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**February 28, 2022 6 pm
Via Zoom**

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ITEM

1 Call to Order – Chair White

The Meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

2 Roll Call – Staff Secretary

Commissioners present: Mark White, Richard Hunn, Tom Malson, Laura Nickerson, Eric Rivero Montes, Shelby Witherby, Stephanie Holstege, Tony De Riggi, Kayla Rabey

3 Introduction of Commissioners

4 Public Comment

No public comment was made.

5 SMUD 2030 Zero Carbon Plan- Bryan Swann, Manager, Forecasting and Economic Analysis, Sacramento Municipal Utility District

The Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) is the 6th largest community owned , not for profit, electric service in the US, with 645,00 customers and 2,200 employees. More than 50% of SMUD’s power sources are carbon-free and 33% are renewable energy sources. The goal is to have 100% zero carbon sources by 2030.

SMUD is analyzing retiring two natural gas plants, McClellan and Campbell Soup, by 2025 and retooling three others to minimize emissions. They plan to increase battery storage resources and support customer rooftop solar and batteries. These two actions will receive a 2.5 billion dollar investment to accomplish.

Investment will be made in new technologies: i.e. Energy efficiency, building electrification, virtual power plants, and vehicle-to-grid technology. These advancements will be made while maintaining SMUD’s commitments to affordable, reliable and equitable energy, strengthening communities and providing regional clean/green tech jobs. Rate increases will mirror inflation rates.

Offsets are not part of the 2030 Zero Carbon Plan, only the reduction of natural gas and carbon power sources. On March 16th, there will be a 2030 Zero Carbon Plan Update at the SMUD Board meeting, discussing interim goals and implementation.

Actions that can be taken immediately by consumers to reduce carbon emissions include: using electric vehicles, switching to water heat pumps, electrifying buildings, rooftop solar and battery storage, home energy upgrades, free shade trees and use of income qualified efficiency and weatherization assistance from SMUD.

6 City of Sacramento Climate Action Strategies- Jennifer Venema, Climate Action Lead, City of Sacramento

Jennifer Venema discussed the State GHG Emissions inventory and strategies that the City of Sacramento was implementing while the Climate Action Adaptations Plan is being completed. The 2021 Climate Action Work Plan is divided into the following categories:

1. Organization management and leadership
2. Equity
3. City facilities and operations
4. Electrification
5. Active transportation
6. CAAP
7. Green Workforce Food Access and urban agriculture
8. Water conservation, urban forestry and green infrastructure.

The [City of Sacramento 2021 Climate Implementation Work Plan](#) is posted on the City’s webpage.

The City is part of the Sacramento Environmental Justice Collaborative Governance Committee whose key leaders are residents of zip codes that are under-resourced and suffer the highest

level of negative impacts of climate change. The green and inclusive workforce initiative builds on recent workforce training pilots started through CARES funding and works with local partners to identify green job strategies for building the workforce and expanding job opportunities.

The City of Sacramento had a Climate and Transportation workshop on 2/8 which is recorded and available on their website. The CAAP should be released in Spring 2022.

The City of Sacramento recently passed an electrification ordinance that accelerates the switch to carbon free energy in new buildings and the installation of electric appliances as old, natural gas appliances are replaced in homes.

Tasks prioritized for 2022 are:

- Internal capacity and administration
- Partnership, outreach & community capacity –building
- Strategic efforts: Electrification, transportation, state and federal funding, water re-use, municipal retrofits, tree planting, resiliency planning and more.

A no-cost MOU was recently approved between the City of Sacramento, the County of Sacramento and SMUD for enhanced collaboration and outreach as it relates to electrification of buildings.

7 Approve November 15th, 2021 Minutes

A motion to approve the November 15th, 2021 minutes was made by Tom Malson, seconded by Laura Nickerson.

Ayes: Mark White, Richard Hunn, Tom Malson, Laura Nickerson, Eric Rivero Montes, Shelby Witherby, Stephanie Holstege, Tony De Riggi, Kayla Rabey
Abstention's: 0
Noes:0

Minutes approved.

8 Approve January 24, 2022 Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the January 24th, 2022 minutes was made by Richard Hunn, seconded by Tony De Riggi.

Ayes: Mark White, Richard Hunn, Tom Malson, Laura Nickerson, Eric Rivero Montes, Shelby Witherby, Stephanie Holstege, Tony De Riggi, Kayla Rabey
Abstentions: 0
Noes:0

Minutes approved.

- 9 EMD Director's Report- Marie Woodin, Director of Sacramento County Environmental Management Department
- 10 Report Back on SEC Commissioner Monitoring of Environmental Issues and Agencies
No report-backs were given.
- 11 Commissioner Comments

County Sustainability Manager, John Lundgren, relayed his progress on the formation of the Climate Change Mobilization Task Force, and the CAP workshop tentatively scheduled for March 23rd.

Commissioner Hunn suggested that there be a standing item on the SEC agenda titled County Sustainability Manager Update.

Commissioner Shelby Witherby announced her resignation on the commission as she is relocating.

Commissioners agreed to respond to the final draft of the CAP and send comments to Richard Hunn by March 16th, 2022.

- a. SEC Commissioner Areas of Expertise Matrix- Commissioners reviewed the document.
- b. Agency Tracking Assignments- Commissioners reviewed the document.

- 12 Next Meeting-March 21, 2022 6:00 p.m. via Zoom

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