

## **Minutes of the September 28, 2015, ECOS Board Meeting**

President Rick Guerrero called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Board Members: Rick Guerrero, Ken Wilcox, Mike Roskey, Earl Withycombe, Sean Wirth, Ron Maertz, Jon Ellison, Chris Lewis, Glenn Destatte, John Deeter, Alex Kelter, Bill Durston, Laurie Litman, Brandon Rose, Jack Sales, Melinda Bradbury, Annie Huang, Ralph Propper, Moselle DiPane, Dan Bacher, Tina Suarez-Murias, Rob Burness, Michael O'Sullivan.

ECOS Staff: Alexandra Reagan

Guests: Sandy Wagner, Robin Kristufek, Tanya Guerrero, Chris Brown, Jennifer Roget, Dale Steele, Michelle Pariset, Lilly Allen, Tom Gohring, Ronanld Stork, Robert Cuplin, Ann Kohl, Anita Razo, Beverly Sales, Janis Heple, Charissa Morningstar

### Agenda and Minutes

Motion (Maertz, seconded by Propper): that the agenda for the September 28, 2015, board meeting, as amended, and the minutes of the July, 2015, board meeting be approved.  
Approved unanimously.

#### I. Current Flow Management Standard for the American River

Tom Gohring, Water Forum Executive Director, spoke about the flow management standard (FMS) for the American River. He said that was one of seven things the Water Forum was concerned about and the least accomplished. The goal is the optimum flow standard (not too low or high) for wildlife and agriculture (for example, fish do not do well if flow is too low or water too warm). Tom said it is important to avoid a "dead pool" in Folsom Reservoir and a negative impact of the Sacramento River.

#### II. Twin Tunnel Update and Call to Action

Dan Bacher, a California Water Impact Network board member, spoke against the plan to create three tunnels to divert water from the Sacramento River under the delta to Southern California. The most recent plan came out July 9, 2015 and comments on the EIR/EIS are due October 30, 2015.

There was a motion by Ron Maertz, seconded by Rob Burness, that ECOS submit comments opposing the current plan to dig tunnels. The motion passed unanimously.

#### III. Current Business and Reports

- A. Nomination of At-Large Board Member - Genna Yarkin was nominated to fill a vacant at-large seat on the ECOS board of directors. There was a motion by Earl Withycombe, seconded by Ron Maertz, that Geena Yarkin be elected as an at-large board member. The motion passed unanimously.
- B. Board President Rick Guerrero nominated Earl Withycombe to serve as Board Treasurer and Jon Ellison to serve as Co-Chair of the Transportation, Air Quality and Climate

Change Committee, respectively, for remainder of 2015 Fiscal Year. There was a motion to that affect by Ron Maertz, seconded by Dan Bacher. The motion passed unanimously, except Earl and Jon abstained.

C. Treasurer's Report - Earl Withycombe reported since he had just taken over as board Treasurer, he was currently getting familiar with using a new system designed for nonprofits and would have a written budget report at the next board meeting.

D. Transportation, Air Quality and Climate Change committee

John Deeter reported that the TAQCC Committee met on June 4 and discussed comments to the state Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and federal Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for SACOG's Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Community Strategies (MTP/SCS), and will continue that discussion at the next meeting on October 1, 2015.

E. Land Use

Ron Maertz reported the Land Use Committee heard from opponents of the Rancho Murieta project. The project is early in the process. Modification of the Sacramento Railyards project will reduce planned housing by 6000 units. The Land Use Committee will invite the project proponents to its November 2015 meeting to discuss the issue.

F. Habitat Committee

Rob Burness thanked the board for voting to oppose the current tunnel project. Sean Wirth told us that the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors voted to take the Mather Field plan "back to the drawing board" to develop a better plan. This was a meaningful victory for advocates of maintaining essential vernal pools. The voluminous Bay Area Conservation Plan, that the Committee has been trying to get improved for several years, seems to not be effective.

G. Organizational Development Committee

Brandon Rose said the Committee had drafted a flyer designed to solicit renewed and initial ECOS memberships

H. President's Report

Rick Guerrero reminded all that the 2015 Environmentalist of the Year reception and awards ceremony will take place on October 13, 2015 at the Sierra health Foundation on Garden Highway beginning at 4:00 P.M. Rick said that planning for the 2016 Sacramento Earth Day celebration should begin

I. Announcements

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.