
SACRAMENTO ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

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A JOINT COMMISSION APPOINTED BY:
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MINUTES

Monday, August 17, 2020 VIA Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

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6:00 p.m.

ITEM

- 1 Call to Order – Chair White
Meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.
- 2 Roll Call – Staff Secretary
Commissioners present: Trelynd Bradley, Richard Hunn, Diane Kindermann, Mark Barry, Thomas Malson, Laura Nickerson, Eric Rivero Montes, Josh Rosa, Mark White
- 3 Introduction of Commissioners
- 4 Public Comment
Safiya Munif, member of the public, commented that she would like to see youth representation on the SEC and increased opportunity for input.
- 5 Pattern Language Design Presentation- Josh Rosa, SEC Commissioner

Pattern language is a wiki that can be used as a tool in many fields of organizational decision making including software development, land use, planning, and physical science. The inclusion of pattern language in analyzing projects and problems forces policy makers to look at 360 degrees to include all constituents in their decisions.

Pattern Language is a compilation of patterns that consistently arise and effective solutions that people use to fix them. Commissioner Rosa proposed that the SEC write a letter to Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) encouraging the exploration and use of

pattern language to achieve greater environmental justice in their policy decisions as SACOG expressed they are open to exploring innovative ideas. Commissioner Rosa mentioned that pattern language could be a potential tool in SACOG's Blueprint Project which supports local governments with high quality data and modeling tools, to inform decisions made regarding future growth's impacts.

Commissioner Rosa recently published articles on media.com and LinkedIn regarding the use of pattern language in organizations' decision making. An example is "Just Pittsburgh", a project that has used pattern language in forwarding their goals of reducing economic and racial disparity.

The commission declined drafting a letter to SACOG or pursue pattern language wikis as they did not have a depth of understanding in order to recommend its use.

6 Approve February 2020 Minutes

Motion to approve February 2020 minutes made by Tom Malson, seconded by Laura Nickerson.

Ayes: Richard Hunn, Diane Kindermann, Thomas Malson, Laura Nickerson, Eric Rivero Montes, Josh Rosa, Trelynd Bradley, Mark White

Notes: None

Abstentions: None

8 Sacramento County Environmental Management Department Director's Report- Marie Woodin, Director Environmental Management Department

9 Commissioner Comments

10 Adjournment – 7:06 p.m. Next Meeting- September 21, 6 p.m., EMD, Virtual Meeting

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