

**Sacramento Environmental Commission (SEC)
Minutes – June 23, 2008**

Commission members present: Robert Bailey, Panama Bartholomy, Shane Jiang, Matthew Jones, and Mark White. *Both Krista Clark and Michael Mendez arrived after the initial role call of the meeting.

Commission members absent: Mike Fallon and Marjorie Namba

Commission Staff: Cecilia Jensen, Chief, Water Protection Division, Environmental Management Department (EMD) and Sandra Leahy, Administrative Services Officer III, EMD.

Other Guests: Brian Sytsma, Air Force Real Property Agency, Rick Solander, Air Force Real Property Agency, and Cheryl Hawkins, Sacramento County Environmental Management Department

The meeting was called to order by **SEC Vice Chair Bailey** at 6:06 p.m. Attendance list and sign in sheet were distributed.

1. **Public Comment** – **Vice Chair Bailey** 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 (Jones) and carried** to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2008 meeting as presented.
3. **McClellan and Mather Superfund Update** – Member Shane Jiang introduce Rick Solander from Air Force Real Property Agency who gave a Power Point Presentation.

McClellan clean up involves 103 Extraction Wells and 500+ monitoring wells to clean toxic substances from the ground water supply. Likewise, there are 15 station located in 25 areas to perform Soil Vapor Extraction. Clean up systems ongoing.

Solander stated that there will some coordination with Aerojet for clean up.

As indicated by the Commission and Solander alike, there is a major public interest in the clean up of McClellan and Mather Air Force Bases. Questions asked by members of the Commission brought up concerns about residential areas that may be affected by ground pollution and possible explosives buried around the bases. Solander was able to point out that certain areas around the base are not zoned for residential building. Plus, highly trained experts will dig along with machinery to extract the possible live explosives.

4. **Small Water Systems Update** – Acting Director Jensen introduced Cheryl Hawkins, Environmental Specialist III who gave a Power Point Presentation on small water systems.

Small water systems are self-contained systems for the community and non-community including residential and business. Tribal lands are not included in the County water systems, they are their own entities.

Quarterly tests on small water systems include naturally occurring arsenic levels, radionuclides, and perchlorates. Water is chlorinated in certain wells and then byproducts are disinfected. In case of contaminants in water that exceeds the standards, known as Maximum Containment Level (MCL), the public is notified of the violation.

The county does not have enforcement authority to force compliance, but can send notice to comply and offer suggestions to assist with standards. Also, the county is looking forward to imposing a set standard for pump tests in the near future that have previously been lacking.

5. **Election of New Chair** – Chair Clark nominated member Bailey to be the new Chair, seconded by member Mendez, motion by member White to close the nominations. Commissioner Bailey was elected chair.
6. **Election of New Vice Chair** – Member Jiang nominated member White to be the new Vice Chair, seconded by member Clark. Commissioner White was elected Vice Chair.
7. **Sacramento County Environmental Management Department Director's Report** – Members received a copy of the June 2008 *EMD Update*. Acting Director Cecilia Jensen shared the report in the Director Val Siebal's absence. Jensen shared information on the following topics: (1) Public Health, National Clean Water Award.

Member White requested the Member Bartholomy inform the commission regarding the report from Cal Fire.

Member Bartholomy related that there were over 700 fires as a result of lightning strikes. It was anticipated that by the end of the week Southern California will have 100 to 105 degree temperatures with the threat of thunderstorms.

Also, noted that Val was Tucson accepting the National Crumbine Award for food safety.

8. **Environmental News Review** – Vice Chair Bailey shared news articles with the commission on the topics of “Folsom Home is as ‘green’ as it gets”; the Bee’s new restaurant inspection database; and California offers money for ideas to help Delta.

Member White asked if there was any information coming back to the Division regarding the restaurant inspection database.

Member Jones asked about grant funds for the Delta. The old program lacked funding and therefore diminished. A new program “Delta Vision” implemented to monitor and regulate Delta issues came out with a new report on findings last week that is very detailed.

Acting Director Jensen announced that Saturday, June 28, 2008 is “Keep the Delta Clean Today”

9. **2008 Proposed Meeting Topics** – Chair Clark and Vice Chair Bailey suggested topics: (1) Invitation to the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District (SRCSD) to address the commission regarding recent ammonia concerns. In order to regulate the ammonia output a group has stated a significant rate increase to “fix” the pumping problem. Try to schedule a televised meeting. Cecilia Jensen will follow up on it. (2) Presentation from the Public Health Advisory Board (PHAB) group. This should be done as a televised meeting. (3) West Nile Virus update to discuss a correlation to recent foreclosures possibly increasing the mosquito population. Mosquito and Vector Control to attend. (4) City of Sacramento water conservation and waste water.

10. **Correspondence** – **Sandra Leahy** noted that no correspondence had been received.

Chair Clark mentioned the “final draft” letter to the attention of Supervisor Jimmie Yee regarding an ordinance requiring menu labeling at “chain restaurants”.

11. **Adjournment** - The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m. The next SEC meeting will be held July 21, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. at the Board of Supervisors' Chambers, 700 H Street, Room 1450, Sacramento, California.