
SACRAMENTO ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

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A JOINT COMMISSION APPOINTED BY:

County of Sacramento
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Minutes

Monday, January 22, 2018

EMD Offices, 10590 Armstrong Ave.

Mather, CA 95655

6 p.m.

ITEM

1 Call to Order – Chair Hunn

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

2 Roll Call – Staff Secretary

Present: Richard Hunn, Diane Kindermann, Buzz Link, , Eric Rivero Montes, Mark White, Mark Barry, Bob Bailey, Margie Namba, Tony DeRiggi

3 Introduction of Commissioners – Chair Hunn

4 Public Comment – Chair Hunn

5 South Sacramento Habitat Conservation (SSHCP) Plan- Bill Ziebron, SSHCP Project Manger

The South Sacramento Habitat Conservation Plan (SSHCP) is in its final stage before the document is posted in the Federal register. This comprehensive plan would create more efficient permitting process while improving conservation efforts. The US Fish and Wildlife Service is shifting from approving individual conservation plan permits to permitting comprehensive regional habitat conservation plans.

The SSHCP is a partnership of local agencies and covers a land totally 318,000 acres. It streamlines permitting required from five federal agencies and protects 28 species and wetlands. Plan components include 50 year Endangered Species Act and California Endangered Species Act take permits, a Regional Aquatic Resources Program covering the Clean Water Act sections 404 and 401, Environmental Impact Surveys and Reports and a mitigation/in lieu fee program.

Conservation strategies remain at a local level and would eventually interconnect current preserves and protected natural communities. The mitigation/ in-lieu fees

are calculated by impacts to “land cover” type. Fees include costs of mitigation failure risk, the joint powers agency overseeing the plan, and an endowment fund to manage properties after 50 years. Fee will be reviewed on an annual basis and audited every three years. The plan contains no eminent domain language and involves willing sellers only. Landowners can sell an easement and continue to farm as long as habitat preservation is maintained.

One area recently purchased with mitigation fees was Gill Ranch, containing vernal pools and grassland. There is no public access to trails on this parcel. The priority is not public access but rather protection. It will continue to operate as a cattle ranch as long as preservation mandates are met. Purchased easements are for perpetuity and follow the sale of the land.

Bill Ziebron requested that if the commissioners were in support of the SSHCP, they write a letter of support to local jurisdictions. A motion to draft such letter was made by Mark White and seconded by Diane Kindermann.

Ayes: Richard Hunn, Diane Kindermann, Buzz Link, , Eric Rivero Montes, Mark White, Mark Barry, Bob Bailey, Margie Namba, Tony DeRiggi

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

6 Approval of November 2017 Minutes

A motion to approve the November 2017 minutes was made by Robert Bailey, seconded by Anthony DeRiggi.

Ayes: Richard Hunn, Diane Kindermann, Buzz Link, , Eric Rivero Montes, Mark White, Mark Barry, Bob Bailey, Margie Namba, Tony DeRiggi

Noes: 0

Abstentions: 0

7 Permanent Committee Reports

a. 2017 Environmental Awards

Outreach to potential nominees was discussed.

b. 2017 Annual Report Preparation Update

The Annual Report is near completion and will be circulated to the commissioners for final comments.

8 New Initiatives 2018

Chair Hunn requested that commissioners compile a priority list of issues to review in 2018

9 SEC Outreach

1. Agency Monitoring Report Back

Commissioner DeRiggi updated the commission on the Lower American River Conservancy Bond that will be on the June ballot.

2. Environmental Commission Outreach

The commission may reach out to the two environmental commission respondents from the outreach survey emailed in September 2017, La Mesa and South Pasadena.

- 10** Sacramento County Environmental Management Director's Report- Marie Woodin
- 11** Commissioner Comments
- 12** Adjournment 8:15 p.m.– Next Meeting: Monday, February 26th, 2018, 6:00 p.m.
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