

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

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

Commission members absent: Robert Bailey, Krista Clark, Whitney Henderson.

Commission Staff: Dennis Green, Chief, Hazardous Materials Division and Linda Jimenez, Administrative Services Officer, Environmental Management Department (EMD); and Karen Nelson, SEC Executive Secretary.

Other Guests: Walt Seifert, Executive Director, Sacramento Area Bicycle Advocates; Kaela Nelson, Student, California State University Sacramento; Marty Strauss, Integrated Waste Planning Superintendent, City of Sacramento; and Pat Quinn, Planning Program Manager, Department of Waste Management and Recycling, County of Sacramento.

The meeting was called to order by **SEC Chair Frederick Tornatore** at 6:00 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 (Siebal), seconded (Namba) and carried** to approve the minutes of the October 24, 2005 meeting as presented.

3. **Green Waste**

- A. **County of Sacramento** – **Chair Tornatore** called upon **Pat Quinn**, Planning Program Manager, Department of Waste Management and Recycling, who presented an update on the siting process for the proposed greencycle processing facility. **Mr. Quinn** noted that the top four ranked sites will undergo a rigorous environmental review process. Members were then advised that the Notice of Preparation for the environmental review process will be distributed in December and that public hearings will be held in downtown Sacramento in January 2006. A draft Environmental Impact Report is expected to be available in the Fall of 2006.

At the conclusion of his presentation, **Mr. Quinn** noted that the Department is in the process of producing a 3-5 minute video on composting which will be available soon.

- B. **City of Sacramento** – **Chair Tornatore** called upon **Marty Strauss**, Integrated Waste Planning Superintendent, City of Sacramento who distributed brochures entitled “Garden Refuse Collection Services and Schedule”, “Voluntary Containerized Yard Waste Collection Program” and “KSC – Keep Sacramento Clean”. During his presentation, **Mr. Strauss** noted that the Voluntary

Containerized Yard Waste Collection Program is in its 2nd year of operation and continues to be successful.

Members were advised that: (1) The City collects approximately 80,000 tons of yard waste each year; (2) “In a can” yard waste recycling equals cleaner neighborhood and is 17% less expensive; and (3) During leaf season, program participants receive weekly service.

Mr. Strauss reported that his staff is currently working with neighborhood associations to implement containerized service; in order to add a new route, 900 homes must sign up for the program.

- C. Sacramento Area Bicycle Associates – Chair Tornatore** called upon **Walt Seifert**, Executive Director, Sacramento Area Bicycle Associates, who provided information on the background, current practices, and impacts of on-street dumping. **Mr. Seifert** shared information on the creation the “Can the Trash! Coalition” and requested support for a ballot proposal which would move the City toward discontinuance of pickup of on-street green waste.

After much discussion, it was the consensus of the Commission that additional information was required in order for the Commission to make an informed decision relative to Mr. Seifert’s request for support of the proposed ballot proposal.

Members invited Mr. Seifert to present additional information on the ballot proposal, including a life cycle assessment, ancillary costs, and transportation benefits at a future meeting of the Commission.

4. **Environmental Excellence Awards** – **Chair Tornatore** called upon **Awards Chair Namba** who noted that the Awards Committee, consisting of Commissioners Namba, Fallon and Merker, had met to discuss the 7th Annual Awards Program. Members were advised that hard copy nomination material has been distributed to approximately 520 persons; 750 e-mails packets have also been distributed.
5. **Election of 2006 SEC Chair** – **Chair Tornatore** opened the floor for nominations for the position of 2006 SEC Chair. It was **moved (Siebal)**, **seconded (Tornatore)** and **carried** to approve **Mike Fallon** as the 2006 Commission Chair.
6. **Election of 2006 SEC Vice Chair** – **Chair Tornatore** opened the floor for nominations for the position of 2006 SEC Vice Chair. It was **moved (Namba)**, **seconded (Fallon)**, and **carried** to approve **Val Siebal** as the 2006 Commission Vice Chair.

7. **Sacramento County Environmental Management Department Director's Report - Mel Knight** – Members received a copy of the November 2005 *EMD Update*. In the absence of Director Knight, **Chief Green**, Hazardous Materials Division Chief, shared information on the unanimous Board of Supervisor support of EMD's proposal to move forward with development of a "Red/Yellow/Green" retail food placarding system. Members were advised that additional program activities will now be developed but the new initiative is tentatively estimated to require 9 additional staff and cost approximately \$1.2M.

Chief Green also shared information on the: (1) Distribution of the "2005 Awards of Excellence" to Retail Food Facilities; (2) Brownsfield Outreach Program; (3) Stormwater Compliance Program; (4) Meeting with representatives from the City of Folsom to discuss the proposed clean closure of the Folsom Corporation Yard Landfill; and (5) Department participation in discussions relative to AB 1078 and methamphetamine drug lab clean-up. Mr. Green noted that the County Health Officer has power to delegate authority to the local Certified Unified Program Agency.

Discussion ensued relative to disposal of e-waste and a member noted that the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) provides grants for disposal of CRTs/TVs.

It was **moved (Siebal), seconded (Merker) and carried** to forward a letter to the City/County waste departments encouraging them to apply for grant monies to offset the cost of CRT and TV disposal in order to promote free disposal.

8. **2005 Environmental Health Report—Environmental Indicators** – **Commissioner Henderson**. In the absence of Commissioners Henderson and Clark the item was tabled to the January 2006 meeting of the Commission.
9. **Environmental News Review** – **Vice Chair Fallon** reported that he did not have any news articles to present.
10. **Proposed 2006 SEC Meeting Schedule** – Members received and reviewed the Proposed 2006 meeting schedule. It was **moved (Fallon), seconded (Namba), and carried** to approved the Proposed 2006 Meeting Schedule.
11. **2006 Meeting Topics/Teams** – **Chair Tornatore** and the members of the Commission discussed potential meeting topics for 2006. It was the consensus of the Commission to approve the following meeting topics for 2006:
January 23 – Emerging Energy Technologies (SMUD); Food Program Update (Director Knight); and Avian Flu (Dr. Glennah Trochet).
February 27 – Methamphetamine Drug Lab Clean-up Fee/Procedures (Dennis Green).
March 27 – Port of Sacramento/Port of Oakland.

April 24 – Electronic Waste/Green Waste; Update on West Nile Virus (Dave Brown); and Environmental Excellence Awards.

<p>Action Item: Staff to forward 2005 Meeting Topics/Teams document to members of the Commission. Staff to add the 2006 Meeting Topics/Teams item to the February 2006 meeting agenda.</p>

Commissioner Siebal raised concerns about potential increased emissions from the recent announcement that the Port of Oakland would be diverting some of its shipping from Oakland to Sacramento.

12. **Correspondence** – **Linda Jimenez** noted that no correspondence had been received in the Commission office. **Vice Chair Fallon** reported that he had been contacted by a reporter from the *Sac Bee* regarding an interview relative to serving on a Commission.
13. **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m. The next SEC meeting will be held January 23, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. in the Historic Hearing Room, Sacramento City Hall, 915 I Street, 2nd Floor, Sacramento, California.