



**San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments\***  
**AGENDA AND NOTICE OF THE REGULAR**  
**MEETING OF THE ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT, AND NATURAL**  
**RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 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 Monday of each month at 11:00 AM 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](http://www.sgvkog.org). Copies are available via email upon request ([sgv@sgvcog.org](mailto: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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<p><b>City of Covina</b> 125 E. College Street Covina, CA 91723</p>
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- **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](mailto: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.
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**PRELIMINARY BUSINESS** **5 MINUTES**

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

**CONSENT CALENDAR** **2 MINUTES**

5. Review October EENR Committee Meeting Minutes (**Page 1**)  
*Recommended Action: Review and approve.*

**ACTION ITEM** **30 MINUTES**

6. FY2025 – FY2026 Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee Legislative Platform (**Page 4**)  
*Recommended Action: Recommend the Governing Board adopt a resolution approving the FY 2025 - FY 2026 EENR Committee Legislative Platform.*

**PRESENTATION ITEMS** **30 MINUTES**

7. Los Angeles County Heat Action Plan Update: Alison Frazzini, Policy Director, Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office (CSO) (**Page 10**)  
*Recommended Action: For information only.*
8. CA Waste Regulations Update: Krystal Raynes, Policy Associate, Californians Against Waste (**Page 11**)  
*Recommended Action: For information only.*

**UPDATE ITEM** **5 MINUTES**

9. Water Working Group Chair Report

**LIAISON REPORTS** **5 MINUTES**

10. [Clean Power Alliance](#)
11. San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy
12. San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District
13. Southern California Edison
14. Southern California Gas Company
15. South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) (**Page 13**)

**STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS** **5 MINUTES**

**ADJOURN**



**SGVCOG EENR Committee Meeting Minutes**

Date: October 7, 2024

Time: 11:00 AM

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

**PRELIMINARY BUSINESS**

**1. Call to Order**

V. Truong called the meeting to order at 11:02 AM.

**2. Roll Call**

**A quorum was in attendance.**

**Committee Members Present**

Covina	M. Flores Jr.
Duarte	V. Truong
Glendora	M. Allawos
Pasadena	J. Guess
Pomona	J. Carver
Rosemead	M. Clark
South Pasadena	M. Cacciotti
TVMWD	C. Goytia

**Absent**

Claremont  
Diamond Bar  
Monrovia  
San Gabriel

**Guests**

Eric Thronson, Townsend Public  
Affairs (TPA)  
Bryan Matsumoto, Nature for All  
Jane Tsong, Watershed Conservation  
Authority (WCA)  
Emily Montiel, Alhambra  
Gerald Greene, CWE  
Jake Stotz, LACSD  
Alison MacCarley, RMC  
T. Love, USGVMWD  
Brittany Jasso, Monrovia  
Kirk Howie, TVMWD  
Anthony Ortega, Pomona  
Lauren Augino, Watermaster  
Jessica Alvarenga, SoCalGas  
Jeannie J. Kong, SoCalGas  
Alicia Lizarraga, AQMD  
Airon Tee, LA County

**SGVCOG Staff**

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R. Alimoren  
D. Wankwe

**3. Public Comment**

There were no public comments at this meeting.

4. Changes to the Agenda Order  
Item number 8 was moved to be the first presentation.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

5. Review EENR Meeting Minutes

**There was a motion to approve consent calendar. (M/S: Glendora, Pasadena)**

**[Motion Passed]**

<b>AYES:</b>	Covina, Duarte, Glendora, Pasadena, Pomona
<b>NOES:</b>	
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	
<b>NO VOTE RECORDED:</b>	South Pasadena, TVMWD
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Claremont, Diamond Bar, Monrovia, Rosemead, San Gabriel

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

6. Proposition 4  
E. Thronson, Director at Townsend Public Affairs (TPA), provided an update on this item.

**PRESENTATION ITEMS**

7. Mt. Wilson Express Transit to Trails  
B. Matsumoto, Project Manager at Nature for All, presented on this item.
8. Watershed Health Restoration Opportunities in the SGV Update  
J. Tsong, Principal Project Manager at Watershed Conservation Authority, presented on this item.

**UPDATE ITEM**

9. Water Working Group Chair Report  
A. Tachiki provided an update on this item.
10. Water Supply Update  
T. Love provided an update on this item.

**LIAISON REPORTS**

11. Clean Power Alliance
12. San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy
13. San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District
14. Southern California Gas Company  
J. Kong provided an update.
15. South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD)  
M. Cacciotti provided an update.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

SGVCOG Principal Management Analyst, M. Bolger, announced that the SGVCOG's 30th anniversary celebration will be held on October 30, 2024, from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the SGVCOG Monrovia office.

**ADJOURN**

Vice Chair V. Truong adjourned the Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee meeting at 12:49 PM.

# REPORT

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DATE: November 4, 2024

TO: Energy, Environment & Natural Resources Committee

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **FY2025 - FY2026 ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM**

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Recommend the Governing Board adopt a resolution approving the FY2025 - FY2026 Energy, Environment & Natural Resources Committee Legislative Platform.

## **BACKGROUND**

Historically, the SGVCOG Governing Board has adopted various legislative priorities on an annual basis. The purpose of the legislative priorities has been to outline the position of the Governing Board on priority issues and matters that impact the San Gabriel Valley. These legislative priorities were developed based on feedback and input from the SGVCOG policy committees and aim to address several regulatory, funding, and structural challenges faced by San Gabriel Valley member agencies. This year, staff are recommending some key changes to the legislative priorities, now collectively referenced as the Legislative Platform, as outlined below.

First, staff recommend that the FY 2025 – FY 2026 Legislative Platform be simplified and reorganized as a set of guiding principles. The Platform will help lay out the SGVCOG’s general priorities and give staff direction on topics to monitor throughout each legislative session. In keeping with current practice, staff will monitor state and federal legislation and bring key bills to the relevant Policy Committee for their review and recommendation to the Governing Board. Should the relevant Policy Committee recommend a position, the Governing Board will then act to approve or amend the position. This action will include authorization for the Executive Director to advocate for the position including through direct discussion with legislators and staff, letters, testimony, and other means. When responding to state and federal legislative proposals via letter, staff will prepare language that clearly articulates the COG’s stance. These letters express one of the following positions: support, support if amended, concerns, oppose, oppose unless amended, neutral, or watch. Given that a formal SGVCOG bill position still requires vetting by the relevant Committee and approval by the Governing Board, the simplification of the Platform will allow for a more straightforward process. In previous iterations of the Platform, some sections went into very minute detail about specific funding sources, programs, projects, and collaborating organizations. This creates confusion and unnecessary complexity in cases where new funding sources, programs, projects, or collaborating organizations arise that merit SGVCOG’s attention.

Second, staff recommend that the FY 2025 – FY 2026 Legislative Platform be designed to cover the two-year period of the upcoming legislative cycle. This will allow for consistency during the full cycle and avoid any potential conflicts, particularly regarding “two-year” state bills that may not receive a final vote until the end of the two-year legislative cycle.

## **Purpose Statement**

*The FY2025 – FY2026 Legislative Platform document establishes the framework for the San Gabriel Valley Council of Government’s (SGVCOG) Legislative Program. Adopted biennially to coincide with the two-year legislative session cycle, this framework serves as a reference guide for legislative positions and objectives that direct the efforts of COG staff throughout the year. It represents the collective values and goals of SGVCOG and its member agencies, forming the foundation of a strategic and targeted advocacy strategy.*

## **How to Use the Legislative Platform**

The primary purpose of the Legislative Platform document is to outline SGVCOG's key legislative objectives, guiding its advocacy efforts at both the state and federal levels. The document encompasses broad policy statements on a range of issues that impact SGVCOG, providing clear direction for addressing these matters. The Platform is organized by the Policy Committee of jurisdiction on each topic and will be approved in its parts by each Policy Committee.

The Energy, Environment & Natural Resources Committee Legislative Platform is denoted below in blue. The Platform retains the same topics and issue areas that were previously under the EENR Committee’s jurisdiction. These include *Air Quality, Energy Funding, Regulation & Incentives, Waste Management, Water Management, Wildfire Preparedness, and Wildlife & Open Space*. There have been two changes to topics included in this issue area: *Compliance with State Regulations* has been included in the Government Administration issue area, and *Electric Vehicles, Fleets, and Charging*, was added to the Transportation Committee’s jurisdiction as staff believe that it fits better under the Transportation Committee’s purview. As described above, the Platform represents an abbreviated version of the legislative priorities from last year. By way of example, please see the changes that have been made to the Project Funding section:



## Last Year's Legislative Priorities:

### *Project Funding*

- Funding for federal and state funding programs that are advantageous to SGVCOG or its member agencies. This may include but is not limited to programs that support goods movement capacity, driver, pedestrian, and cyclist road safety, the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, and the delivery of key resources to residents, businesses, and municipalities.
  - Pursue federal funding for transportation and capital projects under SGVCOG's project management. This may include but is not limited to programs funded by the FAST Act, Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021 (IIJA), the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 (IRA).
  - The timely submission of funding requests, grant applications, or specific budget earmarks to ensure San Gabriel Valley transportation and capital projects and programs are timely allocated or awarded Metro-administered funds, state funds, and relevant county-administered funds.
  - Increased funding for state, federal, and local discretionary funding programs that support active transportation and first/last mile improvements in the San Gabriel Valley.
- Legislative language that would make SGVCOG and our member agencies eligible applicants or recipients for funding programs related to the planning, design, engineering, environmental approval, construction, improvement, maintenance, and repair of transportation and goods movement infrastructure.
- Investing in active transportation infrastructure as a component of other state-funded transportation improvement projects recognizing the critical role of walking, biking, and complete streets in connecting the multi-modal transportation system.

## This Year's Legislative Platform:

### *Project Funding*

SGVCOG supports federal and state funding programs that are advantageous to SGVCOG or its member agencies, including the expansion of eligibility criteria for funding programs that could support San Gabriel Valley projects. SGVCOG also supports the creation of new state and federal funding streams for active transportation projects.

## FY 2025 – FY 2026 Legislative Platform

### **Energy, Environment, & Natural Resources Committee**

*SGVCOG supports policies that promotes sustainable policies to improve air quality, advance renewable energy, ensure water security, manage waste responsibly, reduce wildfire risk, and preserve open spaces—building a resilient and healthy future for the San Gabriel Valley.*

#### *Air Quality*

SGVCOG supports enhanced local authority regarding air quality standards and improvements.

#### *Energy Funding, Regulation & Incentives*

SGVCOG supports the promotion of energy efficiency and conservation, renewable energy expansion, and energy affordability. The SGVCOG seeks to advocate for a balanced and

sustainable mix of energy sources that provide reliable and environmentally responsible electricity at competitive rates.

### *Waste Management*

SGVCOG supports sustainable waste management that contributes to a healthier environment for current and future generations.

### *Water Management*

SGVCOG supports state, federal, and local legislative or regulatory solutions in support of water conservation, security, affordability, quality and MS4 permit compliance.

### *Wildfire Preparedness*

SGVCOG supports the reduction of wildfire risk, promotion of wildfire prevention planning, and identification of funding for wildfire programs in the San Gabriel Valley.

### *Wildlife & Open Space*

SGVCOG supports the identification, acquisition, creation, or preservation of and access to open space in the San Gabriel Valley.

## **Executive Committee**

*SGVCOG supports policies that champion smart local leadership and autonomy, lessen the digital divide, and provide housing solutions that keep the San Gabriel Valley thriving.*

### *Government Administration*

SGVCOG supports principles of good governance focused on local decision-making autonomy, commonsense rules for effectively conducting public business, helping local jurisdictions meet state mandates, and the formation and structure of public funding streams that support the delivery of key services. SGVCOG supports efforts to expand and improve regulatory engagement, particularly to provide local jurisdictions with the necessary time, technical support, and resources to meet state or federal requirements.

### *Broadband*

SGVCOG supports state, federal, and local legislative policies and funding that promote adequate broadband coverage in the San Gabriel Valley.

### *Housing*

SGVCOG supports initiatives, legislation, and policies that promote the development of affordable housing to address California's housing crisis, while balancing the right of local jurisdictions to retain decision making power over planning matters. SGVCOG supports more transparency and flexibility in the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) process, pilot programs designed to test innovative housing policies, financial incentives and tax advantages that support the creation of affordable housing, and funding for the San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust.

## **Homelessness Committee**

*SGVCOG champions holistic solutions for homelessness in the San Gabriel Valley, including advocating for supportive housing, mental health resources, and prevention programs, while prioritizing flexible, ongoing local funding solutions, strong regional partnerships, and effective data-driven services that foster dignity and equity across the region.*

### *Programs, Services, and Housing*

SGVCOG supports efforts, funding and partnerships for the implementation of programs that provide comprehensive supports and resources for persons experiencing homelessness in the San Gabriel Valley. This includes support for programs and projects that ensure the health and safety of all residents, including those experiencing homelessness, provide comprehensive support for those who may be facing mental health and/or substance abuse challenges, ensure access to resources, and support the construction and operation of interim and permanent housing units for people experiencing homelessness in the region.

### *Addressing Contributing Factors of Homelessness*

SGVCOG supports strategies and programs that aim to prevent homelessness and minimize chronic homelessness, including those that focus on increasing clients' incomes (e.g. workforce development programs).

### *Funding*

SGVCOG supports County, State and Federal funding opportunities that ensure adequate funding support for existing successful projects and programs and expand effective resources and programs for people experiencing homelessness in the San Gabriel Valley. SGVCOG supports funding decisions that prioritize transparency, accountability and regional equity.

### *Collaboration and Reform*

SGVCOG supports improved partnerships between the County of Los Angeles, SGVCOG, and San Gabriel Valley cities that ensure equitable access to resources and the highest-quality support for people experiencing homelessness in the San Gabriel Valley. Additionally, SGVCOG supports systemic reform, and an improved structure focused on enhanced data gathering, transparent information and data sharing, and effective program and project implementation throughout the homeless services system to better meet the needs of the San Gabriel Valley.

### *Mental Health*

SGVCOG supports legislative policies and funding opportunities that promote mental health wellbeing and support for those living with mental illness including the advocacy and programmatic actions approved at the Governing Board meeting on January 18, 2024. Specifically, SGVCOG supports and advocates for the following:

- Funding for regionally equitable programs, including but not limited to those that provide additional resources, provide housing, and increase bed capacity for those experiencing mental illness and/or substance use disorders in the San Gabriel Valley.
- Legislation that provides funding and resources for mental illness prevention, addressing the root causes of mental illness and support for those experiencing mental health challenges.
- Responsible data collection and transparency for mental health programs and bed availability for facilities that provide mental health services to ensure accountability and effectiveness while minimizing program duplication.

## Transportation Committee

SGVCOG supports policies and programs that facilitate the funding and delivery of key transportation and capital projects in the San Gabriel Valley.

### *Enhanced Transit Service & Operation*

SGVCOG supports the expansion of public transit projects and services, both bus and rail, in the region to reduce congestion, enhance sustainability, and improve mobility options to expand high-quality transit use.

### *Project Funding*

SGVCOG supports federal and state funding programs that are advantageous to SGVCOG or its member agencies, including the expansion of eligibility criteria for funding programs that could support San Gabriel Valley projects. SGVCOG also supports the creation of new state and federal funding streams for active transportation projects.

### *Project Delivery*

SGVCOG supports legislative or regulatory efforts to expedite environmental/permitting approvals and alternative project delivery methods that would facilitate San Gabriel Valley transportation and capital projects and programs.

### *Infrastructure*

SGVCOG supports safeguarding the integrity of existing and future infrastructure with a priority on user safety, sustainability, and protecting long-term capital investments, such as bridges, railways, roads, pedestrian amenities, bus infrastructure, bicycle infrastructure, and water and sewage infrastructure.

### *Electric Vehicles, Fleets, and Charging*

SGVCOG supports infrastructure improvements, policy changes, and funding streams related to meeting state and federal vehicle emissions reduction targets.

This report was prepared by staff from Townsend Public Affairs. TPA Director Eric Thronson and Senior Associate Carly Shelby will present on this item.

Prepared by: *Mackenzie Bolger*  
Mackenzie Bolger  
Principal Management Analyst

Approved by: *Marisa Creter*  
Marisa Creter  
Executive Director

# REPORT

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DATE: November 4, 2024  
TO: Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee  
FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director  
RE: **LOS ANGELES COUNTY HEAT ACTION PLAN UPDATE**

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

For information only.


## **BACKGROUND**

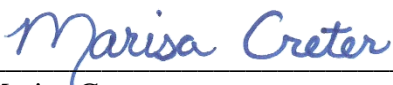
In Summer 2024, the Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office (CSO) launched the development of the County Heat Action Plan (CHAP), a government policy agenda with a goal to ensure health and safety for LA County residents and ecosystems in response to rising temperatures. More information is available on the County CSO website: <https://cso.lacounty.gov/the-plan/cso-current-initiatives/county-heat-action-plan/>.

To date, the CSO implemented two workshops to gather feedback and input from community organizations and regional partners on potential heat resilience strategies. CSO staff will continue to engage with local and regional experts to identify implementation opportunities and resources to support these identified resilience strategies.

Starting in early 2025, the CSO will engage with residents in heat-vulnerable areas throughout Los Angeles County, in collaboration with cities and community organizations to identify community needs, priorities, and potential projects to mitigate heat risks in the community. The CSO will synthesize data from all outreach and engagement and produce the draft CHAP for public comment in Fall 2025.

Alison Frazzini, Policy Director at the Los Angeles County CSO will provide an update on the CHAP and how SGVCOG member agencies can stay informed and provide input on the planning process.

Prepared by:   
Paulina Mejia  
Management Analyst

Approved by:   
Marisa Creter  
Executive Director

# REPORT

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DATE: November 4, 2024

TO: Energy, Environment & Natural Resources Committee

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **CA WASTE REGULATIONS UPDATE**

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

For information only.

## **BACKGROUND**

### **SB 1053 (Blakespear, 2024) Single Use Carryout Bag Ban.**

Legislation signed by the Governor placed new restrictions on the types of bags that may be distributed at the point of sale by most grocery stores, retail stores with a pharmacy, convenience stores, food marts, and liquor stores. The new law, SB 1053 (Blakespear, 2024), will replace the previous law, SB 270, beginning January 1, 2026, and will impose the following changes:

- Beginning January 1, 2026, stores will only be allowed to distribute recycled carryout paper bags to customers at checkout counters, self-checkout kiosks, instore pickup, curbside delivery, and home delivery for a minimum charge of ten cents (\$0.10) per bag.
- Beginning January 1, 2028, recycled paper bags distributed at stores will be required to contain at least 50% postconsumer recycled materials.

### **AB 660 (Irwin, 2024) Date Labeling.**

This bill requires food manufacturers, processors, and retailers responsible for the labeling of food items, beginning July 1, 2026, to use "BEST if Used by" to indicate quality, and "Use by" to indicate safety of a food item, and prohibits the use of the term "sell by." The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) states that except for infant formula which requires a "Use By" date, product dating is not required by federal regulations. Food products often feature phrases next to dates such as "Best By," "Expires On," "Enjoy By," "Best Before," and "Sell By," among others. The meaning of these phrases can be unclear to average consumers as they can indicate a product's peak freshness, when a product is no longer safe for consumption, or, in the case of "Sell By" dates, act as a guide for when retailers should pull products from the shelf. These phrases are often all referred to as "expiration dates," which can lead to consumer confusion.

Krystal Raynes, Policy Associate with Californians Against Waste will provide a presentation on this item.

Prepared by: *Mackenzie Bolger*  
Mackenzie Bolger  
Principal Management Analyst

# REPORT

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Approved by: Marisa Creter  
Marisa Creter  
Executive Director

# REPORT

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DATE: November 4, 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**

## **RESIDENTIAL EV CHARGING INCENTIVE PROGRAM**

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) and the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee ([MSRC](#)) has established a residential Electric Vehicle (EV) charging incentive program to offset Level 2 (240v) EV charger hardware costs. This program will be available to low-income residents within the South Coast AQMD's four-county [jurisdiction](#).

The program will provide an incentive to buy-down the cost of residential chargers, which typically range from \$400-\$800. The program is administered on a first-come, first-served basis and provides up to a \$500 rebate for residents who demonstrate proof of low-income qualification through a utility assistance program (the first page of the utility bill dated within the last 12 months showing CARE or FERA low-income utility rate) or a current CalWORKS or TANF membership card.

### Program Requirements:

- Charger would need to be in place for a minimum of three (3) years and would be considered a permanent, not temporary, installation.
- Only hard-wired installations (no 240V outlets) will qualify for a rebate; applicant would need to obtain any required city or county electrical permits for installation.
- Charger will need to be a new residential Level 2 (240V) charger that is UL listed or certified by an equivalent nationally recognized laboratory.

For additional information or questions, please call us at 833-760-0651 or email us at [evchargingrebate@aqmd.gov](mailto:evchargingrebate@aqmd.gov).

ATTACHMENT A – [FAQ South Coast AQMD Residential EV Charging Incentive Program](#)