
SACRAMENTO ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

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A JOINT COMMISSION APPOINTED BY:
County of Sacramento
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MINUTES

Monday, January 22, 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 – Chair Nickerson
Meeting called to order at 6 pm.

2 Roll Call – Staff Secretary

Present: Laura Nickerson, Stephanie Holstege, Christine Casey, Dr. Anthony DeRiggi, Richard Hunn, Thomas Malson, Eric Rivero Montes, Jacqueline Todak, Mark White

3 Introduction of Commissioners
Welcome Newly Appointed Commissioner Jacqueline Todak.

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 comment.

5 Sacramento County Environmental Purchasing Policy (EPP)- Sarah Lee, Contract Services Manager I, Department of General Services/Contracts and Purchasing and Kelli Sequest, WM Program Manager 2, Dept. of Waste Management & Recycling

The Sacramento County Environmental Purchasing Policy was updated in 2022 to capture requirements of enacted SB 1383. The policy supports the purchase of recycled and

environmentally preferable products and encourages waste reduction. Through purchasing decisions, the County can contribute to conservation of resources and minimize the County's contribution to climate change, pollution and solid waste.

Preferred practices cover a wide range of activities including purchasing remanufactured printer cartridges, energy efficient appliances, recycled content materials etc. County Departments are responsible for much of their purchasing which makes it difficult to structure a metrics that will "grade" or measure environmental purchasing efforts.

Purchasing decisions factor in cost and life of product, in addition to green elements of the product.

A green program currently in place is the free composting made available to County residents that comes from organic waste that is collected and processed within the County.

**Commissioner Hunn suggested that the SEC make recommendations to the County on specific items that could move out of preferable policy to the mandatory status so as not to be allowable to purchase. Commissioners Hunn, Holstege and DeRiggi volunteered to look at best practices of other counties and cities as some are known to disallow purchasing single use plastics.

6 Review SEC Mission Statement and Goals For 2024- Chair Nickerson

The Vision/Mission statement was reviewed to ensure the commission was focusing on core issues they are tasked to understand. More recent topics that aren't on the document drafted in 2015 include climate change, sustainability, and plastic leachates.

*Commissioners were tasked with submitting edits and/or additions to the vision/mission statement to be reviewed at the February meeting.

Commissioner Todak mentioned the Truxel Road project will reduce some habitat.

**Chair Nickerson suggested drafting an invitation letter detailing the value of SEC membership seat to regional agencies outlining the value of having a representative on the SEC. Rancho Cordova includes land that has significant environmental issues.

**Christine Casey proposes meeting with appointing agencies to ask if they have environmental topics they would like the SEC to research in more depth. Short briefings with Chiefs of Staffs might be valuable, also including a very brief annual report of the SEC.

7 Sacramento County Sustainability Update- John Lundgren, Sustainability Manager

Dashboard is close to being final and released to the public. Electrification of heavy fleet vehicles continues to be a challenge due to power sources and infrastructure.

8 Approve Draft Minutes October 16, 2023

Motion to approve made by Tom Malson seconded by Mark White.

Ayes: Mark White, Eric Rivero Montes, Laura Nickerson, Tom Malson, Anthony DeRiggi, Stephanie Holstege, Christine Casey

Noes: none

Abstain: Richard Hunn and Jaqueline Todak

9 Approve Draft Minutes November 27, 2023

Motion to approve made by Mark White, seconded by Stephanie Holstege

Ayes: Richard Hunn, Mark White, Laura Nickerson, Tom Malson, Anthony DeRiggi, Stephanie Holstege, Christine Casey

Noes: none

Abstain: Eric Rivero Montes, Jaqueline Todak

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

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

12 Commissioner Comments

-Volunteers for 2024 Awards Subcommittee (5 maximum) -Christine Casey (act as lead), Laura Nickerson, Stephanie Holstege, Mark White and Jaqueline Todak volunteered to serve on the Awards committee.

Richard Hunn brought up the DWR response to comments on draft EIR for the Delta Tunnel regarding soil conditioners. They were dismissive and appeared that the supporting science on the use of surfactants on aquatic life submitted by the SEC was not reviewed. SEC would support the County challenging the Delta Tunnel EIR.

Eric Rivero Montes announced that February will be his last meeting after serving 10 years on the commission.

13 Next Meeting- February 26, 2024, EMD, 11080 White Rock Road, Suite 200, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

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