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Meeting Minutes of the

Resource Management and Climate Protection Committee (RMCP)

455 County Center, Rm. 101, Redwood City, CA 94063

Date: Wednesday, September 18, 2024 Time: 3:00 p.m.

Committee Members in Attendance:

Tom Francis – BAWSCA (Vice Chair)
Mary Hufty – Town of Portola Valley
Sue Beckmeyer – Pacifica
Kaia Aiken – City of Redwood City
Gina Papan – Millbrae
Betsy Nash – Menlo Park
Ortensia Lopez – El Concilio
Jeff Smith – Sares Regis Group
Bill Chiang - PG&E
Sarah Hubbard – Sustainable San Mateo County

Committee Members not in Attendance

Donna Colson – Burlingame (Chair)
Alex Fernandez – Filoli
Dave Pine – County of San Mateo

Additional Attendees and Speakers

Sean Charpentier – C/CAG
Kim Springer – C/CAG
Susan Wright – County Sustainability Department
Avana Andrade – County Sustainability Department
Alhad Dighe – County Sustainability Department
Laura Wong - County Sustainability Department
Chris Jones – UC Berkeley
Miya Kitahara – Alameda County StopWaste

Ryan Gardner – Rincon Consulting
Anna Yip – Rincon Consulting
Negin Ashoori - BAWSCA
Marc Hershman – Peninsula Clean Energy
Reid Bogert – C/CAG

Note: All presentations for this meeting have been posted on the C/CAG RMCP Committee website: <https://ccag.ca.gov/committees/resource-management-and-climate-protection-committee/>

Meeting was called to order at 3:06 P.M.

1. Roll Call and Introductions, including welcoming members recently appointed by the C/CAG Board to the RMCP Committee.

Committee staff completed Roll Call and a quorum of 10 members was eventually achieved. The Committee welcomed new member Betsy Nash, Menlo Park City Council Member.

2. Public Comments on items not on the agenda.

There were no public comments.

3. Approval of minutes of the May 15, 2024 and August 21 2024 RMCP Committee meetings.

The Committee approved the minutes of the May 15, 2024 meeting, with a motion by Member Papan, seconded by Member Lopez. A vote was taken and passed (6,2,0) with two members, Nash and Chiang, abstaining. The Committee approved the minutes of the August 21, 2024 meeting, with a motion from Member Papan, seconded by Member Hubbard. A vote was taken and passed (6,2,0) with two members, Nash and Chiang, abstaining. Members Hufty and Beckmeyer were not present for the voting.

4. Presentation on Regionally Integrated Climate Action Planning Support emissions inventory history, process, and trends.

Ryan Gardner, Rincon Consultants, provided a presentation on the RICAPS climate action planning emissions inventory program. Gardner's presentation included each of the source categories of emissions and the sources. Gardner continued by providing emissions reduction trends for San Mateo County since 2005 through 2022. Challenges with changing methodologies and data sources was also discussed. The Committee commented or asked questions on the following: how residential, commercial, and industrial data is broken down, the future of merging gas station with EV charging, the importance of EV charger maintenance, PG&E's focus on full electrification, challenges with timing for energization, why electricity emissions is not closer to zero and what PCE's energy mix is, the drop in organic waste into landfills, potential expansion of hydroelectric, and the applicability of Proposition 4 to these efforts to reduce emissions.

5. Presentation on regional input for city- and county-level GHG emission inventories in development of statewide inventories by UC Berkeley Energy and Resources Group.

Chris Jones, UC Berkeley Energy and Resources Group and Miya Kitahara from StopWaste Alameda County provided a presentation on the development of inventories by city on a statewide basis. The point was made that success in reducing greenhouse emissions depends on both state, regional, and local action. Completing emissions inventories is a very costly process for each city to undertake, but more economical at economies of scale. The RICAP program has been completing inventories for cities in San Mateo County, but most counties do not have such a vehicle. The UC Berkeley effort, with input from multiple stakeholders, seeks to establish a system for generating emission inventories for all cities in the State, both resource- and consumption-based. The Committee commented or asked questions on the following topics: How to, potentially, improve upon MTC's data, gratitude that this is a "no cost" process at this point, and how helpful it will be to have more data on full deployment needs of EV charging infrastructure.

6. Presentation on BAWSCA Regional Water Demand and Conservation Projections Study.

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Negin Ashoori, Senior Water Resources Engineer at BAWSCA, provided a presentation on the BAWSCA Regional Water Demand and Conservation Projections Study that is carried out by BAWSCA for its water agencies approximately every five years. Despite growing population (34%), the demand has decreased (-32%). The demand and conservation study has two objectives, demand projections and a sensitivity analysis. The Study will also be simulating the impact of future drought. The Committee and public provide comments or asked questions on the following topics: how it is that population could be unbundled from water use, how will the Study treat the Bay Delta Plan and are there any new sources of water being considered, how will the most recent regional Housing Needs Assessment be factored in, and will the plan be affected by ground water pressure and rise due to sea level rise.

7. Committee Member Updates

8. Next Scheduled Meeting Date: October 16, 2024

Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:04 P.M.

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