

# **SACRAMENTO ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

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## **MINUTES**

**March 21, 2022 6 pm**  
**Via Zoom**

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## **ITEM**

- 1 Call to Order – Chair White  
The March meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.
- 2 Roll Call – Staff Secretary  
Commissioners present: Mark White, Richard Hunn, Tom Malson, Laura Nickerson, Eric Rivero-Montes, Stephanie Holstege, Anthony DeRiggi., and Kayla Rabey. A quorum was present.
- 3 Introduction of Commissioners
- 4 Public Comment  
\*Speakers will have three minutes for each separate item including any matter not on the posted agenda.
- 5 Resoil Sacramento/ Green Restaurant Alliance Sacramento- Restaurant Recycling, David Baker, Director Resoil Sacramento

The vision of ReSoil Sacramento is that the Sacramento Region be a regenerative model and

implement the collection of organic waste in the process of composting, keeping it local and keeping it in the soil. ReSoil focuses on education and also works directly with 25 Sacramento restaurants, farmers markets, 20 + community gardens and farms, schools and homes. Since 2011, 1.6 million pounds of organic material has been diverted to local soils. Composting eliminates greenhouse gases, regenerates soils for local farming health, increases soil water and air quality. Soils are the foundation of healthy ecosystems.

Collaborating with the BLM garden director, Resoil will be providing the garden with organic matter straight from area restaurants. Resoil envisions using food scraps directly into local greenspaces and golf courses before the material is transported out of area, dried and then purchased as dried material/compost. When the site and the materials are appropriate, the matter can be buried directly into the ground. There is a limited number of organic waste categories/items that have this potential.

Resoil educates people regarding the role of microbes in soil, nurturing a variety of plant life. The less food scraps hauled out of the region and used in local soil, the better. The niche for these food scraps will likely be mom and pop restaurants, ethnic eateries and community centers.

## 6 Single Use Plastic Impacts and Policies- Alexandrina Chavez, Policy Associate, Californians Against Waste

Californians Against Waste mission is to protect communities by eliminating the pollution inherent in the extraction and disposal of natural resources, preventing waste at its source and promoting producer responsibility.

Waste and Recycling legislation currently in process:

- SB 983 Right to Repair
- SB 1215 and AB 2440 Batteries & Battery –Embedded Products
- SB 1046 Plastic Produce Bags
- AB 1953 Refillable Water Bottle Stations
- AB 1857 Waste Incineration Reform
- SB 1383 CA Short Lived Climate Pollutant Reduction Strategy
- AB2208 Mercury Lamps
- SB 1256 Single Use Propane Canisters
- AB 1690 Tobacco Waste
- SB 1065 Abandoned and Derelict Commercial Vessels
- AB 2026 E-Commerce Packaging
- AB 2787 Micro plastics
- AB 1724 Microfiber Filtration
- AB 661 State Agency Buy Recycled Campaign
- AB 2784 Thermo Plastic Minimum Recycled Content
- AB 2779 Canned Wine and Distilled Spirits
- SB 54 Plastic Pollution Producer Responsibility Act
- AB 1454 Bottle Recycling Modernization

## SB 38 Industry-run Bottle Recycling Program

The California Recycling and Plastic Pollution Reduction Act was certified in the summer of 2021 and will appear on the November 2022 ballot. This would hold producers responsible and potentially shift the market away from petrochemicals. According to CalRecycle Californians discard enough plastic daily to fill two olympic size swimming pools. The ballot measure would permit CalRecycle to implement regulations: ban polystyrene, reduce single use packaging, require EPR programs, reduce and/or eliminate packaging, transition to reusable, recyclable or compostable packaging and food ware and define those materials, standardize labeling to increase recycling sorting, and increase consumer access to recycling programs.

This ballot measure would also allow a one cent charge on producers per item or piece of plastic that is non-recyclable in/on a product with the funds used to protect waterways, ecosystems, invest in recycling, reuse, composting, regenerative food practices, and clean-up efforts.

San Francisco and LA passed/are passing resolutions in support of the California Recycling and Plastic Pollution Reduction Act that is on the November ballot.

### 7 Sacramento County Sustainability Manager Monthly Update - John Lundgren, Sustainability Manager, County of Sacramento

John reported on the formation of the Climate Task Force and upcoming Climate Action Workshop. John will have an intern to assist with the County's next GHG inventory for FY 2022-2023 using software that interacts with broad registries.

### 8 Consider Approving and Sending the Draft SEC Comments On The Revised Final CAP (February 2022)

The Draft SEC Response Letter On the Final Revised Sacramento County CAP reiterates comments from the first comment letter sent in September 2021. The revised CAP did make improvements including recognizing the County's 2030 net zero goal, reducing reliance on carbon farming as offset for reduction of GHG, implementing time frames for goals implementation, reinforcing commitment to reach 2030 goals by creating Sustainability Manager position, Task Force, and emphasizing development of a Climate Emergency Response Plan.

Points warranting further consideration in the Final Revised CAP:

- Vehicle use is the largest emission factor in the County but the CAP does not count on significant reduction of vehicle use as means of GHG reduction.
- Fails to acknowledge use of plastics as GHG source over lifecycle of the material.
- Certain measures need to be implemented immediately rather than wait.

Commissioners Nickerson and Holstege commented they would like the plan to address land conservation more concretely and carbon sequestration. Gov. Gavin Newsom signed Executive

Order N 82-20 which calls for preservation of 30% of California land by 2030.

Motion to Approve and send SEC Comment Letter made by Tom Malson, seconded by Anthony DeRiggi.

Ayes: Mark White, Richard Hunn, Tom Malson, Laura Nickerson, Eric Rivero-Montes, Stephanie Holstege, Anthony DeRiggi., and Kayla Rabey.

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Motion passed.

9 Approve February 28, 2022 Minutes

Motion to approve February 2022 Minutes made by Laura Nickerson, seconded by Anthony DeRiggi.

Ayes: Mark White, Richard Hunn, Tom Malson, Laura Nickerson, Eric Rivero-Montes, Stephanie Holstege, Anthony DeRiggi., and Kayla Rabey.

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Motion passed.

10 EMD Director's Report- Marie Woodin, Director of Sacramento County Environmental Management Department

11 Report Back on SEC Commissioner Monitoring of Environmental Issues and Agencies  
Sacramento County - Bicycle and Pedestrian improvement project on Power Inn Road  
City of Sacramento- Proposed Ordinance to purchase organic mulch and paper  
Steelhead run was good due to new fish ladder at Nimbus Hatchery. But lack of cold water pool may harm fish this summer. Possible change in salinity standards for Delta water.  
SMUD goal of reduce gas powered equipment 10% every year.

12 Commissioner Comments

Hybrid SEC meetings beginning April 25<sup>th</sup>. Physical location will be at EMD, 11080 White Rock Rd., Rancho Cordova, CA 95670, or zoom link is provided for remote attendance.

13 Meeting Adjourned 8:13 pm. Next Meeting-April 25, 2022 6:00 p.m. via Zoom

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