

Minutes of the January 27, 2014, ECOS Board Meeting

President Rick Guererro called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Simeon Gant, Terry Preston, Ken Wilcox, Alex Kelter, Betsy Weiland, Glenn Destatte, John Deeter, Jon Ellison, Chris Lewis, Ron Maertz, Brandon Rose, Veronica Beatty, Melinda Bradbury, Matt Gagnon, Nate George, Earl Withycombe, Warren Harding, Tina Suarez-Murias, Sean Wirth, Margarita Colmenares, Nicole Nabuski, Kyle Lefton, Jim Brown, Rafael Aguilera, Rangineh Azimzadeh, Corin Choppin, Andy Sawyer.

ECOS Staff: Alexandra Reagan, Matt Baker

Guests: Brianna Diaz-Hite, Jerry Meral (Natural Heritage Institute), Ralph Propper, Yeshua Adonai, Efren Gutierrez, Mike Bradbury (Department of Water Resources), Susan Solarz, Jeff Harris, Sandra Lunsford, Mike Savino, Kyle Williams, Michael Lepore, Don Mooney

I. Elections

Jon Ellison introduced the candidates running for at large director. Motion (Sawyer, seconded by Wirth) that the board approve Rafael Aguilera, David Mogavero, Anny Huang, Melinda Bradbury, Barry Wasserman, Earl Withycombe, Kyle Lefton, Nicole Nabulsi and Margarita Colmenares as at large directors. Approved unanimously.

Jon also introduced the candidates recommended for ECOS officers and committee chairs:

Rick Guerrero, President
John Deeter, Treasurer
Andy Sawyer, Secretary
Ron Maertz, Land Use Committee Chair
Rob Burness and Sean Wirth, Habitat 2020 co-chairs
Brandon Rose and Alex Kelter, Organizational Development Committee co-chairs
Simeon Gant and Terry Preston, Transportation, Air Quality and Climate Change Committee co-chairs
Glenn Destatte, Food and Environmental Justice Committee chair

Motion (Withycombe seconded by Ellison): that the nominations be closed and that the recommended officers be appointed. Approved unanimously.

II. Agenda and Minutes

Motion (Wirth , seconded by Gant): that the board approve the agenda, as amended and the September 2013 board meeting minutes. Approved unanimously.

III. Bay/Delta Conservaton Plan (BDCP)

Jerry Meral, former Deputy Director for Natural Resources and now with the Natural Heritigate Institute, made a presentation on the BDCP. The BDCP is a habitat conservation plan for Delta habitat and for operation of the State Water Project (SWP) and the federal Central Valley Project (CVP).

Jerry gave a thorough presentation on the habitat conditions in the Delta, and explained the reasons tunnels are being proposed.

BDCP documents are available at baydeltaconservationplan.com.

Jerry answered questions from ECOS board members on a variety of issues including financing and effects on the Delta.

Jerry expressed a willingness to answer additional questions. He can be reached at jerrymeral@gmail.com

III. Reports

A. Land Use

Alex Kelter reported that he needs to receive input on the environmental impact report on the proposed arena by Friday, January 31, so that the can be incorporated into ECOS's comments

B. Treasurer's Report

The ECOS budget will be presented at the next board meeting.

John recommended that the board approve resolutions, in the wording required by the Sacramento Credit Union, to designate authorized signors, with John Deeter and Rick Guerrero authorized to sign for ECOS funds and John Deeter, Rick Guerrero, Sean Wirth, and Rob Burness authorized to sign for Habitat 2020 funds. Approved unanimously.

C. Office Manager

Rick Guerrero introduced new office manager Alexandra Reagan.

The meeting adjourned to closed session at 7:35 p.m.