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Arroyo Verdugo Communities Joint Powers Authority

DATE: **March 5, 2026**

TO: Governing Board

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

SUBJECT: **SCAG ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

BACKGROUND
The Energy and Environment Committee met on March 5, 2026. The committee received updates on regional planning, resilience initiatives, and climate adaptation efforts and conducted its annual leadership election.

RECOMMENDATION: This report is being provided as information only.

MEETING BACKGROUND:
• Elected Rick Denison as Chair and Daniel Ramos as Vice Chair.
• Approved the February 5, 2026 meeting minutes and received routine program updates.
• Received presentations on Connect SoCal 2050, the Regional Resilience Toolkit, the Los Angeles County Heat Action Plan, and Green Schoolyard Retrofits.

HIGHLIGHTS & DISCUSSION:
• Connect SoCal 2050: Staff reviewed the vision, goals, policy framework, and upcoming scenario planning activities supporting development of the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan.

• Regional Resilience Toolkit: Staff introduced a new toolkit to help jurisdictions identify risks, strengthen resilience planning, and coordinate funding opportunities.

• LA County Heat Action Plan: The committee received an overview of the newly adopted countywide heat action strategy focused on cooling infrastructure, urban greening, and equitable resilience.

• Green Schoolyard Retrofits: A presentation highlighted nature-based schoolyard improvements that reduce heat, improve stormwater management, and support healthier learning environments.

CHAIRS REPORT:
Chair Denison highlighted publication of the Regional Resilience Toolkit, the Water Resolution White Paper, progress on the Last Mile Freight Program, and continued development of the SoCal Greenprint.

STAFF REPORT:
Staff promoted the upcoming SCAG General Assembly and scholarship opportunities for regional students.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no fiscal impact.

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DATE: **June 4, 2026**

TO: Governing Board

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

SUBJECT: **SCAG ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

BACKGROUND
The committee met June 4, 2026 to receive updates on implementation of Connect SoCal 2024 and several emerging transportation and sustainability issues.

RECOMMENDATION: This report is being provided as information only.

MEETING BACKGROUND:
• Approved the March 5, 2026 meeting minutes.
• Received updates on Connect SoCal implementation, transportation conformity, clean transit, and data center resource impacts.

HIGHLIGHTS & DISCUSSION:
• Connect SoCal 2024 Implementation: Staff reported that 84 of 93 implementation strategies have advanced and outlined work transitioning toward Connect SoCal 2050.

• Transportation Conformity: Staff discussed anticipated regional conformity challenges resulting from evolving federal and state air quality requirements and emphasized the need for continued interagency coordination.

• Innovative Clean Transit: The committee reviewed barriers facing transit agencies as they transition to zero-emission fleets, including funding, infrastructure, workforce, and technology readiness.

• Data Center Energy and Water Use: Experts discussed increasing electricity and water demands driven by artificial intelligence, emphasizing efficiency, transparency, and sustainable planning.

CHAIRS REPORT:
Chair Denison updated the committee on creation of the Connect SoCal 2050 Subcommittee, legislative advocacy related to SB 1087, and committee membership changes.

STAFF REPORT:
Staff announced the upcoming FHWA/FTA federal certification review process and opportunities for public comment.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no fiscal impact.

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DATE: **July 2, 2026**

TO: Governing Board

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

SUBJECT: **SCAG ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

BACKGROUND
Approved meeting minutes were not available at the time this report was prepared. This summary is based on the published agenda and accompanying staff reports.

RECOMMENDATION: This report is being provided as information only.

MEETING BACKGROUND:
- Consideration of the 2026–2027 Presidential Priorities.
- Action regarding release of draft transportation conformity analyses.
- Information items on Vehicle-to-Grid technology and the SoCal Greenprint.

HIGHLIGHTS & DISCUSSION:
- 2026–2027 Presidential Priorities: Staff outlined priorities focused on clean transportation technology, LA28 mobility coordination, housing production, and infrastructure supporting housing and economic development.

- Draft Transportation Conformity Analyses: The committee was scheduled to consider recommending release of the draft conformity analyses for public review as part of the 2027 FTIP and Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 2.

- Vehicle-to-Grid Technology: Staff prepared an overview of emerging V2G technology and opportunities to improve electric grid resilience through bidirectional charging.

- SoCal Greenprint: Staff scheduled an update on completion and launch of the regional conservation and planning tool.

CHAIRS REPORT:
Scheduled on the agenda; approved minutes were not yet available.

STAFF REPORT:
Scheduled on the agenda; approved minutes were not yet available.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no fiscal impact.