
SACRAMENTO ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

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MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, MAY 20, 2013, 6:00P.M.
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT
10590 ARMSTRONG AVENUE, MATHER, CA 95655

ITEM

1. Call to Order – Vice Chair Parker

The meeting was called order at 6:00p.m. by Vice Chair Parker.

2. Roll Call – Staff Member Siebal

Commission Members Present: Diana Parker, Andrea Leisy, Robert Bailey, Dana Curran, George "Buzz" Link, Jason McCoy, and Anthony DeRiggi.

Commission Members Absent: Marjorie Namba and Mark White.

Staff Members Present: Val F. Siebal

3. Introduction of Commissioners – Vice Chair Parker

Vice Chair Parker asked each of the Commissioners to introduce themselves which they did.

4. Public Comments – Vice Chair Parker

None made.

5. **CONSENT ITEMS** – Approval of April 2013 Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Robert Bailey and seconded by Buzz Link to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2013 meeting.

Ayes: Diana Parker, Andrea Leisy, Robert Bailey, Dana Curran, Buzz Link, Jason McCoy, and Anthony DeRiggi.

Noes: None

6. The Department of Water Resources (DWR) Flood Emergency Response Project – Jason Sirney, Emergency Manager for SacReady.org

Vice Chair Parker introduced Mr. Jason Sirney, an Emergency Manager for the City with SacReady.org. Mr. Sirney made a PowerPoint presentation for the Commissioners advising that SacReady.org is a joint operation of the City of Sacramento and the County of Sacramento. The new grant opportunity that they have applied for was made possible by money that became available from the State due to some bonds and legislation for improving flood planning. The California Dept. of Water Resources is administering the grants. There are three rounds of funding opportunities. The first was focused on the Delta. It was limited to jurisdictions within the legal Delta. There are five counties for which Sacramento acted as the lead. The money will be used to increase communication capabilities, most importantly in handheld radios. They are now in the process of building a communications' tower. The second round is available to counties statewide excluding the Delta. They have turned their grant application in and are awaiting the results. The use of the money is limited to activities related to flood operations. There are \$5,000,000 available for awards. Seventeen applications have been submitted totaling \$7,000,000 in requests. The announcement should be made by mid-June. There was multi-agency collaboration on this including the Sacramento Office of Emergency Services, the County's Department of Water Resources, the City's Department of Utilities, the American River Flood Control District, Reclamation District 1000, and the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA). Sacramento's request is for \$1,000,000 which, if received will be used to develop a common Emergency Action Plan., to update the City and County's Comprehensive Flood Management Plan, purchase new stream and river gauges, and erosion sensors on streams. The third round of funding also will have \$5,000,000 available. It will be released the first of July and Sacramento again intends to lead the collaborative proposal which would fund a 5 county communications plan, exercise a Delta flood response with all agencies involved in such a response, provide new river gauges along the Sacramento River, enhance multi-county evacuation planning and ongoing training towards developed plans. These continued efforts are extremely important to our region as Sacramento is rated as having the highest flood threat in the nation.

7. The National Resources Defense Council's (NRDC) Alternative Proposal to the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) – Mr. Doug Obegi, Staff Attorney, Water Program, Natural Resources Defense Council, San Francisco, CA

Vice Chair Parker introduced Mr. Doug Obegi to the Commission who then made a PowerPoint presentation on the Natural Resources Defense Council's (NRDC) alternative proposal to the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP). Mr. Obegi advised that there are many agencies struggling to solve the current problems in the Delta including a crashing ecosystem, a vulnerable levee system, and water quality concerns. At present, there are 7 species of fish (mostly salmon) in the Delta that are threatened or endangered. These used to be the most common fish in the Delta but, for the first time in the State's history, California's salmon fishery was closed in 2008 and 2009. This affected not only the fish, but everyone who works in that industry. Water diversions from the Bay-Delta Watershed have increased over the years from 14% in 1930 to 31% in 2005. Water exports from the Bay-Delta Estuary have gone from 2.9 million acre-feet in 1968 to 6.1 million acre-feet in 2007. The complete alternative portfolio-based approach being recommended by the NRDC can be reviewed in Attachment 1.

8. Sacramento County Environmental Management Department (EMD) Director's Report – Val Siebal, Director, EMD

Vice Chair Parker introduced Director Siebal who referred the Commissioners to EMD's attached newsletter.

9. Environmental News Review – Vice Chair Parker

Vice Chair Parker reviewed recent news items of import to the Commission.

10. Commissioner Comments

None made.

11. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15p.m.