ITEM#

Arroyo Verdugo Communities Joint Powers Authority

DATE: November 5, 2025

TO: Governing Board

FROM: **Dan Brotman, Council Member, City of Glendale**

SUBJECT: **SCAG ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE – September 4, 2025 Meeting**

RECOMMENDATION: This report is being provided as information only.

BACKGROUND: Below is a summary of the last few transportation meetings with Southern California Association of Governments Transportation Committee (TC) from December 2024 to March 2025.

MEETINGS OVERVIEW: The Energy & Environment Committee met on September 4, 2025, chaired by Hon. Rick Denison. The meeting focused on sustainability planning, clean transit, and natural resource protection initiatives relevant to SCAG's Connect SoCal 2050 framework.

HIGHLIGHTS & DISCUSSION:

- Adopted the Subregional Sustainable Communities Strategy Framework and Guidelines for the 2028–2050 RTP/SCS, emphasizing GHG reduction and community collaboration.
    - There were no public comments on this item.
    - A motion was made to adopt the Subregional Sustainable Communities Strategy Framework and Guidelines for use in the development of the 2028-2050 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy Framework and Guidelines for use in the development of the 2028-2050 (RTP/SCS).
    - Motion was seconded and passed.
- Reviewed the Innovative Clean Transit Regional Assessment Study to support the region's transition to Zero-Emission Buses by 2040.
    - There were no public comments on this item.
    - The regional assessment supports efforts to transition to ZEBs by 2040, develop and implement Zero-Emission Bus Rollout Plans, zero-emission transit fleets, and project timeline and next steps.
- Presented the Natural & Agricultural Lands Benefits Study, highlighting resilience and ecosystem services.
    - There were no public comments on this item.

- The study focuses on the ecosystem services of natural and agricultural lands, reduced climate emissions, and resilience and adaptation benefits such as water filtration, air quality, and hazard risk reduction.
- The staff report is available in the agenda and on the SCAG website.

- <u>Received a presentation on Ecosystem Services Overview, exploring soil health, carbon farming, and climate adaptation opportunities.</u>
    - There were no public comments on this item.
    - Panel speakers were introduced, including Bea Covington and Margot Flynn.
- <u>Chair's Report</u>
    - Chair Denison welcomed new member Councilmember Dan Brotman of Glendale and encouraged participation in SCAG's upcoming 2025 Demographic Workshop.

- <u>Staff Report</u>
    - SCAG's Government Affairs Officer, Ivette Macias, introduced herself as the Inland Empire liaison for the Energy & Environment Committee.