

**Sacramento Environmental Commission (SEC)  
Minutes – November 26, 2007**

**Commission members present:** Robert Bailey, Panama Bartholomy, Mike Fallon, Shane Jiang, Michael Mendez, and Mark White.

**Commission members absent:** Krista Clark, Marjorie Namba, and Frederick Tornatore.

**Commission Staff:** Val Siebal, Director, Environmental Management Department (EMD) and Karen Nelson, SEC Executive Secretary.

**Other Guests:** Pat Quinn, Municipal Services Agency - Waste Management & Recycling; Heidi Sanborn, Executive Director, California Product Stewardship Council; Cedar Kehoe, Integrated Waste Program Manager, City of Elk Grove; Jim McDonald, AICP, Senior Planner, City of Sacramento and Teresa Haenggi, Associate Planner, City of Sacramento; and Mark Trask, Granite Construction.

The meeting was called to order by **SEC Chair Fallon** at 6:00 p.m. Attendance list and sign in sheet were distributed. Agenda items 3 and 4 were heard out of order.

1. **Public Comment** - **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** - It was **moved (White)**, **seconded (Bailey)** and **carried** to approve the minutes of the October 29, 2007 meeting as presented.
3. **Update on City of Sacramento General Plan Policies** - **Chair Fallon** introduced **Jim McDonald and Teresa Haenggi**, Planners with the City of Sacramento. **Ms. Haenggi** shared information on the 2030 General Plan's Goals and Policies which will provide direction on how to accommodate growth and change while also preserving and enhancing the desirable qualities and characteristics that exist today. The draft Goals and Policies were developed based on an extensive public outreach effort and input from many organizations.

From the research, six themes emerged that capture the essence of the 2030 General Plan and provide the basis for the draft citywide Goals and Policies. They are the following:

- Making Great Places - provide safe, affordable, and engaged communities

- Growing Smarter - provide incentives for developing inward and being clear about what the City expects from expanding into “greenfields” on the edge of the City
- Maintain a Vibrant Economy - create opportunities through a diversity of jobs, businesses, education and training
- Creating a Health City - endorse land use patterns that foster health lifestyles
- Living Lightly - reduce carbon emissions that contribute to climate change
- Developing a Sustainable Future - meet the needs of today without taking from future generations

**Ms. Haenggi** asked the Commissioners to provide feedback on the 2030 General Plan’s draft Goals and Policies so their comments can be shared with the City Council on December 4, 2007. She and **Mr. McDonald** would like to return to the Commission early 2008 so the SEC can review of draft EIR and 2030 General Plan.

The Commissioners made the following suggestions regarding the General Plan:

- Stronger statement needed in the Mobility and Land Use Elements that reflects the City’s intent to pull away from its dependency on gasoline
- Address targets for solid waste reduction and a cap on disposal
- Address “Dark Skies” (light pollution)
- All City-financed constructions should meet a minimum of the LEED Silver standard
- Address inconsistency in the approach to climate change
- Address recycled grey water (water management)
- Address the policies on building in a flood plane
- Address Brownfields issues
- AB32-establish a plan to meet 2012 goals

The Commissioners expressed appreciation for the great job the city has done incorporating public comments into the General Plan.

4. **Extended Producer Responsibility: Who Should Pay the Bill?** - **Chair Fallon** called upon **Heidi Sanborn**, Executive Director, California Product Stewardship Council and **Pat Quinn**, Director, Waste Management & Recycling. **Ms. Sanborn** explained that Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR), or Product Stewardship means whoever designs, produces, sells or uses a product takes responsibility for minimizing its environmental impact through all stages of the product’s life cycle. The producer, having the greatest ability to minimize impacts, has the most responsibility. **Ms. Sanborn** noted that product recycling should be an extension of the marketing system, mirroring the production and distribution process in a kind

of “reverse retail” process; and it should be managed through commercial arrangements.

**Ms. Sanborn** commented that manufactures and local governments don't have any input into how toxic or durable the products are, and manufacturers don't have to design creative and safe ways to dispose of them at the end of their useful life.

**Mr. Quinn** informed the Commission that existing recycling efforts and disposal bans aren't reducing total waste generation. Effective waste management should be a key part of product design, manufacturing, packaging and retailing.

**Ms. Kehoe**, Integrated Waste Program Manager, City of Elk Grove, joined the meeting during the question and answer period. She asked the Commission to encourage the jurisdictions in the county to approve a resolution supporting ERP. **Ms. Sanborn** said she would forward the Commissioners the “model” resolution being adopted by the Green Cities group.

After some discussion it was **moved (White), seconded (Bartholomy) and carried** that the Commission write a letter encouraging local governments within Sacramento County jurisdiction to approve a resolution supporting ERP legislation. **Commissioner White** agreed to draft the letter.

<p><b>Action Item: Commissioner White</b> volunteered to prepare a letter of support to the jurisdictions in Sacramento County, Chair of the California Integrated Waste Management Board, League of California Cities, Board of Supervisors, California State Association of Counties, and to local legislators who represent our region.</p>
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5. **Update on Environmental Excellence Awards** - In the absence of **Awards Chair Namba**, **Director Siebal** informed the Commissioners that the Environmental Awards Nomination form had been sent out to everyone on the existing mailing lists.
6. **Sacramento County Environmental Management Department Director's Report** - Members received a copy of the November 2007 *EMD Update*.
7. **Election of SEC Chair for 2008** - **Chair Fallon** opened the floor for nominations for the position of 2008 SEC Chair. It was **moved (Fallon), seconded (Bartholomy) and carried** to approve **Krista Clark** as the 2008 Commission Chair.
8. **Election of SEC Vice Chair for 2008** - **Chair Fallon** opened the floor for nominations for the position of 2008 SEC Vice Chair. It was **moved (Fallon),**

**seconded (Jiang)** and **carried** to approve **Robert Bailey** as the 2008 Commission Vice Chair.

9. **Environmental News Review** - **Vice Chair Bailey** will provide news articles at the January meeting.
10. **2007 Proposed Meeting Topics** - **Chair Fallon** and the members of the Commission undertook a discussion of potential meeting topics in 2008. Suggested topics are as follows for January: potential use of the county's North Area Transfer Station for county and city, an update on GreenCycle and an update on the Commercial Recycling Program.
11. **Correspondence** - **Secretary Nelson** noted that no correspondence had been received.
12. **Adjournment** - The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. The next SEC meeting will be held January 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the Board of Supervisors' Chambers, 700 H Street, Room 1450, Sacramento, California.