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Monday, January 23, 2023 6 p.m.

Meeting held via Zoom only.

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ITEM

- 1 Call to Order – Chair Nickerson
Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm.
- 2 Roll Call – Staff Secretary
Commissioners present: Laura Nickerson, Stephanie Holstege, Christine Casey, Dr. Anthony DeRiggi, Richard Hunn, Tom Malson, Kayla Rabey, Eric Rivero-Montes, Mark White.
- 3 Introduction of Commissioners
Members of the commission introduced themselves, including Christine Casey, newly appointed by the County of Sacramento,
- 4 Public Comment
*Members of the public have three minutes to comment on each separate item including any matter not on the posted agenda.
No public comment was made.
- 5 SB 1383 Organics and Food Waste Recycling Compliance City of Sacramento- John Febbo, City of Sacramento Integrated Waste General Manager

John Febbo updated the commission on implementation of SB 1383, which is a climate greenhouse gas reduction law. Organics and waste diversion are a large component of that implementation. The City service had already included green pick up on the street, organic collection at the curb, and green waste can pick up. There are 130,000 accounts in the City representing ½ million people. Twelve thousand of those households were green waste exempt, due to landscapers etc. They are no longer exempt. More material is being captured by about 7-8%. The City has given out 26,000 free, 2 gallon organic waste counter top pails to encourage residential and multifamily compliance with organic waste diversion and recycling. Public education on food waste recycling was a priority for the city.

SB1826 is about 95% implemented on the commercial side. There are clauses in the contracts with City waste haulers that allow them to make a claim if a load is too contaminated to recycle but that hasn't been utilized yet. Problem routes are identified if waste is too polluted to recycle multiple times.

Some commercial producers have space constraints for recycling. The City has added a plan component that requires enough room for 3 container bins. State offices tend to not be compliant. Capacity analysis study is being done regionally by multi-jurisdictions with one consultant. Waste haulers go to transfer stations but in Yolo they go to a contractor that processes it.

- 6 Environmental Management Department Programs Update-Rolando Villareal, Chief of Environmental Health, Mark Barcellos, Deputy Chief of Environmental Health, Michael Meyer, Chief of Environmental Compliance, Robert Duncan, Deputy Chief of Environmental Compliance

Environmental Management Department Program Managers reviewed the Environmental Management Departments 31 programs with the commission. EMD is a fee supported department and does not receive general fund monies.

There were approximately 28,000 inspections completed by EMD Environmental Specialists in FY 2021-2022. Some of the larger programs at EMD include inspections for: restaurants, pools, mobile food trucks, hazardous waste generators and storage sites, septic trucks and systems, and solid waste.

Implementation of SB 972 is occurring which permits street vendors (compact mobile food operations) in order for those businesses to join the regulated business economy. Several free workshops have been held at EMD for those wishing to learn how to navigate plan review, fill out permits and meet codes for starting small businesses that require a retail food permit.

EMD works in conjunction with public health (PH). A Legionnaires case in March 2022 was discussed in which PH and EMD sampled hot tub water at the site where the patient lived, identified a lab capable of testing for Legionnaires, and worked to resolve the case. No source of the Legionnaires was confirmed in this case as the hot tub water samples were negative.

Executive Order N-7-22 was issued regarding new wells. Supplemental steps are required to permit wells producing equal to or greater than 2 acre feet of water per year. The affected Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) reviews the application and a hydrologists reviews and

confirms that the extraction of ground water from the proposed well will not interfere with functions of nearby wells or cause subsidence that would damage nearby infrastructure. Then EMD is able to issue a permit for the new well after ensuring it is code compliant.

Drywells are not currently permitted in Sacramento County as they may act as a conduit for groundwater contamination even though drywells have the benefit of potentially recharging groundwater.

EMD is the Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) for the region which establishes consistent hazardous materials inspections and investigations. This program is overseen and audited by Cal EPA, Fire Marshalls, Department of Toxic Substances Control and The State Water Board.

7 Sacramento County Sustainability Update- John Lundgren, Sustainability Manager

There is a vacant seat on the Climate Emergency Mobilization Task Force for the Built Environment position. For Earth Day John Lundgren is planning to deliver compost to a community garden using a clean fuel Sacramento County truck.

The 2021 greenhouse gas inventory report is in the process of being drafted.

8 Approve November 28, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve made by Mark White, seconded by Tom Malson.

Ayes: Laura Nickerson, Stephanie Holstege, Dr. Anthony DeRiggi, Richard Hunn, Tom Malson, Kayla Rabey, Eric Rivero-Montes, Mark White

Noes: None

Abstentions: Christine Casey

9 EMD Director's Report- Jennea Monasterio, Director of Sacramento County Environmental Management Department

Retail Food Permit fee waiver (ARPA funds) extended into 2023.

10 Report Back on SEC Commissioner Monitoring of Environmental Issues and Agencies

11 Commissioner Comments

- Discuss Possibility of Commissioners Making Personal Donations To A Purple Air Unit For Underserved School in Sacramento County

- Report back on Topics Subcommittee Meeting

- Awards Subcommittee- Volunteers: Christine Casey, Kayla Rabey, Eric Rivero-Montes, Richard Hunn

- In person meetings begin March 20, 2023

12 Next Meeting- February 27, 2023 6:00 p.m. via Zoom

Meeting adjourned 7:55 pm.

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