
SACRAMENTO ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

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A JOINT COMMISSION APPOINTED BY:
County of Sacramento
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MEETING MINUTES

**MONDAY, MARCH 17TH, 2014 6:00 PM
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO**

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

ITEM

1. Call to Order – Chair Link

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm.

2. Roll Call – Staff Secretary

Commission members present: Robert Bailey, Dana Curran, George Buzz Link, Dr. Anthony DeRiggi, Secret Charles-Ford, Richard Hunn

Commission members absent: Marjorie Namba, Mark Barry, Mark White

Staff members present: Val Siebal, Jill Koehn

3. Introduction of Commissioners – Chair Link

The Commission members introduced themselves. Richard Hunn was introduced as a new commission member and gave a brief description of his background and experience.

4. Public Comment – Chair Link

There was no public comment.

5. **CONSENT ITEMS** – Approval of February 2014 Minutes

A motion was made by Dana Curran and seconded by Dr. Anthony DeRiggi to approve the February 2014 minutes.

Ayes: Robert Bailey, Dana Curran, George Buzz Link, Dr. Anthony DeRiggi, Secret Charles-Ford

Noes: None

Abstentions: Richard Hunn

6. AB 224 Direct Marketing: Community Supported Agriculture, John Rogers, Chief Environmental Health, EMD

John Rogers gave a presentation on AB 224, Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) regulations. These regulations cover sales of fresh, uncut vegetables, fruit and shell eggs to consumers by various means such as farmers markets, farm stands and CSA produce box deliveries. CSA's register annually with the California Department of Food and Agriculture and declare the produce is grown in accordance with good agricultural practices and that they will comply with labeling requirements. The labeling requirements are critical in the event of a

public outbreak of food borne illness so that the source of the contaminant may be traced.

AB 224 includes the allowance of an enforcement officer to enter into and inspect a CSA in response to a public food safety complaint.

7. Bridge Safety in Sacramento County, Mike Meschi, Senior Civil Engineer, Bridges and City Services, Sacramento County

Mike Meschi updated the SEC on bridge projects within Sacramento County. According to the September 2013 CALTRANS bridge report, there are 203 vehicle bridges in Sacramento County, of which 7 are moveable bridges. Mr. Meschi explained the rating process that determines whether a bridge replacement or rehabilitation project becomes eligible for federal funding. This rating is called the Sufficiency Rating (SR) and acts as a bridge "report card." His PowerPoint presentation included a list of the upcoming Sacramento County Department of Transportation (SacDOT) federally funded bridge replacement and rehabilitation projects in Sacramento County.

CALTRANS formally inspects bridges in Sacramento County and sends reports to the SacDOT. Concurrently, SacDOT makes visual inspections of bridges within the County. Based on the SR determined by CALTRANS, the appropriate action is taken, whether that is rehabilitation or repair of a bridge. Many of the bridges currently on the project list are located in District 5, and were built in the 1930s using timber construction. Sacramento County policy is to remove old, treated timber when reconstruction occurs, an environmentally friendly action.

One of the major projects ongoing this year, Watt Avenue and US 50 Interchange, has an anticipated completion date of July 16th, 2014. This project will change the geometry of the on and off ramps, enhance transit by adding a dedicated rapid transit lane, and provide safe bridge and pedestrian walkways.

Mr. Meschi showed the Commission pictures of the Pioneer Bluff Bridge project that is projected to be completed by December 2014. This project provides a traffic circulation on the eastern side of the City of Sacramento to Yolo County between the North and South sides of the Barge Canal. The bridge will be 615 feet long and approximately 80 feet wide, including bike lanes and pedestrian lanes separated from the automobile lanes by concrete walls. The cost of the contract is approximately 9.5 million dollars.

8. Selection of the 2013 SEC Environmental Award Winners

A motion was made by Robert Bailey and seconded by Dr. Anthony DeRiggi, to accept the recommendations of the awards subcommittee as listed in the agenda packet.

9. Ayes: Robert Bailey, Dana Curran, George Buzz Link, Dr. Anthony DeRiggi, Secret Charles-Ford, Richard Hunn
Sacramento County Environmental Management Department (EMD) Director's Report – Val Siebal

Director Val Siebal updated the commission on recent activities at EMD as highlighted in the monthly EMD Update Newsletter.

10. Environmental News Review – Vice Chair Dana Curran

Vice Chair Dana Curran reviewed three articles of environmental interest.

11. Commissioner Comments

Discussion took place regarding the SEC awards and the Commission agreed that the following issues should be addressed.

1. Commissioner Charles-Ford stated that the fact that there could be more than one winner in each category was not clearly stated on the nomination form and suggested that the language on the form should be revised to clarify this.
2. Letters of Recognition were determined to be given to nominations based outside of Sacramento County because they do touch programs within Sacramento County.
3. The Commission members agreed that revising the nomination form is a priority and the award subcommittee will remain intact to design the new form and bring back ideas to the Commission. Dana Curran, Robert Bailey, and Mark Barry are the awards subcommittee members.

Robert Bailey reminded the SEC that they were organizational members of Save the Creeks. He asked the secretary to inquire how much the membership cost and what benefits it included. Mr. Bailey also suggested contacting school and government agencies in the award winner's geographical area to see if they were interested in having the awards presented at their official meetings. Mr. Bailey and Chair Link brought up the point that surrounding cities may be interested in having representation on the SEC and that it may be time to contact them

and reissue an invitation to do so.

Secret Charles Ford asked about the process for scheduling meeting topics and presenters, and it was decided that the Commission members would benefit from having the current list sent out to them again.

Chair Link will be reviewing the Letter of Recognition that is currently sent out to Award Nominees.

Vice Chair Curran suggested the SEC creating a presence on Facebook or other current social media.

Bob Bailey suggested that cities not yet participating in the SEC be contacted and invited to join. A letter under Chair Links name will be sent.

12. Adjournment at 7:35 pm. – Next Meeting, April 21st, 2014 at 6:30 pm, in the Sacramento County Board Chambers, 700 H Street, Sacramento, CA 95825

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

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