

**Sacramento Environmental Commission (SEC)
Minutes – June 27, 2005**

Commission members present: Robert Bailey, Krista Clark, Mike Fallon, William Gibson, Sharon Merker, Marjorie Namba, Frederick Tornatore, and Val Siebal.

Commission members absent: Whitnie Henderson.

Commission Staff: Cecilia Jensen, Chief, Water Protection Division, Environmental Management Department (EMD) (substituting for Mel Knight) and Linda Jimenez, SEC Executive Secretary.

Other Guests: Wendell Kido, District Manager, Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District; Steve Kalvelage, Supervising Environmental Specialist, Water Protection Division, EMD; and Geoff Marsh, Principal Information Technology Analyst, EMD.

The meeting was called to order by **SEC Chair Frederick Tornatore** at 6:02 p.m. Attendance list and sign in sheet were distributed.

1. **Public Comment** – **Chair Tornatore** read a statement relative to audio taping of the meeting and posting of agendas. He then opened the meeting to members of the audience.
2. **Consent Item** – **Minutes** – It was **moved (Clark), seconded (Gibson) and carried** to approve the minutes of the May 23, 2005 meeting as presented.
3. **Disease Prevention Demonstration Program** – In the absence of **Dr. Glennah Trochet**, Sacramento County Health Officer, **Chair Tornatore** moved to the next agenda item.
4. **Overview of Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District (SRCSD)** – **Chair Tornatore** called upon **Cecilia Jensen** who introduced **Wendell Kido**, District Manager, Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District. **Mr. Kido** presented Sacramento's wastewater story and also shared information on SRCSD responsibilities and recycling commitments, as well as the composition of the 50-member SRCSD Board of Directors.

Mr. Kido also discussed SRCSD's biosolids, methane gas, and water recycling programs. Members were advised that the biosolids recycling facility went into operation in December 2004.

During the question and answer session following the presentation, members were advised that SRCSD receives no profit from biosolids recycling. The motivation for building the facility was to have a diversified solids handling program.

In response to a question relative to the September 2004 combined sewer overflow event in the City of Sacramento, members were advised that some of the factors

contributing to the overflow included the extreme magnitude of the storm event and the City's system operating in a dry weather mode instead of a wet weather mode.

5. **Sacramento County Environmental Management Department Director's Report** – Members received a copy of the June 2005 *EMD Update*. In the absence of Director Knight, **Cecilia Jensen** shared information on recognition received by staff as part of the County "Stars of Excellence" Awards program. **Chief Jensen** also noted that a member of the Department had received the "Ralph Hunter" Award from the California Integrated Waste Management Board for outstanding work in the field of solid waste management.

Members were advised that July 2004 marks the first anniversary of the Water Protection Division and the implementation of the Department's Stormwater Industrial Commercial Programs.

6. **2005 Environmental Health Report – Environmental Indicators** – In the absence of Commissioner Henderson, **Chair Tornatore** called upon **Commissioner Clark** who provided a brief update. Members agreed to review the indicators listed and present suggestions for other Indicators at the July meeting of the Commission.
7. **Environmental News Review** – **Vice Chair Fallon** distributed copies and reviewed the following news articles: (1) "Fine settles waste case"; (2) "Indoor air could get more oversight"; and (3) "Mower dispute blows over".
8. **SEC Web Page** – **Chair Tornatore** called upon **Vice Chair Fallon** who requested that members of the Commission review the SEC web page and forward suggestions/ideas.
9. **2005 Meeting Topics/Teams** – **Chair Tornatore** and the members of the Commission confirmed meeting topics for the remainder of 2005. **Commissioner Clark** requested, and received, guidance relative to securing presentations for the September 26, 2005 meeting.
10. **Correspondence** – **Secretary Jimenez** noted that no correspondence had been received.
11. **SWA Green Waste Facility** – **Chair Tornatore** called upon **Commissioner Gibson** who noted that the Solid Waste Authority has accepted the recommendations of the Project Advisory Committee and is moving forward with further review of the four suggested sites.
12. **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m. The next SEC meeting will be held July 25, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sacramento City Council Chambers, 915 I Street, 1st Floor, Sacramento, California.