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# **SACRAMENTO ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

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A JOINT COMMISSION APPOINTED BY:  
County of Sacramento  
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City of Isleton  
City of Folsom  
City of Galt  
City of Elk Grove

## **MINUTES**

**Monday, May 20, 2019**  
**EMD, 10590 Armstrong Ave.**  
**6:00 p.m.**

### **ITEM**

- 1** Call to Order – Commissioner Hunn  
Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm.
- 2** Roll Call – Staff Secretary  
Commissioners present: Mark Barry, Richard Hunn, Diane Kindermann, George Buzz Link, Thomas Malson, Laura Nickerson, Eric Rivero-Montes
- 3** Introduction of Commissioners  
Newly appointed commissioner for the cities of Folsom/Isleton/Galt, Thomas Malson, was welcomed.
- 4** Public Comment – Commissioner Hunn  
There was no public comment.
- 5** AB 2178 Limited Service Charitable Feeding- Environmental Management Department, Environmental Health Chief, Kelly McCoy

Environmental Health Chief, Kelly McCoy, presented on the passage of AB 2178 Limited Service Charitable Feeding Operations (LSCFO). Prior to the passage of this bill, food closets and food pantries had to meet the same health permit requirements as a retail food facility. The law defines a LSCFO as a food service operation conducted solely for providing charity and that is conducted by a non-profit charitable feeding organization. LSCFOs must register with the local enforcement agency if not operating in conjunction with a permitted food bank. Food Banks are still required to hold a permit but their satellite pantry and food closets sites do not need to register.

Food pantries not operating under a food bank but only distributing shelf stable foods and uncut produce do not need to register.

Non-profit facilities preparing potentially hazardous foods which require thawing, cooking, cutting and holding will still need to be permitted and inspected, just as a retail food facility. Outreach regarding AB 2178 was held May 1, 2019 at the Environmental Management Department. Feedback from food banks, food pantries, and other non-profit charitable feeding operations was positive. Numerous food pantries who paid for permits in the past will now be exempt from registering as they are covered under the primary food bank permit. These food closets and pantries are inspected by the food bank holding the permit as a condition of operating under the cover of the food bank.

Kelly McCoy requested a letter of support from the SEC for the new fee category “registration” which food closets and food pantries not operating under a food bank would be required to have.

A motion to provide a letter of support for the new fee category was made by Eric Rivero-Montes, seconded by Thomas Malson.

Ayes: Mark Barry, Richard Hunn, Diane Kindermann, George Buzz Link, Thomas Malson, Laura Nickerson, Eric Rivero-Montes

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

**6 Mayor’s Commission on Climate Change-Carbon Zero by 2045- Mayor’s Commission on Climate Change Technical Advisory Committee on the Built Environment, Obadiah Bartholomy**

Obadiah Bartholomy, lead for the Mayor’s Commission on Climate Change, Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) on the Built Environment, presented the TAC’s vision and priorities being recommended for incorporation in regional cities’ Climate Action Plans. The vision is to encourage compact, walkable communities, with renewable energy systems and nature based solutions. Communities will be fossil free and fully electrified with an abundance of green space and affordable housing.

The TAC believes that 15% of green-house gases (GHG) are from natural gas combustion so the recommendations look to the electrification of homes and vehicles. Land use strategies involve establishing an Urban Growth Boundary which would limit all new growth to existing developments, incentivizing high density, affordable and accessible residences. The TAC recommends mandating new construction to eliminate fossil fuel in new buildings by 2023 through ordinances and measures to reduce embodied carbon emission from building materials by 40%, compared to 2018.

The TAC is recommending a transition of 25% of existing buildings and small commercial buildings to all electric by 2030. Also, requiring replacement appliances to be electric and establishing building performance standards and GHG limits by 2021.

In summary, the key takeaways of the TAC are to promote more efficient land use policies and

adopt transformative policies to promote all electric buildings.

**7 Sierra Club Buy Clean Campaign- Molly Culton, Conservation Organizer**

AB 262 Buy Clean California was signed into law by Gov. Jerry Brown in 2017. This law addresses greenhouse gas emissions within a state's supply chain and establishes a process that ensures the State purchase certain construction materials used in public works projects from manufacturers that can provide an Environmental Product Declaration detailing how much climate pollution is produced during processing of the materials.

The Buy Clean Campaign Goals include educating the public about the law, supporting implementation of the law and advocating for similar policies at the local level. The Sierra Club would like to see Buy Clean policies in the City and county CAP updates and encouraged the SEC to support passing a resolution in the county and surrounding cities supporting the practice in local governments.

Ms. Colton asked the SEC if they would like to draft a letter of support for a resolution supporting Buy Clean at the local level and send it to local jurisdictions. The commissioners expressed that they would need to research impacts to local economies, businesses, current practices, etc. before taking an action.

**8 Sacramento County Environmental Management Department Director's Report**

**9 Commissioner Comments**

**10 Adjournment 7:48 p.m. – Next Meeting: June 17, 2019 6:00 p.m., EMD Offices, 10590 Armstrong Ave., Mather, CA 95655**

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