

SACRAMENTO ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

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Monday, April 25, 2022 6 pm

EMD, 11080 White Rock Way, Suite 200, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

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ITEM

- 1 Call to Order – Chair White
Meeting called to order at 6:02 pm
- 2 Roll Call – Staff Secretary
Present: Mark White, Richard Hunn, Laura Nickerson, Tom Malson, Eric Rivero-Montes, Dr. Anthony DeRiggi, Stephanie Holstege, Kayla Rabey
- 3 Introduction of Commissioners
- 4 Public Comment
*Speakers will have three minutes for each separate item including any matter not on the posted agenda.
- 5 Delta Islands Adaptation Project- Russell Ryan, P.E., Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, and Brett Milligan, Professor of Landscape Architecture+Environmental Design,

Department of Human Ecology, UC Davis

In 2017, 20,000 acres spread over 4 islands were purchased by the Metropolitan Water District. The Delta Islands Adaptations (DIA) project works toward improving the challenges of many reclaimed tracts in the Central Delta and meeting the state's co-equal goals of ecosystem restoration and water supply reliability for California while valuing the Delta as an evolving place for those who live, work and recreate within it.

The start of the DIA project was funded by a Prop 1 Watershed Restoration Grant and steered by a multiagency TAC group including experts from several universities and consulting groups. The project has two phases with a co-design process. Of the following four islands, Webb Tract, Bouldin Island, Holland Tract, and Bacon island, one will be chosen for detailed study and then developed to evaluate mixed use landscape scenarios. Uses may include crops, wetlands, pasture and specific habitats.

The 10 (draft) project objectives are:

- Stopping and reversing subsidence
- Reducing GHG emissions
- Implementing sustainable and regenerative agriculture
- Improving ecological habitats
- Fostering regional and delta-wide ecological benefits
- Fostering ecocultural restoration and Indigenous land use
- Increasing recreational and place making opportunities
- Fostering learning, partnership, and collaboration
- Maintaining water quality and supply
- Sustainable project economics

These objectives may be achieved by activities such as decreasing oxidation of organic peat deposits through flooding, increasing soil formation, minimizing risk of levee failure, agricultural practices that provide income while reducing subsidence, restoring habitat types, increasing hydrology connectivity, fostering Indigenous land use, reducing risks of salinity intrusion, and increasing access to recreational areas.

Public input is being solicited via a public survey at <https://deltaislandadaptions-ucdavis.hub.arcgis.com/> This survey will close on May 1, 2022.

6 Sacramento County Sustainability Manager Monthly Update - John Lundgren, Sustainability Manager, County of Sacramento

Climate Task Force applications are still being accepted. There is tentative application deadline of May 13th but this can be extended if need be.

Some environmental groups are pushing for the CAP to go through an EIR which could delay its approval for several years.

The Sustainability Office has prepared a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the County, City of Sacramento, and SMUD and other jurisdictions in Sacramento County who wish

to sign on, to share information and encourage the new construction of all electric residences by 2030.

A new employee commute survey is being developed. Data can be used in GHG inventory, to establish employee commute programs, and to identify how many EV's are used in commuting by employees.

7 Approve March 21, 2022 Minutes

Motion to approve May minutes made by Tom Malson, seconded by Eric Rivero Montes.

Ayes: Mark White, Richard Hunn, Laura Nickerson, Tom Malson, Eric Rivero-Montes, Dr. Anthony DeRiggi, Stephanie Holstege, Kayla Rabey

Noes: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion passed.

8 EMD Director's Report- Jennea Monasterio, Interim Director of Sacramento County Environmental Management Department

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

Kayla Rabey- interested in aerially distributed lead at Sacramento Executive Airport.

Eric Rivero Montes- SMUD goal of fleet electrification by 2030.

Dr. Anthony DeRiggi- Kassis Development near the American River has 20 acres in a flood plain.

Tom Malson- Folsom cross connection program is all automated. Sacramento County should look at their processes.

10 Commissioner Comments

11 Next Meeting-May 16, 2022 6:00 p.m. via Zoom or In Person
Meeting adjourned 7:23 p.m.

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