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Committee Members: Tony Knight (Stakeholder, Chair), Adele Slaughter (Boardmember), Teri Austin (Stakeholder), Jesse Sanford (Stakeholder), Susan Schalbe (Stakeholder), Chip Meehan (Boardmember & President, ex-officio), Laurie Rittenberg (Boardmember, Stakeholder)

1. Call to Order & Roll Call (1 min)

- a. **Land Acknowledgement Statement-** We acknowledge the original stewards of what is now Los Angeles County: the Kizh-Gabrieleño, Tongva, Chumash, Tataviam, Kitanemuk, Serrano, Luiseno and Cahuilla people. We commit to uplifting the names of these lands and the community members from more than 200 California First Nations who reside among us, and we honor their Traditional Ecological Knowledge.
- b. **Announcement:** A reminder to those attending, during public comment, you may hear colorful language that some might find offensive. The SCNC has no ability to control or regulate the content of speech that is protected under the 1st Amendment. Please

remember we are guests of the Los Angeles Public Library and must comply with all applicable rules and regulations.

2. Approval of Minutes from June 9, 2025 Meeting

[MINUTES JUNE 9, 2025 MEETING](#)

3. Announcements from the Chair

4. Announcements by Government Representatives (5 min - extendable by the chair)

5. Updates and Reports (Information Only):

- a. Sustainability Alliance—Susan Schalbe
- b. CFAC Update—Adele Slaughter
- c. Other committee updates and reports

6. Public comment within the committee's jurisdiction on items not on the agenda (2 minutes per speaker - extendable by the chair). NOTE: If a member of the public would like to comment on an agenda item, an opportunity will be provided during the discussion of that item; however, a back-and-forth discussion between members of the public and committee members is not permitted. This is a meeting of the committee held in public.

7. Response(s) to Public Comments by Committee Members. (5 min - extendable by the chair)

8. Midyear review of Committee Goals.

The Committee will review previously approved goals.

[LINK TO SCNC SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE GOALS 2025](#)

9. Native Tree and Plant Demonstration Project.

Discussion/ACTION

SCNC Sustainability Committee GOAL #1:

Develop a demonstration native tree and plant project in our committee to serve as a model and resource for further projects in both public and private spaces.

- a. Work with various organizations to plant native trees in empty tree wells in commercial areas throughout our community.
- b. Explore finding a partner for a private or public native landscape project.

At our meeting on June 9, the chair asked committee members to explore the community and propose possible sites for such a project. The chair has reached out to TreePeople and the Studio City Residents Association to inquire about a partnership and invited them to attend this meeting, a subsequent meeting, or to meet with a subcommittee that would be less than a quorum.

One area under consideration is the plot of land adjacent to the Los Angeles River located at Valleyheart Drive (south) and Whitsett Avenue.

[LINK TO IMAGE OF POSSIBLE LOCATION OF DEMONSTRATION AREA](#)

Inquiries have been made with Sidney Liss, deputy to Councilmember Nithya Raman (CD 4), to assist in determining the jurisdiction of this property. Further considerations would include:

- Suitability of the site
- Available irrigation
- Funding for the project
- Partners - TreePeople?, SCRA Beautification Association? Schools? Businesses?
- Timeline

10. Water Systems PFAS Liability Protection Act / Polluter Responsibility / PFAS Cleanup [Council File Link - CF 25-0002-S50](#)

Discussion/ACTION - Possible Motion suggested by Adele Slaughter to recommend SCNC OPPOSE the Resolution.

[POSSIBLE MOTION](#)

11. Brush Clearance - Fire Hazard Severity Zones - Zone 0 CF 25-0002 S17 Resolution. Public Resources Code Section 4291 / Government Code Section 51182 / Mountains and Recreation Conservation Authority (MRCA) / Brush Clearance / Fire Hazard Severity Zones.

Discussion/ACTION - Possible Motion (Adele Slaughter)

The Committee expressed concerns at the June 9, 2025, meeting related to the Zone 0 regulations established under Public Resources Code § 4291 unless amended to include the comments in the April 26, 2025, letter written by Dr. Travis Longcore. (see attached)

[DR. TRAVIS LONGCORE MEMO](#)

[LANDSCAPE AND URBAN PLANNING SCIENTIFIC PAPER](#)

[DRAFT RULE TEXT](#)

12. Possible Future Agenda Items - Proposed by Chip Meeham

Discussion

- Signage to discourage motorists from idling their cars while passengers are in stores, etc
- Recognizing significant trees on the south side of Ventura Blvd.
- Preserve the oak and walnut hillside where the Sunswept Drive development threatens trees.
- Approaching city and county authorities to mitigate the potential environmental damage of long-term encampments, particularly trees being destroyed on the south side of the Los Angeles River, from Colfax to Tujunga

Adjournment - by 7:45 PM per L.A. Public Library Requirements

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1. Radford Studio Center outside the Radford and Colfax gates.
2. <http://www.studiocitync.org>

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Public comment must be made by the stakeholder themselves in person or on the ZOOM link during the meeting. No written communication will be read by a representative.

AB 411 specifics regarding hybrid/online meetings

IN CONFORMITY WITH THE OCTOBER 6, 2023 ENACTMENT OF CALIFORNIA SENATE BILL 411 (PORTANTINO) AND LA CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL ON NOVEMBER 1, 2023, THE STUDIO CITY NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED VIRTUALLY. Every person wishing to address the Committee must dial 669-444-9171, and enter 898 684 8286 and then press # to join the meeting. When prompted by the presiding officer, to provide public input at the Neighborhood Council meeting the public will be requested to dial *9 or use the Raise Hand option, to address the Committee on any agenda item before the Committee takes an action on an item. Comments from the public on agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Committee’s jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period. Please note that under the Brown Act, the Committee is prevented from acting on a matter that you bring to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, the issue raised by a member of the public may become the subject of a future Board meeting. Public comment is limited to 2 minutes per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board. SB 411 Updates: In the event of a disruption that prevents the eligible legislative body from broadcasting the meeting to members of the public using the call-in option or internet-based service option, or in the event of a disruption within the eligible legislative body’s control that prevents members of the public from offering public comments using the call-in option or internet-based service option, the eligible legislative body shall take no further action on items appearing on the meeting agenda until public access to the meeting via the call-in option or internet-based service option is restored. Actions taken on agenda items during a disruption that prevents the eligible legislative body from broadcasting the meeting may be challenged pursuant to Section 54960.1. (C) The eligible legislative body shall not require public comments to be submitted in advance of the meeting and shall provide an opportunity for the public to address the legislative body and offer comments in real time. (D) Notwithstanding Section 54953.3, an individual desiring to provide public comment through the use of an internet website, or other online platform, not under the control of the eligible legislative body, that requires registration to log in to a teleconference may be required to register as required by the third-party internet website or online platform to participate. (E) (i) An eligible legislative body

that provides a timed public comment period for each agenda item shall not close the public comment period for the agenda item, or the opportunity to register, pursuant to subparagraph (D), to provide public comment until that timed public comment period has elapsed. (ii) An eligible legislative body that does not provide a timed public comment period, but takes public comment separately on each agenda item, shall allow a reasonable amount of time per agenda item to allow public members the opportunity to provide public comment, including time for members of the public to register pursuant to subparagraph (D), or otherwise be recognized for the purpose of providing public comment. (iii) An eligible legislative body that provides a timed general public comment period that does not correspond to a specific agenda item shall not close the public comment period or the opportunity to register, pursuant to subparagraph (D), until the timed general public comment period has elapsed.