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# **SACRAMENTO ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

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## **Minutes**

**Monday, September 17, 2018**  
**10590 Armstrong Ave. Mather, CA 95655**  
**6:00 p.m.**

### **ITEM**

- 1** Call to Order – Commissioner Hunn
- 2** Roll Call – Staff Secretary

Commissioners present: Richard Hunn, Eric-Rivero-Montes, George "Buzz" Link, Laura Nickerson, Mark White, Diane Kindermann

- 3** Introduction of Commissioners
- 4** Public Comment – Commissioner Hunn
- 5** Status of Air Quality Standards Attainment In the Sacramento Region- Alberto Ayala, Executive Director, Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District

Mr. Ayala discussed the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District's (SMAQMD) current priorities including the implementation of AB 617, new state mandates for community air protection. Put into law last year, these mandates are hyper-local, studying the sources of local pollution and pursuing cap and trade funds to reduce those sources. Transportation is the highest pollutant in the region. Reducing this pollutant source requires the electrification of vehicles, both private and public. AB 617 Community Air Protection, identifies standards for non-vehicular pollution and toxic air contaminants with a focus on disadvantaged communities, where there is a disproportionate level of pollution. New air monitoring and emission reduction plans need to be operating in 2019.

Ambient air monitoring is shifting from a regional to a local level. Air monitoring is resource intensive, requiring filed operation, maintenance, and repair of equipment and systems. The monitoring sites are long standing in order to track progress towards attainment and maintaining health base standards. The largest source of greenhouse gases in the area is transportation and the largest source of particulate matter is wood burning.

There has been a steady downward trend in both particulate matter and ozone pollution in the region. Although SMAQMD has yet to meet the new standards for ozone, it has successfully decreased levels. The reduction in particulate matter pollution aligns with the “check before you burn” campaign started in 2008 and the significant ozone level decrease took place the same time as a stringent clean air requirement for new vehicles was implemented. Wildfires do contribute to pollution levels and particulate matter but there is a mechanism available, “Exceptional Event Demonstration” to account for this on air quality data used for regulatory decisions.

SMAQMD is on track to achieving attainment by 2024. Improving clean mobility involves more than just improving transit. It may include transportation innovations such as jump bikes, electric car share program, and electric public transit vehicles. Cap and trade funds are available to make the improvements necessary to achieve attainment.

**6** Community Resource Project’s Community Solar Project- Luis Sanchez, Chief Executive Officer, Community Resource Project, Inc.

The Community Resource Project has been operating for 45 years in the disadvantaged area of North Franklin. The organization is seeking support for a grant for a new solar project that would be installed on 11 acres of leased land owned by St. Rose Catholic Church. SMUD has expressed that they would be willing to purchase the energy produced by this solar project, bringing renewable energy to this community. This project would also create jobs by training and hiring local residents to maintain the solar panels, increasing the capacity for local spending and more efficient and reduced energy consumption, ultimately contributing to “place making”, meaning residents choose to stay and contribute to their current neighborhood/ community.

Revenues from the project are projected to be approximately \$150,000-\$200,000 dollars/yr. which would be used for local programs in the community.

Chair Hunn proposed to the commissioners to draft a letter of support for the project at this stage, with the understanding that land use approvals and CEQA requirements were to follow in the next steps of the project. A motion to approve was made by Laura Nickerson and seconded by Diane Kindermann.

Ayes: Richard Hunn, Eric-Rivero-Montes, George “Buzz” Link, Laura Nickerson, Diane Kindermann.

Abstentions: Mark White

Noes: None

**7** Approval of August 2018 Minutes

A motion to approve the August 2018 minutes was made by Buzz Link and seconded by Mark

White.

Ayes: Commissioners present: Richard Hunn, Eric-Rivero-Montes, George “Buzz” Link, Laura Nickerson, Mark White, Diane Kindermann

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

- 8** 2018 Initiatives Update
- 9** Sacramento County Environmental Management Director’s Report
- 10** Commissioner Comments
- 11** Adjournment – Next Meeting: Monday, October 15 at 6:30 p.m., BOS Chambers, 700 H Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

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