

## **Draft Minutes of the November 23, 2015, ECOS Board Meeting**

President Rick Guerrero called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m., with an excerpt from the Wild and Scenic Film Festival.

Present:

Board Members: Rick Guerrero, Michael O'Sullivan, Brandon Rose, Jack Sales, John Deeter, Barry Wasserman, Glenn Destatte, Jon Ellison, Laurie Litman, Chris Lewis, Annie Huang, Alex Kelter, Warren Harding, Ralph Propper, Rob Burness, Ron Maertz, Earl Withycombe, Tina Suarez-Murias, Robin Kristufek, Mark Dempsey.

ECOS Staff: Alexandra Reagan, Matt Baker

Guests: Beverly Sales, Colin Bailey, Nailah Pope-Harden, Dale Steele, Alta Tura, Alan Kilgore, Michelle Pariset, Robert Coplin, Charissa Morningstar, Bob Saunders, Charley Duckworth, Janet Duckworth, Alexander Marshall, Cindy Pridmore, Greg Kassis, Randy Smith, Jennifer Wood, Suzanne Seivright, Chase Golding, Sandra Wagner

### **I. Agenda and Minutes**

Motion: (Maertz, seconded by Burness): that the agenda for the November 23, 2015, board meeting and the minutes of the September 28, 2015, board meeting be approved. Approved unanimously.

### **II. Water Issues**

Bob Saunders announced activities concerning bottled water, including the Nestle water plant.

Nailah Pope-Harden and Colin Bailey provided information concerning the Environmental Justice Coalition for Water. They would like to work with ECOS on capacity building. Rick Guerrero announced his intent to revitalize the ECOS Environmental Justice Committee

### **III. Future of Del Paso Regional Park**

Charley Duckworth made a presentation on Del Paso Regional Park. The City of Sacramento proposes to renovate Renfree Field to expand to 3000 seats, but proposes to sell the natural area in the park to the developers, who propose to use the area for overflow parking. The issue will be considered by the Land Use Committee.

### **IV. New Member Organization**

Sacramento Citizens Climate Lobby has requested to become an ECOS organizational member. Jennifer Wood summarized the work of the Sacramento Citizens Climate Lobby. Mark Dempsey will be their representative on the ECOS board. Motion (Sawyer, seconded by Withycombe) that the ECOS board approve the Sacramento Citizens Climate Lobby as an ECOS organizational member. Approved unanimously.

### **V. Board Elections**

## A. At-Large Board Members

Ten members have been nominated for at-large member of the ECOS board, and their biographies have been distributed to the ECOS membership. The nominees are Alan Kilgore, Anderson Tate, Anny Huang, Barry Wasserman, Charissa Morningstar, Genna Yarkin, Michelle Pariset, Moe Sarama, Robert Coplin, and Spencer Marshall. The nominees present made brief presentations. An opportunity for nominations from the floor was provided, and no additional nominations were offered. Motion: (Burness, seconded by Suarez-Murias), that the nominations be closed, that ECOS dispense with the need for a written ballot, and that the ten nominated candidates be elected. Approved unanimously by vote of the ECOS members.

## B. Officers

The nominating committee recommends the following officers:

President: Brandon Rose

Treasurer: Earl Withycombe

Secretary: Andy Sawyer

Immediate Past President: Rick Guerrero

Organizational Development Committee Chair: Melinda Bradbury

Co-Chairs of the Transportation, Air Quality and Climate Change Committee: Jon Ellison and John Deeter

Co-Chairs of the Land Use Committee: Ron Maertz and Alex Kelter

Co-Chairs of Habitat 2020: Rob Burness and Sean Wirth

An opportunity for nominations from the floor was provided, and no additional nominations were offered. Motion (Withycombe, seconded by O'Sullivan) that the nominations be closed, that ECOS dispense with the need for a written ballot, and that the nominated officers be approved. Approved unanimously.

## VI. Reports

### A. Treasurer's Report

Earl Withycombe distributed a Treasurers' Report. ECOS has expended about \$15,000 more than it has received over 2015.

The Sacramento Credit Union requires a resolution for a signature card. Motion (Maertz, seconded by Ellison) that the resolution be approved as distributed to the board members. Approved unanimously.

### B. Transportation, Air Quality and Climate Change

John Deeter reported that the Transportation, Air Quality and Climate Committee submitted comments on the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) metropolitan transportation plan (MTP) sustainable communities strategy (SCS). At its December 3, 2015 meeting, the committee will hear a presentation from Earl Withycombe on the relationship of S.B. 376 to the MTP. There will be community open houses about the notice of preparation on the green line to the airport.

### C. Land Use

Ron Maertz reported that the November land use committee report included a presentation by the proponents of the Sacramento Railyards project. The 12,000 housing units originally planned have been reduced to 6000 or less. The committee has submitted comments on the Azores project, the Folsom segment of the Southeast Connector, and the Elk Grove sphere of influence expansion.

### C. Habitat 2020

Rob Burness reported that Habitat is working with SACOG on a database to provide a regional inventory of open space.

### D. President's Report

Rick Guerrero thanked the board for their support during his tenure as President of the Environmental Council of Sacramento.

### VII. Announcements

The ECOS/Sierra Club holiday potluck will be on December 5 and the Shepard Garden and Arts Center at McKinley Park.

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.