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Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee

Sam Pedroza, Chair
Mary Ann Lutz, Vice Chair

MINUTES

Thursday, July 28th, 2011
3:00 pm

Monrovia Public Works Yard
600 S. Mountain Ave
Monrovia, CA

1.0 Preliminary Business

1.1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:07 pm.

1.2 Self-Introductions

The following individuals were in attendance:

R. Yeung	AQMD
S. Pedroza	Claremont
R. Ketcham	Consultant to Michael Cacciotti
L. Winner	LACSD
B. Hewitt	LACSD
H. Maloney	Monrovia
M. Lutz	Monrovia
M. Clark	Rosemead
D. Bertone	San Dimas
N. Walsh	Sierra Madre
R. Romanek	Watershed Conservation Authority
B. Cooke	SGVCOG staff

2.0 Public Communications

AQMD staff announced that the AQMD Energy Policy has recently been revised to incorporate changes that address concerns expressed by The Gas Company. The draft policy will now go before the AQMD Stationary Source Committee.

3.0 Consent Items

3.1 June 29th Meeting Minutes

3.2 Correspondence

3.3 AQMD PEV Infrastructure Letter

There was a motion to approve the consent calendar (M/S/C: Bertone, Lutz, Unanimous).

4.0 Discussion Items

4.1 Sanitation Districts' Clearwater Program

LACSD staff provided an overview of this program and discussed the Master Facilities Plan that is currently under development. As part of this planning effort, LACSD must determine how to update the joint outfall system and specifically the

tunnel conveyance system that needs repair. Four alignment alternatives were reviewed. **There was a motion to recommend that the Governing Board send a statement of support for the project and proposed Alignment #4 as well as to encourage LACSD to maximize opportunities for recycling and reuse of water, where possible (M/S/C M. Lutz, D. Bertone, Unanimous).** Committee members requested that this presentation be given to the Governing Board at a future meeting at the same time as their recommendation is considered for action.

4.2 Climate Change and Energy Working Group

i. DOE SunShot Initiative: Rooftop Solar Challenge to Induce Market Transformation

Staff reviewed the purpose of this grant application. There was discussion regarding whether the grant effort would result in added regulation for local governments. Staff indicated that it would only affect those jurisdictions directly participating as a partner in the work plan. **There was a motion to recommend submittal of a letter of support to the Governing Board (M/S/C: D. Bertone, M. Clark, Unanimous).**

ii. Energy Upgrade California

4.3 Open Space Working Group

The working group chair reported that a new Executive Director has been hired by the Rivers & Mountains Conservancy. He would introduce this individual to the COG Governing Board, EENR Committee, and the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board, among other agencies, as soon as possible.

4.4 Solid Waste Working Group

i. CalRecycle HHW Grant

Staff referred Committee members to the flyer in the packet advertising a fluorescent lamp recycling event in conjunction with the SCE Lamp Exchange in Covina on September 24th – 25th. The solid waste working group chair reported that as a result of a survey of the cities, it was determined that there is not enough level of interest to pursue implementation of the proposed solid waste management options and conversion technology feasibility study. The working group will continue analyzing solid waste management alternatives given the closure of Puente Hills landfill in 2013.

4.5 Water Resources Working Group

The working group chair gave an update on the water project priority list development, IRWM planning effort, and MS4 Permit process.

i. Watershed Coordinator

The Watershed Coordinator reported that the WCA and COG submitted a grant to the Strategic Growth Council Urban Greening Planning program for the San Jose/Thompson Creek Corridor. The COG Governing Board adopted an open space policy at the last meeting. GIS analysis is currently underway for community garden opportunities.

4.6 Goals & Objectives

Committee members reviewed the objectives related to the environment that were developed at the strategic planning session on 7/27.

5.0 Items for Future Meetings

No new items were identified.

6.0 Set next meeting date

Staff will poll committee members on their availability for the next meeting date.

7.0 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.