

**Sacramento Environmental Commission (SEC)
Minutes – March 27, 2006**

Commission Members Present: Krista Clark, Mike Fallon, William Gibson, Sharon Merker, Marjorie Namba, Val Siebal and Frederick Tornatore.

Commission Members Absent: Robert Bailey.

Commission Staff: Mel Knight, Director, Environmental Management Department (EMD), Karen Nelson, SEC Executive Secretary.

Other Guests: Larry Greene, Air Pollution Control Officer, Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District.

The meeting was called to order by **SEC Chair Mike Fallon** at 6:00 p.m. Attendance list and sign in sheet were distributed.

1. **Public Comment - Chair Fallon** read a statement regarding 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 (Tornatore)** and **carried** to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2006 meeting as presented.
3. **Impact of Port of Sacramento on Local Air Emissions/Update on Air Quality in Sacramento County - Chair Fallon** introduced Mr. Greene the Air Pollution Control Officer for Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District. Because the impact of air emissions from the Port of Sacramento is very minimal at this time, Mr. Greene updated the Commission on climate change.

Mr. Greene's PowerPoint presentation, "Climate Change Protection Program", noted that (1) there is agreement among scientists that serious climate change is occurring and that the significant driver is manmade emissions; and (2) that absent a strong federal program, state and local entities have moved forward with programs to address the problems created by the changing climate.

For more information about climate change, Mr. Green recommended reading, *The Weather Makers* by Tim Flannery.

4. **Food Safety Program Enhancements - Phase II** - Mel Knight reported that he had received a letter from the California Grocers Association, California Restaurant Association and the California Retailers Association asking for more program details relating to the draft ordinance amending several chapters of the Sacramento County Code relating to Retail Food Safety. Mr. Knight will provide a written response to their concerns and will copy the Commissioners before the proposal goes before the Board of Supervisors on April 11, 2006 at 10:13 a.m. At the meeting Mr. Knight will offer to give periodic reports to the Board pertaining to the operation of the program. Commission members are encouraged to attend the Board meeting.

5. **Environmental Excellence Awards (Update)** - Commissioner Namba announced the winners of the Environmental Excellence Awards and plans on presenting the awards at the SEC April 17th televised meeting. A second presentation will be made before the various City Councils and the County Board of Supervisors. Commission members are encouraged to attend the presentation ceremonies.

<p>Action item: Staff to secure dates before the various City Councils and the County Board of Supervisors for presentation of the awards. Commission members are to be informed of the dates.</p>

6. **Sacramento County Environmental Management Department Director's Report** - Members received a copy of the March 2006 *EMD Update*. Director Knight shared information on the following topics: (1) Agreement with State Agency allows continued oversight of Underground Tank clean-ups, (2) Continuing media interest in Food Safety Program; (3) HazMat program receives recognition; and (4) EMD new 40,000 square foot building set to open in 2007.
7. **2005 Environmental Health Report - Environmental Indicators** - Commissioner Clark offered to take over the project and give the Commission a status report at the April meeting.
8. **Environmental News Review** - Vice Chair Siebal presented two articles to the Commission: (1) *LA Times* article about UC study of State chemical policy; 2) *LA Daily News* article on the Calabasas smoking ban.
9. **2006 Meeting Topics/Teams** - Chair Fallon and the members of the Commission confirmed the agenda topics for April and May. The Commissioners also suggested reducing the number of speakers on each agenda so there would be more time for a question and answer period.
10. **Correspondence** - The letter of resignation from Commissioner Henderson was accepted. It was decided to invite Ms. Henderson to the April meeting and present a plaque to her.
11. **Adjournment** - The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. The next SEC meeting will be held April 17, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. at the Board of Supervisors' Chambers, 700 H Street, Room 1450, Sacramento, California.