

Statement on Appointment of Advisory Task Group to Align SoCal Greenprint with Policy Framework for Advance Mitigation

On Oct. 7, SCAG's Regional Council voted to continue the pause on implementation of the SoCal Greenprint. During this pause, direction was provided for SCAG staff to develop a white paper and work with a five-member advisory task group (ATG) of the Regional Council on establishing a policy framework for advance mitigation in the SCAG region to ensure the Greenprint is aligned with policy objectives.

On Nov. 4, SCAG President Clint Lorimore announced the appointment of Hon. Sean Ashton, Hon. Curt Hagman, Hon. Peggy Huang, and Hon. David Pollock to serve alongside him on the ATG. Meetings of the ATG will comply with the Brown Act and will be open and public. The ATG's purpose, structure, and schedule are as follows:

Purpose and Structure of the Advisory Task Group

As directed in the supplemental staff recommendation approved at the Regional Council meeting on Oct. 7, this group's purpose is to establish a policy framework for advance mitigation in the SCAG region and to ensure the SoCal Greenprint is aligned with related policy objectives. This would be accomplished during the current pause on SoCal Greenprint implementation.

The ATG consists of five Regional Council members and will meet up to four (4) times between December 2021 and April 2022. In addition to establishing a policy framework, the group will advise on a white paper on Regional Advance Mitigation Planning (RAMP). The group will disband upon reporting to both the Regional Council and Energy & Environment Committee, which is expected to occur in April 2022.

RAMP-ATG Schedule

The RAMP-ATG will meet up to four times between December 2021 and April 2022. This would include a one-hour kickoff meeting, as well as three focused meetings that will last approximately 1-2 hours. Specific meeting dates will be determined based on the availability of RAMP-ATG members. The anticipated schedule is as follows:

MEETING #1 – DECEMBER 2021

- One hour kickoff meeting.
- Introductions of ATG members and SCAG staff.
- Discuss purpose of ATG and structure.
- Review of the anticipated agendas and dates for the next three meetings.

MEETING #2 – JANUARY 2022

- Presentation on existing regional advance mitigation programs from agencies such as Caltrans, Orange County Transportation Authority, and Riverside County Transportation Commission.
- Review feedback shared from interviews with county transportation commissions.
- Review Connect SoCal's strategies, goals, and Programmatic Environmental Impact Report mitigation measures.
- Provide feedback on the draft outline of the RAMP white paper.

MEETING #3 – FEBRUARY 2022

- Presentation on existing regional advance mitigation programs from agencies such as Caltrans, Orange County Transportation Authority, and Riverside County Transportation Commission.
- Develop recommendations on establishing a policy framework for advanced mitigation including guidance for aligning the SoCal Greenprint and its data layers with related policy objectives.

MEETING #4 – MARCH 2022

- Review the RAMP draft white paper and provide feedback.
- Finalize recommendations on a policy framework for advanced mitigation (for consideration at the April 2022 Regional Council and Energy & Environment Committee meetings).

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