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MINUTES

Monday, October 28th
Sacramento County Board of Supervisor Chambers
700 H Street
Sacramento, CA 95814
6 pm

ITEM

- 1 Call to Order
- 2 Roll Call – Staff Secretary
Present: Stephanie Holstege, Christine Casey, Dr. Anthony DeRiggi, Richard Hunn, Eugene Lee, Gage Marchini, Jacqueline Todak, 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 2024 Sacramento Environmental Commission Environmental Awards

Environmental Awards were presented to Wildlife Care Association, Jamie Stephenson and SPLASH for outstanding environmental leadership, stewardship, and education.
- 6 Update on Health of the County- Dr. Kasirye, Sacramento County Public Health Public Officer

Dr. Kasirye discussed upticks in regional viruses being monitored. Avian flu/bird flu/H5N1 Flu A is being found in raw milk and impacting cattle herds. Human cases were found among farm workers exposed to these herds. Fourteen states and 304 herds are impacted. Pasteurization kills this virus; raw milk is the concern. Increasing vaccination among farm workers would decrease spread and potential mutation of the virus.

There is a Marburg outbreak happening in Rwanda so return traveler monitoring has been instated. This is a deadly hemorrhagic fever virus similar to Ebola. There is no cure or vaccine.

The start of flu season is here, and flu rates typically rise after Thanksgiving gatherings. Vaccinations are encouraged before traveling. There is a new rapid test home kit that tests for both Covid 19 and flu at one time. There was a summer surge of Covid and a subvariant XEC has been identified. Wastewater surveillance is used to detect current virus rates in regions.

Rabies has been transmitted in Sacramento by skunks who bit a person while they were at the zoo. Rabies is deadly when symptoms appear. Members of the public were alerted with guidance on what to do and not do when a sick animal is observed.

The US is experiencing an IV shortage because the hurricanes on the East Coast hit factories manufacturing IVs.

Blue Zone assessments have been completed and Dr. Kasirye reports that more funding is needed for the implementation phase.

7 Sacramento County Sustainability Update- John Lundgren, Sustainability Manager

The Climate Action Plan goes before the Board of Supervisors for approval at the December 6, 2024, meeting.

8 Approve Draft Minutes August 19, 2024

Motion to approve made by Christine Casey, seconded by Jacqueline Todak.
Ayes: Stephanie Holstege, Christine Casey, Eugene Lee, Gage Marchini, Dr. Anthony DeRiggi, Jacqueline Todak
Abstentions: Richard Hunn
Noes: None
Mark White was unavailable for the vote.

Motion passed.

9 Approve Draft Minutes August 26, 2024

Motion to approve made by Christine Casey, seconded by Richard Hunn
Ayes: Stephanie Holstege, Christine Casey, Richard Hunn, Eugene Lee, Gage Marchini, Mark White
Abstentions: Dr Anthony DeRiggi, Jacqueline Todak
Noes: None
Motin passed.

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

AB1776 passed, effective January 1, 2025. This bill allows for sale of food in

cannabis lounges. EMD will not permit the cannabis aspect, only the sale of food. A Sidewalk Vending Ordinance being brought to the Board in January 2025, creating a license for vending operations. Encompasses all vending for a business license, not just vendors selling food.

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

- Richard Hunn requested formation of a subcommittee that would outreach to jurisdictions and County departments regarding SEC activities. Volunteers for subcommittee were Mark White and Richard Hunn.
- Christine Casey reported that SB 707 Textile Recovery Act passed which increases extended producer responsibility.
- Gage Marchini reported on the grant awarded to the Water Forum Board. Richard Hunn suggested a field trip to view habitat improvements made to Juvenile Salmonoid habitats along the American River hosted by the Water Forum Board.
- Jacqueline Todak reported on the Natomas Transportation Agency having additional meetings on the Urban Forest Plan. There is also an urban agricultural subsidy to convert urban land to ag, applications are due November 1st.
- Eugene Lee reported on Elk Grove's e-bike lending program. There were 320 applications for the 20 available bikes. E-bike voucher program sent out 217 vouchers with over 2000 applicants for those vouchers.
- Mark White suggested a holiday lunch in December.
- Stephanie Holstege reported on SB 270 passing, a Plastic Bag Ban in California. Beginning January 2026, no plastic bags will be provided at grocery stores.

12 Commissioner Comments

Christine Casey and Richard Hunn attended the County Boards and Commissions Training Event. There are many boards and commissions needing representation. Conflicts of Interest were highlighted as something for commissioners to be aware of.

- 13 Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm. Next Meeting- November 18, 2024, EMD, 11080 White Rock Road, Suite 200, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

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