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Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee

Mary Ann Lutz, Chair
Sam Pedroza, Vice Chair

MINUTES

Wednesday, July 28, 2010
12:00 pm

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1.0 Preliminary Business

1.1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:04 pm.

1.2 Self-Introductions

Board Members in Attendance:

S. Pedroza	Claremont
M. Lutz	Monrovia
M. Clark	Rosemead
D. Bertone	San Dimas

The following individuals were in attendance

M. Cacciotti	South Pasadena
D. Pham	American Lung Association
D. Freedman	American Lung Association
L. Strong	Save the Montebello Hills Sierra Club Task Force
Y. Ramirez	Save the Montebello Hills Sierra Club Task Force
Y. Watson	Save the Montebello Hills Sierra Club Task Force
M. Creter	COG Staff
D. Martin	COG Staff

2.0 Public Communications

Linda Strong, on behalf of the Save the Montebello Hills Sierra Club Task Force, voiced concern over a development project being considered in the Montebello Hills.

3.0 Consent Items

3.1 May 26th Minutes

3.2 Correspondence

There was a motion to approve the consent items (M/S/C: D. Bertone, M. Clark, unanimous)

4.0 Discussion Items

4.1 Public Health, Land Use & Climate Change

D. Pham (ALA) gave a presentation on the effects of climate change on public health, including the ongoing effects of poor air quality on public health in the Los Angeles region. Representatives from ALA asked that the COG and cities consider adopting resolutions supporting CARB's 375 regulations and ongoing clean car regulations. The committee stated it needed more info on CARB's activities and regulations before acting. ALA will send sample resolution language.

4.2 November Ballot Measure to Suspend AB 32
Staff briefly reviewed material regarding Proposition 22. This presentation will be rescheduled at a later date.

4.3 Climate Change and Energy Working Group

i. American Power Act – EECBG Funding

Staff gave an update of the federal American Powers Act. The latest form of the bill did not extend EECBG monies.

M. Lutz reported that there will be efforts to get all cities together to petition Rep. Dreier to stress the importance of EECBG monies to city efforts for energy efficiency goals. M. Lutz requested that staff prepare an updated status report.

ii. San Gabriel Valley Energy Wise Partnership

iii. PACE Financing Update

Staff gave an update of the current state of the PACE financing program. FHA has prohibited Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac from accepting revised mortgages with primary liens from PACE program, effectively putting the program on hold. Additional legislation may be needed to force the housing mortgage insurers to accept PACE financing liens.

4.4 Open Space Working Group

D. Bertone reported that the San Gabriel Rivers, Mountains Conservancy allocated \$500,000 for the Pocket park. Rep. Dreier’s efforts to pursue legislation of a “wilderness” bill that would designate certain portions of San Gabriel Mountains and portions of the Angeles National Forest as wilderness areas.

4.5 Solid Waste Working Group

i. Legislation

S. Pedroza reported on AB 737, which would move diversion rate from 50 to 75 percent

There was a motion to recommend that the Governing Board adopt a position of oppose to the AB 737 (S. Pedroza, D. Bertone, unanimous)

M. Lutz provided an update on AB 222 (Adams) which addresses conversion technology. Bill has been changed w/ unfriendly amendments. The LA County Task Force now opposes the legislation.

ii. CalRecycle Household Hazardous Waste Grant

S. Pedroza announced the EPR purchasing policy workshop. As part of the Cal Recycle Household Hazardous Waste Grant, it would work through how cities can revise their EPR policies to reflect grant objectives.

4.6 Water Working Group

i. Watershed Coordinator Grant

Staff summarized watershed coordinator’s report. Watershed coordinator participated in watershed treatment model seminar, started planning for Emerald Necklace beautification, and has developed several GIS layers for the program.

4.7 Goals & Objectives

All current items on target. The committee had no changes to proposed objectives for August-January.

5.0 Items for Future Meetings

- Montebello Hills Presentation
- Review strategic plan goals/objectives
- Pro-Con Prop. 22 presentation (tentative)

6.0 Set next meeting date

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 22 at 11:00 A.M at the Monrovia Public Works Yard.

7.0 Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:24 P.M.