

**Sacramento Environmental Commission (SEC)
Minutes – August 22, 2005**

Commission members present: Robert Bailey, Mike Fallon, William Gibson, and Val Siebal.

Commission members absent: Krista Clark, Whitnie Henderson, Sharon Merker, Marjorie Namba, and Frederick Tornatore.

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

Other Guests: Richard Sanchez, Chief, Environmental Health Division and Geoff Marsh, Principal Information Technology Analyst, EMD; Dave Brown, Manager, Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito and Vector Control District; Larry Green, Air Pollution Controller Officer, Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District; Kimberly Dahl, Senior Administrative Analyst, Countywide Services Agency, County of Sacramento; and Tim Snellings, NetTop Publishing.

In the absence of Chair Tornatore, the meeting was called to order by **Vice Chair Mike Fallon** at 6:08 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** – Due to lack of a quorum, approval of the July 25, 2005 meeting minutes was postponed to the September 2005 meeting of the Commission.
3. **Update on West Nile Virus** – **Vice Chair Fallon** called upon **Dave Brown**, Manager, Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito and Vector Control District, who provided an update on the District's West Nile Virus Response Plan. **Mr. Brown** noted that the District has received 93,000 calls and have performed 60,000+ treatments. He also discussed the dosage rates and type of pesticide being utilized in the aerial and ground spraying.

During the question and answer session which ensued, members were advised that the District anticipates the Virus to decline and is hopeful that they will not have to perform any spraying next year. In answer to a question relative to the magpie population, members were advised that magpies die very quickly and the District does not have any plan to facilitate repopulation.

Prior to introduction of the next Agenda item, **Director Knight** presented **Richard Sanchez** with a Resolution and paperweight on behalf of his years of service to the Commission.

4. **Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District** – Director Knight introduced **Larry Greene**, Air Pollution Control Officer, who presented information on funding for incentive programs, 8-Hour SIP and naturally occurring asbestos.

Mr. Greene shared information on an incentive program developed by the District to retrofit/change out engines from old vehicles. He also shared information on funding for other incentive programs.

During his presentation, **Mr. Greene** noted that asbestos is a naturally occurring mineral and no one knows what the risks entail. Members were advised that the issue of asbestos at a development site in Folsom is under control; the developers are transporting materials into the site via conveyor and washing vehicles before they are put back onto the highway.

5. **Status Update on Food Safety Initiatives** – Director Knight shared information on a Public Workshop on Food Safety Initiatives held earlier in the day. He then shared various components under consideration for inclusion in the package to be presented to the Board of Supervisors later in the year. Components being considered include: (a) Increasing inspection frequency; (b) Increasing food safety education; and (c) Placarding—green, yellow, red.
6. **SEC Website** – Vice Chair Fallon called upon Director Knight who introduced **Geoff Marsh**, Principal Information Technology Analyst, EMD, and **Tim Snellings** from NetTop Publishing. **Mr. Snellings** provided information as to costs involved in securing a domain name, initial development and annual hosting of a website, and website monitoring. **Vice Chair Fallon** then shared suggestions previously received from members of the Commission.

It was the consensus of the members present to add the item to the September 26, 2005 SEC meeting Agenda.

Members present also agreed to table the remainder of the Agenda Items to the September 26, 2005 meeting.

7. **Appointment of 2005 Environmental Excellence Awards Chair** – Item tabled to September 26, 2005.
8. **Sacramento County Environmental Management Department Director's Report** – Item tabled to September 26, 2005.
9. **2005 Environmental Health Report – Environmental Indicators** – Item tabled to September 26, 2005.
10. **Environmental News Review** – Item tabled to September 26, 2005.

11. **SWA Green Waste Facility** – Commissioner Gibson noted that the Green Waste Project is moving forward based upon recommendations from the Advisory Committee.
12. **2005 Meeting Topics/Teams** – Item tabled to September 26, 2005.
13. **Correspondence** – Item tabled to September 26, 2005.
14. **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m. The next meeting of the SEC will be held September 26, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. at the Environmental Management Department, 8475 Jackson Road, Sacramento, California.