

**Natural Resources Commission**  
**Minutes**  
**June 28, 2010**

**Commissioners:**

Present: Herman Boschken, Jennifer Holman, Mark Lubell, Dean Newberry (Chair),  
Mark Braly (Planning Commission Liaison)

Absent: Charles Ehrlich (excused), Doug Fetterly (excused),  
Adrienne Kandel (unexcused)

Staff: Sue Gedestad, Assistant PW Director  
Richard Tsai, Senior Utility Resource Specialist

Council Liaison: None Present

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**1. Roll Call**

**2. Approval of Agenda**

Staff announced item #8 has been pulled because staff was not present to discuss. Agenda was approved by consensus.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

Mark Lubell's name has a typo in the May minutes.  
Minutes of **May 24, 2010** were approved by consensus.

**4. Commission and Staff Announcements:**

Sue Gedestad made a request to place the Parking Lot Survey on the Long Range Agenda. Mitch Sears and Ken Hiatt are applying for a grant related to the survey and will be presenting it to City Council. In July Mitch Sears will be invited to the NRC meeting to discuss the grant.

Sue Gedestad reminded the commission that July 19<sup>th</sup> is the deadline to get the Hazardous Waste Site Report in the July agenda packet.

Staff will forward the State's Plastic Bag Bill information to the Zero Waste Sub-Committee.

**5. Council Liaison Comments:** Not present.

**6. Public Communications:** None

## Consent Calendar

7. A. **Long Range Calendar**

**Action:** Approved

## Regular Calendar

8. **Landscape Water Conservation Update**

This item was postponed and will be rescheduled.

9. **Woodburning Subcommittee Update**

Minor changes to the previous ordinance were proposed to include:

- Mandatory curtailment, instead of voluntary curtailment
- No 6 hour limitations because it is too difficult to enforce
- Allow EPA Phase 2 stoves to operate
- Create a 3<sup>rd</sup> category, adding pellet stoves to operate under prescribed conditions.

During public comment, Alan P. mentioned the California Air Resources Board (CARB) has data on East Davis' air quality and suggested allowing the use of pellet stoves when the wind is less than 5 mph and allowing EPA Phase 2 stoves to operate when the wind is between 5 and 10 mph.

Alan P. also noted that the Cool Davis Initiative is scheduled to be launched the fall, with the primary goal of focusing on the Low Carbon Diet. The City of Davis will observe "Day of Service" on October 9, 2010.

Staff requested a report from the Woodburning Subcommittee before July 19<sup>th</sup>.

10. **Zero Waste Subcommittee Update**

Dean Newberry is on the Zero Waste Subcommittee, but missed the last meeting and therefore was unable to provide an update.

During public comment Carolyn suggested refining the work on the Zero Waste Ordinance regarding the plastic bag ban, increased organic waste diversion and the composting of it, and extended producer responsibility, and taking it to City Council.

Jennifer Holman asked if the plastic bags collected at grocery stores are actually recycled.

Staff will bring the Extended Producer Responsibility Staff Report and Resolution to the July NRC meeting.

**Adjourn: 7:30 pm**