
SACRAMENTO ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

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MINUTES

Monday, May 20, 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
- 2 Roll Call – Staff Secretary

Present: Laura Nickerson, Stephanie Holstege, Christine Casey, Dr. Anthony DeRiggi, Richard Hunn, Eugene Lee, Thomas Malson, Jacqueline Todak, Mark White, Gage Marchini

- 3 Introduction of Commissioners
- 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 Comments

- 5 Overview of California’s EPR Trends: Pharma Sharps, E-Waste, Plastics Packaging, and More -Virginia McCormick, Associate II, California Product Stewardship Council

Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR). Goals of California Product Stewardship Council (CPSC) include shifting California’s material economy towards producer financed and managed recovery, towards becoming a cycle of production, use and recycle to reduce waste.

Product stewardship moves the responsibility of managing waste to the producer

instead of the consumer. Waste could include items such as batteries, pharmaceuticals, mattresses, paint, and carpet. Producers design the end life of their products and fund the management of it.

Currently 13 product stewardship laws are in place. Some legislation that CSPC has been involved in is AB 2440 and SB 1215, batteries, battery included products, and electronic waste end of life stewardship. SB 54 Plastic Pollution Prevention would reduce the volume of packaging, plastic use and increase recycling. Items regulated by this bill include single use food ware, single use plastic and single use packaging.

Problematic products currently being tackled by the legislature are solar panels, gas cylinders and textiles. Additional campaigns include Don't Rush To Flush, DR Cubed (durable, repairable, reusable, recyclable). Propane Cylinders, and Marine Flare Switches. CPSC actively pursues grants which help fund take back campaigns, specifically Marine Flares, and they replace it with a reusable, battery operated flare.

6 Splash Presentation- David Rosen, Environmental Educator

SPLASH's flagship program started 1998. Sixty campers every June explore the vernal pools in Mather. California has lost over 90% of the historic vernal pools that used to be in the state. Because vernal pools are endangered, the plants and species living in the pools are also endangered.

SPLASH has developed a curriculum with 13 lessons using the vernal pools as the educational vehicle. It fulfills the science standards required in California. Students learn about flowers, pollination and pollinators, frogs, and snakes. Project AWE is the study of agriculture, water energy and the environment. Children have an opportunity to experience farms and harvesting, live animals, chickens, food waste, leatherworking, and hydroponics.

The Youth Environmental Leadership Camp is a camp for 6th and 7th graders where they learn hands on about jobs in the environmental field, learn about air quality, energy and transportation, water quality, and habitat restoration. At the end of the week, they role play as planning commissioners and make decisions about land use.

SPLASH receives funding from the County and surrounding cities.

7 Sacramento County Sustainability Update- John Lundgren, Sustainability Manager

John Lundgren discussed strategy and innovation in reaching the County goals.

8 Approve Draft Minutes April 15, 2024

Motion made by Mark White seconded by Tom Malson.

Ayes: Laura Nickerson, Christine Casey, Dr. Anthony DeRiggi, Richard Hunn, Eugene Lee, Thomas Malson, Jacqueline Todak, Mark White, Gage Marchini

Abstentions: Stephanie Holstege

Noes: None

Motion passed.

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

EMD is very focused on education and outreach regarding new legislation. Pool and spa workshops are being held throughout the summer at EMD. Refrigerated vending machine inspections begin July 1. All single walled underground storage tanks will need to be removed from the ground by 2025. Eight facilities in the County still have these tanks.

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

11 Commissioner Comments

- City of Sacramento Removing Funding For SacRT Kids RydeFree. Commissioners agreed Gage Marchini should draft a letter of support for continued funding. Motion made by Richard Hunn and seconded by Stephanie Holstege.

Ayes: Laura Nickerson, Dr. Anthony DeRiggi, Richard Hunn, Eugene Lee, Jacqueline Todak, Mark White, Gage Marchini, Stephanie Holstege

Abstentions: Christine Casey,

Noes: Thomas Malson

Motion passed.

- Mark volunteered to draft a letter regarding the future management of EV Batteries – Motion made by Mark White and seconded by Jacqueline Todak. Ayes: Laura Nickerson, Dr. Anthony DeRiggi, Richard Hunn, Eugene Lee, Jacqueline Todak, Mark White, Gage Marchini, Stephanie Holstege, Christine Casey, Thomas Malson

Abstentions: None

Noes: None

- Staff to the commission later suggested that any comment in support of environmental legislation should be directed to the County Board of Supervisors.

- City of Sacramento Draft Urban Forest Plan- Richard Hunn
- Awards Committee Update
- Review Agency Monitoring List and Add Volunteers

12 Next Meeting- June 17, 2024, EMD, 11080 White Rock Road, Suite 200, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

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