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MEETING MINUTES

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2015, 6:00PM.
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT
10590 ARMSTRONG AVE.
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA 95655**

1 Call to Order- Chair Link

The meeting of the Sacramento Environmental Commission was called to order at 6:04 pm.

2 Roll Call- Staff Secretary

Commissioners present: Dana Curran, Mark Barry, Mark White, George "Buzz" Link, Eric Rivero-Montes, Dianne Kindermann, Margie Namba, Anthony Deriggi, Richard Hunn

Absent: Robert Bailey

3 Introduction of Commissioners-Chair Link

Commissioners each took a turn introducing themselves.

4 Public Comment- Chair Link

No members of the public addressed the Commission.

5 Consent Items- Chair Link

1. A motion to approve the August 2015 minutes was made by Mark White and seconded by Margie Namba

Ayes: Dana Curran, Mark Barry, Mark White, George "Buzz" Link, Eric Rivero-Montes, Dianne Kindermann, Margie Namba

Noes: None

Abstentions: Richard Hunn, Anthony DeRiggi

2. *Revision of links on the SEC webpage was reviewed*

6 Hospital Emergency Preparedness- Karen Olsen, Human Services Program Planner and Hannah Aalborg, Health Program Coordinator, Sacramento County Public Health Department, Loni Howard, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator Sutter Medical Center, Sacramento

Karen Olson spoke about the Public Health Emergency Preparedness goals which encompass limiting death and illness and preserving life. The role of the Sacramento County Public Health Department has evolved and grown since the 9/11 terrorist attacks and nationwide anthrax threats. The Department is now viewed as part of the collaborative team of first responders and regularly attends emergency preparedness meetings alongside the fire department and County Office of Emergency Services. As partnering agencies, these organizations perform emergency exercises and employ redundant communication in order to be prepared for public disasters.

Emerging public health threats include pandemic flu, bioterrorism such as anthrax, Ebola, and climate change (air quality, heat and drought). The Public Health Department's response options to emergencies include surveillance and epidemiology, lab testing, medical surge and interventions such as medication, isolation and quarantine. Effective regional responses require collaboration, subject matter experts and communication of roles and responsibilities to each partner agency.

The California Health and Safety Code requires the Public Health Departments cover 17 major emergency functions. This is accomplished through the Medical Health Operational Area Coordinator (MHOAC) plan which includes many partner agencies, and details how the Sacramento region would move from normal day to day functioning, to activating extra services and resources responding to an evolving need or an emergency.

Hannah Aalborg spoke on the Sacramento County Hospital Preparedness Program that falls within the Public Health Department. It takes a team of private and public sector healthcare organizations, a Healthcare Coalition (HCC), to serve as a coordinating group in the event of an emergency. The regional HCC is prepared to respond to incidents that have a public health and medical impact in the short and long term. The HCC plans for, and practices for, various health emergencies which may include mass casualty disasters with a radiological component, massive flood scenarios, water contamination or biological terror threats. Preparation of After Action reports

documenting performance during a planned or actual emergency are a crucial part of emergency program improvement and are used to evaluate the need for changes in procedures for future events.

The County Hospital Emergency Preparedness Plan is in the 4th year of a five year cooperative grant from the Department of Health and Human Services which funds the program. There are measurable activities that get reported back to the Department of Health and Human Services by the MHOAC to ensure that grant money is being used appropriately and ensuring sound stewardship of federal tax dollars.

*Action: Commissioners voted to write a support letter, composed by Anthony DeRiggi, for the Department of Health and Human Services to continue the grant funding after this term expires. A motion was made by Mark White and seconded by George Buzz Link. Ayes: Dana Curran, Mark Barry, Mark White, George "Buzz" Link, Eric Rivero-Montes, Dianne Kindermann, Margie Namba, Anthony Deriggi, Richard Hunn
Noes: None*

Sacramento now ranks number one in the United States for potential flood disaster. The regional MHOAC and hospitals are careful to have extensive plans in place and are highly trained for a flood event. The MHOAC has also planned an exercise on a bakken oil explosion due to the threat produced by the shipping of oil by train through the Sacramento and Roseville areas. Placer County has already exercised for bakken oil explosions scenarios since they are vulnerable to that disaster at the Roseville rail yard.

Loni Howard spoke on the Hospital Preparedness and Emergency Management plan at Sutter Medical Center, Sacramento. Ms. Howard expressed that hospitals take their task of emergency preparedness very seriously as patients are a vulnerable population, the majority of whom cannot self-rescue and walk to safety.

The four phases of hospital Emergency Management are mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery. California Code of Regulations Title 22, identifies 120 elements of performance that must be addressed in hospital emergency preparedness plans. Hospitals and county partners meet and institute plans and exercises for events high on their Hazard List list such as violent persons, code silver (person with a weapon), active shooter, flood, anthrax and small pox, and power outages to name a few. Drought is now also considered a hazard because it affects the water supply to hospitals. Two of the most critical emergencies for a hospital are water down and power down times.

Sutter Memorial hospital's emergency electrical generators in their new downtown

Sacramento location are still located below ground level but they are situated in a vault like room that is constructed to protect them during a flood. Hospitals plan for 96 hour resilience, which means having sufficient water, fuel, and emergency power on hand to provide patient care for 96 hours until services are restored.

Hospital Emergency Plan organizational charts are modeled after the same Incident Command flow charts that counties and fire responders use. Communication across organizations has benefitted significantly by using this model and has eased the process of communication during actual emergencies.

8 Sacramento County Environmental Management Director's Report- Marie Woodin, Chief of Environmental Compliance

Mutual Aid from Sacramento County EMD was supplied to Calaveras County at their request.

9 Environmental News Review- Vice Chair Curran

10 Commissioners Comments:

Chair Link would like to see the Vision/ Mission Statement revision completed and set September 30th as the last day for commissioners to send in revisions. Chair Link will compile revisions and incorporate into the final document.

Action: Secretary to put the revised Mission Statement on October's agenda.

Chair Link expressed that he would like to commission to be aware of issues that are going before regional boards.

Action: Secretary to send the commission links of councils and boards so that the commissioners can sign up online to have the agenda notices emailed to them.

Chair Link mentioned that commissioners would benefit from watching the Mather Alliance presentation that took place at the Board of Supervisor's meeting on September 16th, 2015.

Commissioners are invited to John Rogers's retirement on October 22nd and would like to send a letter of appreciation for all his presentations to the SEC.

Commissioners requested a speaker on Vernal Pools at the next meeting.

11 Adjournment- Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m. The next meeting will be held on October 19th, 6:30p.m., at the Board of Supervisors Chambers, 700 H street, Sacramento, CA 95814

