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# SACRAMENTO ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

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Christine Casey, Vice Chair  
Dr. Anthony DeRiggi  
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Gage Marchini  
Megan Reichert  
Jacqueline Todak  
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A JOINT COMMISSION APPOINTED BY:  
County of Sacramento  
City of Sacramento  
City of Isleton  
City of Folsom  
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## MINUTES

Monday, October 27, 2025  
Board Chambers, 700 H Street, Sacramento, CA 95814  
6 pm

Join ZoomGov Meeting

<https://saccounty-net.zoomgov.com/j/1618310397?pwd=Sb2Jzvr0xbTrhVsDNmKYQZspZWJ1w0.1>

Meeting ID: 161 831 0397

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## ITEM

### 1 Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

### 2 Roll Call – Staff Secretary

Present: Christine Casey, Stephanie Holstege, Dr. Anthony DeRiggi, Richard Hunn, Eugene Lee, Gage Marchini, Megan Reichert, Jacqueline Todak, Mark White

### 3 Introduction of Commissioners

### 4 Public Comment

\*Members of the public have two minutes to comment on each separate item including any matter not on the posted agenda.

### 5 Annual Environmental Awards Ceremony

The annual awards ceremony was held at the Sacramento County Board Chambers to recognize organizations based in Sacramento County that protect and steward our resources. The 4 winners of the 2025 Environmental Awards are:

\*North Natomas Jibe

\*SacBreathe

\*Sacramento Valley Conservancy

\*Sacramento Area Bicycle Advocates

6 Annual Health of the County- Dr. Kasirye, Public Health Officer, Sacramento County

Dr. Kasirye, Public Health Officer for Sacramento County presented a Sacramento County Health Update.

The good news is that there is no major disease outbreak currently!

Dr. Health discussed One Health efforts that involve collaboration of human, animal, and environmental health partners to achieve best health outcomes. Issues of interest to One Health are antimicrobial resistant germs, vector borne diseases, food-animal diseases and the contamination of water. Gengue and tick borne diseases have been detected in El Dorado Hills, CA. The human- animal bond has been added as a component of One Health because animal companionship has been shown to positively affect mental health both in the unhoused and people experiencing emergencies such as fire.

Zoonotic diseases that spread between animals and humans include rabies, salmonella, west nile, anthrax, lymes disease, and ringworm. At the Sacramento zoo a rabid squirrel bit a visitor, and the victim needed rabies treatment. Bird health can be an early indicator of a disease such as west nile virus and avion flu.

Dr. Kasirye shared information from a presentation done by Andrew Yu, MD, MPH on the topic of wastewater surveillance.

The CA Surveillance network covers 85 sites in 38 counties, approximately 60% of CA population. Surveillance was originally used to detect polio. Now it's used to look for concentrations of pathogen genomic fragments. Monitoring targets include influenzas, norovirus, Mpox, and dengue. The two categories are high prevalence/ common diseases and low prevalence diseases. During Covid, when at-home testing kits became readily available, wastewater was used to get an accurate case count. It assists with early monitoring so information can be distributed to the medical community.

Public Health activities regarding SB1383 have focused on getting edible food into the hands of food distributors to feed residents who are food insecure. As SNAP benefits will not be available due to the government shutdown, Public Health is working with food distributors to ensure the increase in need will be met.

Dr. Kasirye thanked the commissioners for their active interest in Public Health and announced that she would be retiring in March 2026.

7 Approve Draft Minutes July 21, 2025

Motion to approve July minutes made by Christine Casey, seconded by Jacqueline Todak.

Aye: Stephanie Holstege, Christine Casey, Dr. Anthony DeRiggi, Richard Hunn, Eugene Lee, Megan Reichert, Jacqueline Todak Mark White  
Noes: None

Abstain: Gage Marchini

8 Approve Draft Minutes August 18, 2025

Motion to approve July minutes made by Christine Casey, seconded by Jacqueline Todak.

Aye: Stephanie Holstege, Christine Casey, Dr. Anthony DeRiggi, Richard Hunn, Eugene Lee, Megan Reichert, Jacqueline Todak, Mark White

Noes: None

Abstain: Gage Marchini

9 Review and Approve Additional Purchasing Consideration Guideline Recommendation to Sacramento County

Motion to approve sending the letter to County Purchasing made by Mark White, seconded by Dr. Anthony DeRiggi

Aye: Stephanie Holstege, Christine Casey, Anthony DeRiggi, Richard Hunn, Eugene Lee, Megan Reichert, Jacqueline Todak Mark White, Gage Marchini

Noe: None

Abstain: None

10 EMD Director's Report- Jennea Monasterio, Director, Environmental Management Department

Director Jennea Monasterio gave an update on Sidewalk Vending and EMD's free educational outreach classes.

11 Report Back on SEC Commissioner Monitoring of Environmental Issues and Agencies

Gage Marchini- Water Forum is moving forward in approving its new agreement.

12 Subcommittee Updates

1. Outreach Subcommittee

13 Commissioner Comments

Commissioners requested the staff secretary schedule a winter lunch.

14 Next Meeting- November 17, 6 pm, at EMD, 11080 White Rock Road, Suite 200, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

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