



# San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments\*

## NOTICE AND AGENDA OF THE MEETING OF THE ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (EENR) COMMITTEE

Wednesday, October 19, 2022 – 1:00 PM

Zoom Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89958191025>

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Thank you for participating in today's meeting. The EENR Committee encourages public participation and invites you to share your views on agenda items.

**MEETINGS:** *Regular Meetings of the EENR Committee are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 1:00 PM at the Monrovia Community Center, 119 W. Palm Avenue, Monrovia, CA 91016.* The agenda packet is available at the San Gabriel Valley Council of Government's (SGVCOG) Office, 4900 Rivergrade Road, Suite A120, Irwindale, CA, and on the website, [www.sgvkog.org](http://www.sgvkog.org). A copy of the agenda is also viewable at Alhambra City Hall, 111 S 1st St, Alhambra, CA. Copies are available via email upon request ([sgv@sgvcog.org](mailto:sgv@sgvcog.org)). Documents distributed to a majority of the Committee after the posting will be available for review in the SGVCOG office and on the SGVCOG website. Your attendance at this public meeting may result in the recording of your voice.

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

**CONSENT CALENDAR:** Items listed on the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and will be acted upon by one motion. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless a committee member so requests. In this event, the item will be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered after the Consent Calendar.



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**\*MEETING MODIFICATIONS DUE TO THE STATE AND LOCAL EMERGENCY RESULTING FROM THE THREAT OF COVID-19:** AB 361 (Rivas), signed by California Governor Gavin Newsom on September 16, 2021, authorizes local agencies to hold public meetings via teleconferencing and allows for members of the public to observe and address the meeting telephonically or electronically to promote social distancing due to the state and local emergency resulting from the threat of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).

To follow the new provisions in AB 361 and ensure the safety of Committee Members and staff for the purpose of limiting the risk of COVID-19, in-person public participation at the Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee meeting will not be allowed. To allow for public participation, the Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee will conduct its meeting through Zoom Video Communications. To participate in the meeting, download Zoom on any phone or computer device and copy and paste the following link into your browser to access the live meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89958191025>. You may also access the meeting via the livestream link on the front of the agenda page.

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- Written Comments (Email): If you wish to submit written public comments to be distributed to the committee members prior to or during the meeting, please submit these materials via email to SGVCOG Management Analyst, Brianne Logasa, at [blogasa@sgvcog.org](mailto:blogasa@sgvcog.org) at least 1 hour prior to the scheduled meeting time. Please indicate in the Subject Line of the email "FOR PUBLIC COMMENT." Emailed public comments will be read into the record and will be part of the recorded meeting minutes. Written public comments may include, but are not limited to letters, reports, and presentations. While there is no page or word count limit for written comments, the time for reading written public comments into the record will be limited to three minutes, which is the same time allotted for verbal comments.
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## PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Public Comment

## CONSENT CALENDAR *(It is anticipated that the EENR Committee may take action on the following matters)*

4. EENR Meeting Minutes – September 21, 2022 **(Page 4)**  
*Recommended Action: Review and approve.*
5. SGVCOG Capital Projects and Construction Committee, Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee, Executive Committee, Governing Board, Homelessness Committee, Transportation Committee, and Water Committee Special Joint Meeting Minutes – 9/15/2022 **(Page 7)**  
*Recommended Action: Review and approve*
6. Adoption of Resolution 22-12-EENR Enabling the EENR Committee to Continue Holding Meetings via Teleconferencing **(Page 10)**  
*Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution 22-12-EENR making certain findings that the existence of a local and state of emergency in California caused by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic continues to directly impact the ability of the SGVCOG to hold public meetings safely in-person, thereby necessitating an ability to continue holding meetings via teleconference.*

## PRESENTATIONS *(It is anticipated that the EENR Committee may take action on the following matters)*

7. Mount Wilson Express Shuttle – Bryan Matsumoto, Nature for All **(Page 12)**  
*Recommended Action: For information only.*
8. Equitable Community Revitalization Grant – Maryam Tasnif-Abassi, California Department of Toxic Substances Control **(Page 13)**  
*Recommended Action: For information only.*

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9. Clean Power Alliance
10. San Gabriel Mountains Community Collaborative
11. San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District
12. Trust for Public Land
13. San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy
14. Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County
15. Southern California Edison
16. Southern California Gas Company
17. [South Coast Air Quality Management District \(AQMD\)](#)

## STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ADJOURN



**SGVCOG EENR Committee Special Meeting Minutes**

Date: **September 14, 2022**  
Time: 1:00 PM  
Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting

**PRELIMINARY BUSINESS**

1. Call to Order  
J. Stark called the meeting to order at 1:00pm.
2. Roll Call  
**A quorum was not in attendance.**

**Committee Members Present**

Claremont	J. Stark
Duarte	V. Truong
Pasadena	J. Guess
Rosemead	M. Clark
South Pasadena	M. Cacciotti
West Covina	T. Wu

**Absent**

Covina  
Pomona  
San Dimas  
San Gabriel  
Sierra Madre  
Temple City (Ex-officio)

**Guests**

Britney Gallivan, South Coast AQMD  
Helen Shaw, SoCal Gas  
D. Soto, South Coast AQMD  
Rainbow Yeung, South Coast AQMD  
Lauren Augino, Watermaster  
Eric Praske, South Coast AQMD  
Thomas Wong, SGVMWD  
Sang-Mi Lee, Member of the Public  
Michael Krause, South Coast AQMD  
Brian Sheridan, Coalition for Clean Air

**SGVCOG Staff**

B. Logasa, Staff  
N. Ryu, Staff  
S. Wong, Staff

3. Public Comment  
There were no public comments.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

4. EENR Meeting Minutes – August 10, 2022  
*Recommended Action: Review and approve.*
5. EENR Meeting Minutes – August 17, 2022  
*Recommended Action: Review and approve.*
6. Adoption of Resolution 22-11-EENR Enabling the EENR Committee to Continue Holding Meetings via Teleconferencing  
*Action: Adopt Resolution 22-11-EENR making certain findings that the existence of a local and state of emergency in California caused by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic continues to directly impact the ability of the SGVCOG to hold public meetings safely in-person, thereby*

*necessitating an ability to continue holding meetings via teleconference.*

**There was a motion to approve consent calendar items 4-6. (M/S: M. Cacciotti/J. Guess)**

**[Motion Passed]**

<b>AYES:</b>	Claremont, Duarte, Pasadena, Rosemead, South Pasadena
<b>NOES:</b>	
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	
<b>NO VOTE RECORDED:</b>	West Covina
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Covina, Pomona, San Dimas, San Gabriel, Sierra Madre

**PRESENTATIONS**

- 7. Draft 2022 Air Quality Management Plan Overview - Michael Krause, South Coast Air Quality Management District

Michael Krause from the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) provided a brief summary of the draft 2022 Air Quality Management Plan development. The Air Quality Management Plan is a blueprint to improve air quality and achieve federal air quality standards in the South Coast Air Basin and Coachella Valley.

- 8. California Clean Air Day – Brian Sheridan, Coalition for Clean Air

Brian Sheridan from the Coalition for Clean Air presented on this item. The Coalition for Clean Air will be hosting its 5<sup>th</sup> Annual California Clean Air Day on October 5, 2022. California Clean Air Day is built on the idea that shared experiences unite people to action to improve our community health. By joining together for a unified day of action, California Clean Air Day encourages others to create new habits to clear the air for all members of California’s diverse communities.

**There was a motion for SGVCOG EENR Committee to pledge to support Clean Air Day . (M/S: J. Stark/M. Cacciotti)**

**[Motion Passed]**

<b>AYES:</b>	Claremont, Duarte, Pasadena, Rosemead, South Pasadena, West Covina
<b>NOES:</b>	
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	
<b>NO VOTE RECORDED:</b>	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Covina, Pomona, San Dimas, San Gabriel, Sierra Madre

**LIAISON REPORTS**

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**17. [South Coast Air Quality Management District \(AQMD\)](#)**

**STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**6. Committee Meeting Schedule**

SGVCOG staff announced that the Committee will reconvene on Wednesday, October 19, 2022 at 1:00pm.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no additional announcements.

**ADJOURN**

J. Stark adjourned the Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee meeting at 1:55pm.

Special Joint Meeting of the Capital Projects and Construction Committee, Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee, Executive Committee, Governing Board, Homelessness Committee, Transportation Committee, and Water Committee

September 15, 2022  
4:00 PM



**SGVCOG Capital Projects and Construction Committee, Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee, Executive Committee, Governing Board, Homelessness Committee, Transportation Committee, and Water Committee**

**Unapproved Special Joint Meeting Minutes**

Date: September 15, 2022  
Time: 4:00 PM  
Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting

**PRELIMINARY BUSINESS**

**1. Call to Order**

SGVCOG President, Becky Shevlin, called the Joint Capital Projects and Construction Committee, Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee, Executive Committee, Governing Board, Homelessness Committee, Transportation Committee, and Water Committee to order at 4:04 pm. A quorum was in attendance.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Glendora Councilmember, Michael Allawos, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Roll Call**

**A quorum for the Capital Projects and Construction Committee, Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee, Executive Committee, Governing Board, Homelessness Committee, Transportation Committee, and Water Committee was in attendance.**

**Committee Members Present**

Alhambra	A. Andrade-Stadler
Arcadia	A. Verlato
Azusa	R. Gonzales
Claremont	E. Reece
Diamond Bar	N. Lyons
Glendora	M. Allawos
Industry	C. Moss
Irwindale	A. Ambriz
La Cañada Flintridge	R. Gunter
La Puente	G. Quiñones
La Verne	T. Hepburn
Monrovia	B. Shevlin
Montebello	S. Peralta
Pasadena	V. Gordo
Pomona	T. Sandoval
Rosemead	S. Dang
San Gabriel	T. Ding
San Marino	S. Jakubowski

**Absent**

Baldwin Park  
Bradbury  
Covina  
Duarte  
El Monte  
Monterey Park  
San Dimas  
Sierra Madre  
Temple City

**SGVCOG Staff**

M. Creter, Executive Director  
C. Trapesonian, General Counsel  
T. Egan, Legislative Counsel  
B. Acevedo, SGVRHT  
B. Logasa, Staff  
C. Sims, Staff  
K. Ward, Staff

Special Joint Meeting of the Capital Projects and Construction Committee, Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee, Executive Committee, Governing Board, Homelessness Committee, Transportation Committee, and Water Committee

September 15, 2022  
4:00 PM

South El Monte	G. Olmos	M. Sharkey, Staff
South Pasadena	M. Cacciotti	N. Ryu, Staff
Walnut	N. Tragarz	R. Alimoren, Staff
West Covina	T. Wu	Ri. Choi, Staff
L.A. County District #1	E. Gonzalez	Ro. Choi, Staff
L.A. County District #5	V. Paul	S. Pedersen, Staff
SGV Water Districts	C. Goytia	S. Hernandez, Staff
		S. Sousa, Staff
		S. Wong, Staff
		T. Lott, Staff
		V. Guerra, Staff
		V. Urenia, Staff

4. Public Comment  
There were no public comments provided.

**JOINT MEETING BUSINESS/ACTION ITEM**

5. Adopt Joint Resolution 22-46 of the Capital Projects and Construction Committee, Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee, Executive Committee, Governing Board, Homelessness Committee, Transportation Committee, and Water Committee Making Findings to Enable Them to Continue to Hold Meetings Via Teleconferencing

**There was a motion to adopt Joint Resolution 22-46 making certain findings that the existence of a local and state of emergency in California exists, that social distancing being mandated or recommended by state or local officials due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and that meeting in person presents an imminent risk to the health and safety of attendees.**

**(M/S: C. Moss/G. Olmos) [Motion Passed]**

<b>AYES:</b>	Alhambra, Arcadia, Azusa, Claremont, Diamond Bar, Glendora, Industry, Irwindale, La Cañada Flintridge, La Puente, La Verne, Monrovia, Pomona, Rosemead, San Gabriel, San Marino, South El Monte, South Pasadena, Walnut, West Covina, L.A. County District #1, L.A. County District #5, SGV Water Districts
<b>NOES:</b>	
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	
<b>NO VOTE RECORDED:</b>	Pasadena, Montebello
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Baldwin Park, Bradbury, Covina, Duarte, El Monte, Monterey Park, San Dimas, Sierra Madre, Temple City

**ADJOURN JOINT MEETING**

SGVCOG President, Becky Shevlin, adjourned the Joint Capital Projects and Construction Committee, Executive Committee, and Governing Board Meeting at 4:14 pm.



Special Joint Meeting of the Capital Projects and Construction Committee, Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee, Executive Committee, Governing Board, Homelessness Committee, Transportation Committee, and Water Committee

September 15, 2022

4:00 PM

**BOARD APPROVED**

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Date

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Marisa Creter, Secretary

DATE: October 19, 2022

TO: Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources (EENR) Committee

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 22-12-EENR ENABLING THE EENR COMMITTEE TO CONTINUE HOLDING MEETINGS VIA TELECONFERENCING**

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Adopt Resolution 22-12-EENR making certain findings that the existence of a local and state of emergency in California caused by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic continues to directly impact the ability of the SGVCOG to hold public meetings safely in-person, thereby necessitating an ability to continue holding meetings via teleconferencing.

## **BACKGROUND**

Introduced by Assemblymember Robert Rivas (D-Hollister) on February 1, 2021, AB 361 codifies portions of Governor Gavin Newsom's existing Ralph M. Brown Act exemptions pertaining to teleconferencing if a local agency issues an emergency finding, and reissues it every 30 days, that it is unsafe to meet in person. Specifically, the Brown Act exemptions include requirements to provide a public teleconference location, to maintain a member quorum within the agency's jurisdiction and to provide for public comment at each teleconference location, such as a private residence. The legislation expires in December 2024. On September 16, 2021, California Governor Gavin Newsom signed AB 361 into law, effective immediately.

A local agency wishing to rely on the provisions of AB 361 must meet one of the following criteria:

1. The local agency holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency, and state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing; or
2. The local holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency for the purpose of determining, by majority vote, whether as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees; or
3. The local agency holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency and has determined, by majority vote, that, as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.

On March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency in California due to the threat of COVID-19 and shortly thereafter issued Executive Order N-29-20 suspending certain Brown Act provisions relating to teleconferencing as public meetings began to be held online.<sup>1</sup>


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<sup>1</sup> Similarly, on March 4, 2020, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and Los Angeles County Health Officer declared a local and health emergency due to the threat of COVID-19.

However, this Executive Order expired on September 30, 2021, despite the State of Emergency remaining in place.

The threat that COVID-19 has presented continues to directly impact the ability of the SGVCOG to conduct Governing Board/committee meetings safely in person. Updated guidelines issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health in July and August 2021 advise governmental entities to refrain from conducting indoor meetings and consider moving operations outdoors, where feasible, to prevent transmission. SGVCOG staff finds it has been unable to find a suitable outdoor space with the requisite audio/visual capabilities at which the monthly committee meetings can be held safely. Similarly, an indoor space with sufficient capacity to accommodate safe social distance practices among members, staff, and the public could not be identified.

In order to continue to conduct meetings in a safe manner and to prevent unnecessary COVID-19 exposure to members, staff and the public, staff is recommending that the EENR Committee adopts a resolution making certain findings in order to be able to continue teleconferencing for its meetings.

Prepared by:   
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Brianne Logasa  
Management Analyst

Approved by:   
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Marisa Creter  
Executive Director

**ATTACHMENTS**

[Attachment A – Resolution 22-12-EENR](#)

# REPORT

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DATE: October 19, 2022  
TO: Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee  
FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director  
RE: **MOUNT WILSON EXPRESS SHUTTLE**

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

For information only.

## **BACKGROUND**


On August 28, 2022, the San Gabriel Valley based nonprofit Nature for All received a \$995,000 grant from U.S. Representative Judy Chu to begin planning and building the Mount Wilson Express Shuttle, a van or bus service starting from the Metro L (Gold) Line Memorial Park Station in Old Pasadena and connecting to various location in the Angeles National Forest. The Angeles National Forest has been accessible only be car for the last 130 years, since the Mount Lowe Railway shut down in 1936.


Early planning for the Mount Wilson Express Shuttle suggests a potential regular, weekend shuttle that will take passengers up to Angeles National Forest with stops at the Mt. Wilson Observatory, Haramokngna American Indian Culture Center at Red Box, Clear Creek Information Center, and trailheads at Eaton Saddle, Colby Canyon, and Gould Mesa.

The San Gabriel Mountains, the mountain range protected by the Angeles National Forest, make up 70% of Los Angeles County's open space. Currently, the Forest and Mountains can only be reached by private vehicle, creating concerns regarding outdoor accessibility and equity.

Representative Judy Chu also placed a request for an additional \$750,000 in the 2023 House of Representatives appropriations bill to support shuttle operation and maintenance.

At this EENR Committee meeting, Bryan Matsumoto from Nature for All will provide a planning update on the Mount Wilson Express Shuttle as well as share a brief overview of Nature for All's related programming.

Prepared by:   
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Management Analyst

Approved by:   
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Marisa Creter  
Executive Director

DATE: October 19, 2022

TO: Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **EQUITABLE COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION GRANT**

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

For information only.

## **BACKGROUND**

In 2021, Governor Gavin Newsom signed Cleanup In Vulnerable Communities Initiative (CVCI) legislation, allocating \$500 million to expedite the cleanup and beneficial reuse of contaminated properties. Through this initiative, priority is given to properties in historically vulnerable and disadvantaged communities. The Department of Toxic Substances Control's Office of Brownfields Equitable Community Revitalization Grant (ECRG) will provide more than \$250 million in grants to incentivize cleanup and investment in disadvantaged areas of California.

The program gives California communities an opportunity to address harmful brownfield sites and set a new path for land use that will have immediate and lasting benefits, such as recreational uses, commercial enterprises and housing. ECRG funding is available to help California public entities, nonprofit organizations and Tribes to conduct:

- Community-wide assessments
- Environmental investigations
- Environmental cleanups

The first round of the ECRG closed April 2022 and awardees were announced June 2022. The next round of the ECRG will begin late 2022 to early 2023. Round 2 of the ECRG will issue grants ranging from \$80,000 to \$7 million for environmentally-impacted sites ranging from preliminary environmental assessments to clean-up.


Interested individuals can learn more about the ECRG by [clicking here](#).

At this EENR Committee meeting, Maryam Tasnif-Abassi, Brownsfields Development Manager at the California Department of Toxic Substances Control, will provide an overview of the grant process.

# REPORT

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Management Analyst

Approved by:



Marisa Creter  
Executive Director