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SCNC Sustainability Committee Meeting

Date: Monday, August 11, 2025

Meeting starts at 6:15 PM

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1. Call to Order & Roll Call

(5 min)

- a. Announcement only: 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.
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- c. Announcement only: Please remember that the presentations and questions from stakeholders are not an opportunity to engage in a two-way conversation.
- d. Announcement only: To ensure all stakeholders and board members are given an opportunity to be heard, we will be timekeeping as per the allocation in the agenda.

2. Approval of the Minutes from July 14, 2025, Committee Meeting (1 min)

3. Announcements from the Chair

(5 min)

4. Public Comments on non-agenda items within the Board's jurisdiction, and public comment on the consent calendar (10 min, extendable by chair)

- a. Each stakeholder will have 2 minutes for their comments, along with a 30-second question-and-answer session if required.

5. Announcements by Government Representatives (10 min, extendable by chair)

- a. Each Representative/Office will be allotted 5 minutes each

6. Updates and Reports (Information Only):

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

7. Damage to L.A. River Area - Colfax to Tujunga

Discussion and possible motion: (Adele Slaughter)

Restoration of public land impacted by the unhoused population in the area from Colfax to Tujunga has a significant homeless encampment that is in danger of destroying an oak woodland. This strip of land, located north of the LA River, features over 100 oak trees. As such, this property is a public resource in Studio City. The unhoused population has dug out trenches in the hillside around trees and has built at least one stove-like structure in the dirt.

Research shows that decision-makers sometimes overlook the environmental impact of this activity. There is an economic cost to allowing the encampments, in addition to the ecological damage, which includes the need to invest additional resources in managing encampments and restoring the land.

How might we request attention and resources from CD2, Nithya Raman, L.A. County Supervisor Horvath, FoLAR, TreePeople, Northeast Trees, CA Native Plants, and the Audubon Society?

8. Demonstration Project - L.A. River - Valleyheart Drive S and Whitsett Avenue

Discussion and Possible motion (Adele Slaughter)

The Committee is interested in developing a demonstration project on this site along the LA River located at Valleyheart Drive (south) and Whitsett Avenue. This plot of land appears to be part of the LA River space. What are the next steps required?

9. Possible Wildlife Corridor Violation

Discussion and Possible motion: (Adele Slaughter)

There is a wildlife corridor that is off the beaten path near the TreePeople property at the top of Coldwater Canyon and Mulholland Drive. There are maps at the start of the video link below. This can be augmented with more detail. Viewers will see tall spiked fences, the barbed wire, and the concertina wire, which is rare for residential security. All adjacent to MRCA land. These fences do not seem to be compliant with the law.

Link to video: <https://youtu.be/oS37ycaUby0?si=IEtFx5GJeHJBPAto>

10. Zone Zero Fire Mitigation

Discussion and possible motion: (Adele Slaughter)

Zone Zero There will be a Southern California Zone 0 Workshop on **Thursday September 18**. The date and location will be forthcoming from Nurit Katz.

For those who missed Dr. Travis Longcore's presentation, "Defensible Space, Zone Zero, and the New Fire Hazard Severity Zones", it is now on Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pTAnEsDO7xo>

There are additional resources from members of the working group:

- Protecting Your Home (Chaparral Institute) <https://www.californiachaparral.org/fire/protecting-your-home/>
- Zone 0 website from Diana Nicole: <https://www.dianaznicole.com/zone-0>

11. Coastal Clean-Up Day Involvement

Discussion/Possible Motion (Adele Slaughter)

One of our goals in Sustainability is to work on cleanups around our neighborhood. On September 20th, it is Coastal Cleanup Day nationwide. Can we do a cleanup together somewhere along the LA River? The plastics and items that people dump into the river end up in the ocean!

https://oceanconservancy.org/trash-free-seas/international-coastal-cleanup/?ea.tracking.id=25HPXGJAXX&utm_medium=PaidSearch&utm_source=GoogleGrants&utm_campaign=NonBranded&gad_source=1&gad_campaignid=10967525475&gbraid=0AAAAACOf2eR7Q8EV2mRP0w_uah_BcvGGj

12. Rio Vista School - Request for Funding and Assistance

Discussion/Possible Motion (Chip Meehan)

The school has requested assistance and funding from SCNC for a schoolyard greening/garden project.

13. Potential Greening Site - L.A. River Adjacent

Discussion/Possible Motion (Teri Austin)

The committee may discuss and approve the project location, landscape plan, installation, and maintenance, and then propose the project to the SCNC Board with a request for the required funds to execute it. We will also need proof that we have permission from the group that originally did the work there.

14. Comments by Board members on other matters within the jurisdiction of the Committee (5 min)

15. Motion to Adjourn

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AB 411 specifics regarding hybrid/online meetings

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