

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

Commission members present: Robert Bailey, Krista Clark, Mike Fallon, William Gibson, Whitnie Henderson, Val Siebal, and Frederick Tornatore.

Commission members absent: Marjorie Namba.

Commission Staff: Mel Knight, Director, Environmental Management Department (EMD) and Linda Jimenez, SEC Executive Secretary.

Other Guests: Richard Sanchez, Chief, Environmental Health Division, EMD; Cecilia Jensen, Chief, Water Protection Division, EMD; Dana Booth, Supervising Environmental Specialist, Water Protection Division, EMD; Robert White, Manager, Business Environmental Resource Center; and Larry Greene, Air Pollution Control Officer, Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District.

The meeting was called to order by **SEC Chair Frederick Tornatore** at 6:03 p.m. Attendance list and sign in sheet were distributed.

1. **Public Comment** – **Chair Tornatore** 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 (Gibson), seconded (Fallon)** and **carried** to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2005 meeting as presented.
3. **Environmental Management Department**

A. Proposed Fee Adjustments in Consumer Protection Program – **Chair Tornatore** called upon **Richard Sanchez**, Chief, Environmental Health Division, EMD. Mr. Sanchez noted that the attendees participating in the Public Workshop held on March 8, 2005 were in unanimous support of the proposed fee adjustments

It was **moved (Siebal), seconded (Clark)** and **carried** that a letter of support for the Proposed Fee Adjustments in the Consumer Protection Program be prepared and forwarded to the County Board of Supervisors.

Action item: Staff to prepare and forward a letter of support for the Proposed Fee Adjustments in the Consumer Protection Program to the County Board of Supervisors.

Members were advised that **Sharon Merker** and **Frederick Tornatore** have been appointed to the Commission by the City of Sacramento.

4. **Recommended School Standards at Various Air Quality Index Levels** – **Chair Tornatore** introduced **Larry Greene**, Air Pollution Control Officer, Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District. **Mr. Greene** shared information on

the need for guidance to schools relative to air quality. Members received a copy of a recently developed Air Quality Index document detailing health categories and providing guidelines for outdoor activity during differing ozone conditions. **Mr. Greene** noted that the finalized document is expected to be distributed to schools in early May 2005.

After a brief question and answer session, members of the Commission thanked **Mr. Greene** for his informative presentation.

5. **Brownfields Project Update and Status Report** – **Chair Tornatore** introduced **Rob White**, Manager, Business Environmental Resource Center (BERC), who provided information on BERC and its funding partners. **Mr. White** then shared information on the two-year county-wide Sacramento Brownfield Assessment Project. He noted that the Project is intended to encourage redevelopment in targeted older urban areas.

Members were advised that BERC has received a Federal Grant in the amount of \$200,000 which will be used to: (1) Create a brownfield inventory; (2) Develop a brownfield strategy; (3) Conduct educational outreach; (4) Provide direct consultation services to site owners; and (5) Fund Phase I/II Environmental Site Assessments.

6. **Commission Budget – Fiscal Year 2005-06** – **Chair Tornatore** called upon **Director Knight** who reviewed the Budget document. Members were advised that the 2005-06 Fiscal Year Budget did not increase over the 2004-05 Fiscal Year Budget.

It was **moved (Henderson)**, **seconded (Siebal)**, and **carried** to adopt the Fiscal Year 2005-06 Budget as presented.

7. **Environmental Recognition Awards** – In the absence of Awards Chair Marjorie Namba, **Chair Tornatore** called Awards Vice Chair **Mike Fallon** who reviewed the Awards Scoring Sheet.

It was **moved (Henderson)**, **seconded (Tornatore)** and **carried** to present Awards to those nominees receiving 5 or more votes. Nominees receiving fewer than 5 votes will receive Certificates of Nomination.

<p><u>Action item:</u> Staff to secure dates before the various City Councils and the County Board of Supervisors for presentation of the Awards. Commission members to be informed of the dates.</p>
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8. **Sacramento County Environmental Management Department Director's Report** – Members received a copy of the March 2005 *EMD Update*. **Director Knight** shared information on approval of EMD's rebate of enforcement revenue

and the implementation of Foreign Language Food Safety Education. Members were informed that food safety education classes have been provided in English, Cantonese and Spanish.

9. **Environmental News Review** – **Vice Chair Fallon** distributed copies and reviewed the following news articles: (1) “Proper disposal pays off”; (2) “Agencies move to protect water”; and (3) “Smog board wants to clear the air indoors”.
10. **2005 Environmental Health Report** – **Chair Tornatore** called upon **Commissioner Henderson** who provided a Draft Timeline for preparation/distribution of the 2005 Environmental Health Report. **Commissioner Henderson** requested that members review the timeline and provide input prior to April 1, 2005.

Action item: Staff to add “Discussion of 2005 Environmental Indicators” to the April 25, 2005 meeting Agenda.

11. **Update on Project Advisory Committee of Sacramento GreenCycle** – **Chair Tornatore** called upon **Commissioner Gibson** who provided information on the March 17, 2005 meeting of the Project Advisory Committee (PAC). **Commissioner Gibson** noted that the PAC is scheduled to meet on April 6 and April 27, 2005.
12. **2005 Meeting Topics/Teams** – **Chair Tornatore** and the members of the Commission confirmed the meeting topics for April. Agenda topics for the May meeting will be discussed at the April 2005 Commission meeting.
13. **Correspondence** – **Secretary Jimenez** noted that no correspondence had been received.
14. **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m. The next SEC meeting will be held April 25, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sacramento City Council Chambers, 730 I Street, 1st Floor, Sacramento, California.