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MINUTES

**Monday, June 17, 2024, 6 p.m.
11080 White Rock Road, Suite 200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670**

Join by Zoomgov:

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Meeting ID: 160 875 2767

ITEM

1 Call to Order

2 Roll Call – Staff Secretary

Commissioners present: Christine Casey, Richard Hunn, Eugene Lee, Tom Malson, Gage Marchini, Jacqueline Todak

3 Introduction of Commissioners

4 Public Comment

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

No public comments.

5 Results Of 2023 Sacramento County Environmental Justice Stakeholder Survey- Nathan Serafin, Associate Planner, Planning and Environmental Review, Sacramento County

SB1000 requires local governments to address environmental justice in their general plans. Sacramento region has identified the following neighborhoods/areas as EJ Communities: North Highland/Foothill Farms, West Arden-Arcade, North Vineyard, and South Sacramento. These areas experience disproportionate exposure to environmental health problems and have a high percentage of low-income, minority residents.

The 2023 EJ Annual Survey was distributed from Nov 27th to Dec. 18th, 2023, with 80 responses received. The respondents ranked the most important EJ topics for the County as follows:

1. Safe and Sanitary Housing
2. Crime prevention and Physical Activity
3. Pollution
4. Civil Engagement
5. Public Facilities
6. Food Access

Planning is looking at ways to increase response to next year's survey by utilizing local community leaders, hosting local meetings, providing childcare and food and more door to door engagement.

Crime prevention survey suggestions include neighborhood workforce development, afterschool programs, addressing homelessness through services not law enforcement, and employing safer community design standards. Crime prevention through proper environmental design could reduce both incidence and fear of crime.

Food access improvements suggested by respondents were providing healthy food for the homeless, community farming land use approval, incentivize groceries in low income areas, public markets, and free cooking classes.

Physical activity improvements included increased tree canopy, enhanced green spaces, designated walking and biking path, local walking groups and clean up volunteers.

Public facility suggestions were improved bike lanes, fixing potholes, more permanent shelters, increased emergency shelters with social services.

Pollution exposure responses included reducing vehicles miles traveled, free transit, increased bioswales, enforced environmental regulations. A robust Climate Action Plan should prioritize climate related investments in EJ communities.

Safe and sanitary homes responses included creating housing for the homeless, opportunities for low income housing ownership, addressing neglectful landlords, and assistance to help renters with toxic hazard abatement.

6 Sacramento County Sustainability Update- John Lundgren, Sustainability Manager

7 Approve Draft Minutes May 20, 2024

Motion to approve Minutes made by Tom Malson, seconded by Jacqueline Todak
Ayes: Christine Casey, Richard Hunn, Eugene Lee, Tom Malson, Gage Marchini, Jacqueline Todak
Abstentions: None
Noes: None

- 8 EMD Director's Report- Jennea Monasterio, Director, Sacramento County Environmental Management Department
- 9 Report Back on SEC Commissioner Monitoring of Environmental Issues and Agencies
- 10 Commissioner Comments
 - Discuss Formation of a Subcommittee To Communicate The Role of the SEC in Sacramento County to Jurisdictions
 - Awards Committee Update
 - Review Agency Monitoring List and Add Volunteers
- 11 Next Meeting- July 15, 2024, EMD, 11080 White Rock Road, Suite 200, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

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