

**Sacramento Environmental Commission (SEC)  
Minutes – July 31, 2006**

**Commission Members Present:** Krista Clark, Mike Fallon, William Gibson, Shane Jiang, Sharon Merker, Marjorie Namba, and Frederick Tornatore.

**Commission Members Absent:** Robert Bailey and Val Siebal.

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

**Other Guests:** Alicia Enriquez, Program Manager Consumer Protection Division and Dennis Green, Chief Hazardous Materials Division, EMD; Pat Quinn, Department of Waste Management and Recycling, and Cathy Lee.

The meeting was called to order by **SEC Chair Mike Fallon** at 6:30 p.m. Attendance list and sign in sheet were distributed. **Chair Fallon** welcomed **Shane Jiang** to membership on the Commission. **Mel Knight** provided information relative to **Commissioner Jiang's** education and work experience.

1. **Public Comment** - **Chair Fallon** read a statement regarding videotaping of the meeting and posting of agendas. He then opened the meeting to members of the audience.
2. **Consent Item** - **Minutes** - It was **moved Gibson, seconded Tornatore and carried** to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2006 meeting as presented.
3. **New Criteria for the Food Safety Awards of Excellence** - **Chair Fallon** introduced **Alicia Enriquez, Environmental Health Program Manager. Ms. Enriquez** explained that the award recognizes operators of food establishments in Sacramento County who have exhibited excellent food safety and sanitation standards during their recent routine inspections. She asked the Commission for their support on new criteria for Food Safety Awards of Excellence developed by the Environmental Health Division.

It was **moved (Tornatore), seconded (Namba) and carried** that the **Commission** support Environmental Management Department's new criteria for the Food Safety Awards of Excellence.

4. **Sacramento Regional County Solid Waste Authority (SWA) Commercial Recycling Program** - **Chair Fallon** introduced **Dennis Green, Chief, Hazardous Materials Division.** The topic originally scheduled, Universal Waste, has been rescheduled for the October meeting.

**Chief Green** noted that state law requires California cities and counties to reduce landfilled waste by 50% as based on previous recorded tonnage. Sacramento has developed a number of recycling programs for residents and businesses. The residential sector has met the goal but only 20% of commercial generators of solid waste have a recycling program.

**Chief Green** provided information on the proposed commercial waste Ordinance by the Sacramento Waste Authority (SWA). Some features of the proposed program include:

- Requires business to have a recycling program.
- Waste haulers still have to offer recycling programs and report recycled material tonnage.
- EMD is to implement the program on behalf of SWA.
- Regulated inventory may eventually include up to 15,000 businesses.

Public review and comment on the proposed Ordinance are planned for September and the SWA Board will introduce the ordinance in October and expect an effective date of December 31, 2006. The first round of inspections is expected to be initiated in the spring of 2007.

<b>Action Item:</b> <b>Chief Green</b> offered to send information about outreach efforts to Commission members.
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5. **Sacramento County Environmental Management Department Director's Report** - Members received a copy of the July 2006 *EMD Update*. **Director Knight** shared information on the following topics: (1) His upcoming retirement; (2) HazMat Division announced that the Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) Enforcement revenue Offset Program will provide \$220,000+ in fee offsets to compliant facilities during the fiscal year 2006-07; (3) Staff performed more than 10,000 inspections during the previous six month period.
6. **2005 Environmental Health Report - Environmental Indicators - Commissioner Clark** requested members send her their updated graphics by the next meeting. She has the text portion of the report finished.
7. **Environmental News Review** - In the absence of **Vice Chair Siebal, Chair Fallon** postponed this item to the August meeting.
8. **2006 Meeting Topics/Teams - Chair Fallon** and the members of the Commission confirmed the agenda topics for August through November.
9. **Correspondence - Secretary Nelson** shared correspondence confirming nomination for appointment to the Commission for Shane Jiang, reappointment of Robert Bailey, and members appointed from the City must take ethics training every two years.
10. **Adjournment** - The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m. The next SEC meeting will be held August 28, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. at the Environmental Management Department, 8475 Jackson Road, Suite 204, Sacramento, California.