent Items**

##### **3.1 September 30<sup>th</sup> Minutes**

##### **3.2 Correspondence**

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

#### **4.0 Discussion Items**

##### **4.1 Presentation on Used Oil Block Grant Administration**

*“Bang for Your Used Oil Buck – The Benefits of Multi-Jurisdictional Collaboration”*

Debbie Morris of HF&H Consultants gave a presentation on the state's used oil block grant program and opportunities for regionalizing programs and funds. Discussion focused on outreach strategies for collecting used oil filters from "do-it-yourself" individuals who change their own oil. Cities may be interested in pooling their funds to alleviate reporting and management requirements and leverage economies of scale. **There was a motion to request HF&H give a presentation to the Solid Waste Working Group (M/S/C: S. Pedroza, B. Harbicht, Unanimous).**

**4.2** Climate Change and Energy Working Group Update

**i.** Sustainable Claremont – Energy Retrofit Project

Devon Hartman, Principal of HartmanBaldwin Design/Build presented an overview of home energy performance and the energy retrofit pilot project underway in the City of Claremont.

**ii.** AB 811

There was discussion about the County's AB 811 program and the COG AB 811 working group that is coordinating the formation and implementation of the County program in the San Gabriel Valley region. It is anticipated that loans will be available beginning next June, and COG staff is proposing to conduct a series of educational workshops focused on home energy performance to assist homeowners in choosing the most cost-effective improvements. These workshops are being proposed as part of the San Gabriel Valley Energy Wise Partnership's 2010 work plan. Staff would coordinate these workshops with interested cities. EENR Committee members expressed support for this plan of action. Staff will provide regular updates to the committee on any related developments.

**iii.** San Gabriel Valley Energy Wise Partnership

Participants discussed the proposed education and outreach work plan described above. Staff reported that the Partnership held a very successful awards ceremony that recognized cities work in the area of energy efficiency during 2009.

**4.3** Open Space Working Group Update

The Open Space Working Group Chair reported that a successful open space workshop was held on October 27<sup>th</sup>. Nearly all cities were in attendance and useful funding information was provided. The Chair also distributed an article about the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy receiving funding due to its status as a National Park Service special resource area. These benefits are similar to those that would be afforded to the San Gabriel Mountains if it also attains this status.

**4.4** Solid Waste Working Group Update

The Solid Waste Working Group Chair reported that the working group is finalizing its green waste policy paper which should be ready for review in January.

**4.5** Water Working Group Update

**i.** State Water Package

The Water Working Group Chair referred committee members to the packet for information on this item. The water bond ballot initiative is anticipated to go before voters in November 2010.

**ii.** Watershed Coordinator

The Watershed Coordinator introduced Rob Romanek who will be assisting with implementation of the grant work plan.

**4.6** Goals and Objectives

All items are on target.

**5.0** Items for Future Meetings

The Committee will discuss possible strategic plan objectives for the January 30<sup>th</sup> planning session.

**6.0** Set next meeting date

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>.

**7.0** Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm