



AGENDA ITEM 1

REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments

February 5, 2026

MINUTES OF THE MEETING ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 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/>](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. Art Bishop	<i>Town of Apple Valley</i>	SBCTA
Hon. Martha Cardenas-Singh		Imperial County
Hon. Robert Copeland	<i>Signal Hill</i>	GCCOG
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. Brian Johsz	<i>Chino Hills</i>	SBCTA
Hon. Joe Kalmick	<i>Seal Beach</i>	District 20
Hon. Vianey Lopez		Ventura County
Hon. Yasmine-Imani McMorris	<i>Culver City</i>	WCCOG
Hon. Cory Moss	<i>City of Industry</i>	Pres. Appt
Hon. Suely Saro	<i>Long Beach</i>	District 29
Hon. Jennifer Stark	<i>Claremont</i>	SGVCOG
Hon. Ali Taj	<i>Artesia</i>	Pres. Appt
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. Daniel Brotman	<i>Glendale</i>	District 42
Hon. Steven Leash	<i>Cahuilla Band of Indians</i>	



Hon. Elaine Litster	<i>Simi Valley</i>	VCOG
Hon. Patricia Lock Dawson	<i>Riverside</i>	District 68
Hon. Jeannette Sanchez-Palacios	<i>Ventura</i>	VCOG
Hon. Patty Senecal	<i>Seal Beach</i>	OCCOG

* Member Litster was not at a noticed location and could not be counted towards attendance.

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Denison called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. Senior Government Affairs Officer, Ivette Macias, 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 November 5, 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 – September 4, 2025

Receive and File

2. Energy and Environment Committee Outlook and Future Agenda Items
3. REAP 2.0 Program Update

There were no Public Comments on the Consent Calendar.

A MOTION was made (Johz) to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion was SECONDED (Ramos) and

passed by the following votes:

AYES: Bishop, Cardenas-Singh, Clark, Copeland, Crosswhite, Davis, Denison, Hernandez, Horne, Huff, Johz, Lopez, Moss, Ramos, Stark, Taj, Takahashi, Traut, Virgen and Welty (20)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

INFORMATION ITEMS

4. Connect SoCal 2024: Implementation Strategies Update

There were no public comments on item 4.

Leslie Cayton, Associate Regional Planner, stated that the updated report included milestone progress for 56 implementation strategies. She indicated SCAG has progressed on 80 of the 93 strategies since plan adoption. She stated that three strategies have been completed. She provided an overview of the recent accomplishments within the implementation strategies categories of mobility, communities, environment, and economy.

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. Planning for Extreme Heat

There were no public comments on item 5.

Ryan Wolfe, Manager of Sustainable and Resilient Development, introduced the following presenters: Dr. Marc Futernick, MD, National Director of Sustainability for U.S. Acute Care Solutions and Ana Tabuena-Ruddy, Assistant Director & Chief Sustainability Officer of City of Los Angeles' Bureau of Street Services.

Dr. Futernick discussed the impact of extreme heat on human health. He reviewed the shifts of northern hemisphere summer temperatures and the physiological reactions to extreme heat. He stated that there were more deaths related to heat waves than all other extreme events combined. He provided an overview of heat exhaustion versus heat stroke and classic versus exertional risk factors. Lastly, he discussed shade and other extreme heat interventions.

Ms. Tabuena-Ruddy provided a brief overview of the equitable cooling strategies for Los Angeles neighborhoods. She stated there were 181 lane miles of cool paving, 617 street segments, and 5,600 trees planted. She discussed the efficiency of using trees or cool pavement, and which option would

be best. She stated there was a 10-step process for local decisions that were focused on outcomes, equity, and feasibility and provided an explanation of each step. Lastly, she discussed what was learned while implementing the 10-steps.

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CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Denison stated that the Transportation Committee meeting would be reviewing a recommendation from SCAG for disbursement of \$1.25 billion in Federal Fiscal Year 2026-27 and 2027-28 Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funding. He indicated that if approved, these funding recommendations will be presented to the Regional Council in December for approval. Upon Regional Council approval, he noted the project sponsors could proceed to program their projects into the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) and begin the obligation process. He stated that the 2025 Southern California Economic Update would take place during the SCAG Joint Policy Committees meeting on December 4 at 9:30 a.m. and the presentation would feature SCAG's annual economic report and analysis from SCAG's Economic Roundtable and would be followed by an in-depth discussion about the state of the economy moderated by former Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti.

STAFF REPORT

Ivette Macias, Senior Government Affairs Officer, announced that SCAG had launched the Future Leaders Initiative, a new six-month civic leadership pilot program for young Southern Californians interested in learning how regional and local governments collaborate for long-term change. She stated that the application process for the Future Leaders Initiative was open now through November 25 and that individuals between 18-26 who live in one of the six-county in the SCAG region were invited to apply.

ANNOUNCEMENT

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Denison adjourned the Energy and Environment Committee meeting at 10:42 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		0								1	
Bishop, Art	Apple Valley, SBCTA	1			0		1								2	
Brotman, Daniel	Glendale, RC District 42				1		0								1	
Cardenas-Singh, Martha	Imperial County				1		1								2	
Clark, Margaret	Rosemead, RC District 32	1			1		1								3	
Copeland, Robert	Signal Hill, GCCOG	0			0		1								1	
Crosswhite, Jenny	Santa Paula, RC District 47	1			1		1								3	
Davis, Ned	Westlake Village, LVMCOG	1			1		1								3	
Denison, Rick	Yucca Valley, RC District 11	1			1		1								3	
Hernandez, Carmen	Barstow, SBCTA	1			1		1								3	
Horne, Shari	Laguna Woods, OCCOG	1			1		1								3	
Huff, Britt	Rolling Hills Estates, SCBCOG	1			0		1								2	
Johsz, Brian	Chino Hills, SBCTA	1			0		1								2	
Kalmick, Joe	Seal Beach, RC District 20	1			1		1								3	
Leash, Steven	Cahuilla Band of Indians	0			0		0								0	
Litster, Elaine	Simi Valley, VCOG	1			1		0								2	
Lock Dawson, Patricia	Riverside, District 68	0			0		0								0	
Lopez, Vianey	Ventura County	1			1		1								3	
McMorrin, Yasmine-Imani	Culver City, WCCOG	1			1		1								3	
Moss, Cory	City of Industry, Pres. Apt	0			0		1								1	
Ramos, Daniel	Adelanto, SBCTA	1			1		1								3	
Sanchez-Palacios, Jeanette	Ventura, VCOG	0			0		0								0	
Saro, Suely	Long Beach, RC District 29	0			0		1								1	
Senecal, Patty	Seal Beach, OCCOG	1			0		0								1	
Stark, Jennifer	Claremont, SGVCOG	1			1		1								3	
Taj, Ali	Artesia, Pres. Apt	1			0		1								2	
Takahashi, Tamala	Burbank, SFVCOG	1			1		1								3	
Traut, Connor	Buena Park, OCCOG	1			1		1								3	
Virgen, Stephanie	Coachella, CVAG	0			1		1								2	
Welty, Dale	Canyon Lake, WRCOG	1			1		1								3	