

**Sacramento Environmental Commission (SEC)
Minutes – February 28, 2005**

Commission members present: Robert Bailey, Mike Fallon, William Gibson, Whitnie Henderson, Marjorie Namba, and Val Siebal.

Commission members absent: Krista Clark and Frederick Tornatore

Commission Staff: Linda Jimenez, SEC Executive Secretary.

Other Guests: Dennis Green, Chief, and Anthony Chu, Supervising Environmental Specialist, Hazardous Materials Division, EMD; Richard Sanchez, Chief, Environmental Health Division, EMD; Leonard Takayama, Deputy Director, Planning and Development, and Greg Rowe, Senior Environmental Analyst, Sacramento International Airport.

In the absence of Chair Tornatore, the meeting was called to order by **Vice Chair Mike Fallon** at 6:00 p.m. Attendance list and sign in sheet were distributed.

1. **Public Comment** – **Vice Chair Fallon** read a statement relative to audiotaping of the meeting and posting of agendas. He then opened the meeting to members of the audience.
2. **Consent Item** – **Minutes** – It was **moved (Siebal), seconded (Gibson) and carried** to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2005 meeting as presented.
3. **Environmental Management Department**
 - A. **Proposed California Accidental Release (CalARP) Fee Revision** – **Vice Chair Fallon** called upon **Dennis Green**, Chief, Hazardous Materials Division, EMD, who provided brief remarks and introduced **Anthony Chu**, Supervising Environmental Specialist, Hazardous Materials Division. **Mr. Chu** presented an overview of the CalARP Program and noted deficiencies in the current fee structure. He then reviewed the proposed fee schedule and provided an explanation and analysis for each of the fee elements.

Members were informed that the proposal will result in program fee increases which will be phased in over a five year period. It was noted that one-on-one meetings had been held with the seven large facilities in the Program; a public workshop was held for the remainder of the facilities within the CalARP Program.

During the question and answer session which ensued, members were advised that staff will be available to answer questions from the regulated community.

It was **moved (Siebal), seconded (Namba) and carried** that a letter of support for the Proposed California Accidental Release Fee Revision be prepared and forwarded to the County Board of Supervisors.

Action item: Staff to prepare and forward a letter of support for the Proposed California Accidental Release (CalARP) fee revision to the County Board of Supervisor.

B. Change in Inspection Frequency for Small Quantity Hazardous Waste Generators – Vice Chair Fallon introduced **Dennis Green**, Chief, Hazardous Materials Division, EMD, who noted that as the Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) for Sacramento County, EMD regulates all County facilities and businesses that generate hazardous waste. Members were informed that all of the CUPAs within California are reviewing their inspection frequencies and processes. During this process review, EMD has recognized that low quantity hazardous waste generators present a greatly reduced risk to the environment and the Department is proposing a periodic six-year inspection cycle in lieu of the current three-year cycle for these facilities.

Members were advised that approximately 630 facilities within Sacramento County fall into this low quantity category and that nearly 605 of these facilities are also inspected for other CUPA programs. While EMD is proposing a periodic six-year hazardous waste inspection cycle for the 630 low quantity hazardous waste generators, more frequent inspections would occur on a complaint basis.

During the question and answer session, Mr. Green noted that these low quantity hazardous waste generators are highly compliant and have not been recipients of enforcement orders. A Commission member suggested that staff consider amending its proposal to include reference to facilities with a two-year positive compliance record.

It was **moved (Siebal), seconded (Henderson) and carried** to support the Proposed Change in Inspection Frequency for Facilities Generating Small Quantities of Hazardous Waste.

Action item: Staff to prepare and forward a letter of support for the proposed change in inspection frequency for facilities generating small quantities of hazardous waste to the County Board of Supervisor.

C. Food Safety Program – Vice Chair Fallon introduced **Richard Sanchez**, Chief, Environmental Health Division, EMD, who provided information on proposed fee adjustments to specific categories of operation in EMD's Consumer Protection Program. The categories affected include: (1) Secondary Operations/Caterer – Low and High Risk; (2) Seasonal – Low and High Risk; and (3) Mobile Food Preparation Units (MFPU). Mr. Sanchez noted that inspection time is utilized as a basis for categorization and fees. A Public Workshop will be held on March 8, 2005.

During discussion following the presentation, members were informed that the fiscal impact of the fee adjustments, loss of approximately \$30,000 in revenue, is expected to be offset by increased inventory. In answer to a question on additional outreach efforts, **Mr. Sanchez** noted that EMD is working with the Department of Parks and Recreation, local schools, chambers of commerce, local businesses, etc.

It was **moved (Siebal), seconded (Fallon)** and **carried** to postpone action on the Proposed Fee Adjustments in the Consumer Protection Program until the March 28, 2005 meeting of the Commission. **Commissioner Henderson** abstained from voting on the matter.

4. **Sacramento International Airport**

A. Airport Master Plan Update and Terminal Modernization – Vice Chair Fallon introduced **Leonard Takayama**, Deputy Director, Planning and Development, Sacramento County Department of Airports, who provided the history and status of projects at Sacramento International Airport. Near term projects noted include: (1) Extension of the east runway; (2) Expansion of the parking facility; (3) Extension of Elkhorn Boulevard access; and (4) Addition of a two-level terminal access road. **Mr. Leonard** then shared information on long term projects and reviewed preliminary planning alternatives for the seven-level terminal which is to be added as part of the Airport's long-term plan.

Members of the Commission expressed appreciation to Mr. Takayama for his comprehensive presentation of the Airport Master Plan.

B. Update on Environmental Initiatives at Sacramento International Airport – Vice Chair Fallon introduced **Greg Rowe**, Senior Environmental Analyst, Sacramento County Department of Airports. **Mr. Rowe** presented detailed information on the background, status, and initiatives of environmental activities being undertaken. Items discussed included: (1) Cleanup, abatement, restoration and mitigation of Prichard Lake; and (2) Mitigation of Jacobs Slough.

In further detailing the Jacobs Slough issue, **Mr. Rowe** noted that original activities at the site impacted 60.5 acres of habitat; the Airport has been directed to provide 302 acres as an ingredient of its mitigation requirements.

Members were advised that other Airport system environmental programs include the development of a new Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) for Sacramento International Airport, followed by a SWPPP for Mather and Executive Airports.

Before concluding his presentation, **Mr. Rowe** provided a summary of air quality programs being undertaken at the Airport including: (1) Electric ground

support equipment; (2) Jet bridge modification; (3) Low emission airport vehicles, CNG buses; (4) CNG refueling stations; and (5) Jet fuel pipeline and tank farm.

5. **Environmental Recognition Awards Nomination Review** – **Vice Chair Fallon** called upon **Commissioner Namba** (Awards Chair) who informed members that eleven nominations had been received. Discussion ensued relative to the Awards categories and the selection/presentation process.

Action item: Commission Members to review the nominations, in relation to the Awards categories, and contact **Vice Chair Fallon** with suggestions for expanding the Awards selection process.

6. **Earth Day 2005** – In the absence of Director Knight, **Vice Chair Fallon** called upon **Secretary Jimenez** who noted that California State University, Sacramento, will not be hosting a 2005 Earth Day event due to insurance reasons.

Members undertook a brief discussion relative to venue options for the Awards presentation.

7. **Sacramento County Environmental Management Department Director's Report** – In the absence of Director Knight, **Secretary Jimenez** called attention to EMD's recently published document detailing Department highlights for 2004. **Richard Sanchez**, Chief, Environmental Health Division, EMD, then provided an update relative to public notification of Food Facility Inspection results.

Before moving to the next Agenda item, **Chief Sanchez** queried the members as to their interest in reactivating the SEC Food Safety Committee. **Commissioners Fallon, Henderson, Namba and Siebal agreed to serve on the SEC Food Safety Committee.**

8. **Environmental News Review** – **Vice Chair Fallon** distributed copies and reviewed the following news articles: (1) "Appeals court throws out Sunrise Douglas lawsuit"; (2) "Energy-saving task force given a green light"; and "Bird feeders targeted in disease fight".

Members then discussed energy saving materials being utilized in building construction. **Commissioner Siebal** offered to arrange a tour of the EPA Building, possibly in conjunction with a future Commission meeting.

9. **Revision of 2000 Environmental Health Report** – **Vice Chair Fallon** called upon **Commissioner Henderson** who noted that the Environmental Health Report Committee had met, via conference call, and set a production goal of December 2005. Members of the Committee are currently reviewing the environmental

indicators contained in the 2000 Report for appropriateness and will provide a draft outline, including deadline dates, to the Commission at its March meeting.

10. **Report on Project Advisory Committee of Sacramento GreenCycle** – **Vice Chair Fallon** called upon **Commissioner Gibson** who provided background on the GreenCyle project and noted that the Committee is currently reviewing 12 potential facility sites and 3 co-location alternatives in order to determine potential area growth. **Commissioner Gibson** noted that the Committee is scheduled to meet in May 2005. A Project update is scheduled for presentation at the April 25, 2005 meeting of the Commission.
11. **Discussion on California Department of Water Resources Flood Warning Document** – During the discussion which ensued relative to the Flood Warning Document, **Commissioner Henderson** agreed to provide Commission members with information on currently introduced legislation on flood management issues.
12. **2005 Meeting Topics/Teams** – **Vice Chair Fallon** and the members of the Commission discussed potential meeting topics for March, April and May 2005. Agenda topics for future meetings will be discussed at the March 2005 Commission meeting.
13. **Correspondence** – **Secretary Jimenez** noted that no correspondence had been received.
14. **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m. The next SEC meeting will be held March 28, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. at the Environmental Management Department, 8475 Jackson Road, Sacramento, California.