



San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments*
AGENDA AND NOTICE OF THE SPECIAL JOINT
MEETING OF THE ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT, AND NATURAL
RESOURCES COMMITTEE AND THE WATER POLICY COMMITTEE

MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2024 – 11:00 AM
1333 S. MAYFLOWER AVE, SUITE 360
MONROVIA, CA 91016

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Thank you for participating in this afternoon's meeting. The SGVCOG encourages public participation and invites you to share your views on agenda items.

MEETINGS: *Regular Meetings of the Energy, Environment & Natural Resources (EENR) Committee are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 10:15 AM at the SGVCOG Monrovia Office (1333 South Mayflower Avenue, Suite 360, Monrovia, CA 91016). Regular Meetings of the Water Committee are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 2:00 PM at the SGVCOG Monrovia Office (1333 South Mayflower Avenue, Suite 360, Monrovia, CA 91016).* The agenda packet is available at the SGVCOG's Office, 1333 S. Mayflower Avenue, Suite 360, Monrovia, CA, and on the website, www.sgvkog.org. Copies are available via email upon request (sgv@sgvcog.org). A copy of the agenda is also posted for public viewing at the entrance of the SGVCOG Monrovia Office Building. Any additional agenda documents that are distributed to a majority of the Committee after the posting of the agenda will be available for review in the SGVCOG office during normal business hours and on the SGVCOG website noted above.

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AGENDA ITEMS: The Agenda contains the regular order of business of the Committee. Items on the Agenda have generally been reviewed and investigated by the staff in advance of the meeting so that the Committee can be fully informed about a matter before making its decision.



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TELECONFERENCE LOCATIONS: State law allows Committee Members to teleconference from remote locations as long as certain conditions are met, including listing the teleconference locations in the agenda. The following locations are hereby noticed as teleconference locations, which are accessible to the public for the purposes of observing this meeting and/or addressing the EENR Committee.

<p>City of Covina 125 E. College Street Covina, CA 91723</p>	<p>Three Valleys Municipal Water District 1021 E Miramar Ave, Claremont, CA 91711</p>	<p>City of Pasadena Water & Power 150 S. Los Robles Ave, Suite 350 Pasadena, CA 91101</p>
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Instructions for Public Comments: For those wishing to make public comments on agenda and non-agenda items, but within the SGVCOG’s subject matter jurisdiction, you may submit written comments via email or provide a verbal comment.

- **Written Comments (Email):** If you wish to submit written public comments to be distributed to the Committee Members at the meeting, please submit these materials via email to Mackenzie Bolger at mbolger@sgvcog.org at least 1 hour prior to the scheduled meeting time. Please indicate in the “Subject” line of the email “FOR PUBLIC COMMENT” and the agenda item number to which the public comment is addressed. Written public comments may include, but are not limited to letters, reports, and presentations.
- **Verbal Comments (In Person):** If you would like to make a public comment at the EENR Committee meeting location, please fill out a public comment card. Comment cards will be made available to you by staff at the entrance to the meeting room. If you are attending the meeting at a noticed teleconference location and would like to make a public comment, please raise your hand when the item upon which you wish to speak comes up on the agenda.
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For questions related to accessing the available teleconference locations, please contact Mackenzie Bolger (mbolger@sgvcog.org) or (626) 214-1316.

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Public Comment
4. Changes to the Agenda Order

CONSENT CALENDAR

5. Review Joint Water Policy and EENR Committee Meeting Minutes (**Page 1**)
Recommended Action: Review and approve.
6. FY 2024-2025 Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee Chair and Vice Chair Election
Recommended Action: Reelect Claremont City Councilmember Jennifer Stark as the FY 2024-2025 EENR Committee Chair and Duarte Mayor Vinh Truong as the FY 2024-2024 EENR Committee Vice Chair.

ACTION ITEMS

7. State Legislative Position: SB 1060 (Becker) (**Page 4**)
Recommended Action: Discuss and provide direction.
8. Water Policy Committee Dissolution (**Page 6**)
Recommended Action: Recommend the Governing Board dissolve the Water Policy Committee and appoint its members to the Energy, Environment and Natural Resources (EENR) Committee.

PRESENTATION ITEM

9. Making Conservation a California Way of Life Update: Melissa Sparks-Kranz, Legislative Affairs Lobbyist, League of California Cities (**Page 8**)
Recommended Action: For information only.
10. U.S Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) Proposed Disapproval of South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) to meet Federal Ozone Standard: Dr. Sarah Rees, Deputy Executive Officer, and Ian MacMillan, Assistant Deputy Executive Officer, Rule Development & Implementation, SCAQMD (**Page 10**)
Recommended Action: For information only.

UPDATE ITEM

11. Water Working Group Chair Report

LIAISON REPORTS

12. Clean Power Alliance
13. San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy
14. Southern California Gas Company
15. South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) (**Page 12**)

ADJOURN



SGVCOG **Special Joint Meeting of the EENR Committee and the Water Policy Committee Minutes**

Date: **May 8, 2024**

Time: 10:15 AM

Location: 1333 S. Mayflower Ave, Suite 360 Monrovia, CA 91016

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

EENR Chair and Water Committee Vice Chair Jennifer Stark called the meeting to order at 10:17 AM.

2. Roll Call

EENR Committee Members Present

Claremont	J. Stark
Covina	M. Flores Jr.
Duarte	V. Truong
Glendora	M. Allawos
Monrovia	T. Kelly
Pomona	J. Carver
Rosemead	M. Clark
San Gabriel	T. Ding
South Pasadena	M. Cacciotti

EENR Committee Members Absent

Pasadena	J. Guess
San Dimas	VACANT
South Pasadena	M. Cacciotti

Guests

Karla Cardenas, Senator Susan Rubio's Office
Rainbow Yeung, SCAQMD x
Aisha Reyes, SCAQMD x
Eric Thronson, TPA
Jerry Mireles, SGV Mosquito & Vector Control District
Jessica Alvarenga, Athens Services
Yasmeen Nubani, Ortega Strategies Group
Lanae O'Shields, SoCalGas

Staff Present

M. Bolger; S. Wong; T. Lott; Ri. Choi; N. Ryu; P. Mejia; K. Lai, J. Read; J. Talla, SGVCOG Staff

Water Committee Members Present

Claremont	J. Stark
Diamond Bar	S. Liu
Glendora	M. Allawos
Monrovia	T. Kelly
Rosemead	M. Clark

Water Committee Members Absent

TVMWD	C. Goytia
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Water Working Group Members Present

Alhambra	L. Waters
Pomona	A. Ortega
Pomona	J. Carver
Upper District	T. Love
LACSD	J. Stotz
LA Watermaster	L. Aguino
TVMWD	K. Howie
SGVMWD	E. Reyes

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- 3. Public Comment
There were no public comments at this meeting.
- 4. Changes to the Agenda Order
At the request of Committee Member M. Clark, Item 8 and Item 9 is moved to be before the Action Items.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 5. Review Joint Water Policy and EENR Meeting Minutes
Action: Review and approve.

There was a motion to approve consent calendar. (M/S: M. Allawos, M. Clark)
[MOTION PASSED]

EENR Committee

AYES:	Claremont, Covina, Duarte, Glendora, Monrovia, Pomona, Rosemead
NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	
NO VOTE RECORDED:	San Gabriel
ABSENT:	Pasadena, San Dimas, South Pasadena

Water Committee

AYES:	Claremont, Diamond Bar, Glendora, Monrovia, Rosemead
NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	
NO VOTE RECORDED:	
ABSENT:	TVMWD

ACTION ITEMS

- 6. State Legislative Position: SB 1060 (Becker)
There was a motion to recommend the Governing Board to adopt a resolution supporting SB 1060 (Becker)

(M/S: S. Liu, T. Kelly)
[MOTION PASSED]

EENR Committee

AYES:	Claremont, Covina, Duarte, Monrovia, Pomona, San Gabriel
NOES:	Glendora
ABSTAIN:	
NO VOTE RECORDED:	Rosemead
ABSENT:	Pasadena, San Dimas, South Pasadena

- 7. State Legislative Position: SB 903 (Skinner)
There was a motion to direct Staff to continue to watch SB 903 (Skinner)

(M/S: M. Allawos, J. Stark)
[MOTION PASSED]

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Water Committee

AYES:	Claremont, Glendora
NOES:	Diamond Bar
ABSTAIN:	
NO VOTE RECORDED:	Monrovia, Rosemead
ABSENT:	TVMWD

PRESENTATIONS

- 8. State Legislative Position: AB 1999 (Irwin)
Eric Thronson, Townsend Public Affairs Deputy Director presented on this item.

- 9. California Gas Tax Update
Eric Thronson, Townsend Public Affairs Deputy Director, presented on this item.

UPDATE ITEM

- 10. Water Working Group Chair Report

LIAISON REPORTS

- 11. Clean Power Alliance
- 12. San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District
Provided an update.
- 13. Southern California Gas Company
- 14. South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD)
R. Yeung provided an update.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SGVCOG Senior Management Analyst Steph Wong announced that starting in June, EENR meetings will be on the first Monday of the month at 11:00 am. Additionally, the Committee will vote on whether to recommend the Governing Board to dissolve the Water Policy Committee and be absorbed into the EENR meeting.

ADJOURN JOINT MEETING

EENR Chair and Water Committee Vice Chair Jennifer Stark adjourned the meeting at 11:34 AM.

REPORT

DATE: June 3, 2024

TO: Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **STATE LEGISLATIVE POSITION: SB 1060 (BECKER)**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Discuss and provide direction.

BACKGROUND

SB 1060 authorizes a property insurer using risk models for underwriting purposes to account for wildfire risk reduction associated with hazardous fuel reduction, home hardening, defensible space, and fire prevention activities for properties, communities, and landscapes. SB 1060, beginning January 15, 2026 and before each January 15th thereafter, also requires the California Department of Insurance (CDI) to ensure property insurers using risk models for underwriting purposes to comply with the specified wildfire risk mitigation evaluation criteria.

SB 1060 passed out of the Senate Appropriations Committee on a 5-2 vote with amendments to alter the scope of the bill and make permissive the requirement for property insurers to account for specified wildfire risk reduction activities as part of their underwriting models.

DISCUSSION

It is unclear which stakeholders will remain in support or opposition to the measure now that the amendments make the scope of it entirely permissible. Without an action or oversight mandate into the underwriting model activities insurers will be allowed to undertake, it is unlikely that any will opt to utilize the bill's provisions.

Additionally, during his presentation of the May Revision of the January budget proposal, Governor Newsom called for expedited reforms via the budget trailer bill process to the state's property insurance market. He noted the reforms would build on the progress made at the end of 2023 related to the regulatory process underway to keep insurance companies in the state by providing them new modeling tools.

Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara agreed last year to let insurers raise rates and base them on future projections of fire damages after the Governor issued an Executive Order to curtail the need for legislative involvement. Commissioner Lara has been approving rate increases, but insurers are still leaving: In the past two months alone, American National announced it would leave the state and State Farm said it would drop tens of thousands of homeowners.

The proposed trailer bill would require the state's Department of Insurance to review insurance company rate approval requests within 60 days. The current process can take months, constituting one complaint that has led those companies to pause writing homeowners' insurance in California.

REPORT

As of May 20, trailer bill language has not been made available. While the Governor noted his support for keeping insurance rates affordable, he iterated that his biggest concern was making home insurance available.

Looking forward, it is likely that the trailer bill containing the insurance reform language may serve as the primary vehicle for reforms in this issue area.

This staff report was prepared by Townsend Public Affairs (TPA). TPA staff are available to answer any questions.

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Approved by: Marisa Creter
Marisa Creter
Executive Director

ATTACHMENTS

[Attachment A – Bill Text](#)

REPORT

DATE: June 3, 2024

TO: Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee and the Water Policy Committee

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **WATER POLICY COMMITTEE DISSOLUTION**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Recommend the Governing Board dissolve the Water Policy Committee and appoint its members to the Energy, Environment and Natural Resources (EENR) Committee.

BACKGROUND

In July 2014, the SGVCOG Governing Board authorized the creation of a Water Policy Committee. This action supported the 2014-2017 SGVCOG Strategic Plan, which identified water issues as a key regional priority. The Water Policy Committee is tasked with studying problems, programs, and other matters which pertain to the issues of water resources, water quality, and wastewater management. In addition, the Water Policy Committee provides policy direction and recommendations in these areas to the Governing Board. The Water Policy Committee is made up of elected officials and staff representing SGVCOG member agencies.

The Water Policy Committee was originally formed from the Water Policy Working Group, which is tasked with providing technical expertise water issues. The Water Working Group is made up of City and County staff and representatives from the SGVCOG's member agencies.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Water Policy Committee is currently comprised of the following members:

- Jennifer Stark, City of Claremont
- Stan Liu, City of Diamond Bar
- David Fredendall, City of Glendora
- Sergio Jimenez, City of Monrovia
- Margaret Clark, City of Rosemead
- Carlos Goytia, Three Valleys Municipal Water District

RECCOMENDATIONS

In recent years, water-related topics have come under the purview of both the Water Committee and the Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee, who share many of the same policy interests. The EENR Committee predates the Water Committee and is charged with studying environmental, energy, and natural resources issues of regional significance including but not limited to air quality, solid waste, energy, and water resources. There are also significant

overlaps in the memberships of the two committees. After consultation with members of both committees, staff is recommending that the Governing Board dissolve the Water Committee and appoint its members to the EENR Committee. The EENR Committee will incorporate water-related topics into its regular business as needed. In addition, the Water Policy Working Group will remain in its current form and retain its current focus.

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Executive Director

REPORT

DATE: June 3, 2024

TO: Water Policy Committee

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: MAKING CALIFORNIA A CONSERVATION WAY OF LIFE UPDATE

RECOMMENDED ACTION

For information only.

BACKGROUND

In March 2023, the California State Water Resources Control Board released draft regulations known as the “Make Conservation a California Way of Life,” that would require cities to dramatically restrict water usage from 2025 onward. These regulations would allow the state to intervene with water conservation orders and fines in cities that do not meet the proposed water reduction targets. In California, over 200 cities are regulated water suppliers, with each city having specified water reduction targets.

Specifically, the Make Conservation a California Way of Life regulation combines residential indoor use, residential outdoor use, commercial, industrial, and institutional outdoor use, water loss in the conveyance system and offsets, such as using recycled water, the draft regulation aims to reduce water usage by 500,000 acre-feet by 2030, a goal set by the state in the August 2022, California’s Water Supply Strategy which can be accessed [here](#).

There have been opportunities for agencies throughout California to provide input and feedback on the proposed conservation regulations. Agencies had the opportunity to submit comment letters in Fall 2023 and Spring 2024. Public comment period for a revised version of the conservation regulation is open until June 4, 2024. SGVCOG provided a comment letter to the State Water Resources Control Board on the proposed conservation regulations during the second comment period which can be accessed [here](#).

SGVCOG was directed by the Governing Board in March 2024 to authorize the Executive Director to submit a comment letter to the State Water Resources Control Board at the recommendation of the Water Policy Committee. Several recommendations included in the comment letter to the State Water Resources Control Board included:

- To maintain flexibility for cities and urban water suppliers in meeting these regulations,
- To provide alternative compliance pathways for cities and urban water suppliers who are low-income, have significant water reductions, and are making good effort to meeting the regulations,
- To minimize any duplicative reporting requirements that may be burdensome on cities and urban water suppliers faced with existing capacity challenges, and;
- To establish a technical assistance and state funding program to support cities and urban water suppliers implement the water efficiency requirements outlined in the regulations.

REPORT

At this Water Policy Committee meeting, Melissa Sparks-Kranz from League of California Cities will provide an update on these regulations and how member cities can stay involved in the regulation-making process.

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Executive Director

[Attachment A – SGVCOG Letter of Support – Making Conservation a California Way of Life Proposed Regulation](#)

REPORT

DATE: June 3, 2024

TO: Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: U.S ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (US EPA) PROPOSED DISAPPROVAL OF SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT (SCAQMD) TO MEET FEDERAL OZONE STANDARD

RECOMMENDED ACTION

For information only.

BACKGROUND

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) is regulatory agency responsible for improving air quality for large areas of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino Counties. SCAQMD is responsible for controlling emissions primarily from stationary sources of air pollution ranging from large power plants to the corner gas station. Consumer products are also considered stationary sources that include house paint to furniture varnish. About 25% of ozone-forming pollution in the SCAQMD territory comes from stationary sources while the other 75% comes from mobile sources such as cars, trucks, ships, airplanes, and construction equipment.

Emission standards for mobile and stationary sources are set by state and federal agencies such as the California Air Resources Board (CARB) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA). To meet these standards, SCAQMD develops and adopts an Air Quality Management Plan that serves as blueprint to stay in compliance with these standards. SCAQMD adopts rules to reduce emissions from various sources including specific types of equipment, industrial processes, paints, solvents, and consumer products. SCAQMD works with businesses and industries to ensure compliance with air quality rules, inspects 38 locations to assess air quality, and engages the public to increase awareness of air quality. You can find a Map of Monitoring Areas on SCAQMDs website here: <https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/default-document-library/map-of-monitoring-areas.pdf>.

In July 1997, the U.S. EPA made stricter rules about ozone in the air, changing from a 1-hour standard to an 8-hour one, aiming for a safer level of 0.08 parts per million (ppm). In March 2008, they tightened the standard to 0.075 ppm. In October 2015, the U.S. EPA set stricter standards, setting the standard at 0.070 ppm. These standards are met when the average of the fourth-highest daily maximum 8-hour ozone concentrations over three years is at or below the specified level.

Recently, the U.S. EPA moved to disapprove part of SCAQMD's proposed plan to meet the 1997 federal ozone standard. The plan called for the U.S. EPA to use its authority to reduce emissions from federal sources, more specifically in the South Coast region. The U.S. EPA deemed that the plan failed to provide contingency measures required by the California Clean Air Act (CCA) and because it relies on the 'improper federal assignments' to achieve the necessary reductions.

REPORT

If the disapproval becomes finalized, the CCA would require the U.S. EPA to put into effect a federal implementation plan, a plan developed by the U.S. EPA to help states or tribes attain or maintain the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for air pollutants and fulfill other requirements set by the Clean Air Act. Secondly, the U.S. EPA would impose a 2:1 emissions offset for new and modified stationary sources, meaning that for every unit of emissions added by a new or modified stationary source, the entity responsible must offset it by reducing emissions by two units elsewhere. Complying with this regulation would make the process of obtaining permits more expensive and complicated for industries involved due to the additional effort required to demonstrate compliance with the emissions offset requirement. Lastly, there could be a loss of federal highways funds through a moratorium on highway funding issued by the Federal Highway Administration (with exceptions for mass transit and public safety) for the SCAQMD region. Public comment period was open for the proposal to disapprove until April 3rd, 2024. A decision by the U.S. EPA has not been made at this time.

At this Energy, Environment and Natural Resources meeting, Dr. Sarah Rees and Ian MacMillan with the SCAQMD will provide a presentation on U.S. EPA proposed disapproval of the SCAQMD federal ozone standard compliance plan.

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Executive Director

DATE: June 3, 2024

TO: SGVCOG Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee

FROM: South Coast Air Quality Management District

RE: **SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT LIAISON REPORT**

The Public Can Now Receive Email Notifications for Permit Advisories, Updates, and More

To help increase transparency and engagement with owners and operators of permitted facilities and those providing permitting related services to facilities, South Coast AQMD has launched two new email lists. The public can subscribe and receive emails with information on the topics below.

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- Announcements related to permitting at South Coast AQMD, such as the establishment of new email lists for specific industries or equipment
- Permitting advisories that are focused on specific industries or equipment
- Permitting-related news and upcoming meetings
- Certified Permit Professional program updates such as upcoming tests for certification
- Permitting Enhancement Program initiatives

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