



Environmental Quality Policy Committee
Thursday, January 26, 2023
10:00am – 2:00pm

Register for this meeting:

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AGENDA

I. Welcome

Speakers:

Chair Jennifer Cavanaugh, Vice Mayor, Piedmont
Vice Chair Illece Buckley Weber, Council Member, Agoura Hills
Cal Cities President Ali Sajjad Taj, Council Member, Artesia
Cal Cities Executive Director and CEO Carolyn Coleman

II. Public Comment

III. General Briefing

Informational

IV. Cal Cities 2023 Advocacy Priorities

Informational

V. Adoption of 2023 Policy Committee Work Plan (Survey)

Action

5 Minute Recess

VI. Our Neighborhood Voices Draft Land Use Initiative (Attachment A)

Discussion

15 Minute Recess and Return to Working Brown Bag Lunch (Approx. 12:30 pm-12:45 pm)

VII. Pure Water Project: Potable Reuse

Riki Clark, Las Virgenes-Triunfo Joint Powers Authority

Informational

VIII. 2023-24 State Legislation and Budget Review (Attachment B)

Informational

IX. Adjourn

Next Virtual Meeting: Thursday, March 16, 2023, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Brown Act Reminder: The League of California Cities' Board of Directors has a policy of complying with the spirit of open meeting laws. Generally, off-agenda items may be taken up only if:

- 1) Two-thirds of the policy committee members find a need for immediate action exists and the need to take action came to the attention of the policy committee after the agenda was prepared (Note: If fewer than two-thirds of policy committee members are present, taking up an off-agenda item requires a unanimous vote); or
2) A majority of the policy committee finds an emergency (for example: work stoppage or disaster) exists.

A majority of a city council may not, consistent with the Brown Act, discuss specific substantive issues among themselves at League meetings. Any such discussion is subject to the Brown Act and must occur in a meeting that complies with its requirements.

transition to zero-emission vehicles, broadband connectivity investments, and \$8.6 billion of previously committed funding to address the state's drought resiliency and response.

Further aligning the state's transportation and climate goals, the budget proposes shifting \$4.3 billion in spending on zero-emission vehicles from the state's General Fund to a special fund paid into by drivers of cars with internal combustion engines. The budget would delay \$3.1 billion in climate and transportation funding by a year with the hope of restoring that spending in 2024 or offsetting it with federal money. Specific reductions include:

Zero-Emission Vehicles: Reduces \$2.5 billion General Fund across various zero-emission vehicle programs, which are partially offset by approximately \$1.4 billion in fund shifts to the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund.

The budget also includes new investments to continue supporting the state's drought response, accelerate the implementation of the state's water supply strategy, and increase flood preparedness and response, including:

Urban Flood Risk Reduction: Provides \$135.5 million General Fund over two years to support local agencies working to reduce urban flood risk.

2023 Drought Contingency: Set asides \$125 million General Fund to be allocated as part of the spring budget process when additional water data is available to inform future drought needs.

Delta Levees: Allocates \$40.6 million General Fund for ongoing delta projects that reduce the risk of levee failure and flooding, provide habitat benefits, and reduce the risk of saltwater intrusion contaminating water supplies.

Central Valley Flood Protection: Provides \$25 million General Fund to support projects that will reduce the risk of flooding for Central Valley communities while contributing to ecosystem restoration and agricultural sustainability.