

**Sacramento Environmental Commission (SEC)
Minutes – May 23, 2005**

Commission members present: Krista Clark, Mike Fallon, William Gibson, Whitnie Henderson, Sharon Merker, Marjorie Namba, and Frederick Tornatore.

Commission members absent: Robert Bailey and Val Siebal.

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

Other Guests: Gary Stonehouse, Planning Director, City of Sacramento; Robert Sherry, Director of Planning, County of Sacramento; and Glennah Trochet, M.D., Health Officer, County of Sacramento.

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 (Henderson), seconded (Clark) and carried** to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2005 meeting as presented.
3. **Disease Prevention Demonstration Program** – **Chair Tornatore** called upon **Dr. Glennah Trochet**, Sacramento County Health Officer, who provided members with a Draft Copy of the Memorandum to the County Board of Supervisors requesting authorization of the Sacramento County Disease Prevention Demonstration Project. Members were advised that the item will be heard by the Board of Supervisors at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 10, 2005.

Dr. Trochet noted that the Sierra Sacramento Valley Medical Society is in support of the Project and has organized a meeting with representatives of the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office and the Sheriff's Office. The meeting will be held at 12:00 noon on June 1, 2005.

Discussion ensued relative to the three Syringe Disposal Options contained in the Draft Memorandum.

It was the consensus of the Commission to add the Disease Prevention Demonstration Program item to the June 27, 2005 meeting Agenda. Members requested that Dr. Trochet provide a written report relative to the outcome of the June 1st meeting.

4. **Land Use Planning and Development**

A. City of Sacramento – **Chair Tornatore** called upon **Gary Stonehouse**, Planning Director, City of Sacramento, who provided information on

amendments to the City's General Plan. **Mr. Stonehouse** noted that fourteen Public Workshops have been scheduled to discuss General Plan issues.

During the question and answer period following his presentation, **Mr. Stonehouse** noted that a General Plan Issue Report will be prepared sometime in September. City representatives will also work with LAFCO on the City boundaries and sphere of influence.

B. **County of Sacramento – Chair Tornatore** introduced **Robert Sherry**, Director of Planning for the County of Sacramento. **Mr. Sherry** provided members with historical background on the development of the Natomas area dating back to the year 2000. He also provided information on the process and principles for development of land use and revenue sharing for the Natomas area and distributed copies of the "Memorandum of Understanding Between the County of Sacramento and the City of Sacramento Regarding Principles of Land Use and Revenue Sharing for Natomas Area".

5. **Sacramento County Environmental Management Department Director's Report** – Members received a copy of the May 2005 *EMD Update*. During his Report, **Director Knight** highlighted Commission member involvement in the Awards presentations at the various City Council meetings. Members were then advised that **Mr. Knight** will meet with Supervisor MacGlashan relative to participation in the Commission by the cities of Citrus Heights, Rancho Cordova and Elk Grove. **Director Knight** also noted that Food Disclosure continues to be a high priority for the Department.

6. **2005 Environmental Health Report – Environmental Indicators** – **Chair Tornatore** called upon **Commissioner Henderson** who distributed a document detailing Commission member Environmental Indicator Report assignments. Members were advised that if they wish to change their assignment, they should contact a fellow Commission member relative to switching assignments. **Commissioner Henderson** then reviewed the production timeline for the Report.

During the discussion that followed, members suggested the addition of other indicators to the Report. Members agreed to review the indicators listed on the Assignment document and present suggestions for other Indicators at the June meeting of the Commission.

Director Knight noted that staff had distributed a copy of the "2004 County of Sacramento Community Health Status Report" as an example of other recently produced Health Reports.

7. **Environmental News Review** – **Vice Chair Fallon** distributed copies and reviewed the following news articles: (1) "Region ranks 7th worst for smog"; (2) "Waste sites down to 4"; and (3) "Playing catch-up on Valley parks".

8. **2005 Meeting Topics/Teams** – **Chair Tornatore** and the members of the Commission confirmed meeting topics for the months of June through November, 2005. **Vice Chair Fallon** requested that discussion of an upgrade to the SEC Website be added to the June 27, 2005 meeting Agenda.

9. **Correspondence** – **Chair Tornatore** called upon **Commissioner Henderson** who discussed SEC correspondence regarding the Sacramento GreenCycle Project.

It was **moved (Henderson)**, **seconded (Clark)**, and **carried** to approve distribution of correspondence relative to the Sacramento GreenCycle Project.

10. **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. The next meeting of the SEC will be held June 27, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. at the Environmental Management Department, 8475 Jackson Road, Sacramento, California.