

**Sacramento Environmental Commission (SEC)
Minutes – June 26, 2006**

Commission Members Present: Robert Bailey, Mike Fallon, William Gibson, Sharon Merker, Marjorie Namba, and Val Siebal.

Commission Members Absent: Krista Clark and Fred Tornatore.

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

Other Guests: Mike McKeever, Executive Director of the Sacramento Area Council of Governments, and Brian Williams, Executive Director of Sacramento Transportation Authority.

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 relative to audio taping of the meeting and posting of agendas. He then opened the meeting to members of the audience.

Commission member **Val Siebal** volunteered to draft a letter to cities and the county encouraging them to join the registry of local governments to reduce green house gases and send it to **Chair Fallon** for review and distribution.

2. **Consent Item - Minutes** - It was **moved (Siebal), seconded (Gibson) and carried** to approve the minutes of the May 22, 2006 meeting as presented.
3. **Regional Transportation Planning Efforts (Regional Blueprint Project) - Chair Fallon** called upon **Cecilia Jensen** who introduced **Mike McKeever**, Executive Director of the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG). His PowerPoint presentation, "The Blueprint/Metropolitan Transportation Plan" provided information on SACOG. SACOG is an association of local governments in the six-county Sacramento Region. It provides transportation planning and funding for the region, and serves as a forum for the study and resolution of regional issues.

Mr. McKeever distributed a brochure entitled "Preferred Blueprint Alternative". The SACOG Board of Directors adopted the Preferred Blueprint Scenario in 2004. This plan for growth promotes compact, mixed-use development and more transit choices as an alternative to low density development. The Preferred Blueprint Scenario will become part of SACOG's Metropolitan Transportation Plan for 2030. This is a plan for long-term transportation for the six-county region. It will serve as a framework to guide local government in growth and transportation planning through 2050.

4. **Overview of Measure A - Transportation Sales Tax Program** - **Chair Fallon** called upon **Cecilia Jensen** who introduced **Brian Williams**, Executive Director of Sacramento Transportation Authority. **Mr. Williams** distributed brochures entitled "STA, Sacramento Transportation Authority" and "CTEP, Measure A, County Transportation Expenditure Plan, 2005/06". He explained that the Sacramento

Transportation Authority (STA) was created in 1988 when Measure A was approved. Measure A is a 20-year program of transportation improvements in Sacramento County funded by a one-half percent sales tax. The proceeds of the tax are used to fund a comprehensive program of roadway and transit improvements.

The program objectives of Measure A are:

- Reduce traffic congestion
- Street/road maintenance
- Transit operations
- Transit services for elderly & disables
- Safety

Mr. Williams also discussed New Measure A which has a 30-year term beginning in 2009.

5. **Discussion of SEC Sponsoring a Workshop on the Risk/Toxicology of the Aerial Application of Insecticide in Sacramento County** - Commission members decided not to sponsor the workshop.
6. **Sacramento County Environmental Management Department Director's Report** - Members received a copy of the June 2006 *EMD Update*. In the absence of **Director Knight, Cecilia Jensen** shared information on Director Knight's retirement from the Environmental Management Department. **Mr. Knight** will retire on August 24, 2006. Members discussed **Mr. Knight's** impending retirement.
7. **2005 Environmental Health Report - Environmental Indicators** - In the absence of **Commissioner Clark**, members agreed to send requested documents to her before the July meeting. **Mrs. Jensen** volunteered to assist Commission members with formatting issues relative to the report.
8. **Environmental News Review** - **Vice Chair Siebal** presented two articles to the Commission: (1) *The Sacramento Bee* article on the state lifting its health warning on Fruitridge Vista Water; (2) *Inside Bay Area* article news article: "Waste of a Nation".
9. **2005 Meeting Topics/Teams** - **Chair Fallon** and the members of the Commission confirmed meeting topics for July, August and September.
10. **Correspondence** - **Secretary Nelson** noted that **Commissioners Gibson** and **Siebal** had been reappointed for three years. Correspondence from **Steven Zien** concerning Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito and Vector Control District's ground treatment notification had been received.
11. **Adjournment** - The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m. The next SEC meeting will be held July 31, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. at the Board of Supervisors' Chambers, 700 H Street, Room 1450, Sacramento, California.