

# San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments\*

NOTICE AND AGENDA OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (EENR) COMMITTEE Wednesday, December 15, 2021 – 1:00 PM

Zoom Link: <a href="https://zoom.us/j/93151682000">https://zoom.us/j/93151682000</a> Livestream Link: <a href="https://youtu.be/J9xcGCxKcoo">https://youtu.be/J9xcGCxKcoo</a>

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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 EENR Committee agenda packet is available at the San Gabriel Valley Council of Government's (SGVCOG) Office, 1000 South Fremont Avenue, Suite 10210, Alhambra, CA, and on the website, <a href="www.sgvcog.org">www.sgvcog.org</a>. Copies are available via email upon request (<a href="sgv@sgvcog.org">sgv@sgvcog.org</a>). 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.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Your participation is welcomed and invited at all EENR Committee meetings. Time is reserved at each regular meeting for those who wish to address the Committee. SGVCOG requests that persons addressing the Committee refrain from making personal, slanderous, profane or disruptive remarks.

TO ADDRESS THE EENR COMMITTEE: At a regular meeting, the public may comment on any matter within the jurisdiction of the Committee during the public comment period and may also comment on any agenda item at the time it is discussed. At a special meeting, the public may only comment on items that are on the agenda. Members of the public wishing to speak are asked to complete a comment card or simply rise to be recognized when the Chair asks for public comments to speak. We ask that members of the public state their name for the record and keep their remarks brief. If several persons wish to address the Committee on a single item, the Chair may impose a time limit on individual remarks at the beginning of discussion. The EENR Committee may not discuss or vote on items not listed on the agenda.

**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 or citizen so requests. In this event, the item will be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered after the Consent Calendar. If you would like an item on the Consent Calendar discussed, simply tell Staff or a member of the Committee.



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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 scheduled for December 15, 2021 at 1:00pm 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: <a href="https://zoom.us/j/93151682000">https://zoom.us/j/93151682000</a>. You may also access the meeting via the livestream link on the front of the agenda page.

Instructions for Public Comments: For those wishing to make public comments on agenda and non-agenda items you may submit comments via email or participate by Zoom.

- <u>Email:</u> Please submit via email your public comment to SGVCOG Senior Management Analyst, Alexander Fung, at <u>afung@sgvcog.org</u> 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. Public comment may be summarized in the interest of time, however the full text will be provided to all members of the Committee prior to the meeting.
- **Zoom:** Through Zoom, you may speak by using the web interface "Raise Hand" feature. Wait to be called upon by staff, and then you may provide verbal comments for up to 3 minutes. Public comment is taken at the beginning of the meeting for items not on the agenda. Public comment is also accepted at the beginning of each agenda item.

Any member of the public requiring reasonable accommodation to participate in this meeting should contact SGVCOG Senior Management Analyst, Alexander Fung, at least 48 hours prior to the meeting at (626) 457-1800 or at afung@sgvcog.org.

# PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

- **1.** Call to Order
- 2. Roll Call
- **3.** Public Comment (*If necessary, the Chair may place reasonable time limits on all comments*)
- **4.** Changes to Agenda Order: Identify emergency items arising after agenda posting and requiring action prior to next regular meeting.

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

5. Adoption of Resolution 21-03-EENR Enabling the EENR Committee to Continue Holding Meetings via Teleconferencing (Page 1)

Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution 21-03-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.

6. EENR Meeting Minutes – November 17, 2021 (Page 3) *Recommended Action: Review and approve.* 

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

7. Regional Recycled Water Program – Rupam Soni, Community Relations Team Manager, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Page 7)

Recommended Action: For information only.

## LIAISON REPORTS

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

#### STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

**17.** Committee Meeting Schedule *Recommended Action: For information only.* 

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **ADJOURN**

# REPORT

DATE: December 15, 2021

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

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 21-03-EENR ENABLING THE EENR

COMMITTEE TO CONTINUE HOLDING MEETINGS VIA

**TELECONFERENCING** 

# RECOMMENDED ACTION

Adopt Resolution 21-03-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>

<sup>&</sup>lt;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 Resolution 21-03-EENR making certain findings in order to be able to continue teleconferencing for its meetings.

Prepared by:

Alexander 🏻 Fung

Senior Management Analyst

Approved by:

Marisa Creter Executive Director

**ATTACHMENTS** 

Attachment A – Resolution 21-03-EENR





# **SGVCOG EENR Committee Regular Meeting Minutes**

Date: November 17, 2021

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting

## PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

D. Bertone called the meeting to order at 1:01pm.

**2.** Roll Call

A quorum was in attendance.

<b>Committee Members Present</b>		<u>Absent</u>
Claremont	J. Stark	El Monte
Covina	S. Gallant	San Gabriel
Duarte	V. Truong	Sierra Madre
Pasadena	J. Guess	Temple City (Ex-officio)
Pomona	J. Carver	
Rosemead	M. Clark	
San Dimas	D. Bertone	
West Covina	T. Wu	

GuestsSGVCOG StaffCalRecycleC. MorganA. Fung, StaffCalRecycleJ. WallinM. Sharkey, Staff

CalRecycle M. Gomez CalRecycle P. Nunez CalRecycle W. Dunlap City of Alhambra J. Eigirdas City of Alhambra K. Martel City of Alhambra P. Garcia City of San Gabriel C. Hernandez City of Sierra Madre J. Carlson City of South Pasadena A. Kasparian L. Augino **MSGB** Watermaster **RMC** B. Crossman SoCalGas H. Shaw

## **3.** Public Comment

There were no public comments.

**4.** Changes to Agenda Order

There were no changes to the agenda.

# **CONSENT CALENDAR**

**5.** Adoption of Resolution 21-02-EENR Enabling the EENR Committee to Continue Holding Meetings via Teleconferencing

Action: Adopt Resolution 21-02-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.

6. EENR Meeting Minutes – October 20, 2021

Action: Review and approve.

# There was a motion to approve consent calendar items 5-6. (M/S: T. Wu/V. Truong) [Motion Passed]

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AYES:	Claremont,	Covina,	Duarte,	Pasadena,	Pomona,	Rosemead,	San
	Dimas, Wes	st Covina					
NOES:							
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>							
NO VOTE							
<b>RECORDED:</b>							
ABSENT:	El Monte, S	an Gabrie	el, Sierra	Madre			

## **ACTION ITEMS**

 2022 SGVCOG EENR Legislative Priorities SGVCOG Senior Management Analyst, Alexander Fung, provided a presentation on this item.

There was a motion to recommend the Governing Board to adopt the 2022 SGVCOG EENR Legislative Priorities with the following modifications and additions:

- Adding "Support expansion of electric vehicle charging stations."
- Revising "Support community choice aggregation (CCA)" to "Inform the cities and agencies about the choice and opportunities of community choice aggregation (CCA)."
- Revising "Plan for growth by incentivizing compact development in some areas that in turn prevent open space development in other areas" to "Plan for growth by incentivizing compact development in some areas to protect open space."
- Adding "Encourage finding new uses for recycled plastics and encourage the reduction of plastic usage altogether."
- Adding "Advocate for increased infrastructure to support expansion of municipal composting capacity as per SB 1383 (Lara, 2016)."
- Adding "Support the continuation of incentives for rooftop solar panel installations."

(M/S: J. Stark/M. Clark)

# **Unapproved Minutes**

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

# **8.** Strategic Plan Update

SGVCOG Senior Management Analyst, Alexander Fung, provided a presentation on this item.

# There was a motion to recommend the Governing Board to adopt the EENR-related items in the 2022 Strategic Plan Update. (M/S: J. Stark/J. Carver)

[Motion Passed]

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

#### **PRESENTATION**

**9.** SB 619's Implications on SB 1383 Compliance CalRecycle Local Assistance and Market Development Branch Chief, Cara Morgan, provided a presentation on this item.

# **UPDATE ITEM**

**10.** SGVCOG Wildfire Adaptation and Prevention Efforts SGVCOG Senior Management Analyst, Alexander Fung, provided updates on this item.

# LIAISON REPORTS

No verbal report was given unless otherwise noted.

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

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no additional announcements.

# **ADJOURN**

D. Bertone adjourned the Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee meeting at 2:12pm.

# REPORT

DATE: December 15, 2021

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

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: REGIONAL RECYCLED WATER PROGRAM

# RECOMMENDED ACTION

For information only.

# **BACKGROUND**

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) is currently partnering with the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County to develop a Regional Recycled Water Program (RRWP). The Program will purify wastewater to produce high-quality water that could be used again. Once completed, the RRWP can become one of the largest advanced water treatment plants in the world.

The process begins with wastewater discharged from homes, businesses, and industrial facilities in Los Angeles County. After being cleaned and treated at Sanitation Districts' Joint Water Pollution Control Plant, the wastewater flows to an advanced water treatment plant that is operated by MWD, where it is further purified. The water then subsequently replenishes groundwater basins and is eventually pumped up, disinfected, and used again.

The RRWP supports Southern California to produce a drought-proof source of water, meets the needs of the region's growing economy and population at a cost comparable to other local water resources, recycles the region's untapped source of wastewater, and prepares the region for the event of catastrophic earthquakes by increasing local water supplies. Based on current estimates, the capital costs for the Program are \$3.4 billion, with the annual operations and maintenance costs estimated at \$129 million.

Last year, the MWD Board of Directors approved the Program's environmental phase services and amended the agreement with the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County to launch the project. RRWP began its environmental planning phase this year and the design and construction phase will begin in 2024. It is expected that this program will be fully operational as early as 2032.

MWD Community Relations Team Manager, Rupam Soni, will provide a detailed presentation on this item.

Prepared by:

Alexander P. Fung

Senior Management Analyst



Approved by: Marisa Creter

Marisa Creter Executive Director



# Save the Date for the 9th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service Event

South Coast AQMD's 9th annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service will be held at the California Science Center on Saturday, January 15, 2022 in a hybrid format.

This year's theme "Living, Dreaming, Believing in a Clean Air Future" invites guests to reflect on the life and legacy of Dr. King and learn about the civil rights to living in a healthy environment and breathing clean air. The program will include a keynote speaker, entertainment and networking with community-based partner organizations and agencies. Lunch will be provided for onsite attendees.

# What's Ahead for South Coast AQMD in 2022

As 2021 comes to a close, there is much to look forward to in the year ahead. Here is what to expect in 2022:

**Special Public Events**: The 9th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service will take place January 15, 2021, followed by the 8th Annual Cesar Chavez Day of Remembrance in late-March. Additional information coming soon.

**2022** Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP): South Coast AQMD will complete development of the 2022 AQMP to demonstrate how the region will attain the 2015 federal ozone standard by 2037. There are working groups for:

- 2022 AQMP Residential and Commercial Buildings Working Group
- 2022 AQMP Mobile Source Working Groups

**Indirect Source Rule (ISR)**: The first compliance year for the Warehouse ISR begins January 1, 2022 for the largest warehouses (>250,000 square feet).

**RECLAIM (REgional CLean Air Incentives Market) Program**: South Coast AQMD will complete rule development for the RECLAIM transition which includes:

- Rule development for remaining landing rules
- Regulation XIII New Source Review
- Regulation XX RECLAIM

**AB 617 Community Emissions Reduction Plans (CERPs)**: The development of the South Los Angeles CERP is under development and will be submitted to the Governing Board for adoption. South Coast AQMD will continue implementing CERPs for the communities of:

- Eastern Coachella Valley
- East Los Angeles, West Commerce, Boyle Heights
- San Bernardino, Muscoy
- Southeast Los Angeles
- Wilmington, Carson, West Long Beach

# Be Green in the New Year!



# **2022 Compliance Deadlines**

The following is a reminder of upcoming South Coast AQMD compliance deadlines. New rules and regulations may be adopted, and current rules may be amended or rescinded throughout the year. Such decisions may impact your business. For the most current rule information, check <u>South Coast AQMD's Rule Book</u> or call 1-800-CUT-SMOG. For more information, see the South Coast AQMD Rules at the links provided below.

#### Rule 1100 - Implementation Schedules for NOX Facilities

Rule 1100 establishes an Implementation schedule for RECLAIM and former RECLAIM facilities that are

transitioning to a command-and-control regulatory structure. All permit applications and documentation for engines in the approved Facility-Wide Engine Modernization Compliance Plan must be submitted by July 1, 2022, for a time extension to the Facility-Wide Engine Modernization Compliance Plan. A RECLAIM or former RECLAIM facility with any Rule 1146 or Rule 1146.1 unit shall meet the applicable NOx concentration limit of 100% of the rule by January 1, 2022.

# Rule 1110.2 – Emissions from Gaseous and Liquid Fueled Engines

MM PRIMA DESHECHA ENERGY, LLC, or its successors, shall not be required to meet the emissions requirements if they submit a detailed retirement plan that is approved by the Executive Officer for the permanent shutdown of all equipment subject to Rule 1110.2 by October 1, 2022.

# Rule 1111 - Reduction of NOx Emissions from Natural Gas Fired, Fan-Type Furnaces

From October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022, a manufacturer, distributor, or installer that manufactures, supplies, sells, offers for sale, or installs a natural gas furnace certified to meet 40 ng/J of NOx as part of a dual fuel system at or above 4,200 feet above sea level, shall only install such a unit that meets requirements specified in the rule.

#### Rule 1134 – Emissions of Oxides of Nitrogen from Stationary Gas Turbines

Owners or operators of a stationary gas turbine shall apply for a permit to construct or change of permit conditions by July 1, 2022. Low-use exemption applications requesting the change of permit conditions must be submitted by July 1, 2022.

## Rule 1135 - Emissions of Oxides of Nitrogen from Electricity Generating Facilities

The owner or operator of an electricity generating facility located on Santa Catalina Island with diesel internal combustion engines that elects to meet a mass emission limit of 13 tons of NOx annually by January 1, 2026 in lieu of complying with the emission limits must submit a written compliance plan by January 1, 2022. On or before July 1, 2022, the owner or operator of an electricity generating facility shall apply for a change of permit conditions to reconcile their permits with Rule 1135, including for a low-use exemption for a gas turbine or boiler.

# <u>Rule 1146</u> - Emissions of NOx from Industrial, Institutional and Commercial Boilers, Steam Generators and Process Heaters

Thermal fluid heaters at non-RECLAIM facilities with a NOx emission limit greater than 20 ppm shall meet the applicable NOx emission limit for thermal fluid heaters by January 1, 2022.

## Rule 1147.1 – NOx Emissions from Aggregate Dryers

An owner or operator of an aggregate dryer at a non-RECLAIM, RECLAIM, or former RECLAIM facility without a South Coast AQMD permit that limits NOx emissions to 40 ppm or less at 3% oxygen, dry, established by July 1, 2022 shall: For a burner that is 12 years of age or older, beginning January 1, 2022, submit a permit application to meet the NOx and CO limits specified in the rule, and by no later than the compliance date specified, not operate the aggregate dryer such that the concentration limits are exceeded.

# Rule 1407.1 – Control of Toxic Air Contaminant Emissions from Chromium Alloy Melting Operations

On or before January 1, 2022, an owner or operator of a chromium alloy melting facility shall submit: an application for a change in permit conditions and emission control devices; a permit application for devices installed before January 8, 2021 that previously did not require a written permit; and permit applications to construct new or modify emission control devices. On and after January 1, 2022, a facility shall not utilize a weather cap that restricts the flow of exhaust air for any vertical, and, if the building contains openings to the exterior that are on opposite ends where air can pass through where chromium alloy melting operations occur, the openings shall be closed.

# <u>Rule 1469</u> – Hexavalent Chromium Emissions from Chromium Electroplating and Chromic Acid Anodizing Operations

On or before July 1, 2022, phase-out the use of hexavalent chromium in the chromium electroplating or chromic acid anodizing tanks that use a wetting agent chemical fume suppressant. An owner or operator that fails to phase out the use of hexavalent chromium by July 1, 2022 will be required to cease operation of a tank until emission limits are met for the tank.

#### Rule 1469.1 - Spraying Operations Using Coatings Containing Chromium

This rule applies to facilities that spray chromate coatings. Multiple provisions of Rule 1469.1 take effect on January 1, 2022. Please review the rule.