



Western Riverside Council of Governments Technical Advisory Committee

AGENDA

**Thursday, May 16, 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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The Committee may take any action on any item listed on the agenda, regardless of the Requested Action.

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 March 21, 2024, Technical Advisory Committee Meeting

Requested Action(s): 1. Approve the Action Minutes from the March 21, 2024, Technical Advisory Committee meeting.

B. Action Minutes from the April 18, 2024, Technical Advisory Committee Meeting

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

C. Fiscal Department Activities Update

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

6. REPORTS / DISCUSSION

A. Western Riverside County Clean Cities Coalition Activities Update

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

B. I-REN Public Sector Activities Update

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

C. SCAG Sustainable Communities Program – Active Transportation & Safety Call for Projects

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 Technical Advisory Committee will be dark in the month of June. The next Technical Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 18, 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 9:32 a.m. on March 21, 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 Eastvale - Marc Orme
- City of Hemet - Mark Prestwich
- City of Jurupa Valley - Rod Butler (Chair)
- City of Lake Elsinore - Jason Simpson
- City of Moreno Valley - Sean Kelleher
- City of Murrieta - Kristen Crane
- City of Norco - Lori Sassoon
- City of Perris - Clara Miramontes
- City of Riverside - Ruby Castillo
- City of San Jacinto - Rob Johnson
- City of Temecula - Betsy Lowrey
- City of Wildomar - Dan York
- Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD) - Jolene Walsh
- March JPA - Dr. Grace Martin

Absent:

- City of Banning
- City of Beaumont
- City of Canyon Lake
- City of Corona
- City of Menifee
- County of Riverside
- Western Water
- Riverside County Office of Education

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

RESULT:	APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED
MOVER:	San Jacinto
SECONDER:	Perris
AYES:	Calimesa, Eastvale, Hemet, Jurupa Valley, Lake Elsinore, Moreno Valley, Murrieta, Norco, Perris, San Jacinto, Temecula, Wildomar, EMWD, March JPA
ABSTAIN:	Riverside

A. Action Minutes from the February 15, 2024, Technical Advisory Committee Meeting

Action:

1. Approved the Action Minutes from the February 15, 2024 Technical Advisory Committee meeting.

B. Finance Department Activities Update

Action:

1. Received and filed.

6. REPORTS / DISCUSSION

A. Regional Food Rescue & Technical Assistance Program Activities Update

Action:

1. Received and filed.

B. Energy Resilience Plan 2.0 Update

Action:

1. Received and filed.

C. Update on Regional Innovation Initiatives

Action:

1. Received and filed.

7. REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Bonnie Woodrome, WRCOG Manager of Communications and External Affairs, reported that the registration is now open for the 2024 WRCOG General Assembly & Leadership Address, which will take place on June 20, 2024, at Pechanga Resort Casino. City staff received an email with a link to register.

8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

There were no items for future agendas.

9. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no general announcements.

10. NEXT MEETING

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11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:51 a.m.

Technical Advisory Committee

Action Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee was called to order by Chair Rod Butler at 9:34 a.m. on April 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 Eastvale - Marc Orme
- City of Jurupa Valley - Rod Butler (Chair)
- City of Lake Elsinore - Jason Simpson
- City of Moreno Valley - Robert Flores
- City of Murrieta - Kristen Crane
- City of Perris - Clara Miramontes
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Absent:

- City of Banning
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- City of Calimesa
- City of Canyon Lake
- City of Corona
- City of Hemet
- City of Norco
- City of Menifee
- City of Riverside
- City of San Jacinto
- City of Wildomar
- County of Riverside
- Western Water
- March JPA
- Riverside County Office of Education

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

Due to a lack of quorum, the Committee was unable to vote on the Consent Calendar.

A. Action Minutes from the March 21, 2024, Technical Advisory Committee Meeting

Action:

1. This item was rolled over to the May meeting for approval.

B. WRCOG Fiscal Department Activities Update

Action:

1. This was rolled over to the May meeting for approval.

6. REPORTS / DISCUSSION

A. I-REN Energy Fellowship Update: Member Agency Participation

Action:

1. Received and filed.

B. TUMF Nexus Study - Draft Release

A public comment was received from Mike McCarthy. See attachment.

Action:

1. Due to a lack of quorum, the Committee was unable to vote on this item.

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9. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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11. ADJOURNMENT

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From: Michael McCarthy <MikeM@radicalresearch.llc>

Subject: Public comment - WRCOG TAC meeting agenda item 6.B

Commissioners,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the TUMF Nexus Study. TUMF development impact fees are necessary and important to make growth pay its way.

The 'Fair Share' fee is currently inequitable and imbalanced due to incorrect, out-of-date assumptions about industrial development, land-use projections, and residential projections. Many of these can be fixed with updated assumptions in the planning study.

The proposed fee schedule subsidizes industrial development. A fee of \$2.36 per square foot is lower than every other category on a per square foot basis, other than multi-family residential. This is preposterous and an undesirable outcome given that warehouse distribution and fulfillment centers have extremely high trips rates per employee and a disproportionate share of highly damaging truck trips due to the weight of the vehicles.

The industrial category is incorrectly and inaccurately calculated.

- It doesn't weight the relative fraction of the types of industrial development – 90+% of the industrial development in Riverside County is High-Cube warehouses which has the lowest employee density per acre of any industrial type and a higher than average trip rate per employee (see ITE 11th edition fulfillment center trip rates).
- It doesn't scale any of the factors for heavy-duty trucks and their significantly higher damage to transportation infrastructure due to their weight
- The employment conversion factors are from studies that are 20-30 years old – warehouse (and all industrial) job density has declined significantly due to automation in the last two decades.
- There is no mention of automation and autonomous vehicles – driverless trucks and courier vehicles are coming; the City of Riverside just bought autonomous shuttles. TUMF should apply extra fees to no employee vehicles on streets to discourage autonomous vehicle congestion.
- The amount of estimated industrial development in Table 6.2 is 62M SQ FT for 2018-2045 based on SCAG 2020 Connect SoCal estimates. There are currently 120M+ SQ FT of warehouses planned/approved in the WRCOG area in CEQA.
 - o World Logistics Center (40.4M - approved)
 - o Legacy Highlands Phase II (19.8M – NOP)
 - o Stoneridge Commerce Center (9.5M - REIR)
 - o San Jacinto Commerce Center (9M - NOP)
 - o Serrano Specific Plan (6M – county pre-CEQA review)
 - o Sunset Crossroads (5.5M – EIR)
 - o Beaumont Pointe (5.5M - FEIR)
 - o Menifee Valley Specific Plan (5.5M – approved)
 - o West Campus Upper Plateau (4.7M – REIR)
 - o Southern Perris Industrial Project (3M – approved)
 - o Renaissance Ranch (2.4M – EIR)
 - o And ~110 other warehouse projects that are sub 2M SQ FT – see attached figure.

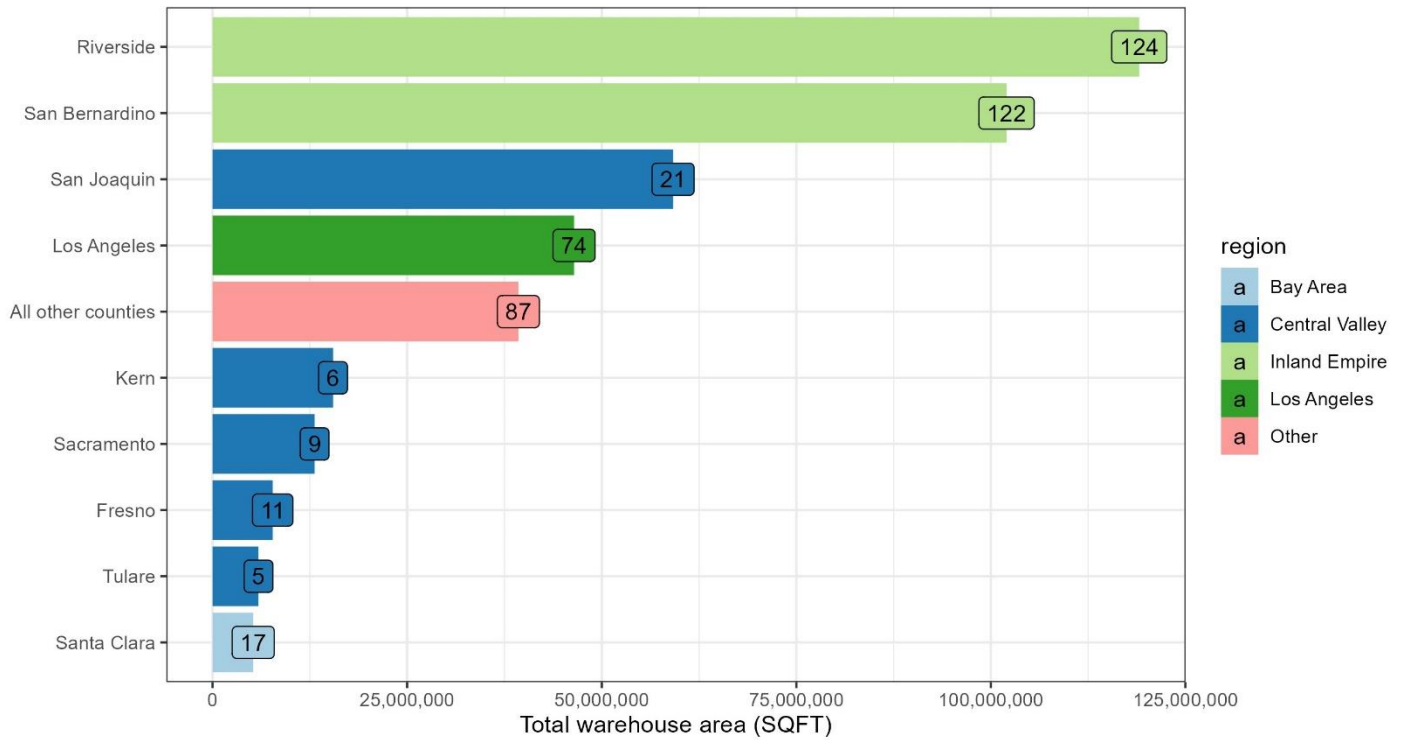
Additionally, all of the categories are based on the now obsolete 2020 Connect SoCal plan – 2024 Connect SoCal was approved and adopted this month. Please use that, as it is less incorrect than the 2020 version for a forward-looking TUMF fee.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I will provide a detailed critique of the TUMF methodology upon release of the study and Appendix L.

Mike McCarthy

Riverside Neighbors Opposing Warehouses
92508

Planned warehouse projects by county - 2020-2024 with CEQA review





Western Riverside Council of Governments Technical Advisory Committee

Staff Report

Subject: Fiscal Department Activities Update
Contact: Andrew Ruiz, Chief Financial Officer, aruiz@wrcog.us, (951) 405-6741
Date: May 16, 2024

Recommended Action(s):

1. Receive and file.

Summary:

The Finance Department has completed the annual audit and has issued its Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. WRCOG has also finalized its Fiscal Year 2024/2025 budget.

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

The Finance Department provides regular updates to WRCOG Committees regarding the financial status of WRCOG and also provides summaries of on-going activities that might be of interest to member agencies. The financial reports document Agency revenues and expenditures through the current fiscal year, as reported by various programs, funds, and other administrative divisions. On-going activities include the preparation of the Agency audit, budget amendments, and preparation of the WRCOG budget for consideration and approval by WRCOG Committees.

Present Situation

Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Budget: WRCOG has prepared the Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Budget and presented it to its various committees. The Budget was recommended to the General Assembly for approval by the WRCOG Executive Committee on April 1, 2024.

Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Year-End and Agency Audit: WRCOG's audit was completed in April 2024 and the auditors are providing an unmodified opinion on the Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Annual Comprehensive

Financial Report (ACFR). An unmodified opinion is the highest form of assurance an auditing firm can provide to its client and means that the audit and associated Agency financials are both in good form and the accounting practices are solid. WRCOG has received the distinguished “Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Report” from the Government Finance Officers Association for nine consecutive years, most recently the Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Award. The Award recognizes that the Agency is transparent, has provided full disclosure of its financial statements, and that the users of the ACFR have all the information needed to draw a financial conclusion of the Agency. WRCOG will once again apply for the award for Fiscal Year 2022/2023.

Financial Documents

All of WRCOG's most recent financial statements, budget, monthly financials, amendments, etc., are located on the Agency's website [here](#).

Prior Action(s):

None.

Financial Summary:

This item is for informational purposes only; therefore, there is no fiscal impact. Finance Department activities are included in the Agency's adopted Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Budget under the Finance Department under Fund 110.

Attachment(s):

None.



Western Riverside Council of Governments Technical Advisory Committee

Staff Report

Subject: Western Riverside County Clean Cities Coalition Activities Update
Contact: Taylor York, Program Manager, tyork@wrcog.us, (951) 405-6751
Date: May 16, 2024

Recommended Action(s):

1. Receive and file.
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Summary:

The Western Riverside County Clean Cities Coalition secured nearly \$3M in grant funding for zero-emission technology and engages with local communities to address mobility challenges and find clean solutions. This funding will support deploying zero-emission vehicles and infrastructure, technician training, developing a zero emission vehicle (ZEV) transition toolkit, and facilitating partnerships through the Inland Zero-Emission Vehicle Network.

Purpose / WRCOG 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Goal:

The purpose of this item is to provide an update on the activities of the Western Riverside County Clean Cities Coalition. This item is aligned with WRCOG's 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Goal #5 (Develop projects and programs that improve infrastructure and sustainable development in our subregion).

Discussion:

Background

The Western Riverside County Clean Cities Coalition (Coalition) was established as a WRCOG Program in 1997 and is part of a national network (<https://cleancities.energy.gov/>) of about 75 Coalitions supported by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). The Coalition brings together local government and private industries to expand the use of alternatives to petroleum fuel and promote education and technical assistance in support of advanced technologies in transportation. Coalition activities and those of its stakeholders also help municipalities manage the expanding use of alternative fuel vehicles (AFV) in the subregion while promoting resources that strengthen AFV infrastructure. Coalition stakeholders include public and private fleets, local and state agencies, fuel providers, technology manufacturers, local educational institutions, and more.

Activities from Coalition stakeholders reduce millions of gallons of petroleum fuel use and thousands of tons of greenhouse gas emissions each year. This is achieved through adopting fleet vehicles,

deploying AFV fueling and charging infrastructure, and acquiring funding from state, federal, and local programs.

Present Situation

On March 7, 2024, WRCOG was preliminarily awarded a \$1.35M grant to support the deployment of zero-emission vehicles and infrastructure in partnership with the Cities of Banning and Moreno Valley, Riverside County Purchasing and Fleet Services, and the Riverside County Transportation and Land Management Agency. Funding is provided through the California Air Resources Board Advanced Technology Demonstration and Pilot Program (<https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/low-carbon-transportation-investments-and-air-quality-improvement-program/low>), Municipal Green Zones category. For this project, WRCOG will offset the cost of vehicle and infrastructure purchases, provide technical support as needed, and fund technician training for participating agencies. Successes, challenges, and best practices will be memorialized and compiled into a ZEV deployment toolkit that will be shared with other jurisdictions and can be used as a guide for future ZEV adoption. Participating agencies will contribute an additional \$1.35M in match funding for vehicle and infrastructure purchases. Staff are currently working through the grant execution process and are working closely with participating agencies to identify next steps and needed resources. The anticipated grant execution date is July 1, 2024.

Through the Clean Mobility Options (CMO) Program (<https://cleanmobilityoptions.org/>), WRCOG was awarded a \$1.5M grant to support the deployment of zero-emission, community car-share vehicles in the subregion. The project will deploy 15 vehicles across the Cities of Corona, Hemet, Moreno Valley, and San Jacinto. Project partner and mobility operator EVGIDE will own and operate the vehicles. The project will also support the development of a mobility-as-a-service platform to connect various regional transit and mobility options in one place. Community, municipality, and stakeholder engagement efforts, led by WRCOG, will ensure that the Program is sustainable and provides direct benefits to target disadvantaged communities. Successful Program implementation increases access to clean mobility options and reduces local greenhouse gas emissions. Staff are currently working with grant administrator Calstart to execute the agreement. Project kickoff will include one-on-one meetings with participating cities, which staff are working to schedule.

The Department of Energy Clean Cities Jumpstart Program awarded WRCOG \$20,000 to establish the Inland Zero-Emission Vehicle Network (Network). The purpose of the Network is to provide a forum for information sharing and partnership-building among zero-emission stakeholders in the Inland Empire region, to support increased knowledge and adoption of ZEV technology and to help participants navigate new policies driving this adoption. Participants include local agencies, utilities, public and private fleets, regulators, educational institutions, manufacturers, fuel providers, etc. Meetings will occur quarterly, and in a hybrid virtual/in-person format. The first meeting was held on April 24, 2024, and allowed participants to learn more about the network and introduce themselves to other participants. The next meeting will be held on June 26, 2024. For information about how to participate in the working group, please contact Taylor York (tyork@wrcog.us) or Mei Wu (mwu@wrcog.us).

In 2023, WRCOG was awarded funding through the Clean Cities Energy and Environmental Justice Initiative. This two-year effort aims better to understand mobility challenges in focused areas of the subregion and identify strategies and resources to address them. The U.S. DOE provided funding to hire a Community Engagement Liaison, support community engagement, and directly reimburse local Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) for their valuable contributions to this effort. During the spring

and summer of 2024, staff will directly engage with CBOs, facilitate mobility stakeholder focus groups, and conduct community pop-ups and workshops to gather community members' feedback on local mobility challenges. These activities will culminate in developing a Community Transportation Action Plan in the fall that identifies challenges and highlights opportunities and resources for addressing them. Recently, staff hosted two community pop-up events, one in conjunction with the Perris Health Fair on April 20, 2024, and the other with the Lake Elsinore Color Run on April 28, 2028. The events allowed community members to provide feedback through interactive activities and a short survey.

Prior Action(s):

None.

Financial Summary:

This item is for informational purposes only; therefore, there is no fiscal impact. All activities as part of the Western Riverside County Clean Cities Coalition are budgeted under the Clean Cities Program budget (Fund 120), which is funded by member agencies, the Department of Energy Clean Cities Cooperative Agreement, and other periodic grant funding.

Attachment(s):

None.



Western Riverside Council of Governments Technical Advisory Committee

Staff Report

Subject: I-REN Public Sector Activities Update
Contact: Karina Camacho, Analyst III, kcamacho@wrcog.us, (951) 405-6724
Date: May 16, 2024

Recommended Action(s):

1. Receive and file.

Summary:

This update covers I-REN's two Public Sector programs, Cash 4 Kilowatts and Technical Assistance. Key milestones will be shared, to include gathering energy use data, creating energy resilience roadmaps, presenting to city councils, discussing energy projects with cities, and uploading facility data into the Building Upgrade Concierge software.

Purpose / WRCOG 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Goal:

The purpose of this item is to highlight I-REN's work with WRCOG public agencies and encourage continued collaboration with the County and cities in the sub region. I-REN supports WRCOG's 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Goal #6 (Develop and implement programs that support resilience for our region).

Discussion:

Background

The I-REN Public Sector launched in February 2023 with the contract approval of program implementers. Since then, the I-REN Public Sector Program has launched various initiatives to provide energy-efficiency services and resources to WRCOG member agencies.

Present Situation

Cash 4 Kilowatts & Technical Assistance

I-REN's two Public Sector programs are the Normalized Metered Energy Consumption Program, known as Cash 4 Kilowatts, and the Technical Assistance Program. I-REN's Cash 4 Kilowatts Program provides incentive funds to agencies for holistic energy efficiency projects. Additional incentives are offered for cooling centers and emergency operation centers. For every kilowatt of energy that an emergency operation or cooling center project saves, I-REN will give up to \$2.00/kWh of incentives to

offset project costs. I-REN is also conducting zero-cost energy audits to help member agencies become resilience-ready. An energy audit will help agencies identify opportunities to reduce energy usage at facilities and will help identify the energy-saving upgrades that will save agencies the most money over time. The I-REN Technical Assistance Program provides agencies with support services on their energy efficiency projects and researching funding opportunities.

Energy Data Request & Energy Resilience Roadmaps

As part of the Public Sector programs, I-REN staff have been working with agencies to obtain valuable energy consumption data from SoCal Edison and SoCalGas to better understand the agencies' energy use and provide recommendations for energy savings. I-REN has received energy data from the Cities of Beaumont, Canyon Lake, Corona, Jurupa Valley, Lake Elsinore, Menifee, Murrieta, Norco, Perris, Temecula, and the County of Riverside. I-REN staff has been working with the other member agencies to process the energy data requests.

Once I-REN has the agency's energy data, staff will produce an Energy Resilience Roadmap with charts summarizing the agency's energy usage including lighting, buildings, and water pumping. Staff will also identify the agency's top energy uses and provide the next steps for gathering additional information and scheduling future site visits. I-REN has presented Energy Resilience Roadmaps to city staff at the Cities of Canyon Lake, Corona, Murrieta, Norco, and Temecula. I-REN staff are currently developing Roadmaps for the Cities of Beaumont, Calimesa, Jurupa Valley, Lake Elsinore, Menifee, Perris, and Riverside County.

Additional Meetings and Presentations

In meeting agencies' unique energy needs, I-REN has provided presentations and meetings to discuss agencies' energy efficiency goals. As an additional service, I-REN staff has presented to City Councils at the Cities of Murrieta and Norco. Staff have also met with the Cities of Beaumont and Perris to discuss specific energy projects the Cities would like to move forward with.

In addition to collecting energy data for future projects, I-REN has also supported agencies with technical assistance for the Department of Energy (DOE) Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program. I-REN staff assisted the Cities of Eastvale and Hemet with the EECBG application.

Building Upgrade Concierge

The Building Upgrade Concierge (BUC) web-based tool offers analytics, modeling, measurements and verification performance features for public agency benchmarking and project development. I-REN has uploaded facility portfolio data into the BUC for the Cities of Canyon Lake, Murrieta, and Norco. I-REN staff are currently working to upload data for the Cities of Beaumont, Calimesa, Corona, Lake Elsinore, Perris, and Temecula. I-REN recently held a BUC training for I-REN Energy Fellows to become familiar with the software. I-REN staff are working on creating additional BUC tutorials for agency staff.

Stay Up to Date with I-REN

Stay up to date with I-REN offerings by joining the [I-REN Mailing list](#) and following I-REN on [LinkedIn](#), [Instagram](#), or [Facebook](#). Information about upcoming events and energy resources are available on the I-REN website at iren.gov.

California Climate and Energy Collaborative (CCEC) Forum

I-REN invites all WRCOG member agencies to attend the 15th Annual California Climate and Energy Collaborative (CCEC) Forum June 25 - 26, 2024, in Palm Springs. The Forum will bring together local leaders in energy and climate action for 2 days for in-depth conversations between local and regional governments, and their partners in State agencies, community-based organizations, and private sector service providers. I-REN is sponsoring the Forum and registration is free for local governments. Visit the [CCEC Forum website](#) for more information or contact I-REN staff.

Prior Action(s):

None.

Financial Summary:

All costs associated with the development and implementation of I-REN are included in WRCOG's adopted Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Agency Budget under the I-REN budget (Fund 180) in the Energy & Environmental Department.

Attachment(s):

None.



Western Riverside Council of Governments Technical Advisory Committee

Staff Report

Subject: SCAG Sustainable Communities Program – Active Transportation & Safety Call for Projects

Contact: Rachel Om, SCAG Senior Regional Planner, om@scag.ca.gov, (213) 630-1550

Date: May 16, 2024

Recommended Action(s):

1. Receive and file.

Summary:

This item is reserved for a presentation by Rachel Om on SCAG's Sustainable Communities Program – Active Transportation & Safety Call for Projects.

Purpose / WRCOG 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Goal:

The purpose of this item is to provide information on a funding opportunity for active transportation and safety projects that all members are eligible to apply. This item aligns with WRCOG's 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Goal #2 (Identify and help secure grants and other potential funding opportunities for projects and programs that benefit member agencies).

Discussion:

Background

The Sustainable Communities Program (SCP) is a grant program that provides technical assistance to support implementation of Connect SoCal, the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy for the SCAG region. The Connect SoCal 2024 SCP Active Transportation & Safety (SCP-ATS) Call for Projects is one of multiple forthcoming funding opportunities through the Connect SoCal 2024 SCP.

The 2024 SCP-ATS funds projects that primarily help advance the Connect SoCal 2024 mobility policies under Complete Streets, Transit and Multimodal Integration, and Safety. Selected projects will improve mobility across the region, increase rates of walking and biking, advance traffic safety, expand opportunities for multimodal transportation options, and competitively position local jurisdictions for implementation / grant funds.

The 2024 SCP-ATS will solicit applications for two project types:

- Develop a Community / Areawide Plan
- Develop and implement a Quick-Build Project

Present Situation

Jurisdictions have expressed interest in submitting an application for the 2024 SCP-ATS, particularly for quick build projects. WRCOG has invited SCAG staff to provide more information about the 2024 SCP-ATS so that members can gain an understanding of eligible projects.

Prior Action(s):

None.

Financial Summary:

This item is for informational purposes only; therefore, there is no fiscal impact.

Attachment(s):

None.