
SACRAMENTO ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

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A JOINT COMMISSION APPOINTED BY:
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MINUTES

Monday, November 18th, 2024
10080 White Rock Road, Suite 200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670
6 pm

Join ZoomGov Meeting

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ITEM

- 1 Call to Order
Meeting called to order at 6 pm.

- 2 Roll Call – Staff Secretary

Commissioners present: Laura Nickerson, Stephanie Holstege, Gage Marchini, Dr. Anthony DeRiggi, Richard Hunn, Eugene Lee, Christine Casey

- 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.

Nancy Kniskern commented on the levee work by the Army Corps of Engineers along the American River Parkway.

- 5 Sacramento Valley Conservancy-Kelly Hopkins, Executive Director

Sacramento Valley Conservancy was established in 1990 and has been an Accredited Land Trust for 17 years. Its vision is a network of permanently protected natural and working landscapes in the Sacramento Valley. Distinct roles within the priority protection and acquisition activities are Fee Title (ownership), Conservation

Easements (monitor) and Preserve Management (manage). Current focus is the Southeast Sacramento Agriculture Buffer and Capacity Project. The Corridor Connector project is in this same area. The conservancy invests in relationships with local ranchers and takes a long term approach to conservation, strategizing ways to acquire and protect parcels that are adjoining. Cattle play a vital role in eating the non-native grasses and providing aeration in the vernal pool areas.

Examples of preservation projects include vernal pools, and farmland. The Conservancy works with Developers and is often a repository for mitigation credits.

Education and public access to the protected lands are a priority. The Conservancy has installed educational signs, annually facilitates land tours, and hosts a speaker series at Camp Pollock. There is a native plant nursery at Camp Pollock and the Conservancy has added ADA trails throughout the nature areas. A river viewing deck is in process.

6 Sacramento County Sustainability Update- John Lundgren, Sustainability Manager

The Climate Action Plan was approved in November by a unanimous vote of the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors.

The Climate Emergency Task Force is preparing a Climate Emergency Response Plan that will go before the Board of Supervisors when the draft is complete.

7 Approve Draft Minutes October 28, 2024

Motion to approve made by Gage Marchini, seconded by Stephanie Holstege.

Ayes: Laura Nickerson, Stephanie Holstege, Gage Marchini, Dr. Anthony DeRiggi, Richard Hunn, Eugene Lee, Christine Casey

Abstention: None

Noes: None

Motion passed.

8 Approve 2025 Meeting Calendar

Motion to approve made by Richard Hunn, seconded by Stephanie Holstege

Ayes: Laura Nickerson, Stephanie Holstege, Gage Marchini, Dr. Anthony DeRiggi, Richard Hunn, Eugene Lee, Christine Casey

Abstentions: None

Noes: None

Motion passed.

9 Elect New Chair For 2025

Richard nominated Stephanie Holstege for Chair 2025, seconded by Christine Casey.

Ayes: Laura Nickerson, Stephanie Holstege, Gage Marchini, Dr. Anthony DeRiggi, Richard Hunn, Eugene Lee, Christine Casey

Motion passed.

10 Elect New Vice Chair For 2025

Stephanie Holstege nominated Christine Casey for Vice Chair 2025, seconded by

Richard Hunn.

Ayes: Laura Nickerson, Stephanie Holstege, Gage Marchini, Dr. Anthony DeRiggi, Richard Hunn, Eugene Lee, Christine Casey

Abstentions: none

Noes: None

Motion passed.

- 11 EMD Director's Report- Jennea Monasterio, Director, Sacramento County Environmental Management Department
- 12 Report Back on SEC Commissioner Monitoring of Environmental Issues and Agencies

Richard Hunn- PGE has plans for mitigation of plant life under electric wires.

Anthony DeRiggi- City of Sacramento approved an Emergency Declaration to address traffic accidents and fatalities regarding bikers/walkers. Active transportation plan includes a "Streets For People" section.

Christine Casey- Soccer Stadium was approved at the Railyards.

13 Commissioner Comments

1. Form A Subcommittee That Will Focus On Meet and Greets Within County Departments and Elected Officials, To Increase Awareness of The SEC- Volunteers: Richard Hunn, Mark White, Gage Marchini, Stephanie Holstege

2. SEC Lunch

3. Topics Subcommittee: Richard Hunn, Anthony DeRiggi, Eugene Lee

- 14 Meeting Adjourned 7:40 pm. Next Meeting- January 27, 2025, EMD 11080 White Rock Road, Suite 200, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

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