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# SACRAMENTO ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

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## **MEETING MINUTES**

**MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2013, 6:00P.M.**  
**COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO**

**ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT**  
**10590 ARMSTRONG AVENUE, MATHER, CA 95655**

### **ITEM**

1. Call to Order – Chair Namba

*The meeting was called to order at 6:00p.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

*Chair Namba directed the Commissioners' attention to two additional items in their meeting packet: 1) Information on the upcoming Sacramento Creek Week, and 2) a copy of Item #26 from last Tuesday's County board meeting regarding the National Resource Defense Council's (NRDC) conceptual alternative to the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP).*

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

**A motion was made by Diana Parker and seconded by Robert Bailey to approve the minutes of the February 2013 meeting as presented.**

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

**Noes: None**

**Abstain: None**

6. The Sac Metro Chamber's Environmental Lobbying Agenda for their April 2013 Cap-to-Cap Trip – Dennis Rogers, Senior Vice President of Public Policy and Economic Development, Sacramento Metro Chamber

*Chair Namba introduced Mr. Dennis Rogers, the Senior Vice President of Public Policy and Economic Development for the Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce who spoke to the Commission about the Chamber's upcoming Capitol-to-Capitol trip happening from April 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> wherein Chamber members go to Washington, D.C. and seek audiences with appropriate legislators to present previously prepared white papers on legislative matters of importance in the 6-county Sacramento area. For more than 40 years, Cap-to-Cap has built the reputation in Washington, D.C. as a premier advocacy program. Being the largest program of its kind in the nation, it truly does impact the Sacramento metropolitan region's business climate and quality of life. This significant regional effort includes the voices of leaders from the business community, non-profit organizations, local elected officials and federal resources. The Chamber has 290 people going to present 50 papers. Delegates will be organized into teams for lobbying appointments. The "team topics" are as follows: Air Quality, Aviation, Civic Amenities, Clean/Green Technology, Community Development, Flood Protection, Food & Agriculture, Health Care, Homeland Security, Innovation, Jobs & Business Growth, Land Use & Natural Resources, Transportation, Water Resources, and Workforce & Education. Some of the things they will be advocating for are electrical vehicle infrastructure, funding for the Air District's woodsmoke program, for the EPA to develop common fuel efficiency standards, setting up infrastructure relative to support of rural life including extending broadband, keeping municipal bonding authority tax-free to support local infrastructure, the P.A.C.E. program, as well as support for local healthcare. A main topic of discussion will be the Delta and the levees. They will be seeking continued financial support for modernization of FEMA's flood insurance program and the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). The Capitol Southeast Connector has its own paper. They advocate for a "complete streets" approach including bikeways and sidewalks. They feel the federal government should recognize and support this approach. They will also discuss workforce development which includes STEM education as well as economic development. They have purposely not taken a position on High-Speed Rail (HSR) as they are not sure that they would support it.*

7. An Update on the State Water Resources Control Board's NPDES Wastewater Discharge Permit for Sacramento County - Stan Dean, Principal Engineer and Agency Administrator for the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District (SRCSD)

*Chair Namba introduced Mr. Stan Dean, District Engineer for the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District (SRCSD) who made a PowerPoint presentation to update the Commissioners on the progress of the NPDES wastewater discharge permit for Sacramento County. He began with some background information advising that the Sacramento Area Waste Treatment Plant began operating in 1982 and replaced 22 separate treatment systems. The SRCSD is responsible for major pipeline infrastructure as well as the treatment plant. This system discharges into the Sacramento River, which flows to the Delta and the San Francisco Bay. They serve approximately 1.3 million residents in the greater Sacramento region. They have a 17 member governing board each representing local governments served by the SRCSD. The plant treats 181 million gallons per day using chlorine disinfection and pure oxygen activated sludge. Pure oxygen is used because you increase the growth of bacteria which is needed for nutrient removal. The latest permit was issued in December 2010 requiring they install a tertiary filtering system. They appealed this decision to the State Board in early 2011. The State Board had 270 days to act and failed to do so allowing the SRCSD to file litigation which they did in early 2012, but the litigation was stayed to give the State Board more time to act. The State Board then largely upheld the permit in late 2012. The litigation process has therefore resumed with a hearing scheduled for October 2013. Although the litigation is continuing, the permit is still in effect and they have a whole team in place working on implementing it. The "Technology Screening Team" consists of SRCSD representatives from engineering, operations & maintenance, policy & planning, and management. They are researching what "universal" technologies might be used. They decided to do pilot testing. They hired more than 1 consultant because they wanted the consultants to debate each other. Nine (9) criteria have been developed. The Phase 1 pilot testing objectives are to demonstrate permit compliance of air-activated sludge, filtration and disinfection processes, to demonstrate Title 22 equivalency, to obtain full-scale design parameters, and to provide data to support and recommend a treatment train for full-scale based on a business case evaluation. Phase 1 testing ended in February 2013. Its report will be out in May 2013. The Phase 2 operation will begin in late 2013 or early 2014. They are now in the process of writing parts of a CEQA impact report which they hope to have done in 2014. When the project actually begins, it will not be bid as one project. It will have 10 – 12 different bids for different parts of the project. They have done a tremendous amount of work on rates and fees. In 2010, they had a rate & fee model developed, but this model will now change taking another 2 years of work. They are going to be doing a lot of community outreach over the next few years. They have a website set up just for this. It is [www.sewersense.com](http://www.sewersense.com).*

8. Presentation of the Award Committee's Choices for the SEC's 2012 Environmental Awards – Commissioner White, Chair, 2012 Awards Committee

*Chair Namba introduced Commissioner White who presented the Awards Committee's recommendations.*

A motion was made by Mark White and seconded by Robert Bailey that these be accepted as presented.

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

**Noes:** None

**Abstain:** None

9. Sacramento County Environmental Management Department (EMD) Director's Report – Val Siebal, Director, EMD  
*Chair Namba introduced Director Siebal who referred the Commissioners to EMD's attached newsletter.*
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 8:15p.m.

*This meeting is being audiotaped in its entirety and will be available at the Environmental Management Department office.*

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