

Sac eMo Collaborative Meeting Minutes

January 13th, 2025

Date: Tuesday, January 13th, 2026, 12:00 PM – 1:15 PM

Meeting Minutes and Topics

Clarification of Meeting Details and Introductions

Nicole Bruns opened the meeting by clarifying that it is the SACeMo Community subgroup Committee, following confusion regarding the executive Committee Meeting. Gina O'Neal explained the rescheduling of the executive meetings and confirmed that they will now occur on the first Tuesday of each month, with an exception for February. The meeting then proceeded with introductions from attendees, including Tim Taylor, NorCal Clean Cities, Dwight McCurdy, Sac EV, Dahlia Garas, UC Davis ITS, Sydney Hodge, Breathe CA, and special guest Sven Thyssen, PlugBox.

Progress on EV Charging Standards for Multifamily Housing

Dwight and Sven discussed the successful adoption of a new standard mandating that all new multifamily homes must have at least one low power level two receptacle per unit starting January 1, 2026. This initiative, which took four years to implement, aims to ensure that residents have access to affordable EV charging options. The direct wiring to the meter is intended to provide the lowest possible rates for charging, significantly cheaper than gasoline.

Addressing EV Charging Inequities in Multifamily Housing

NCAC presented the disparities in EV charging accessibility between single-family and multifamily residences, noting that multifamily residents face higher costs and logistical challenges. He explained how electric vehicle service providers (EVSPs) complicate the charging process, leading to additional fees for users. The discussion underscored the importance of addressing these barriers to promote EV adoption among renters.

EV Charging Solutions for Apartment Complexes

NCAC explained a direct wiring solution for EV chargers in apartment complexes, where power is pulled from each unit's meter to a central plug box. This setup allows for easy

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reallocation of charging spaces among residents, as demonstrated with examples from various units. The system is designed to be user-friendly, enabling non-electricians to manage charging access.

Discussion on Fleet Academy and Technology Applications

Tim Taylor addressed the feasibility of using certain technologies in fleet settings, noting that they could help manage chargers effectively. He mentioned the potential for inviting Sven to a Fleet Academy gathering to showcase hardware, while also highlighting the importance of targeting metro areas for such events.

Funding and Installation for Multifamily Housing Units

Gina O'Neal mentioned that funding for installation costs of multifamily housing units would be available in late spring, encouraging apartment complexes to apply for these funds. NCAC pointed out the varying qualifications for grants from different organizations, noting that the landlord typically owns the chargers. They discussed strategies to reduce costs while enabling immediate EV-ready charging.

Project Updates and Member Communications

Nicole Bruns addressed project updates, noting the absence of some presenters and highlighting a recent presentation. Sydney Hodge shared that they are working on member communications related to the City of Sacramento and Valley Vision, which led to over 30 sign-ups for EV blueprint sites. Additionally, Sydney mentioned the development of an updated orientation video for electric vehicles and the de-fleeting of older models.

Workforce Development and Subcommittee Engagement

Tim Taylor shared that the EV Ambassadors program is currently funded through June, but future funding is uncertain. He highlighted the availability of grants from the National Lab of the Rockies and mentioned a potential project manager role focused on outreach for clean cities. Gina O'Neal indicated that the Air District is preparing for a CARB audit and will provide updates on grant incentives later.

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Future Directions for Committee Meetings

Sydney Hodge raised a question regarding the purpose of the committee meetings, suggesting a desire for more interactive workshopping. Nicole Bruns responded that the meetings will maintain a similar format, featuring guest speakers and discussions aimed at troubleshooting community programs. Gina O'Neal emphasized the importance of these meetings for resource sharing among those working in underserved communities.

Action Items:

- Tim Taylor will post the presentation on the NorCal Clean Cities website and send a teaser in the newsletter.
- Nicole Bruns will confirm the details of the presentation and ensure it is shared with the group.
- Nicole Bruns will check emails to see if any write-ups were sent to the group and forward them if necessary.
- Sydney Hodge will include Dwight in the updated write-up regarding the EV blueprint sites.
- Gina O'Neal will provide updates on the CARB audit and upcoming grant incentives once available.