

# Natural Resources Commission

## Minutes

### October 27, 2008

#### Commissioners:

Present: Herman Boschken, Charles Ehrlich, Doug Fetterly, Brook Gale, Jennifer Holman (Vice-Chair), Adrienne Kandel, Kris Kordana (Planning Commission Liaison), Mark Lubell (Alternate), Dean Newberry

Absent: None

Staff: Sue Gedestad, Operations Administrator  
Bob Weir, Public Works Director

Council Liaison: Stephen Souza

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#### 1. Roll Call

#### 2. Approval of Agenda

Agenda was approved by consensus.

#### 3. Approval of Minutes of July 28<sup>th</sup> and September 22, 2008

Minutes of **July 28, 2008** were approved by consensus.

Minutes of **September 22, 2008** were approved by consensus with the following revision:  
Item 7 – the last sentence’s reference to bug life should read: taking into consideration bees and beneficial bug life, etc.

#### 4. Commission and Staff Announcements

Jennifer Holman had the new Commissioners, Doug Fetterly and Mark Lubell introduce themselves to the Commission and the public.

Sue Gedestad notified the Commission of the upcoming 5<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor project with project information on the city webpage.

#### 5. Council Liaison Comments

Stephen Souza welcomed the new commissioners and notified the Commission that Wednesday is the mid-point check-in on the Low Carbon Diet.

**6. Public Communications:** None

## Consent Calendar

- 7. A. Long Range Calendar**  
**Action:** Accepted
- B. Water Resources Association of Yolo County**  
**DRAFT Minutes from July 1, 2008**  
**Action:** Accepted
- C. New NRC Roster**  
**Action:** Edit removing (Alternate) from Charles Ehrlich

## Regular Calendar

**8. Wood Burning Restrictions Ordinance**

Dean Newberry discussed the main points of the draft ordinance and then opened the discussion for public comment.

Thomas Cahill, UCD Professor, presented his view of the wood smoke issue in Davis. He suggested a less stringent approach to the draft ordinance. Dr Cahill's proposal is attached as part of the minutes. He recommends postponing any ban for 1 year to 18 months to allow time to collect air quality data from equipment he will lend the City. In 18 months, review the data and look at the issues again.

Following Professor Cahill's comments, the floor was opened for 3-minute comments from the public. Twenty-four citizens got up and expressed their views on the issue. Twenty-two were not in favor of a ban but most would accept the "Don't Light Tonight" recommendations of Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District. One was in favor of a ban and one was in favor of some regulation.

After public comment, the Commission agreed to revisit the draft ordinance and come up with a less stringent ordinance including reviewing the eventual complete ban. The sub-committee was reactivated. Charles Ehrlich declined to continue on the subcommittee. Doug Fetterly and Brook Gale volunteered to be on the sub-committee along with Dean Newberry.

**9. Greenhouse Gas Emissions: Inventory Update, Davis Greenhouse Gas Emissions Targets, and Carbon Allowances for Residential Development**

Mitch Sears and Deb Niemeier, PhD, PE spoke about the revised GHG inventory and the reduction targets. The basic refinement for the inventory was using a “top down” approach. This means using State emissions information and working down to establish Davis inventory. On the target, the Commission took action to support the targets but to change column headings to State Requirement and City Target.

**10. Hazardous Waste Sites Report**

Bruce Kemp’s sites were reassigned as follows:

Mark Lubell has Frontier Fertilizer and Doug Fetterly has Old Davis Landfill and the LEHR site. Sue will send past reports and template to Doug and Mark.