
SACRAMENTO ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

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

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, August 21, 2017

**EMD Offices, 10590 Armstrong Ave.
Mather, CA 95655**

6 p.m.

ITEM

- 1** Call to Order – Chair Hunn
Meeting was called to order at 6 p.m.

- 2** Roll Call – Staff Secretary
Commissioners present were Richard Hunn, Eric Rivero-Montes, Buzz Link, Dr. Anthony DeRiggi, Margie Namba, Mark Barry, Diane Kindermann, Mark White

- 3** Introduction of Commissioners – Chair Hunn

- 4** Public Comment – Chair Hunn
There was no public comment.

- 5** South Sacramento Habitat Conservation Plan (SSHCP) - Richard Radmacher, Senior Planner, and Bill Ziebron, Program Manager for SSHCP, Department of Water Resources

Note: Commissioner Kindermann recused herself during this presentation due to potential conflict of interest.

The South Sacramento Habitat Conservation Plan has been under development for over 20 years, preparing strategies for species protection, governance and economics for preserving several conservation areas in the urban development boundaries of Sacramento. The timeline for completing the SSHCP has recently speeded up with a deadline of April 2018 because the Department of Fish and Wildlife has given notice that they will no longer be issuing permits project by project but rather will permit comprehensive conservation plans that achieve more effective conservation and include the many partners in each protected area. The partners in the plan’s area include Sacramento County, City of Rancho Cordova,

City of Galt, Regional San and the Capital Southeast Connector.

The SSHCP will streamline the permitting process and provide an integrated solution for the multiple permits required by the Endangered Species Act Section 10, the Clean Water Act, the Endangered Species Act Section 2081 and the Clean Water Act section 401. The SSCHP protects 28 species, provides for 50 year ESA and CESA take permits, provides financing by use of a mitigation/in-lieu fee program and contains a wetlands protection ordinance. The large preserves set aside contain a large quantity of vernal pools. The protected species list in the plan covers new species of animals and plants as they are added or removed from the endangered list. Protected species currently include the Sandhill Crane, the Swainson's Hawk, the Giant Garter Snake and Sacramento Orcuff Grass and many others,

The SSHCP differs from current plans because it protects full biological systems, incorporates stream setbacks and contains adequate funding for oversight and management in perpetuity. The South Sacramento Conservation Agency has already been approved by the local jurisdictions and documents have been submitted to the state. Plan officials will be comprised of elected officials from Sacramento county, Rancho Cordova and Galt. Long term funding will be provided by mitigation fees paid by developers at a per acre charge based on the type of habitat being affected. Current funding is being provided by Sacramento County at approximately 80% and other cities at 20%.

6 Approval of Links to Add to SEC Webpage

A motion to approve the addition of links to the SEC webpage was made by Mark White and seconded by Eric Rivero Montes.

Ayes: Richard Hunn, Eric Rivero-Montes, Buzz Link, Dr. Anthony DeRiggi, Margie Namba, Mark Barry, Diane Kindermann, Mark White

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

7 Approval of July 2017 Minutes

A motion was made to approve the July minutes by Anthony DeRiggi and seconded by Mark White

Ayes: Richard Hunn, Eric Rivero-Montes, Buzz Link, Dr. Anthony DeRiggi, Mark Barry, , Mark White

Noes: None

Abstentions: Margie Namba, Diane Kindermann

8 Review of Meeting Action Items:

1. Change July Minutes to read "extended range" in regards to mileage for new EVs
2. Comments or edits to the outreach survey are due by 8/28
3. Secretary will send out reminders during the months of August/Sept to commissioners to remember to bring in 2-3 organizations to contact for the Env. Awards

4. Mark White volunteered to be the 3rd member on the awards subcommittee
5. Look at the Sacramento Clean Air Coalition and evaluate if SEC can join in any of their efforts
6. Commissioner Kindermann will send a copy of the County's lawsuit regarding the Delta Fix to commissioners

9 Permanent Committee Reports

1. 2017 Environmental Awards Committee

The awards committee is working on ways to increase the number of applicants for the yearly environmental awards and commissioners will be encouraged to submit suggestions each month for potential applicants. Suggestions for advertising the awards included social media, press releases and school district announcements. Mark White volunteered to be the third member of the awards subcommittee.

2. Webpage Committee

The webpage committee will be discussing placement of an SEC icon on EMD's home page that would make the SEC webpage easier to find.

3. 2017 Annual Report Committee

10 Ad Hoc Committees Reports

1. Electric Vehicle Fleet Committee Status Report

Richard Hunn and Eric Rivero Montes met with the County of Sacramento Fleet Manager, Keith Leach. Mr. Leach stated that the county currently does not have a plan that commits to increasing EVs in the County's fleet. Impediments to the use of EVs in fleets are the cost of charging stations, the cost of EV heavy equipment and the cost of electric buses.

11 SEC Outreach

1. Agency Monitoring Report Back

Diane Kindermann reported that Sacramento County has filed a lawsuit regarding the Delta Fix and will send the link to the complaint so that commissioners can read it in entirety.

Mark White discussed legacy landfills and their future land use plans.

Anthony DeRiggi reported that some appointments have been made to the oversight board for the Lower American River Parkway and that one million dollars has been appropriated to the Conservancy.

2. Environmental Commission Outreach

- a. Create Survey to Determine Interest to Collaborate

12 Sacramento County Environmental Management Director's Report- Ryan Bailey, Acting Chief of Environmental Compliance

13 Commissioner Comments

14 Adjournment – Next Meeting: Monday, September 18, 2017, 6:00 p.m. 10590 Armstrong Ave., Mather, CA 95655

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