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Monday, May 16, 2022 6 p.m.

EMD, 11080 White Rock Way, Suite 200, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

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ITEM

- 1 Call to Order – Chair White
Vice Chair Hunn called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

- 2 Roll Call – Staff Secretary

Commissioners present: Richard Hunn, Tom Malson, Stephanie Holstege, Dr. Anthony DeRiggi, Eric Rivero-Montes, Laura Nickerson and Kayla Rabey. Quorum is present.

- 3 Introduction of Commissioners

- 4 Public Comment

*Speakers will have three minutes for each separate item including any matter not on the posted agenda.

- 5 Environmental Management Department Programs Refresher
Rolando Villareal, Acting Program Manager II Environmental Health

Mark Barcellos, Acting Program Manager I Environmental Health
Michael Meyer, Program Manager II Environmental Compliance
Robert Duncan, Program Manager I Environmental Compliance

Interim Director Jennea Monasterio explained that EMD is 100% fee supported with an annual budget of 21 million dollars. The Department conducts 28,000 countywide inspections each year in 34 programs utilizing 113 Environmental Specialists and support staff.

Chief of Environmental Compliance, Michael Meyer, reviewed the 17 programs within that division. Those programs include: underground storage tanks, hazardous materials generation and storage, small water systems, incident response, plan review and others. The Environmental Management Department (EMD) is a state Certified Unified Program Agency that oversees hazardous materials generation and storage compliance in Sacramento County.

There are an estimated 20,000 water wells and over 90,000 monitoring wells, soil borings, geotech borings and piezometers in Sacramento County as well as approximately 20,000 septic systems.

Acting Chief of Environmental Health (EH), Rolando Villareal, reviewed the 17 programs within that division. Food Protection is the largest program but the division also oversees pools and recreational health, Body Art, detention facilities, waste tires, medical waste, noise and others.

During COVID 19, EH assisted Public Health with messaging and outreach to affected businesses, largely food facilities, to explain the constantly changing COVID guidance and compliance requirements. Signage and messaging was translated into 5 languages, EMD's website was modified to provide information so that regulated industries would be in compliance with the State Emergency Health Order while continuing allowable operations and webinars and social media was used for messaging also. COVID Test kits were distributed to retail food facilities within EJ zip codes to assist with health and safety during COVID.

The red yellow green placarding program used by EMD has been adopted by many other counties and is a nationally awarded food safety system.

- 6 Transportation in Sacramento County-Planning for VMT Reduction - Todd Smith, Principal Planner, Sacramento County and Cameron Shew, Principal Civil Engineer, Sacramento County

SB 743 implements the use of Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) to measure transportation impacts for CEQA, replacing the Level of Service (LOS) grading. The County still may use LOS as a metric to provide policy guidelines.

SACOG created a Local Agency Working Group and updated the Transportation Analysis Guidelines. The General Plan outlines what the County's significant thresholds are for VMT.

To work toward VMT reduction the 2030 General Plan includes:

- 25 % of land use element policies focus on infill
- Invest in revitalization efforts, especially within commercial corridors

- New growth management policies to reduce VMT
 - Higher densities
 - Transit infrastructure
 - Jobs-housing balance to reduce commutes
 - Walkable/ridable project design
 - Mixed use development

The Draft Climate Action Plan also includes numerous VMT reduction strategies such as transit access, traffic calming, work carpools, and reduced minimum parking standards. Screening criteria for projects is written into transportation analysis guidelines. They range from small projects under 20 residential units up to dense affordable residential projects.

There are different ways to calculate VMT. SACOG has a traffic model in which to input the number of houses, population, income, vehicle ownership etc., transit availability, which then populates a model. Using this model is both timely and costly. Model based calculation uses an existing VMT model for similar nearby areas and applies it to that project.

CAPCOA Report- California Air Pollution Control office Association. This document lists mitigation measures and opportunities to reduce VMT for projects. Program approaches for planning departments may include: large projects pay annual benefit zone assessments which fund trip reducing services and programs; or, smaller projects can pay VMT impact fees or into a mitigation bank if the project cannot implement specific VMT reducing measures. Projects go through a Local Transportation Analysis. Significant recommendation findings can become a condition of approval on a project.

The early experience with the lower VMT thresholds are that many residential projects that were below the Level of Service threshold now how significant VMT impacts. Fully mitigating VMT impacts is challenging without a programmatic approach and screening is effective for small projects and locally serving retail service and public facilities. It's the medium size projects that don't screen out but are too small to have a robust mitigation program.

- 7 CA Recycling and Plastic Pollution Reduction Act Discussion- Commissioner Stephanie Holstege
 - Key Elements
 - Potential Benefits of Implementation
 - Consideration of Draft Letter of Recommendation

The goal of the initiative is to reduce the use of single use polystyrene and plastics. The Initiative requires single use containers and utensil to be recyclable, reusable, compostable or refillable by 2030 and reduction of that waste by 25%. Producers must use recycled content in the production of the single use items and the initiative recommends taxing producers on the production of single use items at \$0.01 per item. Revenue would be used for recycling and environmental programs.

Vote to approve sending letter of support to jurisdictions. Motion made by Tom Malson, seconded by Laura Nickerson.

Ayes: Richard Hunn, Tom Malson, Stephanie Holstege, Dr. Anthony DeRiggi, Eric Rivero-Montes, Laura Nickerson and Kayla Rabey

Abstentions: 0

Noes: 0

Motion Passes

Vote to approve sending the draft letter reviewed by commissioners.

Motion was made by Tony DeRiggi, seconded by Tom Malson.

Ayes: Richard Hunn, Tom Malson, Stephanie Holstege, Dr. Anthony DeRiggi, Eric Rivero-Montes, Laura Nickerson and Kayla Rabey

Noes: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion Passes

- 8 Sacramento County Sustainability Manager Monthly Update - John Lundgren, Sustainability Manager, County of Sacramento

The Climate Task Force received 47 applications and interviews will take place in June. A stipend of \$70 per meeting has been approved.

CA Energy Commission Zero Vehicle Emission Plan - Mr. Lundgren sent a comment letter on behalf of the County asking for fleet charging infrastructure as a category of grant funding or grant funding to include infrastructure that has restrictions attached for fleet charging only.

The Sustainability Office will complete GHG Inventory to be done for FY 22/23 using ICLI- Clear Path software.

- 9 Approve April 25, 2022 Minutes
Item move to June meeting.

- 10 Consider Letter of Recommendation For Cities To Adopt No-Cost MOU For the Purpose of Coordination Building Electrification Projects, Policies and Activities

Vote to Approve sending Letter of Recommendation For Cities To Adopt No-Cost MOU For the Purpose of Coordination Building Electrification Projects

Motion made by Tom Malson, seconded by Eric Rivero Montes.

Ayes: Richard Hunn, Tom Malson, Stephanie Holstege, Dr. Anthony DeRiggi, Eric Rivero-Montes, Laura Nickerson and Kayla Rabey

Noes: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion passes.

- 11 EMD Director's Report- Jennea Monasterio, Interim Director of Sacramento County Environmental Management Department
- 12 Report Back on SEC Commissioner Monitoring of Environmental Issues and Agencies
 - Tom Malson was appointed to the Consumes Groundwater Authority Citizen Oversight Committee.
 - Laura Nickerson reported back on her Earth Day presentation at Rio Americano High School.
- 13 Commissioner Comments
- 14 Next Meeting- June 20, 2022 6:00 p.m. via Zoom or In Person Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

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