



Western Riverside Council of Governments Technical Advisory Committee

AGENDA

**Thursday, February 15, 2024
9:30 AM**

**Western Riverside Council of Governments
3390 University Avenue, Suite 200
Riverside, CA 92501**

Remote Meeting Locations:

**City of Beaumont
Beaumont Civic Center
550 East 6th Street, Map Room
Beaumont, CA 92223**

**City of Calimesa
Senior Center Map Room
908 Park Avenue
Calimesa, CA 92230**

**City of Lake Elsinore
City Hall, City Manager's Office
130 S. Main Street
Lake Elsinore, CA 92530**

**City of Murrieta
1 Town Square, Conference Room 2C
Murrieta, CA 92562**

**City of Temecula
City Hall, City Manager's Office
41000 Main Street
Temecula, CA 92590**

**City of Wildomar
City Hall
23873 Clinton Keith Road, Suite 201**

Wildomar, CA 92595

March Air Reserve Base
14205 Meridian Parkway, Ste. 140
Meridian Conference Room
Riverside, CA 92518

3593 Eastfield Court
Carmel, CA 93923

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1. **CALL TO ORDER (Rod Butler, Chair)**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **ROLL CALL**
4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

At this time members of the public can address the Committee regarding any items within the subject matter jurisdiction

of the Committee that are not separately listed on this agenda. Members of the public will have an opportunity to speak on agenda items at the time the item is called for discussion. No action may be taken on items not listed on the agenda unless authorized by law. Whenever possible, lengthy testimony should be presented to the Committee in writing and only pertinent points presented orally.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

All items listed under the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and may be enacted by one motion. Prior to the motion to consider any action by the Committee, any public comments on any of the Consent Items will be heard. There will be no separate action unless members of the Committee request specific items be removed from the Consent Calendar.

A. Action Minutes from the January 18, 2024, Technical Advisory Committee Meeting

Requested Action(s): 1. Approve the Action Minutes from the January 18, 2024, Technical Advisory Committee meeting.

6. REPORTS / DISCUSSION

A. SoCalGas Regional Energy Pathways Program

Requested Action(s): 1. Receive and file.

B. Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Budget

Requested Action(s): 1. Receive and file.

C. TUMF Nexus Study Activities Update

Requested Action(s): 1. Receive and file.

7. REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dr. Kurt Willson

8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Members are invited to suggest additional items to be brought forward for discussion at future Committee meetings.

9. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Members are invited to announce items / activities which may be of general interest to the Committee.

10. NEXT MEETING

The next Technical Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 21, 2024, at 9:30 a.m., in WRCOG's office at 3390 University Avenue, Suite 200, Riverside.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Technical Advisory Committee

Action Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the WRCOG Technical Advisory Committee was called to order by Chair Rod Butler at 9:33 a.m. on January 18, 2024, in WRCOG's office.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Butler led the Committee members and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

- City of Calimesa - Will Kolbow
- City of Canyon Lake - Nicole Dailey
- City of Corona - Justin Tucker
- City of Eastvale - Marc Donohue
- City of Jurupa Valley - Rod Butler (Chair)
- City of Lake Elsinore - Jason Simpson*
- City of Moreno Valley - Sean Kelleher
- City of Murrieta - Kim Summers
- City of Norco - Dana Roa
- City of Perris - Clara Miramontes
- City of Riverside - Rafael Guzman
- City of Temecula - Betsy Lowrey
- Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD) - Jolene Walsh
- March JPA - Dr. Grace Martin

*Arrived after Roll Call

Absent:

- City of Banning
- City of Beaumont
- City of Hemet
- City of Menifee
- City of San Jacinto
- City of Wildomar
- County of Riverside
- Western Water
- Riverside County Office of Education

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Action Minutes from the November 16, 2023, Technical Advisory Committee Meeting

Action:

1. Approved the Action Minutes from the November 16, 2023, Technical Advisory Committee meeting.

RESULT:	APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED
MOVER:	Perris
SECONDER:	Calimesa
AYES:	Calimesa, Canyon Lake, Corona, Eastvale, Jurupa Valley, Lake Elsinore, Moreno Valley, Murrieta, Norco, Perris, Riverside, Temecula, EMWD, March JPA

6. REPORTS / DISCUSSION

A. RCTC's Draft 2024 Traffic Relief Plan

Action:

1. Received and filed.

B. Local and Regional Demographic Data and Land Use Trends

Action:

1. Received and filed.

7. REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dr. Kurt Wilson, Executive Director, thanked the Committee members for their input regarding projects and programs to be included in the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant. Dr. Wilson also thanked the subcommittee working on reviewing the member dues and asked to have a single person for each jurisdiction to ask for letters of recommendation to streamline the process. Dr. Wilson also announced that the AltCar event will take place on January 22, 2024, in Moreno Valley.

8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

There were no items for future agendas.

9. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Butler announced that he attended the WRCOG Strategic Planning session on January 12, 2024, which had the biggest turnout of Executive Committee members.

10. NEXT MEETING

The next Technical Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 15, 2024, at 9:30 a.m., in WRCOG's office at 3390 University Avenue, Suite 200, Riverside.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:34 a.m.



Western Riverside Council of Governments Technical Advisory Committee

Staff Report

Subject: SoCalGas Regional Energy Pathways Program
Contact: Daniel Soltero, Program Manager, dsoltero@wrcog.us, (951) 405-6738
Date: February 15, 2024

Recommended Action(s):

1. Receive and file.
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Summary:

SoCalGas supports public sector energy efficiency through its Regional Energy Pathways (REP) Program, collaborating with REP Ambassadors like WRCOG for Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. WRCOG promotes SoCalGas' programs to government and K-12 schools, aiming to boost energy efficiency and implement sustainable practices. This partnership focuses on enhancing local energy initiatives.

Purpose / WRCOG 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Goal:

The purpose of this item is to provide information on SoCalGas' REP Program, which provides natural gas energy efficiency project support in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. As a SoCalGas vendor, WRCOG would assist with connecting government agencies, special districts, and K-12 schools with SoCalGas energy efficiency gas programs to promote and incentivize projects.

This item is aligned with WRCOG's 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Goal #6 (To develop and implement programs that support resilience for our region) and Goal #6.1 (Incentivize Programs for saving electricity, water and other essential resources through the Inland Regional Energy Network).

Discussion:

Background

SoCalGas continues to support public sector customers that previously participated in Local Government Partnerships through the REP Program. The REP Program is aligned with SoCalGas' Public Sector Vision, which is to incorporate energy efficiency (EE) into public sector customers' policies and practices to capture all EE opportunities at facilities, while bringing awareness to their constituents of energy efficiency incentives and customer assistance programs, thereby enabling a pathway to zero net energy.

Launched in 2022, the REP Program replaced SoCalGas' previous Local Government Partnership

Programs. Prior to being sunset, the Western Riverside Energy Partnership (WREP) was one of the Local Government Partnerships for Riverside County, which was jointly operated by WRCOG, Southern California Edison (SCE), and SoCalGas. Whereas SoCalGas previously implemented 12 Local Government Partnership Programs, the new REP Program will reach public sector customers through four consolidated regions: Inland Empire Region (covering Imperial County, Riverside County, and San Bernardino County), Los Angeles County Region, Northern Region (covering Central Coast region, San Joaquin Valley region, and North Los Angeles County region), and the Orange County Region.

Present Situation

In November 2023, SoCalGas hired WRCOG to support the REP Program as a Regional Ambassador for the Inland Empire region, specifically in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. As the REP Ambassador, WRCOG serves as an extension of staff to SoCalGas' REP team, ensuring public sector customers have a local "go-to" resource that supports their agencies' ability to increase natural gas EE projects.

Public sector customers that are eligible to participate in and receive EE benefits from SoCalGas' REP Program include cities, counties, Special Districts (Fire, Police, Transportation, etc.), correctional facilities, hospitals, state agencies & departments, the military, federal agencies & hospitals, Native American Tribes, and K-12 schools.

SoCalGas operates several energy efficiency programs, including:

- Statewide programs such as the Midstream Water Heater Program, which are directed to State of California agencies, UCR / CSU Universities, and water / wastewater pumping agencies.
- Local large and small-medium programs such as the Public Direct Install Program, which provides public facilities, local and federal government buildings, and K-12 educational facilities no-cost measures and co-pay advanced energy efficiency measures.
- The REP Program.

The REP Program will support public sector customers with:

- Custom incentives & deemed rebate programs.
- Third-party energy efficiency programs.
- Filling gaps in statewide programs.
- Energy solutions and targeted regional strategies.
- Collaboration with local organizations, industry-specific associations, and other agencies.
- REP Ambassadors.

The REP Ambassadors are regional partners that will serve as the local "go to" resource for public sector customers by:

- Creating awareness of SoCalGas' energy efficiency resource programs.
- Creating awareness and support energy efficiency projects, especially in disadvantaged communities and among hard to reach and low-income customers.
- Supporting energy efficiency projects by serving as a facilitator, lead generator, and influencer in support of helping the customer get approval for the energy efficiency investment.
- Supporting energy efficiency projects of public sector customers by assisting or facilitating their

incentive applications.

- Providing technical assistance that supports long-term planning that encourages policy, strategy, and behavioral change that leads to permanent EE practices, such as greenhouse gas (GHG) inventorying, customer education, energy benchmarking, and grant writing.
- Serving as an extension of the SoCalGas REP Program Team in support of public sector customers.

As a REP Ambassador for the Inland Empire region, WRCOG would support public sector customers in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties with energy efficiency gas projects and the scope of work described in Attachment 1 of this Staff Report.

WRCOG's scope of work includes marketing and outreach to create awareness of SoCalGas' EE resource programs and to create awareness of EE projects, especially in disadvantaged communities. WRCOG staff would support public sector customers with gas EE projects by meeting with facility managers, reviewing energy data, and identifying potential EE gas projects. Additionally, WRCOG would provide technical assistance such as facilitating incentive applications, assisting with GHG inventorying and energy benchmarking, and coordinating customer education.

Additionally, the REP Program's benefits could be used in conjunction with the Inland Regional Energy Network (I-REN), as I-REN cannot duplicate existing EE programs. As such, the REP Program's benefits would be complementary to the services provided to public sector customers by I-REN. In summary, I-REN's services could potentially be paired with the services provided by the REP Program to provide a complete package of electric and natural gas energy efficiency measures and benefits, as long as they are not duplicative.

This item was also scheduled to be presented to the Public Works Committee meeting on February 8, 2024. Over the next month, WRCOG staff will be contacting Public Works Committee members, as well as city and county staff, to schedule introductory meetings to discuss data requests to SoCalGas, discuss energy efficiency goals, and potential natural gas EE projects that could be implemented by member agencies.

Prior Action(s):

February 8, 2024: The Public Works Committee received and filed.

November 6, 2023: The Executive Committee 1) approved a Standard Services Agreement with Southern California Gas Company for WRCOG to serve as the Regional Energy Pathways Ambassador in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties, and 2) authorized the Executive Director to execute the Standard Services Agreement with Southern California Gas Company for WRCOG to serve as the Regional Energy Pathways Program Ambassador in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties.

Financial Summary:

Activities related to the SoCalGas Regional Energy Pathways Program are included in the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 budget under the General Fund (110).

Attachment(s):

Attachment

WRCOG Scope of Services as Regional
Energy Pathways Program Ambassador

SCHEDULE B
Scope of Services

The Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG) is pleased to submit this proposal to the Southern California Gas Company's (SoCalGas) 2023-24 Regional Energy Pathways Ambassador Program for Riverside and San Bernardino Counties in the Inland Empire region. As a regional government agency, the purpose of WRCOG is to unify Western Riverside County so that it can address important issues that transcend political and jurisdictional boundaries, including energy and environment. Representatives from 18 cities, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors, and the Eastern and Western Municipal Water Districts have seats on the WRCOG Executive Committee which sets policy for the organization, and the Riverside County Superintendent of Schools is an ex-officio member. This governing platform enables WRCOG to have a broad reach for engagement, program development and implementation across a multitude of public agencies.

Guided by its Strategic Plan, WRCOG's goals include developing and implementing programs that support resilience, and developing projects and programs that improve infrastructure and sustainable development in its subregion. Since 2014, WRCOG developed the Regional Streetlight Program to assist 11 public agencies purchase streetlights from Southern California Edison, complete a LED retrofit project, and currently provides maintenance services. Additionally, WRCOG has a variety of energy efficiency and environmental programs including the Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Program, Western Riverside Energy Partnership (WREP), and Used Oil Recycling Program.

Since 2018, WRCOG, the Coachella Valley Association of Governments and San Bernardino Council of Governments, developed the Inland Regional Energy Network (I-REN) to address the CPUC's goals concerning Energy Efficiency (EE) Rolling Portfolios, Policies, Programs, Evaluation, and Related Issues in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. As the I-REN ramps up in 2023, outreach and engagement opportunities are starting as it seeks to conduct Orientation meetings with Public Sector customers in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. The I-REN orientation meetings will provide a great opportunity for WRCOG to conduct outreach and engagement for the Regional Energy Pathways Program.

With over 30 years in developing and implementing programs, WRCOG is a qualified partner for the Regional Energy Pathways Ambassador Program – Inland Empire Region. WRCOG's broad outreach with public agencies, its history for developing and implementing programs, and current programmatic framework will catalyze the Regional Energy Pathways Program.

We sincerely appreciate the opportunity to apply to the Regional Energy Pathways Ambassador Program and for your time to review our proposal. For any correspondence regarding this proposal please feel free to contact me at 951-405-6738 or Dsoltero@wrcog.us.

Sincerely,

Daniel Soltero
Program Manager
Western Riverside Council of Governments
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Riverside, CA 92501

Public Sector Region:

Indicate which region you propose to serve as Ambassador through this proposal. If you are submitting other proposals for Ambassadors in other regions, please describe. Check one only:

☒ Inland Region (covering Riverside County and San Bernardino County) *

☐ Orange County Region

☐ Los Angeles County Region

☐ Northern Region

- Central Coast Regional Energy Efficiency (covering San Luis Obispo County, Santa Barbara County and Ventura County)
- San Joaquin Valley & North LA County (covering Fresno County, Kern County and Kings County)

*WRCOG is submitting this proposal to serve as the Regional Energy Pathways Ambassador for Riverside and San Bernardino Counties and excludes Imperial County.

Approach to the Scope of Work

Public Sector Customer: Local Governments

Local governments in the region: There are over 50 local government agencies across Riverside and San Bernardino Counties, including 2 Counties and 52 Cities.

Contacts in Local Government: The following are only a few of WRCOG's Local Government contacts: **City of Corona:** Councilmember, City Manager, City Engineer, Associate Engineer; **City of Lake Elsinore:** Councilmember, City Manager, City Engineer, City Planner, Public Works Manager, PW Lead Worker/Superintendent; **City of Moreno Valley:** Councilmember, City Manager, City Engineer, Electric Utility Division Manager, Sr. Management Analyst.

The approach to the scope of work will focus on marketing and outreach, with a focus on DACs, and close coordination with customers to raise awareness of SoCalGas' EE resource programs. As the Inland Regional Energy Network (I-REN) ramps up, WRCOG will utilize the I-REN's outreach and engagement activities in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties to identify Public Sector customers. WRCOG's marketing, outreach, and engagement plan will identify how the information will be dispersed with customers, which includes flyers and fact sheets, social media marketing, setting up introductory meetings, and hosting quarterly or as-needed virtual or in-person meetings to inform of EE programs and offerings.

To create awareness and support EE projects, especially in DACs and hard-to-reach customers, WRCOG will coordinate with the Customer and review Climate Action Plans and any related documents that guide the customer's EE goals and objectives. WRCOG will coordinate with the customer to review gas usage and conduct interviews to identify potential projects. As part of this process WRCOG will also identify any project funding sources, incentives or rebates applicable to the project, and assist the customer with securing those funds.

Furthermore, WRCOG will provide non-resource EE non-resource technical assistance (TA) that supports long-term EE strategies and planning within the public sector's organization, including GHG inventorying, customer education, energy benchmarking, and grant writing. GHG inventorying and energy benchmarking can be completed utilizing available tools from the US EPA and DOE. Customer education can be provided by sharing educational and seminar events, events from SoCalGas', and industry-specific organizations. Additionally, grant writing support can be provided by reviewing the grant and providing an initial findings summary to the customer, as well as coordinate with the customer to gather data, prepare and apply.

In fulfilling the duties of the scope of work and taking a collaborative approach with SoCalGas, WRCOG staff will serve as an extension of the SoCalGas Regional Energy Pathways Program Team in support of public sector customers. This can be achieved by having dedicated staff to serve as the Regional Energy Pathways Ambassador in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties, participate and facilitate meetings, prepare reports, as well as keeping close contact and coordination with the SoCalGas Regional Energy Pathways team.

Public Sector Customer: K-12 Schools

K-12 Schools in the region: In Riverside County there are 23 school districts with 500 schools, and San Bernardino County has 33 school districts with 522 schools.

Contacts within the region's K-12 Schools: **Riverside County Office of Education:** Superintendent of Schools, Director of Community Engagement and Partnerships; **Riverside USD:** Assistant Director, **Perris Elementary School District:** Director of Facilities, Maintenance, and Operations; **Hemet USD:** Director of Facilities.

WRCOG's approach to delivering the scope of work for K-12 schools will focus on marketing, outreach, and engagement. To raise awareness of SoCalGas' EE resource programs, WRCOG intends to coordinate with the County Superintendent of Schools and their individual Community Engagement and Partnerships divisions for

Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. This top-down approach of starting with the Superintendent's Office, then moving down to school districts, and ending with individual schools will allow for streamlined outreach.

WRCOG will develop tailored marketing materials and engagement opportunities for K-12 schools' customers in the Inland Empire region. This approach will assist with creating awareness of SoCalGas' EE resource programs and create awareness of and support EE projects. WRCOG will designate additional resources for K-12 schools located in DACs, rural, and/or hard-to-reach communities, such as meetings to discuss customer EE goals and discuss potential projects. As it supports projects, WRCOG will ensure that any potential projects are also screened for eligibility for rebates and incentives. WRCOG will assist the customer with the rebate or incentive applications, including gathering all necessary project and customer data, and documentation to apply.

WRCOG will provide customer education, and support customers with GHG inventorying, energy benchmarking, and grant writing to support long-term EE strategies and planning with K-12 schools. WRCOG can utilize engagement activities to inventory the climate action plans that have been prepared by individual schools or school districts to identify potential EE projects. For customers that don't have existing plans or strategies in place, or are preparing to update outdated plans, WRCOG assist these customers with additional resources and staff time for to help facilitate the process.

By providing these services, WRCOG will be serving as an extension of the SoCalGas Regional Energy Pathways Program Team in support of public sector customers. WRCOG can participate in meetings, provide presentations to customers, assist with reporting, and assist with outreach and engagement activities by the Regional Energy Pathways Program Team.

Public Sector Customer: Federal Government

Federal Governments in the region: WRCOG has identified 15 Native American Tribes; 6 Military installations; 3 Federal Hospitals, and numerous Federal Agencies across Riverside and San Bernardino Counties.

Contacts in the region's Federal government: **Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency:** Protective Security Advisor.

The WRCOG's approach for Federal Government customers in the Inland Empire will rely on marketing, outreach, and engagement. While WRCOG's focus has been with local government agencies, it's 2022-2027 Strategic Plan establishes a goal to serve as a champion at the regional, state, and federal level for the Western Riverside subregion. Through this effort, WRCOG will engage any existing and new contacts from Federal Government customers that are in the Inland Empire region to create awareness of SoCalGas' EE resource programs. WRCOG will create a tailored approach for customer subtypes, including email and flyer campaigns, as well as setting up introductory meetings with relevant staff and management.

WRCOG will create awareness and support EE projects, especially in DACs or hard to reach customers, by discussing existing EE goals, review facilities, and identify potential projects. WRCOG will allocate resources such as staff time for marketing, outreach, engagement activities, identifying potential projects, securing project funding sources, and assisting with securing incentives or rebates upon project completion.

To support long-term EE planning and strategies, WRCOG will provide customers with GHG inventorying, customer education, and energy benchmarking of existing buildings and operations. WRCOG's approach will start with inventorying existing climate adaption plans or related strategies that the customers may have in place. Any customers that don't have a CAP or similar strategy in place, or are currently updating an outdated plan, will be primary contacts for non-resource EE non-resource technical assistance.

Overall, WRCOG will provide these services to customers and serve as an extension of the SoCalGas Regional Energy Pathways team. This will come in the form of participating and supporting meetings, assisting and/or preparing reports, giving presentations, and facilitating consultations with customers.

Public Sector Customer: Special Districts

Special Districts in the region: WCOG has identified 119 special districts in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties, including conservation districts, community services districts, cemetery districts, utilities districts, library districts, water districts, and vector control districts.

Contacts at Special Districts in the region: **EMWD:** Board member, General Manager; **WMWD:** Board member, General Manager; **Jurupa Community Services District:** Director of Finance & Admin., Financial Analyst, Management Analyst; **CAL FIRE / Riverside County Fire Department:** Fire Facilities Manager.

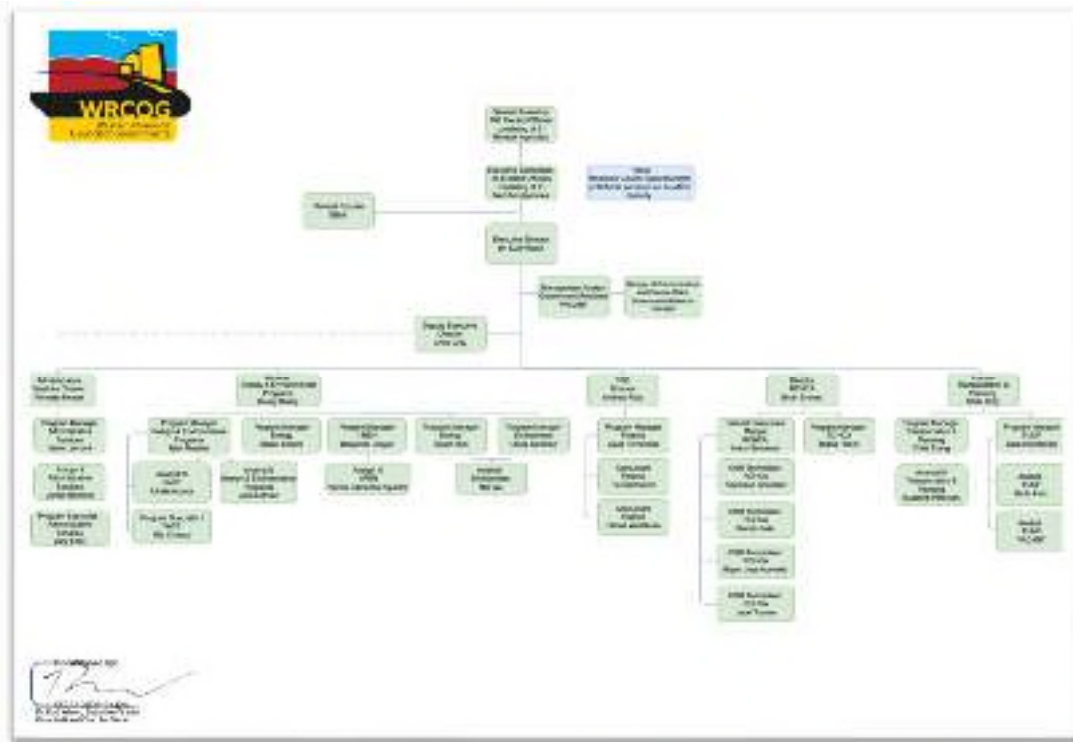
The approach to the scope of work for Special Districts will follow similar strategies as the Local Governments. A marketing, outreach, and engagement plan will be identified that will be suited for the various customer subtypes such as Police and Fire organizations, Transportation agencies, and Joint Powers Authorities to create awareness of SoCalGas' EE resource programs.

WRCOG will setup meetings with customers to identify existing EE plans or strategies, create awareness of and identify areas for potential EE projects. Any potential EE projects will receive WRCOG's support throughout the process, from securing an investment for the project through to completion of the project and submitting any available rebate or incentive applications.

In order to support long term EE strategies and planning within Special District customers, WRCOG will provide non-resource EE non-resource technical assistance, with a focus on DACs and hard-to-reach communities. Any customers that do not have an existing EE strategy or plan will be a primary focus for the technical assistance services, including customer education, GHG inventorying and energy benchmarking for existing buildings, and support with grant writing.

Throughout the process of providing services, WRCOG will serve as an extension of the SoCalGas Regional Energy Pathways Program Team in support of public sector customers. It is recognized that some Special District customers may be served by Statewide Programs, however, WRCOG can fill gaps in those programs. WRCOG will be prepared to participate in meetings with SoCalGas, provide support during consultations with customers, prepare reports, and conduct presentations.

Staffing



Key Staff:

Daniel Soltero, Program Manager: Daniel Soltero joined WRCOG in 2018 and is responsible for planning and implementation of energy, smart city, and broadband initiatives for WRCOG's member agencies. He implemented the Regional Streetlight Program, which facilitated the sale of over 50,000 utility-owned streetlights to 11 local governments, completed a streetlight LED conversion and currently manages a regional maintenance services contract for participating agencies. Daniel also leads the development and implementation of the Energy Resilience Plan, which serves as a resource for identifying and prioritizing local government critical facilities, and designing for energy resilience solutions in response to power interruptions. He holds a B.A. in Public Policy from the University of California, Riverside, and has interests in energy efficiency, DER's, the nexus between energy and grid infrastructure with the environment, as well as climate adaptation planning.

Casey Dailey, Director of Energy & Environmental Programs: Casey Dailey serves as Director of Energy and Environmental Programs for the Western Riverside Council of Governments. In this capacity, he oversees a number of regional and statewide programs that serve the public sector, residential and business communities to reduce energy consumption, greenhouse gases and landfill waste, as well as to increase the use of alternative fueled vehicles and spark economic development through sustainable initiatives. Casey oversees a statewide Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) Program that provides competitive financing for energy efficient, renewable energy, water conservation and seismic improvements to businesses. Other programs that Casey is responsible for include: Inland Regional Energy Network (I-REN), Regional Streetlights Program, Energy Resiliency, Solid Waste & Used Motor Oil Programs and the Clean Cities Coalition.



Western Riverside Council of Governments Technical Advisory Committee

Staff Report

Subject: Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Budget
Contact: Andrew Ruiz, Chief Financial Officer, aruiz@wrcog.us, (951) 405-6741
Date: February 15, 2024

Recommended Action(s):

1. Receive and file.

Summary:

WRCOG has started the planning process for the upcoming Fiscal Year 2024/2025 budget. This year's focus will discuss 12 key topics that will help to form the budget. Overall, no significant changes from an overall dollars and/or programmatic standpoint are anticipated at this point in time.

Purpose / WRCOG 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Goal:

The purpose of this item is to provide information regarding Finance Department activities. This effort aligns with WRCOG's 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Goal #3 (Ensure fiscal solvency and stability of the Western Riverside Council of Governments).

Discussion:

Background

As part of the ongoing analysis and evolution of the WRCOG budgeting process, this year's focus is a continuation of topics discussed in previous years, as well as several new topics. Overall, no significant changes are anticipated in WRCOG's budget from an overall dollar and/or programmatic standpoint at this point in time.

Working through these topics provides a better vantage point to work toward the budgeting principles previously established of: 1) ensuring the fair distribution of funds and funding requests, 2) requiring non-comprehensive programs (those which do not benefit the entirety of the member agencies) to be self-sustaining, 3) focusing on the long-term health of each fund, and 4) moving toward these goals in an incremental way when full scale immediate changes are impractical.

These topics include:

1. Clean Cities Dues: Continuation of prior year discussions surrounding the dues for the Clean

Cities Program.

2. Member Dues: Update from ad hoc discussions surrounding the overall Agency's member dues.
3. Fellowship: Funding and sustainability of the Program.
4. HERO: Program winddown.
5. Cost Cutting Initiative: Cost cutting measures the Agency is taking on.
6. Inland Regional Energy Network: Structure of the Program and current status.
7. Climate Pollution Reduction Grant: Discussion on EPA grant that WRCOG and other regional partners are applying for.
8. Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA): Concept of implementing a COLA for staff.
9. General Fund Program Breakout: Breakout of Program's from WRCOG's General Fund.
10. Streetlights: Program structure and update on participants.
11. TUMF: Current level of activity and Nexus Study update.
12. Used Oil: Short- and long-term funding considerations.

Prior Action(s):

None.

Financial Summary:

This item is for informational purposes only; therefore there is no fiscal impact. However, as staff begins to receive direction and further develop the budget, fiscal impacts will be related to the upcoming Fiscal Year 2024/2025 budget.

Attachment(s):

None.



Western Riverside Council of Governments Technical Advisory Committee

Staff Report

Subject: TUMF Nexus Study Activities Update
Contact: Chris Gray, Deputy Executive Director, cgray@wrcog.us, (951) 405-6710
Date: February 15, 2024

Recommended Action(s):

1. Receive and file.

Summary:

The TUMF Nexus Study draws a connection between the needs of the Program and the TUMF Program Fee Schedule. This Nexus Study identifies projects requiring mitigation from new development, determines what the cost of those projects will be, and what fees need to be assessed to fund these projects. Analysis through transportation modeling work has determined a list of projects eligible for mitigation. While this list of projects has been finalized, there are a limited number of outstanding issues which need to be addressed prior to finalizing the Nexus Study.

Purpose / WRCOG 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Goal:

The purpose of this item is to provide an update on the draft TUMF Nexus Study. This effort aligns with WRCOG's 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Goal #5 (Develop projects and programs that improve infrastructure and sustainable development in our subregion).

Discussion:

Background

At its October 4, 2021, meeting, the Executive Committee gave direction for staff to begin work on a TUMF Nexus Study update. The TUMF Nexus Study draws a connection between the needs of the Program and the TUMF Program Fee Schedule. This Nexus Study identifies projects requiring mitigation from new development, determines what the cost of those projects will be, and which fees need to be assessed to fund these projects. TUMF Nexus Study updates have occurred on a regular basis with updates done in 2005, 2009, 2011, and 2017.

The key reasons for a Nexus Study update include the following:

- It is considered a best practice to update on a regular basis
- Underlying growth forecasts have changed since the last update

- Travel behavior has changed, particularly viewed in light of COVID-19
- The project list has changed, with past projects completed and new projects identified
- Opportunity to add new project types, such as ITS infrastructure

Present Situation

WRCOG has regularly met with member agencies to review the underlying data related to the Nexus Study. That has included:

- Review of Jurisdictional requests: WRCOG staff solicited requests to member agencies regarding projects they wished to add to the Nexus Study. A summary of those requests and WRCOG's responses are provided as Attachment 1 to this Staff Report.
- Project Costs: WRCOG performed a review of the project costs involved in all eligible work for TUMF mitigation. These costs determine the overall Program cost which would in turn determine the appropriate fee for mitigation. This review determined that the increases for many of the cost elements were 100% or higher, particularly for construction and right-of-way costs.
- Obligated Funding Review: WRCOG performed a review of all non-TUMF funding that has already been allocated to projects on the TUMF Network. Deducting these previously obligated funds establishes a true Program cost for TUMF. This funding could include federal and state funding, grants, Community Facilities Districts, or other sources.

WRCOG staff will provide updated estimates of the changes in the fee resulting from updates to this information and provide other background information related to the Nexus Study and prior Executive Committee actions regarding the implementation of those studies.

Prior Action(s):

February 8, 2024: The Public Works Committee received and filed.

December 14, 2023: The Public Works Committee received and filed.

October 12, 2023: The Public Works Committee received and filed.

August 10, 2023: The Public Works Committee received and filed.

June 8, 2023: The Public Works Committee received and filed.

April 13, 2023: The Public Works Committee approved the updated TUMF Nexus Study Roadway Network.

July 11, 2022: The Executive Committee received and filed.

March 17, 2022: The Technical Advisory Committee received and filed.

March 10, 2022: The Public Works Committee received and filed.

October 4, 2021: The Executive Committee gave direction to 1) begin work on a TUMF Nexus Study update; 2) update the TUMF Administrative Plan to expand the TUMF-eligible project list to include

Intelligent Transportation Systems projects; 3) work with the Riverside County Transportation Commission and Riverside Transit Agency to evaluate options to mitigate VMT impacts from new development outside of the TUMF Nexus Study update; and 4) begin work on an update of the Analysis of Development Impact Fees in Western Riverside County.

Financial Summary:

Funding for TUMF activities is included in the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 budget under the TUMF Program (1148) in the General Fund (110). 4% of all TUMF collections are allocated for administrative purposes.

Attachment(s):

[Attachment 1 - Local Comments on Nexus Study](#)

Attachment

Local Comments on Nexus Study Project

2023 TUMF Nexus Study Update - Network Addition Requests

Northwest Zone

City/ County	Street Name	From	To	Recommendation
Eastvale	Hellman	River Road	Walter	Add to network for continuity and mitigate future v/c deficiency
Eastvale	Hellman	Schleisman	Walter	Add to network for continuity and mitigate future v/c deficiency
Eastvale	Hellman	Cucamonga Creek	bridge	Add to network for continuity and mitigate future v/c deficiency
Eastvale	River Rd	Archibald	Hellman	Add to network for continuity and mitigate future v/c deficiency
Eastvale	Limonite ITS	city wide		Add to network for deficient links with no capacity increase
Eastvale	Hamner ITS	city wide		Add to networks for deficient links with no capacity increase
Eastvale	Schliesman ITS	city wide		Add to networks for deficient links with no capacity increase
Eastvale	Archibald ITS	city wide		Add to networks for deficient links with no capacity increase
Eastvale	Limonite	Cucamonga Creek	bridge	Bridge length increased to 500'
Riverside	3rd	Chicago	Iowa	Do not add - no V/C deficiency and interchange overcrossing reconstructed to 4 lanes in 2006-2007
Riverside	La Sierra ITS	SR-91	Victoria	Remove from network - no capacity for widening
Riverside	La Sierra ITS	SR-91	Victoria	Add to network for deficient links with no capacity increase
Riverside	Madison	SR-91	Victoria	Remove from network - no capacity for widening
Riverside	Madison ITS	SR-91	Victoria	Add to network for deficient links with no capacity increase
Riverside	University ITS	Market St	Canyon Crest	Add to network for deficient links with no capacity increase
Riverside	Tyler ITS	California Ave	Indiana Ave	Do not add - no V/C deficiency
Riverside	Alessandro Blvd ITS	Fairview Ave	Meridian	Add to network for deficient links with no capacity increase
County	Markham St	Mockingbird Canyon	Wood Rd	Do not add - no regional connectivity or V/C deficiency

Central Zone

City/ County	Street Name	From	To	Recommendation
Menifee	Garbani	Haun	Antelope	Do not add - no future v/c deficiency
Menifee	Garbani	I-215	interchange	Add to network to mitigate future v/c deficiency
Menifee	Garbani	I-215	Menifee	Do not add - no future v/c deficiency
Menifee	Garbani	Menifee	Briggs	Do not add - no future v/c deficiency

Menifee	Holland	City Limits (West)	Murrieta	Do not add - no future v/c deficiency
Menifee	Holland	Murrieta	Bradley	Add to network for continuity and mitigate future v/c deficiency
Menifee	Holland	Bradley	Haun	Add to network for continuity and mitigate future v/c deficiency
Menifee	Holland	Antelope	Muenifee	Add to network for continuity and mitigate future v/c deficiency
Menifee	Scott	Haun	Menifee	Already on TUMF Network
Menifee	Scott	Menifee	Briggs	Already on TUMF Network
Menifee	Scott	Sunset	Murrieta	Already on TUMF Network
Menifee	Briggs	Simpson	Angler	Already on TUMF Network
Menifee	Briggs	Salt Creek	bridge	Already on TUMF Network
Menifee	McCall	Aspel	Menifee	Keep at 2-4 lanes, no future deficiency to mitigate to 6 lanes
Perris	Ethanac	Bridge	San Jacinto River	Already on TUMF Network
Moreno Valley	Redlands	SR-60	interchange	Do not add - no future v/c deficiency, already under reimbursement agreement
Moreno Valley	WLC	SR-60	interchange	Do not add - no future v/c deficiency, already under reimbursement agreement
Unincorporated	Grand Ave	Briggs Rd	SR-79	Do not add - no future v/c deficiency

San Jacinto Zone

City/ County	Street Name	From	To	Recommendation
Hemet	Stetson	Warren	0.85 Miles w/o Warren	Do not add - no regional connectivity or V/C deficiency
Hemet	State St (ITS)	Esplanade	Florida Ave	
Hemet	Sanderson Ave (ITS)	Esplanade	Domenigoni Pkwy	
Hemet	Warren Rd (ITS)	Simpson Ave	Esplanade	
Hemet	Stetson Ave (ITS)	Winchester Rd	Sanderson Ave	
San Jacinto	7th St	Western Terminus	Warren Rd	Do not add - no future v/c deficiency
San Jacinto	7st St	Channel adjacent to Warren	bridge	Do not add - no future v/c deficiency

Pass Zone

City/ County	Street Name	From	To	Recommendation
Banning	Highland Springs	Cherry Valley	Oak Valley	Already on TUMF Network - no v/c deficiency

Banning	Cottonwood	I-10	interchange	Do not add - no connectivity to regional network
Banning	Wilson	Highland Springs	Highland Home	Already on TUMF Network - no v/c deficiency
Banning	Sun Lakes	Smith Creek	bridge	Segment already on TUMF Network - Bridge added

Southwest Zone

City/ County	Street Name	From	To	Recommendation
Lake Elsinore	Camino del Norte	Summerhill	Main	Do not add - no connectivity to regional network
Lake Elsinore	Summerhill	Railroad Canyon	Greenwald	Do not add - no regional connectivity or V/C deficiency
Lake Elsinore	Nichols	I-15	Lake	Already on TUMF Network
Lake Elsinore	Lake St	I-15	Lincoln	Keep at 2-4 lanes, update suburban land use
Lake Elsinore	Nichols Rd	Temescal Wash	bridge	adjust length to 300 ft
Lake Elsinore	Lake St	Temescal Wash	bridge	adjust length to 180 ft
Wildomar	Inland Valley Dr	I-15	bridge	Do not add - no connectivity to regional network
Wildomar	Palomar	Starbuck	Washington	Already on TUMF Network
Wildomar	Bundy Canyon	I-15	City Limits (Sunset)	Already on TUMF Network
Murrieta	Orange Springs Parkw	Clinton Keith	Scott	Do not add - no regional connectivity or V/C deficiency
Murrieta	Calle del Oso Oro	Vineyard Pkwy	Washington	Do not add - no regional connectivity or V/C deficiency
Murrieta	Calle del Oso Oro	1500 w/o Vineyard Pkwy	bridge	Do not add - no regional connectivity or V/C deficiency
Murrieta	Adams	Murrieta Hot Springs/Hawthorne	Cherry	Do not add - no regional connectivity or V/C deficiency
Temecula	Ynez Road	Rancho California	Santiago	Do not add - no connectivity to regional network
Temecula	Ynez Road/DePortola	Santiago	Margarita	Do not add - no connectivity to regional network
Temecula	ITS	Major Arterials (Winchester, Rancho California, Butterfield Stage, Temecula Pkwy, Margarita, Jefferson	City limits	Add to network for deficient links with no capacity increase