San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments

Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee

Sam Pedroza, Chair
Denis Bertone, Vice Chair

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Thursday, May 31st, 2012
10:00 a.m.

Monrovia Community Center
119 West Palm Ave.
Monrovia, CA

1.0 Preliminary Business

1.1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m.

1.2 Self-Introductions

The following individuals were in attendance:

Y. Yang	Cal Poly Pomona
V. Rodriguez	Cal Poly Pomona
B. Whittington	Council for Watershed Health
R. Bryden	LAFCD
A. Ross	LAFCD
R. Ketchum	Michael Cacciotti
M. Lutz	Monrovia
D. Bertone	San Dimas
N. Walsh	Sierra Madre
C. Sims	SGVCOG staff
M. Creter	SGVCOG staff
H. Romero Shaw	So. Cal Gas Company
R. Romanek	WCA
J. Gardner	Candidate, 48th Assembly

2.0 Public Communications

J. Gardner introduced himself as a candidate for the 48th Assembly District. He is extremely interested in environmental affairs and wants to learn more about the environmental issues within the region.

3.0 Consent Items

3.1 March 29th Meeting minutes

3.2 Correspondence

<u>There was a motion to approve the consent calendar (M/S/C: Lutz/Walsh/Unanimous).</u>

4.0 Discussion Items

4.1 Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) Presentation

R. Bryden from the LA County Flood Control District presented on the Integrated Regional Water Management program. The program (IRWM) is designed to bring together multiple agencies, stakeholders, individuals and groups—agencies that typically only operate in silos with single purpose visions, concepts and solutions—to manage all aspects of water resources in a region and to attempt to address the issues and differing

perspectives of all the entities involved in order to bring about mutually beneficial solutions. The IRWM process provides direct access to funds for water quality projects and provides partnership opportunities for cities and organizations.

4.2 Update on Watershed Coordinator Activities

R. Romanek from RMC/WCA provided an update on Watershed Coordinator activities, including the lessons that had been learned from a recent grant application. New upcoming projects include trailway mapping, continuing in watershed clean-up, and also other outreach efforts.

4.3 Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for FY 2012-2013

S. Pedroza was re-elected Chair of the Committee for FY 2012-2013, and D. Bertone was re-elected Vice-Chair of the Committee for FY 2012-2013 (M/S/C: Lutz/Walsh/Unanimous)

4.4 Climate Change and Energy Working Group

i. LGSEC Update

Staff reported the CPUC filings for the 2013-2014 cycle are currently underway, and the utilities are currently developing the Program Implementation Plans (PIPs) for the cycle. There is also a PIP being developed for a Regional Energy Network (REN) to support regional energy efficiency planning and efforts.

ii. AB 2404 (Fuentes)

AB 2404 (Fuentes) utilizes the revenues from the "cap-and-trade market" to create a Local Emission Reduction Program to administer grant funding to develop and implement multi-benefit GHG reduction projects at the local level. Eligible applicants include any county or counties that adopt a local greenhouse gas emission reduction plan that is certified by the ARB and that enter into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with other cities in its jurisdiction, state conservancies, metropolitan planning organizations, or other organizations.

There was a motion to support AB 2404 (Fuentes). (M/S/C: Lutz/Walsh/Unanimous).

4.5 Open Space Working Group

There was no update from the Open Space Working Group.

4.6 Solid Waste Working Group

i. AB 480 (Solorio)

Existing law requires any solid waste facility operator to submit evidence to the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (DRRR) of its financial ability to provide for the cost of closure and post-closure maintenance of the facility for fifteen years past its closure. Currently, all issuers of an insurance policy must adhere to the California Department of Insurance (CDI) licensing requirements and landfill operators are typically not permitted to use captive insurance, in which a company is self-insured, to fulfill the insurance requirements toward proper closure, post-closure, and other corrective actions. AB 480 (Solorio) would loosen the requirements on insurance providers, requiring only that an issuer of an insurance policy meet all of the requirements of the Public Resources Code.

There was a motion to oppose AB 480 (Solorio) (M/S/C: Lutz/Walsh/Unanimous).

4.7 Water Resources Working Group

i. NPDES MS4 Update

There was an update on the NPDES MS4 Permit. The first complete draft is expected to be released in early June.

ii. NPDES MS4 Workshop

The Water Resources Working Group will be holding a workshop for cities regarding the release of the draft permit. This workshop had been scheduled for June 22nd; however, this date may change based on when the permit is actually released and the status of another Permit workshop that is also scheduled for that date. Staff will keep the Committee advised.

4.8 Goals & Objectives Status

Staff reported that the EENR Committee is on track with its January – July 2012 Goals and Objectives.

5.0 Items for Future Meetings

Items for future meetings include an update on grants from R. Romanek, advanced metering, and developing goals and objectives for the strategic planning session to be held in July. The meeting will be held on June 27th at 10:45 a.m.

6.0 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.