



**AGENDA AND NOTICE OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (SGVCOG)
ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

SGVCOG Monrovia Office

1333 S. Mayflower Ave, Suite 360, Monrovia, CA 91016

Wednesday, September 2, 2026 – 10:30 AM

Zoom Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82178841928>

Chair

Jennifer Stark
City of Claremont

Thank you for participating in the Energy, Environment & Natural Resources Committee meeting. The Committee encourages public participation and invites you to share your views on agenda items.

Vice Chair

Vinh Truong
City of Duarte

MEETINGS: *Regular Meetings of the Energy, Environment & Natural Resources (EENR) Committee are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 10:30 AM at the SGVCOG Monrovia Office (1333 South Mayflower Avenue, Suite 360, Monrovia, CA 91016).* The EENR Committee agenda packet is available at the SGVCOG Monrovia Office (1333 South Mayflower Avenue, Suite 360, Monrovia, CA 91016), and on the website, www.sgvkog.org. A copy of the agenda is also viewable to the public at the entrance of the SGVCOG Monrovia Office Building. Copies are available via email upon request (sgv@sgvcog.org). Documents distributed to a majority of the Committee after the posting will be available for review in the SGVCOG office and on the SGVCOG website. Your attendance at this public meeting may result in the recording of your voice.

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Glendora
La Cañada Flintridge
Monrovia
Pasadena
Pomona
Rosemead
San Gabriel
San Gabriel Valley
Mosquito and Vector
Control District
South Pasadena

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AGENDA ITEMS: The Agenda contains the regular order of business of the EENR Committee. Items on the Agenda have generally been reviewed and investigated by the staff in advance of the meeting so that the EENR Committee can be fully informed about a matter before making its decision.



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CONSENT CALENDAR: Items listed on the Consent Calendar are routine and will be acted upon by one motion. There will be no separate discussion on these matters unless a Committee member requests. In this event, the item will be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered after the Consent Calendar.

TELECONFERENCE LOCATIONS: State law allows Committee Members to teleconference from remote locations if certain conditions are met, including listing the teleconference locations in the agenda. The following locations are hereby noticed as teleconference locations, which are accessible to the public for the purpose of observing this meeting and/or addressing the EENR Committee.

City of Covina
125 E. College Street
Covina, CA 91723

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- Written Comments (Email): If you wish to submit written public comments to be distributed to the Committee Members at the meeting, please submit these materials via email to Mackenzie Bolger at mbolger@sgvcog.org at least 1 hour prior to the scheduled meeting time. Please indicate in the "Subject" line of the email "FOR PUBLIC COMMENT" and the agenda item number to which the public comment is addressed. Written public comments may include, but are not limited to letters, reports, and presentations.
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PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

5 MINUTES

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Public Comment
4. Changes to the Agenda Order

CONSENT CALENDAR

2 MINUTES

5. June EENR Committee Meeting Minutes – [Page 1](#)
Recommended Action: Review and approve.

PRESENTATION ITEMS

50 MINUTES

6. Sustainability Programs Summer Activities Update – Mackenzie Bolger, Acting Sustainability Manager, SGVCOG – [Page 3](#)
Recommended Action: For information only.
7. Advanced Clean Fleets (ACF) Guidance – Adil Mahmood, Staff Air Pollution Specialist, Compliance Assistance and Outreach Branch, California Air Resources Board – [Page 7](#)
Recommended Action: For information only.

UPDATE ITEMS

10 MINUTES

8. Water Working Group Chair Updates
9. Wildfire Recovery Reform Update

LIAISON REPORTS

10 MINUTES

10. Clean Power Alliance
11. Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts
12. San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy
13. San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District
14. Southern California Edison
15. Southern California Gas Company
16. South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD)

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

2 MINUTES

ADJOURN

SGVCOG Energy, Environment and Natural Resources (EENR) Committee
June 3, 2026
10:30 AM

Unapproved Minutes



SGVCOG EENR Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: June 3, 2026
Time: 10:30 AM
Location: 1333 S. Mayflower Avenue, Suite 360, Monrovia, CA 91016

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Chair J. Stark called the meeting to order at 10:31 AM.

2. Roll Call

A quorum was in attendance.

Committee Members Present

Bradbury	M. Syzmkowski
Claremont	J. Stark
Covina	M. Flores
Duarte	V. Truong
Glendora	M. Allawos
La Cañada Flintridge	S. Fossan
Pasadena	J. Guess
Pomona	J. Carver
Rosemead	M. Clark
South Pasadena	M. Cacciotti
SGVMVCD	J. Wall Doornik

Absent

Monrovia
San Gabriel

Guests

Marissa Castro-Salvati, SCE
Gerardo Avila, SCE
Deborah Bloome, ARLA
Devon Provo, ARLA
Michael Daudt, Woodruff & Smart

SGVCOG Staff

N. Arreaga
M. Bolger
L. Chertock
R. Choi
M. Creter
L. Garcia Chavez
J. Pantoja
M. Rosen
K. Ward
V. Urenia

3. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

4. Changes to the Agenda Order

There were no changes to the agenda order.

CONSENT CALENDAR

5. April EENR Committee Meeting Minutes

Action: Review and approve.

6. FY 2026-2027 EENR Committee Election

SGVCOG Energy, Environment and Natural Resources (EENR) Committee
June 3, 2026
10:30 AM

Unapproved Minutes

Recommended Action: Appoint the following SGVCOG Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee Officers for FY 26-27 (effective July 1, 2026):

- *Chair: Mayor Jennifer Stark*
- *Vice Chair: Councilmember Vinh Truong*

7. AB 1894 (Rubio)

Recommended Action: Receive and file.

There was a motion to approve the consent calendar items 5-7. (M/S: Allawos/Bradbury)

[Motion Passed]

AYES:	Bradbury, Claremont, Covina, Duarte, Glendora, Pasadena, Rosemead, SGVMVCD, South Pasadena
NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	Pomona
NO VOTE RECORDED:	La Canada Flintridge
ABSENT:	Monrovia, San Gabriel

PRESENTATION ITEMS

8. DepaveLA: Turning Pavement into Plants – Devon Provo, Senior Manager, Planning & Program Alignment, Accelerate Resilience L.A. (ARLA)

Recommended Action: For information only.

D. Provo presented on this item.

9. Southern California Edison Vegetation Management Program – Marissa Castro-Salvati, Government Relations Manager and Gerardo Avila, Vegetation Management and Forestry Manager, Southern California Edison

Recommended Action: For information only.

M. Castro-Salvati and G. Avila presented on this item.

LIAISON REPORTS

10. Clean Power Alliance

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13. San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District

J. Wall Doornik provided a verbal report on this item.

14. Southern California Edison

15. Southern California Gas Company

16. South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD)

M. Cacciotti provided a verbal update.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

M. Bolger provided staff announcements. The next regular EENR Committee meeting will take place on September 2, 2026, at 10:30AM at the SGVCOG Monrovia office.

ADJOURN

Chair J. Stark adjourned the Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee meeting at 11:56AM.

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DATE: September 2, 2026

TO: Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAMS SUMMER ACTIVITIES UPDATE**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

For information only.

BACKGROUND

The San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) administers several sustainability and natural resources projects and programs through the Planning and Programs Department. Current programs and recent updates are summarized below:

WILDFIRE

Wildfire Resilience and Fuel Reduction Program

The SGVCOG is utilizing \$949,993 awarded through CAL FIRE's Wildfire Prevention Grant Program to support fuel reduction initiatives across the region. SGVCOG is partnering with cities and unincorporated communities across the San Gabriel Valley to implement critical hazardous fuel reduction projects, which include the removal of vegetation to lower wildfire intensity, slow fire spread, and protect public safety and property. Fuels reduction projects reduce fire hazards and risks by creating a break in horizontal and vertical fuel continuity that can modify future wildfire behavior and improve community protection efforts. The program anticipates implementing 6-10 localized fuel reduction projects situated in designated Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones to help protect more than 20,000 habitable structures.

Fire Prep SGV

The SGVCOG, through the Fire Prep SGV program, launched the Fire Prep SGV Wildfire Home Assessment Pilot Program to help San Gabriel Valley residents lower their wildfire risk. These no-cost home assessments provided residents with a review of their home and landscape to identify the best ways to protect their property. This summer the program came to a close. Overall, the program served 54 residents in 12 cities and unincorporated communities in the region. A majority of homes were located in High or Very High Fire Severity Zones. The SGVCOG is currently seeking additional funding to continue the program long-term.

REGIONAL WATER RESILIENCY PROGRAMS

Upper LA River (ULAR) Watershed Management Group (WMG)

The SGVCOG supports regional water resiliency and provides leadership in the implementation of Measure W and regional Watershed Management Programs (WMPs). The SGVCOG also assists member agencies in addressing water quality and complying with MS4 stormwater permit

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requirements. The SGVCOG advocates for regulatory and legislative changes that facilitate member agencies' ability to comply with water and stormwater regulations, secures funding for regional projects that promote water resiliency, and serves as a resource to member agencies in the delivery of large-scale capital projects. This summer, the ULAR MOA was finalized and began being circulated with participating cities.

Safe Clean Water Program (SCWP)

The Los Angeles County Safe Clean Water Program (SCWP), funded by Measure W, produces approximately \$285 million annually for stormwater projects. Forty percent of annually collected revenues are distributed directly to local governments to implement stormwater projects, and fifty percent are distributed through a regional program, which are allocated to each watershed. The SGVCOG administers the following SCWP-funded special studies that are designed to uphold the goals of the SCWP. The following are the SGVCOG's current SCWP studies:

- Pre-Stormwater Investment Plan (preSIP)
- Maximizing the Impact of Minimum Control Measures (MCMs)
- Quantifying Community Flood Management Benefits of Watershed-Scale Stormwater Capture
- Hardscape and Brownfield Transformation Opportunity Study

REGIONAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS

SoCalREN Energy Efficiency Partnership

The SGVCOG works in partnership with the Southern California Regional Energy Network (SoCalREN) to help connect agencies, residents, and contractors with energy efficiency resources. Public agency programs help SGVCOG member agencies identify and implement energy efficiency projects. The eSGV program offers home energy efficiency reviews to both homeowners and renters in the San Gabriel Valley. This summer, SGVCOG staff completed 13 eSGV home energy efficiency reviews and 4 Facilities Equipment Inventory (FEI) appointments. Education and Outreach efforts included 3 completed engagement meetings, 2 Energy Work Group events, and 1 completed roundtable.

Energy Workforce Development Program

In August, the SGVCOG launched a workforce development pilot initiative funded through the Southern California Regional Energy Network (SoCalREN) to provide energy efficiency training and hands-on paid experience to transition-aged youth, aged 18-25, from disadvantaged communities. God's Pantry serves as a critical recruitment and support partner for this initiative, leveraging its established relationships with young adults, existing workforce development programs, and capacity to provide wrap-around supportive services. Throughout the program, participants will gain valuable knowledge and hands-on experience in energy efficiency and sustainability while developing skills that can lead to future employment opportunities. The Program will provide up to 2 cohorts of approximately 5-6 participants with classroom/technical training and hands-on experience conducting residential home energy assessments and municipal energy assessments. SGVCOG anticipates serving a total of 12 participants. Program activities will take place at the SGVCOG office, off-site locations including other municipal facilities, and occasionally at the God's Pantry site.

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SoCalGas Energy Efficiency Partnership

SGVCOG partners with SoCalGas to help inform businesses, and public schools about the energy efficiency programs that SoCalGas offers. The K-12 Public Schools Program provides eligible public-school districts with technical assistance, operational support, maintenance planning, and no-cost energy efficiency natural gas storage water heater upgrades. The Large Public Sector Program (LPS) offers no-cost services to help participants meet their energy efficiency goals by determining opportunities for energy savings and prioritizing according to their capital plans. This summer, SGVCOG staff focused on outreach to school districts to increase awareness of available free and incentive-based energy efficiency measures. Staff presented at two school board meetings, serving the San Gabriel and Rosemead school districts, and conducted outreach to 29 school districts throughout the region.

FRESH SGV

The Regional Food Recovery Program, FRESH SGV, was established to help member agencies comply with SB 1383's food recovery mandates and significantly reduce food waste in the San Gabriel Valley. Over the summer and into the fall, 19 participating cities are receiving an additional round of inspections, education, and outreach for businesses and food recovery organizations within their jurisdictions. These efforts support compliance with CalRecycle's SB 1383 requirements and help ensure that regulated businesses and organizations meet applicable food recovery requirements. Additionally, 12,400 kitchen food waste bins have been distributed to residents in the Cities of Azusa, Glendora, South Pasadena, West Covina, as well as other parts of the San Gabriel Valley. 54 commercial triple stream bins were also delivered to the City of Walnut to promote waste sorting, composting, and reducing organic waste to landfill. Compost bins were purchased through CalRecycle grant funding.

THE NEIGHBORHOOD COYOTE PROGRAM

The Neighborhood Coyote Program is an outreach and education program that tracks coyote sightings and educates residents about coyote behavior. Cities pay an annual fee to participate in this program. During the summer, staff attended 5 outreach events to share information and resources related to the Neighborhood Coyote Program and other sustainability projects. Additionally, staff have coordinated with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) regarding local wildlife issues and potential program expansion.

Mackenzie Bolger, Acting Sustainability Manager, will provide a presentation update during the meeting.

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DATE: September 2, 2026

TO: Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **ADVANCED CLEAN FLEETS (ACF) GUIDANCE**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

For information only.

BACKGROUND

In April 2023, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) adopted the Advanced Clean Fleets (ACF) Regulation, which establishes requirements for certain fleet operators in California to transition toward zero-emission vehicles (ZEVs). For state and local government agency fleets, the regulation requires the increased use of ZEVs as vehicles are replaced, subject to the requirements and provisions of the regulation.

Under the ACF regulation, a state or local government agency includes a city, county, public utility, special district, local agency or district, or other public agency of the State of California, including any department, division, public corporation, or other state public agency. The regulation applies to agencies with jurisdiction in California that own, lease, or operate one or more vehicles in California with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) greater than 8,500 pounds.

Under the ZEV Purchase Schedule, affected fleets were required, beginning January 1, 2024, to ensure that at least 50 percent of applicable vehicle purchases each calendar year were ZEVs. Beginning January 1, 2027, 100 percent of applicable purchases must be ZEVs. Near-zero-emission vehicles (NZEVs) that meet the regulatory definition and with a model year of 2035 or earlier may be counted as ZEVs for these requirements. The regulation provides a delayed ZEV purchase schedule for small government fleets (10 or fewer vehicles) and qualifying fleets operating in designated low-population counties. These fleets may defer ZEV purchases until January 1, 2027, after which 100 percent of applicable purchases must be ZEVs. Other ACF requirements, including reporting and recordkeeping, continue to apply.

The ACF Regulation also establishes requirements for internal combustion engine (ICE) vehicles added to a California fleet. New ICE vehicles with model year 2024 or later must meet applicable California emissions certification requirements, while used ICE vehicles must have a 2010–2023 model year engine.

EXEMPTIONS

When suitable ZEVs are unavailable in sufficient quantities or do not meet a city's operational needs, the ACF Regulation provides several options that may help fleets maintain compliance.

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Cities can address ACF requirements while managing vehicle supply constraints through regulatory exemptions, extensions, leasing options, and other available compliance pathways. These provisions include exemptions and extensions related to vehicle availability, delivery delays, infrastructure limitations, and specialized municipal equipment. The following summarizes key provisions that may apply to municipal fleets, with additional information available from CARB.

- **ZEV Purchase Exemption:** A fleet owner may qualify for an exemption when compliance is not feasible due to circumstances beyond the owner's control. For example, an exemption may apply when a required ZEV, or NZEV meeting the applicable minimum all-electric range, is not commercially available in the same configuration as the vehicle being replaced. In such circumstances, the fleet owner may remain in compliance by purchasing a new ICE vehicle with the same configuration rather than a ZEV or qualifying NZEV.
- **Vehicle Delivery Delay Extensions:** A fleet owner may qualify for a Vehicle Delivery Delay Extension when a ZEV has been ordered sufficiently in advance of the compliance deadline, but delivery is delayed by the manufacturer. For example, if a city has appropriated funds and entered into a qualifying purchase agreement for a ZEV medium-duty pickup truck, but the manufacturer is unable to fulfill the order by the compliance deadline, the city may qualify for an extension and avoid penalties associated with the delayed delivery. Under CARB guidance, the following conditions generally apply:
 - The city must have a signed purchase agreement or other legally binding contract for the ZEV at least one year before the applicable compliance deadline.
 - The manufacturer must verify the delivery delay.
 - Once the delay is verified, the city may continue operating the existing ICE vehicle beyond its standard retirement date until the replacement ZEV is delivered, subject to applicable CARB requirements.
- **Infrastructure Delay Extensions:** When a compliant ZEV is available but the required charging infrastructure or hydrogen fueling infrastructure is not yet operational, a fleet owner may request a Zero-Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Delay Extension. Depending on the circumstances and scope of the infrastructure project, an extension may be available for up to five years.
- **Exemptions for Specialized Equipment and Emergency Response:** Certain specialized municipal vehicles and emergency-response activities may qualify for exemptions or temporary relief under the ACF Regulation. Emergency vehicles and military tactical vehicles, for example, are generally subject to specific provisions that may defer ZEV requirements where suitable ZEV equivalents are not available. For medium-duty pickup trucks, standard "Daily Usage" and "Mutual Aid" exemptions do not generally apply; however, certain emergency-response activities or specialized vehicle configurations may qualify for temporary exemptions or other compliance provisions.
 - **Declared Emergency Events:** A medium-duty pickup truck that is specifically dispatched by a local or state emergency management agency to support an active, declared emergency may qualify for a temporary exemption for the duration of the emergency, subject to applicable ACF requirements.
 - **Specialized Vehicle Configurations:** A medium-duty pickup truck that has been substantially modified with permanently-attached vocational equipment—such as a specialized bucket lift or welding equipment—may potentially qualify as a

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specialty vehicle configuration. If an equivalent ZEV configuration is not commercially available, the city may be able to seek a ZEV Purchase Exemption by documenting the lack of availability, including obtaining non-availability documentation from at least two ZEV manufacturers.

- **Leasing Options**

- By utilizing third-party fleet management, rental programs, or operating leases, cities can outsource ZEV sourcing without taking ownership of the scarce vehicles. It should be noted that all third-party, rental, or leased fleets utilized by a city are also required to comply with the regulation.

- **ZEV Milestones Option**

- Rather than complying with the Model Year Schedule (which dictates every new purchase must be a ZEV), cities can opt into the ZEV Milestone Option, which is monitored locally by SCAQMD, and can be found [here](#). This allows cities to group their fleets and reach a specific percentage goal over time, providing more time to purchase EV inventory while still using internal combustion models. Here is the phase-in schedule:
- Group 1 (Box trucks, vans, two-axle buses, yard tractors): Starts at 10% ZEVs in 2025, reaching 75% in 2033 and 100% by 2042.
- Group 2 (Work trucks, day cab tractors, pickup trucks, three-axle buses): Starts at 10% ZEVs in 2027, reaching 75% in 2036 and 100% by 2042.
- Group 3 (Sleeper cab tractors, specialty vehicles): Starts at 10% ZEVs in 2030, reaching 75% in 2039 and 100% by 2042.

These provisions are subject to specific eligibility requirements and CARB approval or verification where applicable. Fleet owners should evaluate each vehicle and circumstance individually to determine the appropriate exemption or extension and maintain documentation supporting the applicable compliance pathway.

Adil Mahmood, Staff Air Pollution Specialist, Compliance Assistance and Outreach Branch, at the California Air Resources Board will present an overview of the Advanced Clean Fleets regulations and exemptions during the meeting.

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