

**Natural Resources Commission
Minutes
October 26, 2009**

Commissioners:

Present: Herman Boschken, Charles Ehrlich, Doug Fetterly,
Jennifer Holman (Chair), Adrienne Kandel,
Mark Lubell (Alternate), Dean Newberry (excused)

Absent: Brook Gale (excused),
Kris Kordana (Planning Commission Liaison) (excused)

Staff: Sue Gedestad, Assistant Public Works Director
Richard Tsai, Sr. Utility Resource Specialist
Mitch Sears, Sustainability Programs Manager
Linda Cano, Administrative Aid

Council Liaison: Stephen Souza (absent)

1. Roll Call

2. Approval of Agenda

Agenda was approved by consensus.

3. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of **July 27, 2009** were approved by consensus.

4. Commission and Staff Announcements:

Sue Gedestad, staff liaison, notified the Commission of the upcoming joint meeting with the City Council on December 15, 2009.

Adrienne Kandel notified the Commission that she may be resigning soon if some expected changes come through. She will provide a letter of resignation if the time comes.

Charles Ehrlich brought in a copy of "River Friendly Landscapes" put out by Sacramento Storm Water Quality Partnership. He would like to see the City provide copies of this book to citizens to encourage sustainable gardens.

Additionally, Charles wanted to congratulate Team California who went to Washington D.C.

and took first place on precepts developed from Village Homes.

5. Council Liaison Comments: None

6. Public Communications:

Mr. Travey Westland wanted to encourage the Commission to revisit green waste containerization. He believes that with containerization there would be fewer street sweeping days which would equate to a cost savings.

Allan Pryor mentioned that he was going to blog about this NRC meeting on the Vanguard.

Consent Calendar

7. A. Long Range Calendar

Action: Pulled to be discussed at the end of the agenda.

**B. U.S. EPA – Frontier Fertilizer Superfund Site
Cleanup Action Update Bulletin, Number 2**

Action: Received

**C. Comments on S. Fields' Assessment of LEHR Superfund Site BMP
Effectiveness**

Action: Received

Regular Calendar

8. Wood Burning Ordinance

Commission liaison, Sue Gedestad, gave an overview of the wood burning issue and where we are today.

Richard Tsai, Sr. Utility Resource Specialist, summarized the processes put in place for public notification of no burn days and the process for wood smoke complaints. Realizing that funds are limited, the following list of procedures was compiled:

- Updated webpage with a front page link to the Citizen Response Monitor to report a problem and "Is today a good day to burn?" that provides current information and links to YSAQMD website.
- Ability to phone and email complaints to both the City and YSAQMD – each entity will maintain a log of complaints
- Two articles in the Davis Enterprise
- Slides on the cable channel
- Enviro-flash sign-ups for daily emails alerts from YSAQMD
- December utility bill message
- Continual monitoring of developing issues

Matt Jones, Supervising Planner for YSAQMD, explained the criteria used to determine where the air monitors will be placed. Electricity, security and access are required for monitoring sites. There is one permanent monitor at UCD and YSAQMD is lending us two portable units, one donated by the Air Resources Board, for placement in areas where we received complaints last year.

Some Commissioners showed interest in a door hanger notification of the monitoring process in the areas of town where we received complaints last year. Also suggested was an advertisement at local movie theaters and the local radio station KDRT and KDVS, and an end of season survey of the neighborhoods near the monitoring sites for their input on the overall problem.

The Commission was sympathetic of the City's overall budget and the need to keep the costs to a minimum.

9. Final Recommendation on Draft Climate Action Plan (CAT)

Mitch Sears, Sustainability Programs Manager, brought the Commission up to date on the Draft Climate Action Plan and timeline for City Council approval, see below:

- Final recommendations in front of NRC in November
- In December City Council will receive NRC recommendations at the joint NRC/CC meeting on Dec. 15.

Mitch explained that the Commission is not being asked to take action at this time. The packet information that will be brought to the November NRC meeting will have more detail. At that time, the Commission will be asked to accept the CAT recommendations and to consider goal priority.

7. A. Long Range Calendar

Action: November meeting was moved from the 23rd to the 30th to allow more time for the preparation of the final Climate Action Plan.
A December 15th joint meeting with City Council was added.

Adjourn: 9:12 pm