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Arroyo Verdugo Communities Joint Powers Authority

DATE: **April 29,2026**

TO: Governing Board

FROM: **Dan Brotman, Council Member, City of Glendale and Board Member, AVCJPA**

SUBJECT: **SCAG ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMUNITY**

BACKGROUND: Below is a summary of the most recent meeting of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Energy and Environment Committee (EEC).

RECOMMENDATION: This report is being provided as information only.

MEETINGS OVERVIEW: The Energy & Environment Committee met on February 5, 2026, chaired by Hon. Rick Denison. The meeting included updates on regional planning efforts, clean transit initiatives, and climate resilience strategies.

HIGHLIGHTS & DISCUSSION:

- Connect SoCal 2050

- There were no public comments on this item.
- Received an overview of Connect SoCal 2050 and the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS), including requirements related to federal funding eligibility, greenhouse gas reduction targets, and stakeholder engagement.

- 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.
- Reviewed the Innovative Clean Transit Regional Assessment Study update, which supports the transition to zero-emission bus fleets by 2040 in alignment with California Air Resources Board (CARB) regulations.
- The study outlined key components including transit agency outreach, infrastructure needs, funding programs, workforce training, and implementation strategies to support a coordinated regional transition.

- Nature-based Stormwater and Flooding Strategies

- There were no public comments on this item.
- Received a presentation on Nature-based Stormwater and Flooding Strategies, highlighting efforts to improve stormwater capture, enhance water supply resilience, and develop cost-effective infrastructure solutions.

- The presentation also addressed project planning goals, including identifying priority projects, evaluating cost-benefit outcomes, and advancing partnerships to support implementation.
- The staff report is available in the agenda and on the SCAG website.

- Chair's Report
  Chair Denison shared that SCAG released county-specific economic reports highlighting trends and key indicators across the region. He also announced that the SCAG Student Showcase is open for submissions, offering students opportunities to present their work and compete for recognition and awards.

- Staff Report
  SCAG staff announced that elections for the 2026–2027 Chair and Vice Chair positions will take place at the March committee meeting, with terms beginning following the May 2026 General Assembly.