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# SACRAMENTO ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

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## SACRAMENTO ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES

**MONDAY, November 24, 2008**  
**6:00 p.m.**

**COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT**  
**8475 JACKSON ROAD, SUITE 200**  
**SACRAMENTO, CA 95826**

### ITEM

1. Call to Order – Chair Bailey  
*Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.*
2. Roll Call – Secretary Crowl  
*Commission members present: Robert Bailey, Panama Bartholomy, Shane Jiang, Matthew Jones, Buzz Link, Marjorie Namba, Rachael Phillips, Mark White*  
*Commission members absent: Michael Mendez*  
*Commission staff: Val Siebal, Director and Sarah Crowl, Secretary*  
*Guests: Rod Miller, City of Folsom Hazardous Materials Division; Gail Furness de Pardo, City of Folsom Community Development Division; Paul Fujitani, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation*
3. Public Comments – Chair Bailey
4. Consent Item – Approval of September 29, 2008 Meeting Minutes  
**Motion made by Member Bartholomy, seconded by Member Jiang to approve the minutes of the September 29, 2008 meeting as presented.**  
**Ayes: Robert Bailey, Panama Bartholomy, Shane Jiang, Matthew Jones, Marjorie Namba, Mark White**  
**Noes: None**  
**Abstain: Buzz Link, Rachael Phillips**  
**Absent: Michael Mendez**
5. Introduction of New Commissioners – Chair Bailey  
*Chair Bailey introduced George "Buzz" Link and Rachael Phillips, both appointed to the Commission by the County of Sacramento. Buzz Link is a civil engineer with a water resources background and has extensive experience in the public and private sector. Rachael Phillips is an environmental law attorney with a focus on land use and the California Environmental Quality Act.*

6. Folsom Hazardous Materials Report – Rod Miller, City of Folsom  
*Chair Bailey introduced Rod Miller, an Environmental Specialist in the Hazardous Materials Division of the City of Folsom. Mr. Miller presented a slideshow and provided hard copies of his presentation discussing the City's Hazardous Waste disposal program, which he said is a model throughout the country for its proper disposal of household hazardous waste and convenience of collection for residents.*
- Residents may call the City or go online to book an appointment to have their household hazardous waste picked up from their driveways. City trucks are sent out three days a week to pick up universal waste (electronics, batteries, sharps, paint) and monthly to pick up toxic household waste like pesticides, flammables, acids and bases.*
- Residents may also drop off used batteries in receptacles at Folsom City Hall, Folsom libraries, and participating retailers. Used fluorescent lamps are collected at five area hardware retailers.*
- In addition, the City has a sharps disposal program in place at six participating pharmacies. The pharmacies provide collection containers to customers upon their purchase of sharps and take the filled containers back for proper disposal. Raley's Supermarket, a participant for ten years has recently dropped out of the program.*
- Motion made by Member Bartholomy and seconded by Vice Chair White to have the Commission write a letter to Raley's Supermarket, encouraging their continued participation in the City of Folsom's sharps disposal program.***
7. Environmental Impact Report for Highway 50 Annexation – Gail Furness de Pardo, City of Folsom  
*Chair Bailey introduced Gail Furness de Pardo, Planning Manager for the City of Folsom Community Development Department. Hard copies of her PowerPoint presentation were provided to the Commission.*
- Ms. Furness de Pardo discussed the Folsom South of U.S. Highway 50 Specific Plan Project. The project is currently in the scoping phase for drafting a joint Environmental Impact Report/Study. The 3500-acre project site is bordered by Highway 50 to the north; White Rock Road to the south; Prairie City Road to the west; and the El Dorado County/Sacramento County line to the east.*
- Measure W, passed by Folsom voters in 2004, mandates that open space must comprise 30 percent of the area. Land for parks will meet the state Quimby Act of 5 acres per 1000 residents. Residential population is projected to be between 11,000 – 16,000, contingent on water supply. The density will range between 1 – 30 acres per unit with lower density housing mainly on the hillsides.*
- Issues to be addressed in the EIR/EIS: Bus Rapid Transit Routes, carbon emissions, oak woodlands preservation, water supply agreement, and housing inclusionary ordinance. The estimated timeframe for completion of the draft EIR/EIS (provided by the Army Corps of Engineers) is 2009-2010.*
8. Folsom Dam Drought – Paul Fujitani, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation  
*Chair Bailey introduced Paul Fujitani, Chief of Water Operations for the Central Valley Project of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, who gave a PowerPoint presentation (copies were distributed to the Commission).*
- The reservoirs of the Central Valley Project extend from Trinity Dam in the north to Friant Dam in the south, and are managed by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. The project's main purposes are to provide flood control, water supply, fish and wildlife protection, power and recreation.*
- The American River Division of the project includes the American River and Folsom Dam. Peak storage for Folsom Dam was 650,000 acre-feet last year, which is below the desired end-of-May storage of 700,000 necessary to maintain suitable downstream water temperatures for salmonids. The maximum American River summer releases were 4,000 cfs, down from an average of 5,000 cfs.*

*Despite 2007 and 2008 being dry years, 1977 was the driest year ever, with storage at Folsom Dam falling to only 150,000 acre-feet. Currently, the American River below Folsom is low because of the depleted storage and minimal inflow to Folsom Dam. Since the highest regional precipitation occurs December – April, it remains to be seen whether next year will be dry.*

9. Update on Environmental Excellence Awards – Awards Chair Namba  
*Chair Namba reported that a few more bullet points were needed for the application and it would be ready next week.*
10. Sacramento County Environmental Management Department Director’s Report – Director Siebal  
*Director Siebal discussed the highlights of the November EMD Update newsletter, which was included in commissioners’ packets.*
11. 2009 Proposed Meeting Topics – Topics Chair Namba  
*Copies of the 2009 Meeting Topics list were distributed in commissioners’ packets. Chair Bailey congratulated the Topics Subcommittee on its excellent work. Two more topics were suggested: the purple pipe program for recycled water and the road work at Watt Avenue and Interstate 50.*
12. Correspondence  
*Secretary Crowl mentioned that an e-mail inquiry had been received in regards to submitting an application for the Environmental Recognition Awards.*
13. Commissioner Comments  
*It was noted that food will no longer be provided to Commissioners on meeting nights due to County Budget cuts. An inquiry was made about SEC meetings being held at the County Board Chambers more often so that they can be televised. Director Siebal and staff will contact the Board of Supervisors office to see if the chambers are available to the SEC on a bimonthly basis.*
14. Adjournment – Next Meeting, January 26, 2009  
*Meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.*