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# SACRAMENTO ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

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## **MINUTES-Revised** **Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022 6 p.m.**

Meeting held via Zoom only.

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### **ITEM**

- 1 Call to Order – Chair White  
Meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm.
- 2 Roll Call – Staff Secretary  
Commissioners present: Mark White, Richard Hunn, Tom Malson, Laura Nickerson, Eric Rivero Montes, Dr. Anthony De Riggi, Kayla Rabey
- 3 Introduction of Commissioners
- 4 Public Comment  
\*Members of the public have three minutes to comment on each separate item including any matter not on the posted agenda.
- 5 Health of the County- Dr. Kasirye, MD, MS, Public Health Officer, Sacramento County  
AB 661 was adopted in October 2019, which required the Air District to develop a Wildfire Smoke Air Pollution Emergency Plan. Air quality action charts were created for use by schools, public agencies, the general public and businesses. Recommendations/guidance for activities during a wildfire event are based on the Air Quality Index. Standard messaging was developed

to reach target audiences.

There is a Fentanyl epidemic in Sacramento. Some pills being marketed to youth look like the candy “Smarties”. Even handling these pills can cause symptoms. The leading cause of death among people younger than 65 is now drug overdoses, with 1,425 deaths between 2016-2020. The second leading cause of death is Diabetes, with 739 deaths between 2016-2020. Methamphetamines are the most commonly detected substance among overdoses, followed by fentanyl.

COVID deaths in Sacramento County since May,2020, total 3,487. Cases of Monkey pox total 140, with highest rates in young Blacks between 20-30 year olds, followed by Hispanics in the same age range. A fast vaccination effort was put forth to stem cases.

There is a current outbreak of Ebola in Uganda Sudan with 54 confirmed cases, 20 probable, and 39 deaths.

A highly pathogenic Avian Flu, H5N1, has been confirmed in commercial and backyard flocks in Sacramento.

Dr. Kasirye recommends a flu vaccine as soon as your provider makes it available.

#### 6 Sacramento County Sustainability Update- John Lundgren, Sustainability Manager

The Climate Task Force had its first meeting and the next regularly scheduled meeting is in December. A class 8 hydrogen powered tractor rig demo takes place at North Area Recovery Station on Tuesday the 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022. BOS continued approval of the CAP until December 6, 2022. The Sacramento County 2021 GHG inventory is being done by the Sustainability Office Sparks Fellow Intern.

#### 7 Approve September 19th, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve made by Tom Malson seconded by Laura Nickerson

Aye: Mark White, Richard Hunn, Tom Malson, Laura Nickerson, Eric Rivero Montes, Kayla Rabey

Noes: 0

Abstain: Dr. Anthony DeRiggi

#### 8 EMD Director’s Report- Jennea Monasterio, Director of Sacramento County Environmental Management Department

Rolando Villareal, Chief of Environmental Health, gave a brief update.

#### 9 Report Back on SEC Commissioner Monitoring of Environmental Issues and Agencies

Tom Malson- The Cosumnes Groundwater Authority will respond to the Delta Conveyance DEIR

regarding the groundwater table, primarily the dewatering effects.

Laura Nickerson mentioned DWR offering a grant for organizations having projects that protect, restore or enhance local waterways.

Eric Rivero Montes mentioned the SMUD Environmental Report being released.

Mark White discussed that two bills passed recently requiring manufacturer responsibility of batteries.

#### 10 Commissioner Comments

The PurpleAir Air Monitoring project presentation drafted by Tom Malson- Commissioners decided to vote on donating to purchase the monitor at the November meeting and donate to a local HS.

#### 11 Meeting Adjourned at 7:11 pm. Next Meeting- November 28, 2022 6:00 p.m. via Zoom

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