



AGENDA ITEM 1

REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
November 6, 2025

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2025**

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE (EEC). A DIGITAL RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE AT: <http://scag.iqm2.com/Citizens/>.

The Energy and Environment Committee (EEC) of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) held its regular meeting both in person and virtually (telephonically and electronically). A quorum was present.

Members Present

Hon. Rick Denison (Chair)	<i>Yucca Valley</i>	District 11
Hon. Daniel Ramos (Vice Chair)	<i>Adelanto</i>	District 65
Hon. Daniel Brotman	<i>Glendale</i>	District 42
Hon. Martha Cardenas-Singh		Imperial County
Hon. Ned Davis	<i>Westlake Village</i>	LVMCOG
Hon. Margaret Clark	<i>Rosemead</i>	SGVCOG
Hon. Jenny Crosswhite	<i>Santa Paula</i>	District 47
Hon. Carmen Hernandez	<i>Barstow</i>	SBCTA
Hon. Shari Horne	<i>Laguna Woods</i>	OCCOG
Hon. Britt Huff	<i>Rolling Hills Estates</i>	SBCCOG
Hon. Joe Kalmick	<i>Seal Beach</i>	District 20
Hon. Elaine Litster	<i>Simi Valley</i>	VCOG
Hon. Vianey Lopez		Ventura County
Hon. Yasmine-Imani McMorrin	<i>Culver City</i>	WCCOG
Hon. Jennifer Stark	<i>Claremont</i>	SGVCOG
Hon. Tamala Takahashi	<i>Burbank</i>	SFVCOG
Hon. Connor Traut	<i>Buena Park</i>	OCCOG
Hon. Stephanie Virgen	<i>Coachella</i>	CVAG
Hon. Dale Welty	<i>Canyon Lake</i>	WRCOG

Members Not Present

Hon. Ana Beltran	<i>Westmoreland</i>	ICTC
Hon. Art Bishop	<i>Town of Apple Valley</i>	SBCTA

Hon. Robert Copeland	<i>Signal Hill</i>	GCCOG
Hon. Brian Johsz	<i>Chino Hills</i>	SBCTA
Hon. Steven Leash	<i>Cahuilla Band of Indians</i>	
Hon. Patricia Lock Dawson	<i>Riverside</i>	District 68
Hon. Cory Moss	<i>City of Industry</i>	Pres. Appt
Hon. Jeannette Sanchez-Palacios	<i>Ventura</i>	VCOG
Hon. Suely Saro	<i>Long Beach</i>	District 29
Hon. Patty Senecal	<i>Seal Beach</i>	OCCOG
Hon. Ali Taj	<i>Artesia</i>	Pres. Appt

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Denison called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and 2nd Vice President Jenny Crosswhite, Santa Paula, District 47, led the Pledge of Allegiance. Staff confirmed a quorum was present.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Chair Denison opened the public comment period and noted that this was the time for members of the public to offer comment on matters that are within SCAG's jurisdiction but are not listed on the agenda.

Chair Denison asked if any comments were received after the deadline. SCAG staff acknowledged there were no public comments received after the 5:00 p.m. deadline on September 3, 2025.

Seeing no public comment, Chair Denison closed the public comment period for matters not listed on the agenda.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no requests to prioritize agenda items.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval Items

1. Minutes of the Meeting – June 5, 2025

Receive and File

2. Status Update on Transportation Conformity Challenges in SCAG Region

A MOTION was made (Kalmick) to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion was SECONDED (Clark) and passed by the following votes:

AYES: Cardenas-Singh, Clark, Crosswhite, Davis, Denison, Hernandez, Horne, Kalmick, McMorris, Ramos, Traut, Virgen and Welty (13)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

ACTION ITEM

3. Connect SoCal 2050: Subregional Sustainable Communities Strategy Framework and Guidelines

There were no public comments on item 3.

Camille Guiriba, Senior Regional Planner, provided an overview of Senate Bill 375 provisions for subregions. She stated that SCS must: (1) forecast for future population, employment, and housing; (2) include GHG reduction strategies; (3) be developed in consultation with key stakeholders and the public; and (4) report performance measures. She discussed the workflow of subregional delegation and next steps. Lastly, she provided a draft overview of Connect SoCal Preliminary Milestones.

A MOTION was made (Kalmick) that the Regional Council adopt the Subregional Sustainable Communities Strategy Framework and Guidelines for use in the development of the 2028-2050 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS). Motion was SECONDED (Clark) and passed by the following votes:

AYES: Cardenas-Singh, Clark, Crosswhite, Davis, Denison, Hernandez, Horne, Kalmick, Lopez, McMorris, Ramos, Takahashi, Traut, Virgen and Welty (15)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

INFORMATION ITEMS

4. Energy and Environment Committee Outlook and Future Agenda Items

There were no public comments on item 4.

Ryan Wolfe, Manager of Sustainable and Resilient Development, provided a brief overview of SCAG's policy committees and discussed the EEC's anticipated major actions and information items for FY2026.

The comprehensive staff report was included in the agenda packet and posted on the SCAG website. The meeting video is also available on the SCAG website.

5. Innovative Clean Transit Regional Assessment Study Introduction

There were no public comments on item 5.

Priscilla Freduah-Agyemang, Senior Regional Planner, provided an overview of the Innovative Clean Transit (ICT) Regulation and stated it had two primary requirements: (1) Transit agencies to publish a ZEB rollout plan; and (2) ZEB purchase requirements for transit agencies of different sizes by year. She indicated that Connect SoCal 2024 included plans to support investment in transit assets and the mobility goal of building and maintaining an integrated multimodal transportation network. She stated that SCAG had completed a Clean Energy Compendium in September 2023, which had looked at zero and near zero emission transportation technologies. She discussed the innovative clean transit regional assessment to support the region in its efforts to transition to ZEBs by 2040, the efforts of the region's transit operators to develop and implement Zero-Emission Bus Rollout Plans, the readiness of the region to transition to zero-emission transit fleets, and the ongoing efforts aimed at transitioning to clean transit solutions throughout the region. Lastly, she reviewed project timelines and next steps.

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6. Natural & Agricultural Lands Benefits Study

There were no public comments on item 6.

India Brookover, Senior Planner, stated that the study would focus on the ecosystem services of natural and agricultural lands, reduced climate emissions, and resilience and adaptation benefits such as water filtration, air quality, hazard risk reduction. She stated the study would also look at economic benefits from local food production, jobs, and tourism. She indicated that the study was designed to fill an information gap on the potential range of natural and agricultural land's ecosystem services and hazard resilience benefits that could be used to inform local policy and planning. She discussed the Stakeholder process for Fall 2025 through Spring 2027 and project timeline.

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7. Ecosystem Services Overview

There were no public comments on item 7.

Ryan Wolfe, Sustainable & Resilient Development Department, introduced the panel speakers: Bea Covington, Principal Economist, Greene Economics and Margot Flynn, Hub Coordinator, Sacramento Valley Soil Hub.

Bea Covington, Principal Economist, Greene Economics, provided an overview of ecosystem services and how ecosystem services contribute to resilience. She discussed ecosystem services categories and types of ecosystem services. She stated there were three different types of ecosystem projects in the SCAG region: groundwater recharge, urban health, and cultural services. She provided examples of each project and discussed purpose and project highlights for each one.

Margot Flynn, Hub Coordinator, Sacramento Valley Soil Hub, provided a background of Resource Conservation Districts and the locations in California. She discussed common practices for carbon farming and stated that farmers could receive direct and indirect benefits such as lowered costs, improved yields, access to funding opportunities and long-term viability of farming. She indicated that investing in soil had benefits such as public health, climate change mitigation and water conservation. Lastly, she discussed opportunities for scaling carbon farming.

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CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Denison welcomed new member Daniel Brotman, Glendale from Arroyo Verdugo Communities Joint Power Authority to the committee. He stated that registration for the 2025 SCAG Demographic Workshop was open and would be held at SCAG's main office in Downtown Los Angeles, with an online attendance option.

STAFF REPORT

Ivette Macias, Senior Government Affairs Officer, announced that she was SCAG's Inland Empire Government Affairs Officer and would be the support government affairs staff member to the Energy & Environment Committee.

ANNOUNCEMENT

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Denison adjourned the Energy and Environment Committee meeting at 11:06 a.m.

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ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT																
2025-2026																
MEMBERS	Representing	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	Jun	Total Mtgs Attended To Date	
Beltran, Ana	Westmoreland, ICTC	1	D A R K		0										1	
Bishop, Art	Apple Valley, SBCTA	1			0										1	
Brotman, Daniel	Glendale, RC District 42				1										1	
Cardenas-Singh, Martha	Imperial County				1										1	
Clark, Margaret	Rosemead, RC District 32	1			1										2	
Copeland, Robert	Signal Hill, GCCOG	0			0										0	
Crosswhite, Jenny	Santa Paula, RC District 47	1			1										2	
Davis, Ned	Westlake Village, LVMCOG	1			1										2	
Denison, Rick	Yucca Valley, RC District 11	1			1										2	
Hernandez, Carmen	Barstow, SBCTA	1			1										2	
Horne, Shari	Laguna Woods, OCCOG	1			1										2	
Huff, Britt	Rolling Hills Estates, SCBCOG	1			0										1	
Johsz, Brian	Chino Hills, SBCTA	1			0										1	
Kalmick, Joe	Seal Beach, RC District 20	1			1										2	
Leash, Steven	Cahuilla Band of Indians	0			0										0	
Litster, Elaine	Simi Valley, VCOG	1			1										2	
Lock Dawson, Patricia	Riverside, District 68	0			0										0	
Lopez, Vianey	Ventura County	1			1										2	
McMorrin, Yasmine-Imani	Culver City, WCCOG	1			1										2	
Moss, Cory	City of Industry, Pres. Apt	0			0										0	
Ramos, Daniel	Adelanto, SBCTA	1			1										2	
Sanchez-Palacios, Jeanette	Ventura, VCOG	0			0										0	
Saro, Suely	Long Beach, RC District 29	0			0										0	
Senecal, Patty	Seal Beach, OCCOG	1			0										1	
Stark, Jennifer	Claremont, SGVCOG	1			1										2	
Taj, Ali	Artesia, Pres. Apt	1			0										1	
Takahashi, Tamala	Burbank, SFVCOG	1			1										2	
Traut, Connor	Buena Park, OCCOG	1			1										2	
Virgen, Stephanie	Coachella, CVAG	0			1										1	
Welty, Dale	Canyon Lake, WRCOG	1			1										2	