

## **Minutes of the May 23, 2016, ECOS Board Meeting**

President Brandon Rose called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Present:

Board Members: Brandon Rose, Rick Guerrero, John Deeter, Mark Dempsey, Michael O'Sullivan, Robert Coplin, Chris Lewis, Sandy Wagner, Sean Wirth, Earl Withycombe, Jon Ellison, Rob Burness, Charles Elliott, Dale Steele, Alex Kelter, Betsy Weiland, Jack Sales, Guy Hall, Ralph Propper, Michael Viscuso, Tina Suarez-Murias.

ECOS Staff: Alexandra Reagan.

Guests: Russell Rawlings, Glenn Destatte, Danuta Drozdowicz, Betsy Weiland, Kim Ryle, Lynn Goldsmith, Carrie Black, Bill Ziebron, Gene Endicott, Rich Radmacher, Rick Bettis, Hal Holland, Lynn Wheat, Paige Hamming, Martha Cowell.

### I. Agenda and Minutes

Motion (Burness, seconded by Wirth): that the agenda for the May 23, 2016, board meeting and the minutes of the March 28, 2016, board meeting be approved. Approved unanimously.

### II. South Sacramento Habitat Conservation Plan

Bill Ziebron and Rich Radmacher made presentation on the South Sacramento Habitat Conservation Plan. It is intended to be notices in the Federal Register this summer for public comment, with adoption in the summer of 2017. The plan has been twenty years in the making. It will be integrated with aquatic protection. The plan is to preserve large preserves and maintain interconnections among them. The plan will be financed solely through fees, but options are being negotiated in anticipation of acquiring important acreage.

Sean Wirth made a presentation about ECOS's concerns. The habitat conservation plan largely involves preserving large vernal pool networks outside the urban services boundary at the expense of vernal pools within the urban services boundary. Governance and climate change are major issues.

### III. Reports

#### A. Earth Day

Michael O'Sullivan reported that the Earth Day event was successful, with lower costs and higher revenues than before. There were about 170 vendors and sponsors. There were 87 EV test drives and over 1,000 individual discussions about EVs.

#### B. Treasurer

Earl Withycombe distributed a monthly recap of expenditures and revenues and a tracking to identify trends. We need to redouble our membership efforts.

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

John Deeter reported that the Transportation, Air Quality and Climate Change Committee is working on the transportation vision, Measure B, and Regional Transit service cuts. The next meeting will be June 2, at 6:00 p.m. at Mogavero Notestine.

#### D. Land Use

Alex Kelter reported that the Land Use Committee is working on the Natomas North Precinct notice of preparation, the Yamanee project, and the Railyards project. The next meeting will be at June 13, at 6:00 p.m., at Mogavero Notestine, and will focus on the Railyards.

#### E. Habitat 2020

Rob Burness reported that Habitat 2020 has been working on the South Sacramento Habitat Conservation Plan, implementation of the Connector settlement, and the Natomas North Precinct.

#### F. Organizational Development

Brandon Rose reported that Melinda Bradbury has prepared membership cards.

#### G. President

Brandon Rose reported that ECOS may need to switch to meeting the third Monday of the month.

#### IV. Roundtable

Mark Dempsey discussed the failings of the planning process in the region and proposals for reform.

Betsy Weiland reported that on Thursday, May 26 there will be forum at Effie Yeaw on the proposal for a conservancy for the lower American River.

Russell Rawlings reported that May 29 at 4:30 at McClatchy Park there will be a discussion with Russel and Darrell Steinberg on the mayor's race. On June 2 there will be a fundraiser at Red Rabbit for Organize Sacramento.

Lynn Goldsmith discussed the need to reorganize the region's transit system.

Guy Hall reported that there will be test drives of electric vehicles at the State Fair on July 21 and 22, and over 800 people stood in line in Rocklin to place a \$1,000 deposit for an unseen Tesla Model 3 to be delivered in two years.

The Sacramento Green Democrats April meeting will be on April 12 at 6:00 p.m. at SEIU

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.