
SACRAMENTO ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

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A JOINT COMMISSION APPOINTED BY:
County of Sacramento
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MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18TH, 2016
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CHAMBERS, 700 H STREET
SACRAMENTO, CA 95814
6:30 P.M.

1 Call to Order- Chair Hunn

The meeting of the Sacramento Environmental Commission was called to order at 6:47 p.m. The meeting took place in the boardroom outside the Board of Supervisors Chambers as the regularly scheduled Board of Supervisors meeting was still in session at 6:45 p.m.

2 Roll Call- Staff Secretary

Commissioners present: Richard Hunn, Dana Curran, Eric Rivero-Montes, Diane Kindermann, Robert Bailey, Mark Barry, George "Buzz" Link

3 Introduction of Commissioners-Chair Hunn

4 Public Comment- Chair Hunn

No members of the public addressed the Commission.

5 Approval of June 2016 Minutes

Vote to approve June 2016 Minutes. Motion made by George "Buzz" Link, second by Diane Kindermann.

Ayes: Richard Hunn, Dana Curran, Diane Kindermann, Robert Bailey, Mark Barry, George "Buzz" Link

Noes: None

Abstentions: Eric Rivero-Montes

Motion passed with a vote of 6.

6 Approval of July Minutes 2016

This item carried forward to the November 2016 meeting.

7 Approval of September Minutes 2016

Vote to approve the September 2016 minutes, motion by Eric Rivero Montes, second by George Buzz Link.

Ayes: Richard Hunn, Eric Rivero-Montes, Diane Kindermann, Robert Bailey, Mark Barry, George "Buzz" Link

Noes: None

Abstain: Dana Curran

Motion passed with a vote of six.

8 Approval of Links to Add to Website

Motion made by Diane Kindermann, second by Dana Curran

Ayes: Richard Hunn, Dana Curran, Eric Rivero-Montes, Diane Kindermann, Robert Bailey, Mark Barry, George "Buzz" Link

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Motion passed with a vote of seven.

9 Review of Revised SEC Website

Item will carry forward to November 2016.

10 Review of Action Items From Past Meetings

1. Topics Subcommittee meeting to be held Nov. 21st, 2016.

2. Cyanobacteria Subcommittee meeting held October 26th, 2016. Chair Hunn will review the subcommittee notes and proposed strategy to develop a position statement with the Commission at the November meeting.
3. Commissioner Hunn requested Commissioner DeRiggi to clarify how the Lower American River Conservancy Board is appointed/chosen. As differentiated from the process of appointing Advisory Committee members to the Lower American River Conservancy.
4. The Commission agreed that an SEC Annual Report should be produced by the Commission and sent to each appointing authority. A subcommittee was formed including Commissioners Bailey, Barry and Hunn, to work on the formatting.
5. A list of Steering Committee members of the Black Infant Death/Child Deaths Committee was received from Dr. Kasirye.
6. Director Siebal discussed National Public Health Week, April 3-9, 2017, with the EMD Exec Team on October 26th. Ideas for participation will be discussed February 2017.

11 Health of Sacramento County- Dr. Kasirye, Public Health Officer, Sacramento County

Dr. Kasirye reviewed the death statistics in Sacramento County and noted that the leading two causes of death across all ethnicities are consistently cancer and heart disease. Dr. Kasirye has a strong interest in community changes that would contribute to individual health since heart disease includes lifestyle components that can be modified. She also voiced concern regarding the statistics for the leading causes of death in persons ages 15-24, which should be the healthiest age group. Accidents, which include overdosing incidents, homicide and suicide, are the top three causes of death for this group.

Sacramento County Public Health Department is applying for accreditation which has required the completion of a countywide health assessment and a Community Improvement Plan. Seven priority actions derived from the county assessment

were included in the Community Health Improvement Plan.

Disparities in Infant Death
Sexually Transmitted Disease
Opioid Poisoning
Heart Disease
Adverse Childhood Experiences
Oral Health
Emerging Infections Diseases.

Zip codes identified as underserved in the County correspond to the same regions showing high statistical rates in the seven priority categories. African American statistics in several categories can be up to three times higher than other ethnic groups. The disparities in the rate of black infant deaths remained above the target range even when the economy improved and other ethnic groups fell within the target range. Recessions impact prenatal health, increase stress and impact service levels. Infant Death statistics are used as a “bell weather” indicator of community health. In 2015, the Board of Supervisors created a Steering Committee to address the high Black Infant Death rate and create strategies for the County to impact and reverse this statistic. Steering Committee members include health agencies, hospitals and education members. It’s estimated that it could take up to five years to see a decline in that statistic.

Sexually Transmitted Diseases are increasing in Sacramento County. Although the number of cases reported may be increasing, this rise could also be attributed to more testing with accurate results.

Increasing reports of Chlamydia and Syphilis in the county across all walks of life are very concerning. STD’s are a huge drain on resources and services. Hep C statistics are also rising with increased testing. One possible measure to control Hepatitis C transmission is a County needle exchange program similar to the City of Sacramento’s. The ideal solution to Hep C would be decreased drug use but in lieu of that, harm reduction efforts are necessary to decrease the spread of disease.

Shigellosis has also seen a sharp increase locally and nationally. Flint, Michigan’s sharp increase may be due to the fact that people stopped washing their hands in response to the lead in the water system.

Opioid poisoning is both a national and local crisis. Opioid poisoning includes

overdoses of heroin, prescription drugs, and drugs sold on the streets posing as the prescription drug. Heroin is being laced with Fentanyl, one reason there is an uptick in deaths. There were 12 overdose deaths in Sacramento County in March of 2016, due to heroin laced with Fentanyl.

Dr. Kasirye addressed the infectious diseases Ebola and Zika. The CDC has declared an end to monitoring for Ebola and although Zika is an emerging disease, it has not yet been identified in Sacramento. The Sacramento Yolo Mosquito Vector Control District is an instrumental partner in controlling and detecting vectors where mosquitos breed which is key in preventing the spread of Zika.

Sacramento Public Health is in the process of filling in recognized gaps in servicing some of the seven priorities. Chronic disease, such as heart disease and stroke, and oral health are two difficult areas to address. Active transportation and the built environment are long term changes that can be prioritized in the future utilizing planning department codes and transit improvement. Adverse childhood experiences are being addressed by intentionally linking children in the Child Protective Services system to therapeutic services early in CPS intervention.

- 12 **Sacramento County Environmental Management Director's Report-** Val Siebal, Director of Environmental Management.

13 **Agency Monitoring Report Back**

Commissioners reported back on issues they are monitoring from other local government entities.

14 **Commissioner Comments**

- Commissioner Link updated the Commissioners on his review of the proposed Bay Delta Water Quality Control Plan. This portion of the Plan focused on instream flow allocation in the San Joaquin River system. He encouraged the Commissioners to be looking for an update Plan from the CA State Water Resources Board (Water Board) regarding the Sacramento River and its tributaries. The Water Board is suggesting that stakeholders develop local plans for their respective tributaries. The Water Board will be taking comments on the update for the Sacramento area waterways after the plan is released in the next few months.

- 15 **Adjournment-** 7:50 p.m. The next meeting will be held on November 21st, 2016 at

the EMD office, 10590 Armstrong Ave., Mather, CA 95655

Approved 3/20/17