

### **AGENDA**

Wednesday, May 19, 2021 1:00 p.m.

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

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To follow the Order issued by the Governor, the Solid Waste Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 19, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. will be held by video and teleconference and any members of the public can attend electronically. Members of the public may send public comments by emailing <a href="mailto:snelson@wrcog.us">snelson@wrcog.us</a>, or calling (951) 405-6703 before or during the meeting, prior to the close of public comment.

Any member of the public requiring a reasonable accommodation to participate in this meeting in light of this announcement shall contact Suzy Nelson prior to 1:00 p.m. on May 17, 2021, at (951) 405-6703 or <a href="mailto:snelson@wrcog.us">snelson@wrcog.us</a>.

The Solid Waste Committee may take any action on any item listed on the agenda, regardless of the Requested Action.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER (Olivia Sanchez, 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 with 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 agendized 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

- A. Summary Minutes from the February 17, 2020, Solid Waste Committee Meeting P. 1
  - **Requested Action:** 1. Approve the Summary Minutes from the February 17, 2020, Solid Waste Committee meeting.
- B. Food Waste Prevention and Rescue Grant Program Cycle 4 Update P. 3

P. 5

**Requested Action**: 1. Receive and file.

C. ReCollect Activities Update

**Requested Action:** 1. Receive and file.

#### 6. REPORTS / DISCUSSION

A. SB 1383 / SB 619 Implementation Kyle Rodriguez, WRCOG P. 7

**Requested Action:** 1. Receive and file.

B. Organic Capacity and Infrastructure Survey

Angelic Davis, City of P. 9

Moreno Valley

Requested Action: 1. Receive and file.

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D. SoCal AltCar Live Event Recap Kyle Rodriguez, WRCOG P. 21

**Requested Action:** 1. Receive and file.

#### 7. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS Members

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

#### 8. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS Members

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

- 9. NEXT MEETING: The next Solid Waste Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 18, 2021, at 1:00 p.m., on the Zoom platform.
- 10. ADJOURNMENT

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#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Solid Waste Committee was called to order at 1:01 p.m. by Chair Olivia Sanchez on the Zoom platform.

#### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Sanchez led members and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### 3. SELF INTRODUCTIONS

#### **Members present:**

Holly Stuart, City of Banning
Jacqueline Zukeran, City of Corona
Charles Russell, City of Hemet
Angelic Davis, City of Moreno Valley
David Clayton, City of San Jacinto
Rodney Tidwell, City of Temecula
Olivia Sanchez, County of Riverside (Chair)

#### 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

<u>5. CONSENT CALENDAR</u> (San Jacinto / Moreno Valley) 7 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain. Items 5.A through 5.C were approved. Representatives from the Cities of Beaumont, Calimesa, Canyon Lake, Eastvale, Jurupa Valley, Lake Elsinore, Menifee, Murrieta, Perris, Riverside, and Wildomar were not present.

A. Summary Minutes from the November 18, 2020, Solid Waste Committee Meeting are Available for Consideration.

Action: 1. Approved the Summary Minutes from the November 18, 2020, Solid Waste Committee meeting.

B. Residential and Commercial Rate Survey 2020/2021

**Action:** 1. Received and filed.

C. Food Waste Prevention and Rescue Grant Program – Cycle 4 Update

Action: 1. Received and filed.

#### 6. REPORTS / DISCUSSION

#### A. California Recycling Compliance Guidelines

Jill Larner of CalRecycle provided a presentation on compliance updates and an overview of CalRecycle's website updates. CalRecycle has resource pages that include FAQs related to the implementation of SB 1383. The website also has a procurement calculator tool which has been released for stakeholders' use. This Tool will help jurisdictions plan and track procurement activities.

Action: 1. Received and filed.

#### B. SB 1383 Implementation

Kyle Rodriguez, WRCOG Senior Analyst, reported on the implementation surrounding SB 1383, which has specific target goals of 50% reduction of organic waste by 2020, 75% reduction of organic waste by 2025, and 20% edible food recovered for consumption by 2025. As of January 1, 2020, cities should already have 50% reduction in organic waste disposal. In January 2022, regulation takes effect and the State begins enforcement. By January 1, 2024, regulation requires local governments to begin enforcement. Staff is seeking direction from member agencies to draft a letter to local Assembly members requesting an extension of SB 1383 implementation requirements.

Cal Cities has been collaborating statewide with jurisdictions about the concerns of the SB 1383 implementation date. Cal Cities performed a survey with 194 cities, and 92% responded indicating they will need to do a rate increase for organic recycling in the next three years. SB 1383 implementation was the number one cost driver identified and number two was the lack of organic recycling infrastructure. Cal Cities is requesting a one-year delay for implementation.

Action: 1. Received and filed.

#### C. Pollution Prevention Initiative

Kyle Rodriguez provided information on the collaboration effort of a Pollution Prevention Initiative with the Riverside County Flood Control & Water Conservation District. The Initiative will support marketing and awareness on illegal disposal and littering, using online platforms. Program goals include quantifiable results tracking litter removal, increased pollution prevention, meeting objectives with the MS4 Permits, and complying with California mandates related to solid waste, recycling, and household hazardous waste, which aligns with WRCOG's Energy & Environmental Programs.

This initiative is County-wide, and the tools will be provided to cities to host clean-up events in a COVID-19-friendly environment.

Action: 1. Received and filed.

#### 7. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

There were no items for future agendas.

#### **8. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no items for general announcements.

9. NEXT MEETING: The next Solid Waste Committee meeting is scheduled for May 19, 2021, at 1:00

p.m., on the Zoom platform.

10. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting of the Solid Waste Committee adjourned at 1:38 p.m.



### Staff Report

Subject: Food Waste Prevention and Rescue Grant Program - Cycle 4 Update

Contact: Mei Wu, WRCOG Fellow, <u>mwu@wrcog.us</u>, (951) 405-6734

Date: May 19, 2021

**The purpose of this item is to** provide an update on the application of the Food Waste Prevention and Rescue Grant Program - Cycle 4 that WRCOG staff will use to assist member agencies in reaching California recycling mandates.

#### **Requested Action:**

1. Receive and file.

#### **Background**

The California Department of Resource Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) administers the Food Waste Prevention and Rescue Grant Program to lower overall greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by establishing new, or expanding existing, food waste prevention projects (source reduction or food rescue) in California to reduce the amount of food being disposed of in landfills.

#### **Food Waste Prevention and Rescue Grant**

In December 2020, WRCOG applied for grant funds to assist member agencies in meeting the requirements of Senate Bill 1383: Short-lived Climate Pollutants. WRCOG planned to use the funds to establish a regional food recovery network and provide food waste education and outreach to residents and businesses.

In March 2021, CalRecycle informed WRCOG that the grant application was ineligible for grant consideration due to an insufficient score. A score of 65 is required to qualify for grant funds, and WRCOG's application received a score of 63. WRCOG will be scheduling a debrief meeting with CalRecycle to discuss the details of the score results. WRCOG will use the feedback from the debrief to strengthen its application for the next round. Staff will continue to assist member agencies in meeting the requirements of SB 1383 and provide any relevant updates.

#### **Prior Action:**

February 17, 2021: The Solid Waste Committee received and filed.

#### **Fiscal Impact:**

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## **Staff Report**

**Subject:** ReCollect Activities Update

Contact: Mei Wu, WRCOG Fellow, <u>mwu@wrcog.us</u>, (951) 405-6734

Date: May 19, 2021

The purpose of this item is to provide an update on activities undertaken by the ReCollect Systems.

#### **Requested Action:**

1. Receive and file.

#### **Background**

WRCOG provides a subscription account for a waste and recycling communication platform, known as ReCollect. ReCollect is an educational toolbar that can be used to help residents, businesses, and waste haulers properly dispose of solid waste. WRCOG's goals for using ReCollect are to 1) lower calls to city staff and direct questions to the contracted waste hauler, 2) provide valuable analytical data on which solid waste materials need more attention in the region, and 3) raise the waste diversion number from landfills in the region.

ReCollect's online Collection Calendar and Waste Wizard provides a "widget" (a simple line of code) so it can be added to websites or web pages, making it easy for residents to find and use. It contains a collection calendar that provides dates to take out the trash, recycle, and organic bins based on the imputed address. A search engine provides a list of locations to dispose of waste based on the imputed material. The toolbar also includes an easy drag and drop game to help determine which materials are to be placed in which bin or taken to a local facility. ReCollect will be a free service to the city as part of the partnership of the Solid Waste Committee.

#### **April Updates**

ReCollect's Collection Calendar and Waste Wizard widget is live on the websites of the following cities: Banning, Hemet, Moreno Valley, and Wildomar. Last month, over 7,236 users used the Waste Wizard widget, 1,598 new addresses were searched for their collection calendars, and 94 reminders were created. ReCollect's mobile app had 79 mobile installs and accumulated 304 app user sessions. The sorting game included in ReCollect's widget has garnered 144 gameplays.

#### **Prior Action:**

August 19, 2020: The Solid Waste Committee received and filed.

#### **Fiscal Impact:**

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## **Staff Report**

Subject: SB 1383 / SB 619 Implementation

Contact: Kyle Rodriguez, Senior Analyst, <a href="mailto:krodriguez@wrcog.us">krodriguez@wrcog.us</a>, (951) 405-6721

Date: May 19, 2021

**The purpose of this item is to** provide a status and timeline of implementation for SB 1383 and a potential delay on mandates due to COVID-19.

#### **Requested Action:**

Receive and file.

#### Background

WRCOG's Solid Waste Committee (SWC) was formed after the adoption of AB 939, "The Integrated Waste Management Act," to regionally address the waste diversion goals in Western Riverside County. California has continued to pass legislation (AB 341, AB 1826, AB 827, and SB 1383) requiring jurisdictions to implement processes that promote business and multi-family complex recycling and organics recycling programs. The SWC works with WRCOG's member agencies, its partners, and CalRecycle, meeting quarterly to discuss solid waste issues and ways to address mandates.

SB 1383: Short-lived Climate Pollutants establishes methane emissions reduction targets in a statewide effort to reduce emissions of short-lived climate pollutants in various sectors of California's economy. This legislation establishes targets to achieve a 50% reduction in the statewide disposal of organic waste, based on 2014 levels, by the year 2020, and a 75% reduction by 2025. SB 1383 also establishes an additional target by the year 2025 for edible food disposed of, requiring less than 20% to be recovered for human consumption.

#### SB 1383 Extension

<u>Proposed Extension</u>: WRCOG staff has held discussions with Cal Cities (the California League of Cities), local waste haulers, and SWC members on potential efforts to delay the implementation of SB 1383 due to COVID-19. Projects that will reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions are a priority for WRCOG; however, with housing evictions currently under a federal moratorium, utility delinquencies on the rise, and businesses using reserve funds to stay operational, raising the rates for organic recycling could economically burden the region. On March 1, 2021, the Executive Committee directed staff to send a letter to local Assembly members requesting an extension of the implementation of SB 1383 on behalf of WRCOG's member agencies.

SB 619 Organic waste: reduction regulations: SB 619, as amended, Laird, was previously focused on delaying the effective date of the SB 1383 regulations from January 1, 2022, to an unspecified later date. The Bill was then amended on April 13, 2021, to retain the original implementation date and instead focus on encouraging implementation efforts and protecting jurisdictions from penalties. Existing law (SB 1383) requires CalRecycle to adopt regulations to reduce organic waste in landfills. It authorizes those regulations to require local jurisdictions to impose requirements on generators, or other relevant entities within their jurisdiction to impose penalties on generators, for noncompliance and include penalties imposed to CalRecycle's department for

noncompliance. SB 1383 regulations shall take effect on or after January 1, 2022, except that the imposition of penalties by local jurisdictions under regulations shall not take effect until 2 years after the effective date of the regulations.

This bill, until January 1, 2023, would require the department only to impose a penalty on local jurisdictions and would require a penalty to only accrue for a violation of the regulations if the local jurisdiction did not make a reasonable effort, as determined by CalRecycle, to comply with the regulations. The qualifications for "reasonable effort" are not outlined in the Bill and would be determined by CalRecycle. The amended bill has now been re-referred to the Committee on Environmental Quality.

#### **Prior Action:**

<u>February 17, 2021</u>: The Solid Waste Committee received and filed.

#### **Fiscal Impact:**

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## **Staff Report**

**Subject:** Organic Capacity and Infrastructure Survey

Contact: Angelic Davis, Purchasing Division Manager, City of Moreno Valley, angelicd@moval.org,

(951) 413-3195

Date: May 19, 2021

**The purpose of this item is to** provide information on Organic Capacity and an overview of an Infrastructure Survey.

#### **Requested Action:**

1. Receive and file.

#### **Background**

SB 1383 targeted a 50% reduction in landfilled organic waste by 2020. By 2025, that reduction target is 75%. Each jurisdiction must rescue edible food for people to eat, diverting at least 20% of currently disposed of surplus food by 2025.

<u>Infrastructure Survey</u>: The WRCOG Solid Waste Committee survey will help determine further conversations regarding Riverside County Organic Processing. The WRCOG Organic Capacity and Infrastructure Survey look to plan with its member agencies to research current infrastructure plans or look to develop a facility using capital investments.

#### **Prior Action:**

None.

#### **Fiscal Impact:**

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## Organic Capacity and Infrastructure Survey

This survey will help determine further conversation regarding Riverside County Organic Processing. WRCOG looks to plan with is member agencies to research current infrastructure plans, or look to develop a facility using capital investments.

1.	Jurisdiction *
2.	Contact Email *
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3.	Has your jurisdiction reached 100% compliance with AB 1826?  Check all that apply.  Compliant with AB 1826  Out of compliance with AB 1826  We were placed on a compliance plan
4.	Has your jurisdiction reached 100% compliance with AB 341?  Check all that apply.  Compliant with AB 341  Out of compliance with AB 341  We were placed on a compliance plan  Other:

5.	Have you completed the capacity planning for SB 1383?		
	Mark only one oval.		
	Yes		
	No		
	Unsure how to start or who to contact		
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6.	Where will your organics be recycled? Please list the disposal facility or geographic location.		
7.	How many haulers operate in your jurisdiction? Please list Franchise Hauler(s).		
8.	Did your jurisdiction have any options or negotiations for SB 1383 regarding the location of your organics recycling facility and proposed rate increases?  Mark only one oval.		
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	We reviewed options with our hauler and identified the most cost-effective approach  We were not provided options and are proceeding with the facility and rates our hauler selected		

9.	Did you contract, or plan on contracting, a consultant to help you prepare franchise agreement amendments and rate increases related to SB 1383?		
	Mark only one oval.		
	We contracted a consultant and are currently working on these updates.		
	We are plan on hiring a consultant.		
	Other:		
10.	Do you currently have, or are planning, a rate structure to include organics? Is it a bundled rate? *		
11.	Did your jurisdiction have rate increases with organics, if so how did you determine the cost?		
12.	Has your jurisdiction implemented the mandatory MCR/MORe ordinance/s in regards to AB 1826 and SB 1383?		
	Mark only one oval.  Option 1		
13.	Has your jurisdiction completed a franchise amendment or separate agreement to include organics service?		
14.	Do you have a freight cost increase on organic disposal?		

15.	Does your jurisdiction have any third-party service? If so, where is the location of disposal?
16.	Did your jurisdiction preform any cost-benefit analysis for routes?
17.	Did your jurisdiction preform any cost-benefit analysis on any bids for rate structure?
18.	Would your jurisdiction consider a Joint Powers Authority for Waste in Riverside County?
19.	Based on the survey questions do you have any further information you would like to provide for future discussion? *

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### Staff Report

Subject: Used Oil and Oil Filter Recycling Program Activities Update

Contact: Kyle Rodriguez, Senior Analyst, <a href="mailto:krodriguez@wrcog.us">krodriguez@wrcog.us</a>, (951) 405-6721

Date: May 19, 2021

**The purpose of this item is to** provide an update on applications for Oil Payment Program (OPP) 12, Program events & community outreach activities, and EcoHero Virtual Shows.

#### **Requested Action:**

Receive and file.

#### **BackGround**

WRCOG's Used Oil Recycling and Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Program develops and promotes alternatives to the illegal disposal of used oil by establishing a regional network of collection opportunities and undertaking outreach efforts to inform and motivate the public to recycle used oil. During Fiscal Year 2020/2021, the Used Oil Program was awarded for the Jaimy Gentry Outstanding Achievement for RISING ABOVE COVID-19. The award was presented to staff during the 2021 Used Oil / HHW Virtual Symposium.

#### **Used Oil and Filter Voucher Exchange Program**

<u>OPP Cycle 12 - Letter of Authorization</u>: Applications for CalRecycle's OPP Cycle 12 are due no later than June 30, 2021. WRCOG will provide a sample Letter of Authorization to all member jurisdictions interested in participating in the regional Used Oil Program.

A Regional Lead Participant must be designated to act on behalf of all participating jurisdictions. A Letter of Authorization is used for regional applications. WRCOG has served as the Lead applicant for the subregion since 2009. The Lead is the applicant who will be responsible for the performance of the OPP and all required documentation. CalRecycle will direct all official correspondence and payments to the Lead. If a jurisdiction is a participant in a regional application, it may not apply individually.

<u>Virtual Used Oil Exchange Events</u>: WRCOG has developed a new process to engage the public on motor oil recycling with safety and health in mind. Digital campaigns are being utilized to educate the public on where to properly recycle their used oil and exchange old filters for free new ones. Members of the public participate via Facebook by clicking an advertisement that will open an online survey to complete, at which time participants will receive a voucher upon completion. The voucher will provide the date, time, and instructions for participation and must be presented at the auto store to complete the filter exchange. Exchanges will be available on Saturdays and Sundays during available store hours. Staff corresponds with each auto parts store before events, confirming safety measures and procedures are in place.

The following is a list of "completed" virtual Used Oil & Filter Exchange Events:

Date	Event	Location	Oil Filters
2/6/21 - 2/7/21	Oil & Filter Event	Lake Elsinore	70
2/20/21 -2/21/21	Oil & Filter Event	Menifee	34
2/27/21 – 2/28/21	Oil & Filter Event	Murrieta	50
3/6/21 – 3/7/21	Oil & Filter Event	Riverside	131
3/13/21 – 3/14/21	Oil & Filter Event	Banning	63
3/20/21 - 3/21/21	Oil & Filter Event	Corona	33
3/27/21 - 3/28/21	Oil & Filter Event	Jurupa Valley	70
4/3/21 -4/4/21	Oil & Filter Event	Perris	44
4/17/21 - 4/18/21	Oil & Filter Event	San Jacinto	27
5/1/21 -5/2/21	Oil & Filter Event	Temecula	N/A

The following is a list of "upcoming" virtual Used Oil & Filter Exchange Events:

Date	Event	Location
5/15/21 – 5/16/21	Oil & Filter Event	Riverside
5/29/21 - 5/30/21	Oil & Filter Event	Calimesa
6/5/21 – 6/6/21	Oil & Filter Event	Norco
6/12/21 – 6/13/21	Oil & Filter Event	Eastvale

<u>EcoHero Shows</u>: WRCOG is offering the EcoHero show to member agencies' school partners. EcoHero is a helpful resource that introduces environmental topics such as used oil recycling and HHW through songs, dance, and music videos, while explaining to students how they can make an impact at home and school. EcoHero provides school partners with the option of in-person or virtual streamed shows. WRCOG staff will continue to utilize virtual education and outreach in the subregion; however, a member jurisdiction may request an in-person show. WRCOG enlisted EcoHero to conduct 30 additional virtual streaming shows throughout the remainder of the school year across the subregion, and staff will provide an updated calendar to member agencies once it becomes available. As the shows begin to be scheduled, EcoHero will begin with the below cities / school districts and continue working its way around the subregion. There have been 12 completed EcoHero Shows in 2021; a final report will be provided by the end of the 2020 – 2021 School Year.

The Following is a list of "completed" virtual school presentations:

Date	Event	Location
1/29/21	School Presentation	Beaumont
1/29/21	School Presentation	Banning
2/5/21	School Presentation	Eastvale
2/11/21	School Presentation	Banning / Cabazon
2/26/21	School Presentation	Jurupa Valley
2/26/21	School Presentation	Jurupa Valley / Riverside
3/19/21	School Presentation	Temecula

3/22/21	School Presentation	Moreno Valley
3/30/21	School Presentation	Banning
4/9/21	School Presentation	Moreno Valley
4/27/21	School Presentation	Perris
4/28/21	School Presentation	Hemet

## **Prior Action**:

March 7, 2021: The Executive Committee received and filed.

## Fiscal Impact:

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## **Staff Report**

Subject: SoCal AltCar Live Event Recap

Contact: Kyle Rodriguez, Senior Analyst, <a href="mailto:krodriguez@wrcog.us">krodriguez@wrcog.us</a>, (951) 405-6721

Date: May 19, 2021

**The purpose of this item** is to provide program activity updates from the Environmental Department Clean Cities Coalition.

### **Requested Action:**

Receive and file.

#### **Background**

The Western Riverside County Clean Cities Coalition brings together local government and private industries to expand the use of alternatives to petroleum fuel, thereby reducing greenhouse gas emissions under state goals of AB 32.

#### **Clean Cities Coalition**

SoCal AltCar Live: The Coalition held its third virtual AltCar Live on April 21, 2021. AltCar Expo Live, hosted by the WRCOG, brought together fleet managers, sustainability directors, business owners, legislators, industry professionals, and the public in a forum for alternative fuel vehicles and technologies. The event was hosted in partnership with the South Coast Air Quality Management District, the State of California Energy Commission, the California Air Resources Board, and the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GoBiz). Event sponsors included the University of California, Riverside (UCR), the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), Southern California Gas, the Department of General Services, Clean Cities, the City of Riverside, Veloz, Plug-in America, and Southern California Edison.

The first panel, moderated by Marco Anderson, Program Manager at SCAG, focused on state agency updates with an extended question and answer session. Panelists Tyson Eckerle, Deputy Director of ZEV Market Development at GoBiz, and Elizabeth John from the Advanced Fuels and Technologies Office of the California Energy Commission, shared the latest news regarding state agency funding, policy, and programs.

The second panel focused on current best practices and case studies. Matthew Barth, Director of CE-CERT at UCR, moderated the panel and discussion. Panelists included Tracy Sato, Power Resources Manager of Customer Strategies at Riverside Public Utilities, Aaron R. Dyer, Senior Project Manager of eMobility Strategy and Program Development at Southern California Edison, and Jonathan Palacios-Avila, President and Co-Founder of Stratos Fuel.

The event also included video field trips and vehicle demonstrations, a networking session, and a raffle for an electric bike and other prizes.

The Coalition held two previous AltCar Live sessions in June and October 2020. The AltCar series featured agency updates from the California Air Resources Board, the South Coast Air Quality Management District, the California Energy Commission, and more, with extended questions and answers from participants.

#### **Prior Action:**

March 1, 2021: The Executive Committee received and filed.

#### **Fiscal Impact**:

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