
SACRAMENTO ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

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A JOINT COMMISSION APPOINTED BY:
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MEETING MINUTES

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2013, 6:30P.M.
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
SACRAMENTO COUNTY BOARD CHAMBERS
700 H STREET, SACRAMENTO, CA 95825**

ITEM

1. Call to Order – Chair Namba

The meeting was called to order at 6:30p.m. by Chair Namba.

2. Roll Call – Secretary Kloock

Commission Members Present: Robert Bailey, George "Buzz" Link, Diana Parker, Marjorie Namba, Dana Curran, Mark White, Andrea Leisy, and Jason McCoy.

Staff Members Present: Val F. Siebal and Vicki M. Kloock.

3. Introduction of Commissioners – Chair Namba

Chair Namba introduced the Commissioners to the audience.

4. Public Comments – Chair Namba

None made.

5. **CONSENT ITEMS** – Approval of January 2013 Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Jason McCoy and seconded by Andrea Leisy to approve the minutes of the January 2013, meeting as presented.

Ayes: George "Buzz" Link, Marjorie Namba, Mark White, Andrea Leisy, and Jason McCoy.

Noes: None

Abstain: Dana Curran, Robert Bailey, and Diana Parker.

6. 2013 Woodsmoke Report – Larry Greene, Executive Director, Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District (SMAQMD)

Chair Namba introduced Mr. Larry Greene, the Executive Director of the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District (SMAQMD) who made a PowerPoint presentation to the Commission on SMAQMD's

Woodsmoke Reduction Program. Mr. Greene advised that our area gets the largest component of particulate matter emissions from woodsmoke which is very unusual. Woodsmoke puts dust particulates in the air that bothers a great many people with asthma, cystic fibrosis, atherosclerosis, heart disease, as well as healthy children and adults. Even though the Sacramento Valley was designated a non-attainment area, SMAQMD set goals to achieve attainment anyway. They embarked on a 3-prong approach to wood burning: 1) started incentive programs in 2006 to update existing fireplaces, 2) the adoption of Rule 417 in 2006 which requires all new installations to be clean burning (no wood burning), and 3) the adoption of Rule 421 in 2007 that curtails burning on poor air quality days. As this was a previously unregulated source, the new rules had a great impact. Since the incentive programs began, they have funded over 5,000 change-ups but are now almost out of their grant money. Their rules include four (4) different "burn stages": 1) Legal to Burn, 2) Burning Discouraged – Voluntary, 3) Stage 1 – No Burn, Unless Exempt, and 4) Stage 2 – All Burning Prohibited. There are six (6) ways for citizens to check on the burn status in effect at any given time: 1) Call 1-877-NO-BURN-5, 2) visit www.AirQuality.org or www.SpareTheAir.com, 3) sign up and receive daily Air Alert email, 4) read the Sacramento Bee's weather page on the back of the Our Region section, 5) listen to television and radio weather forecasts, and 6) go to Twitter.com/aqmd. During the 2012-13 period, there has been a massive outreach effort. 2,257 business and community partners helped distribute materials. Over 116,000 brochures have been distributed. An average of 11,000 calls are answered by the 877# monthly. 7,318 people subscribe to the Air Alerts. There are 534 Twitter followers to date. All these efforts have paid off greatly. There has been a 70% reduction in wood smoke on no burn days. In 2012, the area covered by SMAQMD achieved the attainment goals and they are going to apply for consideration to be re-designated as an "attainment" area. Vice Chair Parker inquired as to whether a letter of support to the SMAQMD Board would be helpful to Mr. Greene. He advised that he would.

A motion was made by Diana Parker and seconded by Mark White that the Commission send a letter of support for these efforts to the SMAQMD Board.

Ayes: Robert Bailey, George "Buzz" Link, Diana Parker, Marjorie Namba, Dana Curran, Mark White, Andrea Leisy, and Jason McCoy.

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Diana Parker offered to compose the letter.

7. What Sustainability Means To Local Government - Yvette Rincon, Sustainability Program Manager, City of Sacramento

Chair Namba introduced Yvette Rincon, the manager of the Sustainability Program for the City of Sacramento who made a PowerPoint presentation to the Commission on what sustainability means to the City of Sacramento. As "sustainability" is a very broad topic, the city started by looking at what they were doing already. AB32 was being created so they were very influenced by this. In 2007, they adopted a Sustainability Master Plan with annual implementation plans for 2008-2011. In 2008, the City Council reports added a sustainability section. When the 2009 General Plan was adopted, it incorporated the Sustainability Master Plan. In 2012, a Climate Action Plan (CAP) was adopted. The City is presently updating their General Plan and they are incorporating their CAP into it. Their municipal projects have garnered them a "Greenest Fleet Award", 3.5 megawatts of solar, 6 LEED Gold/Silver facilities, a zip car contract, and the streamlining of their solar permit process which has gone from valuation based to a flat fee. Most of the retrofits they have done have been funded by a grant of \$4.7 million from the federal government. They are gradually moving from using a contract mechanical engineer to doing this in-house. They are also rolling out an awareness campaign for their citizenry. They have a Green Facilities Program, a Streetlight LED Retrofit Pilot Program, and have just instituted a PACE Financing program for the private sector. They have also just partnered with SMUD who gave them \$500,000 in grant money to design a "Complete Energy Solutions for Small Business" program. SMUD has continued to fund the program because it was so successful. They did have a Green Building Task Force but this program did not work out and no longer exists. Their public education and outreach program as a \$100,000 total activity budget to create a sustainability and climate web page to communicate to the community. For the future, they are looking to integrate a social justice capacity into the programs.

8. Update on the City's Greenwaste and Street Sweeping Programs – Steve Harriman, General Manager of Integrated Waste, City of Sacramento

Chair Namba introduced Mr. Steve Harriman, the general manager of the City of Sacramento's Integrated Waste Division. Mr. Harriman made a PowerPoint presentation to the Commission to bring them up-to-date on the status of their greenwaste and street sweeping program. Mr. Harriman began by pointing out their new name and logo which

incorporates recycling, greenwaste, and garbage. The change in their integrated waste procedures was made possible by the passage of Measure T by the citizens of the City. After this passed, the City Council passed their implementation plan which take effect July 1st. It will involve re-routing, new containers, new billing, etc. Their next goal is to work on a plastic bag ban which is consistent with the Council's goal in their Sustainability Master Plan to reduce the use of disposable, toxic or non-renewable materials. This issue will be going before the Law & Legislation Committee in late February. They have replaced all their old garbage trucks and were recently named the 2nd greenest fleet in North America. The new LNG fleet will displace half-a-million gallons of diesel and 826.4 tons of greenhouse gas emissions. Their Food Waste Pilot Program is in partnership with Clean World Partners which recently opened an anaerobic digester and presently converts 25 tons of food a day, mostly from commercial sources. The City will begin using them in the spring or summer of 2013. This fuel will be used in the garbage trucks. However, food and yard waste will have to be separated as they don't convert when mixed. No one in California will be able to meet the 75% diversion rate without getting serious about organics. The City's old landfill at 28th Street which closed in 1997 has a 30-year closure period, but is now designated as Sutter's Landing Park. It is 144 acres in the middle of the City. The ground is valuable for predatory birds. They have partnered with Coenergy for a grant for a 1.5 megawatt solar project to be built there over the parking lot.

9. Sacramento County Environmental Management Department (EMD) Director's Report – Val Siebal, Director, EMD

Chair Namba introduced Director Siebal who advised the Commissioners that due to the out-of-normal sequence of the last two SEC meetings, they the Environmental Management Department was in-between newsletters.

10. Environmental News Review – Vice Chair Parker

Chair Namba introduced Vice Chair Parker who reviewed recent news items of import to the Commission.

11. Commissioner Comments

None made.

12. The meeting was adjourned at 8:21p.m.