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# SACRAMENTO ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

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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, May 19th, 2025  
11080 White Rock Road, Suite 200, Rancho Cordova, Ca 95670  
6 pm

Join ZoomGov Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 161 831 0397

Passcode: 990275

## ITEM

1 Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm.

2 Roll Call – Staff Secretary

Present: Christine Casey, Dr. Anthony DeRiggi, Eugene Lee, Gage Marchini, Megan Reichert, 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.

No public comment was made.

5 Water Forum- Ashlee Casey, PE, Executive Director

The Water Forum has partnered with over 40 agencies and organizations in the Sacramento region for 25 years plus to unite around the common goals of protecting our water supply and the lower American River. The Water Forum has acted as a neutral catalyst to advance critical infrastructure projects without litigation, enhance significant habitats, lead decision making with scientific data and create a culture of collaboration. Significant projects include the Freeport project, the lower American River Salmonid habitat restorations and Cordova Creek project.

There has been an evolving need for a new regional agreement which is the focus of Water Forum 2050. The regional climate has changed, extreme weather is more common, new regulations have been enacted including the Groundwater Management Sustainability Act, and conservation mandates are now imposed on water providers and consumers.

The coequal objectives of the Water Forum 2050 are to:

Provide a reliable and safe water supply for the region's economic health and planned development through 2050; and

Preserve the fishery, wildlife, and recreational aesthetic values of the lower American River.

The American River Climate Adaptation Program is new to the 2050 agreement. Components of the program include:

- Create and deploy measurable quantities of water through actions that support the co-equal objectives
- Safeguard against worsening climate conditions and decreased storage in Folsom Reservoir
- Directly address rising river temperatures and the water supply to residents that is endangered when the reservoir is low

Opportunities for change might include underground water storage increase, shifting water supply to the Sacramento River and increasing conservation efforts. The Bureau of Reclamation implements the Flow Management Standard which is critical in maintaining water temperature, water quality and flexible flood operations.

6 Approve Draft Minutes April 21, 2025

Motion to approve by Gage Marchini, seconded by Anthony DeRiggi.

Ayes: Christine Casey, Dr. Anthony DeRiggi, Eugene Lee, Gage Marchini, Megan Reichert, Mark White

Abstain: None

Noes: None

7 Sustainability Update- John Lundgren, Sacramento County Sustainability Manager  
AB 306- puts holds on reach codes which is a primary way the region reduces carbon emissions.

8 EMD Director's Report

Extensive free training workshops taking place for EMD programs to provide education and increased compliance.

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

- AB762 Vaping Bill In Suspense
- Sutters Landing Park Redevelopment presentation by the City of Sacramento to the American river Parkway Advisory Committee, going before the City Council in July.

- Large development projects in EIR stages: Coyote Creek Solar and Battery Storage, 3 large mixed use plans having early scoping meetings West Jackson Highway Master Plan, North Natomas Project.
- Shifts in Sacramento County groundwater basin management areas.

## 10 Subcommittee Updates

1. Outreach Subcommittee: Stephanie Holstege, Richard Hunn, Gage Marchini. Secretary to schedule upcoming subcommittee meeting.
2. 2025 Awards Subcommittee: Jacqueline Todak. Mark White and Eugene Lee volunteered at this meeting to also be on the subcommittee.

## 11 Commissioner Comments

- 12 Next Meeting- June 16th, 6 pm, at EMD, 11080 White Rock Road, Suite 200, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

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