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RMCP Committee Meeting Notice

Resource Management and Climate Protection Committee (RMCP)

Meeting Location:

155 Bovet Rd. - Ground Floor Conference Room
San Mateo CA, 94402

Date: Wednesday, March 19, 2025 Time: 3:00 p.m.

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AGENDA

1. **Roll Call and introductions.**
2. **Public Comments on items not on the agenda.**
3. **Approval of draft minutes of the November 20, 2024 and February 19, 2025 RMCP Committee meetings.** (Kim Springer, Committee Staff) Action
4. **Presentation on Regionally Integrated Climate Action Planning Support tools and resources for San Mateo County.** (Susan Wright, County Sustainability Department) Information/Discussion
5. **Presentation on the San Mateo County Green Business Program.** (Matthew Goldberg, County Sustainability Department) Information/Discussion
6. **Presentation by California Air Resources Board on annual Hydrogen fueling infrastructure development report for California and analysis used to determine future priorities.** (Kim Springer, Staff) Information/Discussion
7. **Committee Member Updates**
8. **Next Scheduled Meeting Date:** April 16, 2025

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Draft Meeting Minutes of the

Resource Management and Climate Protection Committee (RMCP)

155 Bovet Rd – Ground Floor Conference Room, San Mateo

Date: Wednesday, February 19, 2025 Time: 3:00 p.m.

Committee Members in Attendance:

Donna Colson – Burlingame (Chair)
Tom Francis – BAWSCA (Vice Chair)
Helen Wolter - Sue Beckmeyer – Pacifica
Kaia Aiken – City of Redwood City
Betsy Nash – Menlo Park

Committee Members not in Attendance

Mary Hufty – Town of Portola Valley
Dave Pine – County of San Mateo
Ortensia Lopez – El Concilio
Jeff Smith – Sares Regis Group
Bill Chiang - PG&E
Alex Fernandez – Filoli
Sarah Hubbard – Sustainable San Mateo County

Additional Attendees and Speakers

Sean Charpentier – C/CAG
Kim Springer – C/CAG
Alhad Dighe – County SUST
Avana Andrade – County SUST
Laura Wong – County SUST
Tom Smagel – BAWSCA
Peter Dreckmeier – Tuolumne River Trust

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 3:14 P.M.

1. Roll Call and introductions.

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Committee staff completed Roll Call and five members were in attendance. No quorum was achieved.

Chair Colson shared that Member Chiang at PG&E has a new position and wondered if he would continue to attend.

2. Public Comments on items not on the agenda.

Public attendee Peter Dreckmeier commented that he will share a presentation he made recently for distribution to the Committee.

3. Approval of draft minutes of the November 20, 2024 RMCP Committee meetings.

The Committee did not approve the minutes of November 20, 2024 due to lack of quorum. However, Member Nash provided some corrections to wording in the minutes before approval, which will be deferred to the March meeting.

4. Presentation on San Mateo County Energy Watch and Regionally Integrated Climate Action Planning Support 2024 accomplishments and PG&E contracting for calendar year 2026-2028.

Avana Andrade, Sustainability Specialist at the County Sustainability Department (SUST), provided a presentation, updating the Committee on 2024 accomplishments and contract for the program with PG&E through calendar year 2027. Andrade provided an overview of the Energy Watch program and how the Program accomplishes its goals. Laura Wong, Sustainability Specialist at SUST shared the accomplishments and equivalents. 43 heat pump water heaters were in stall across the County in 2024. Andrade continues with accomplishment in 2024 from the countywide climate collaborative, RICAPS, and went on to providing an update on the contract extension efforts with PG&E.

Members of the Committee commented or discussed the following, related to this item: the governor's office review of public purpose programs and City of Berkeley's proposed new point of sale ordinance.

5. Introduction to new Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency General Manager and presentation on present water supply conditions in San Mateo County.

Tom Smagel, BAWSCA's new CEO and General Manager, introduced himself and shared some of BAWSCA's key efforts for this and coming years, and concerns he will be focusing on. Tom Francis, BAWSCA's Water Resources Manager and Vice Chair of the Committee, provided a presentation on water supply conditions.

Members of the Committee and the public commented or discussed the following, related to this item: projects focused on recycled water, fire resiliency and water supply (considering the LA fire experience), progress on the BAWSCA demand Study, and opportunity for great future collaboration with BAWSCA as an organization.

6. Presentation on status of completed and proposed future grant and funding request projects related to the work of the RMCP Committee.

Committee staff, Kim Springer, provided a presentation on staff efforts as they relate to the C/CAG strategic plan; on energy environment and climate, and current C/CAG funding requests and discretionary funding opportunities that are in the works. C/CAG's strategic plan points to finding funding opportunities for a countywide carbon neutrality plan, a countywide vehicle electrification deployment plan, and deployment of a laundry to landscape program. Currently, C/CAG has submitted two grant proposals, one for laundry to landscape and another for a zero-emission vehicle fueling and charging deployment plan.

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The Committee commented or discussed the following topics in response to the presentation, BAWSCA's support of the laundry to landscape program, the real need for a solution for locating EV charging in diverse locations,

7. Committee Member Updates

Committee staff, Kim Springer, announced that he will be retiring at the end of March.

Sean Charpentier mentioned that Gina Papan, though no longer on the Committee was attending as a member of the public.

Charpentier also mentioned that there is still an open seat on the RMCP Committee for an elected official, and that C/CAG is tracking Brown Act Reform legislation that could help attendance of C/CAG committees, including RMCP.

8. Next Scheduled Meeting Date: March 19, 2025

Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:07 P.M.

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Draft Meeting Minutes of the

Resource Management and Climate Protection Committee (RMCP)

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

Date: Wednesday, November 20, 2024 Time: 3:00 p.m.

Committee Members in Attendance:

Donna Colson – Burlingame (Chair)
Sue Beckmeyer – Pacifica
Kaia Aiken – City of Redwood City
Gina Papan – Millbrae
Betsy Nash – Menlo Park
Alex Fernandez – Filoli
Sarah Hubbard – Sustainable San Mateo County

Committee Members not in Attendance

Tom Francis – BAWSCA (Vice Chair)
Mary Hufty – Town of Portola Valley
Dave Pine – County of San Mateo
Ortensia Lopez – El Concilio
Jeff Smith – Sares Regis Group
Bill Chiang - PG&E

Additional Attendees and Speakers

Sean Charpentier – C/CAG
Kim Springer – C/CAG
Dylan George – PG&E
Mehdi Shahriari – PCE
Marc Hershman – Peninsula Clean Energy
Lew Fulton – UC Davis
Ori Paz – City of Menlo Park

Note: All presentations for this meeting have been posted on the C/CAG RMCP Committee website:
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Meeting was called to order at 3:17 P.M.

1. Roll Call and introductions.

Committee staff completed Roll Call and a quorum of 7 members was eventually achieved.

2. Public Comments on items not on the agenda.

There were no public comments.

3. Approval of draft minutes of the September 18, 2024 and October 16, 2024 RMCP Committee meetings.

The Committee approved the minutes of the September 18, 2024 and October 16, 2024 RMCP Committee meetings, with a motion by Member Papan, seconded by Member Nash. A vote was taken and both draft minutes passed (7,0,0).

4. Approval of RMCP Committee meeting dates for January 2025 through January 2026.

The Committee reviewed the proposed meeting date for calendar year 2025, and a motion was made by Member Nash, seconded by Member Aiken. A vote was taken and approval passed (7,0,0).

5. Presentation on the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant and its role in supporting the California energy transition.

Bill Chiang, PG&E Local Government Affairs and Committee member gave a brief introduction and introduced Dylan George, Local Government Affairs – Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant (DC), who provided the presentation.

DC provides approximately 9% of the State's electricity and supplies approximately 3 million people in the State. DC was recently asked, by SB 846 (2022) to remain online for a period of five additional years. PG&E applied to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to extend their permit. DC's two reactors are two of the 94 in the US. The nuclear fission reaction is used to heat water in a closed loop, transferring the heat to separate loop which generates steam, which is fed into steam generators. Local ocean water is used to cool the reactors. Used fuel is stored onsite in secure dry storage. There is no national repository for spent nuclear fuel at the time in the US.

The had discussions and ask questions related the following: efficiency of newer nuclear plants, reprocessing of spent fuel, use of waste heat for energy, how many reactors different countries have compared to their populations, collaboration between nuclear power plant owners, the Fukushima reactor failure, capacity of onsite spend material storage, recent purchase by Microsoft of a reactor at Three Mile Island, fusion reactor research, the need for centralized spent fuel storage.

6. Presentation on Peninsula Clean Energy's load and energy supply mix.

Mehdi Shahriari, Senior Manage of Planning and Analytics at PCE provided a presentation on their power portfolio and 24/7 targets. PCE supplies approximately 3500 GWh in San Mateo County with expected growth of about 3-4% growth per year. PCE aims to achieve 100% renewable annually by 2030 and 77% hourly renewable matching in 2027. The current portfolio includes long- and short-term storage, wind, solar + storage, solar, small hydro, and geothermal. Sources are spread throughout the State. PCE currently offers ECOplus, which is 51.7% renewable energy and ECO100, which is 100% renewable energy. Challenges for PCE to meeting the 24/7 renewable goal are grid upgrade delays, limited wind and geothermal, and the high cost of renewables.

Committee Chair, Donna Colson provided background on PCE's recent vote to allow nuclear energy into PCE's power mix in the future. The decision stemmed from nuclear attributes included in the CPUC's Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA), which is a fee that PCE customers

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pay. The decision by the PCE board was to retain funds the customers would have had to pay to control rates.

The committee discussed or asked questions about the following: types of storage needed to meet the 24/7 goals, the percentage of geothermal in use, stability and reliability of storage, balance of need for long- vs. short-term storage, future use of Hydrogen as storage, and the rising cost of utility rates.

7. Presentation on The Alliance for Renewable Clean Hydrogen Energy Systems, a California initiative to accelerate renewable hydrogen projects.

Lew Fulton from UC Davis presented on the CA Hydrogen Hub, one of seven planned for across the US, funded by the DOE under the ARCHES program (CA), which is a public-private partnership to create sustainable, renewable, clean Hydrogen market. The focus is on heavy duty transportation applications such as ports, power, heavy transportation, but could also begin work on aviation, maritime, and other uses.

California signed the contract with ARCHES in late July 2024, Phase I of the program to begin in January 2024, with four total phases over six years. The Phase I DOE award was \$20M. ARCHES will focus ½ on transportation, and ½ on power and ports. Transportation is focused on 600 fuel cell trucks or busses, and 50 stations by 2030. The intention is to begin Phase II of the ARCHES project in late summer 2025.

The Committee had discussion or asked questions related to the following: the number and type of working groups involved in the project, why Hydrogen over electric for vehicles, elements of workforce development, Hydrogen station safety and permitting, and relationship between Hydrogen generation and municipal waste.

8. Committee Member Updates

C/CAG executive Director, Sean Charpentier reminded the Committee of open recruitments to C/CAG committees.

9. Next Scheduled Meeting Date: January 15, 2025

Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:16 P.M.

Note: All presentations are posted on the C/CAG RMCP Website at:

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C/CAG AGENDA REPORT

Date: March 19, 2025

To: Resource Management and Climate Protection Committee

From: Susan Wright, County Sustainability Department

Subject: Presentation on Regionally Integrated Climate Action Planning Support tools and resources for San Mateo County.

(For further information contact Kim Springer at kspringer@smcgov.org)

RECOMMENDATION

Receive a presentation Regionally Integrated Climate Action Planning Support (RICAPS) tools and resources for San Mateo County.

FISCAL IMPACT

None. Funds from the San Mateo County Energy Watch, PG&E local government partnership program cover the costs of the program. The program is jointly funded through the SMCEW program, Peninsula Clean Energy, and C/CAG.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

The San Mateo County Energy Watch local government partnership program between C/CAG and PG&E launched over 15 years ago in 2008. The program focuses on energy efficiency and may also promote electrification, EV charging, and energy resilience at customer sites. C/CAG with PG&E, and the County's Sustainability Department (SUST) with C/CAG, are in contract for SUST to manage and staff the Program through December 2025. The contract with PG&E is being negotiated for a calendar year 2026 and 2027 extension. This program cycle, the SMCEW team has coordinated with both internal and external partners to provide technical and financial assistance in the small business, public school, and municipal sectors. The program regularly collaborates with Peninsula Clean Energy.

The SMCEW program also funds most of the costs for a countywide climate collaborative called the Regionally Integrated Climate Action Planning Suite (RICAPS) program. This program provides resources, technical support, and monthly countywide collaboration on actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. These include monthly RICAPS collaboration meeting with sustainability staff from all cities and other local government agencies in San Mateo County, greenhouse gas emission inventories, and a set of tools that cities may use as they develop their climate action planning documents. Technical support is provided by a consultant, currently Rincon Consultants, Inc.

Susan Wright, Resource Conservation Programs Manager at the County Sustainability Department, her staff, and staff at Rincon will provide a presentation on the tools developed through the RICAPS program.

EQUITY IMPACTS AND CONSIDERATIONS

The C/CAG San Mateo County Energy Watch program provides energy efficiency opportunities to hard-to-reach small business customers, defined as renting of leasing space, English as a second language, and fewer than ten employees. The Energy Watch program engages with and funds the efforts of community-based organizations working in communities on behalf of the Program.

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None.

C/CAG AGENDA REPORT

Date: March 19, 2025
To: Resource Management and Climate Protection Committee
From: Matthew Goldberg, County Sustainability Department
Subject: Presentation on the San Mateo County Green Business Program.
 (For further information contact Kim Springer at kspringer@smcgov.org)

RECOMMENDATION

Receive a presentation on the San Mateo County Green Business Program.

FISCAL IMPACT

None. The San Mateo County Green Business Program is funded by the County and other State resources.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

The San Mateo County Green Business Program was launch by the County in March 2009, starting as a pilot of eight cities who took part in the six-month pilot. The Program went countywide in late 2009 and has been operating ever since. The Program certifies businesses as green through a checklist of initiatives the business may take to achieve certification. The checklist includes sections on energy, water, waste, pollution prevention, and wastewater. The business must complete a certain number of initiatives in each section of the checklist to achieve certification. The businesses must periodically recertify to maintain their certification status. The businesses receive window stickers, online acknowledgement, recognition, and a placard they may display in their facility. Periodically, the local program holds a mixer for certified businesses to attend, usually hosted by a green business.

The program is supported through a statewide program called the California Green Business Program, and the counties or regions across the State collaborate through regular meetings and share online resources, including an online electronic checklist that each county may customize, a database of initiatives that are tracked for conservation outcomes on the backend, tracking of certified businesses, and other shared resources.

After so many years, the program continues in San Mateo County and has some 200 businesses currently certified. The program does a good job of tracking resources saved and emissions reduced through its database and calculations, which have been reviewed by staff at the California Air Resources Board.

Matthew Goldberg, Resource Conservation Specialist at the County Sustainability Department, and Bryton Mays, Bilingual Sustainability Consultant at Environmental Innovation will provide a presentation on the San Mateo County Green Business Program and share how the Committee

can help promote the program. Links to find certified green business in San Mateo County, the local and California programs, are provided as attachments to this staff report.

EQUITY IMPACTS AND CONSIDERATIONS

The San Mateo County Green Business Program generally focuses on small brick and mortar business in San Mateo County and provides multilingual service so that it reaches businesses across the county in diverse communities.

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1. Link to local Green Business Program:
<https://www.smcustainability.org/energy/green-business/>
2. Link to certified businesses in San Mateo County:
<https://search.greenbusinessca.org/search?lat=37.4337342&lng=-122.4014193>
3. Link to CA Program, where businesses can begin the certification process:
<https://greenbusinessca.org/>

C/CAG AGENDA REPORT

Date: March 19, 2025

To: Resource Management and Climate Protection Committee

From: Natalie Reavey, California Air Resources Board

Subject: Presentation by California Air Resources Board on annual Hydrogen fueling infrastructure development report for California and analysis used to determine future priorities.

(For further information contact Kim Springer at kspringer@smcgov.org)

RECOMMENDATION

Receive a presentation by California Air Resources Board on annual Hydrogen fueling infrastructure development report for California and analysis used to determine future priorities.

FISCAL IMPACT

None. The San Mateo County Green Business Program is funded by the County and other State resources.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

California's zero-emission vehicle (ZEV) policies and programs are strategies in the effort to combat climate change. In August 2022, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) adopted the Advanced Clean Cars II (ACC II) regulation, which sets California aimed at 100 percent electric vehicle sales in all new light-duty vehicle purchases by 2035. One of the types of ZEV are hydrogen fuel cell vehicles or vehicles with hydrogen combustion engines. The later are far into the future. However, there is continued growth in Hydrogen fuel cell vehicle sales, especially in heavy duty vehicles. Supporting this growth will require deployment of fueling infrastructure.

Established and then mandated by several pieces of legislation, most recently AB126 (2023), the California Air Resources Board (CARB) provides annual evaluations of the deployment of light-duty fuel cell electric vehicles and identifies needs for hydrogen station network expansion. Reports have been published annually since 2014 and the 2024 report was recently released.

C/CAG staff requested a presentation on the most recent report, to explore current local access to Hydrogen fueling, and possible impacts of the evaluation and reporting process on future access in San Mateo County. In addition, staff requested some of the presentation include the methodology used for evaluation of needs and gaps in deployment of fueling infrastructure, since some of the same analysis could be considered, if a previously presented grant application to Caltrans results in funding for a ZEV charging/fueling infrastructure deployment plan for San Mateo County and its cities.

Natalie Reavy, ZEV Program Manager at the California Air Resources Board (CARB), and TriDev Acharya, Hydrogen Infrastructure Analyst for CARB, will provide a presentation to the Committee.

A link to the 2024 Annual Evaluation of Fuel Cell Electric Vehicle Deployment and Hydrogen Fueling Station Network Development is provided as an attachment to this staff report.

EQUITY IMPACTS AND CONSIDERATIONS

The California Air Resources Board supports a Zero-emission Vehicle (ZEV) Equity Task Force, which brings together leaders in zero-emission transportation such as environmental justice advocates, automakers, state government, and other key organizations to develop strategies to expand communities' access to ZEVs and zero-emission mobility, formed in response to language in the Advanced Clean Cars II Regulations to “expand low-income and disadvantaged communities' access to ZEVs and zero-emission mobility.”

ATTACHMENTS

1. Report: 2024 Annual Evaluation of Fuel Cell Electric Vehicle Deployment and Hydrogen Fueling Station Network Development: <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/sites/default/files/2024-12/AB-126-Report-2024-Final.pdf>