



**ECOS Land Use Committee Meeting Minutes  
Monday March 14th, 2016  
Mogavero Architects 2012 K Street  
6:00 – 7:30 pm**

In attendance:

Ron Maertz, Land Use committee co-chair  
Alex Kelter, Land Use committee co-chair  
Rob Burness, Habitat committee co-chair  
Barry Wasserman, ECOS board member  
Andy Sawyer, ECOS  
Matt Baker, ECOS  
Lynne Goldsmith, ECOS  
Charissa Morningstar, ECOS  
Robert Meagher, ECOS  
Alexandra Reagan, ECOS  
Betsy Weiland, ECOS, SARA  
Brandon Rose, ECOS  
Molly Basinger

6:00 p.m. – Welcome, Introductions, Check-Ins, and Changes to Agenda

6:05 p.m. - AB 1716 Lower American River Conservancy  
Rob Burness, Betsy Weiland

This bill came as an idea from Sacramento City Councilmember Jeff Harris to local Assemblymember Kevin McCarty, who is working with Save the American River Association (SARA) on the language in the bill. As decided by the ECOS executive committee on March 7, 2016, the Save the American River Association has ECOS' support. ECOS has decided to provide support of AB 1716 with amendments consistent with SARA's concerns. Habitat 2020 will prepare the necessary support letter.

Concerns:

- The control should stay local; specifically, with the Board of Supervisors, who currently manages the parkway
- Geography of conservancy – Nimbus Dam?
- Funding also could support projects on adjacent properties – needs clarification in language

- The mention and meaning of Water quality control projects – we wouldn't want another intake to be approved for this funding. The funding should be more for water quality and fish habitat.

6:35 p.m. - Natomas Vision Hearing March 23rd  
Rob Burness and others

- Workshop is at 2pm on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Everyone who can should attend
- We are expecting the information on a regional hospital from the landowners' group tomorrow. I will forward that information as soon as I get it.
- The following appts with Board members are scheduled:
  - Tuesday, March 15th, 3 pm: Patrick Kennedy
  - Monday, March 21, 11 pm: Phil Serna
  - Monday, March 21, 12 or 12:30 pm: Don Nottoli
 If you can make any of these meetings, particularly if you live in any of the above Supervisors' districts, please let Rob know.
- We're working with Sac Bee editorial board and have reached out to Natomas community leaders.

6:50 p.m. - Elk Grove Kammerer Road SOI Notice of Preparation

Concerns

- The Need and the expansion of the Urban Services Boundary is not justified.
- Water shortage
- Habitat

7:00 p.m. - Project Updates –

- Del Paso Park. We don't support the expansion of parking into an open space area. Ron will draft a letter for Brandon Rose's signature.
- Connector
- Housing Elements
- Elk Grove SOI
- Mather Field Project. Splash is concerned about the water runoff from the highly-fertilized sports fields. Unrealistic project
- SACOG's MTP/SCS
- City General Plan Update
- Eastview Specific Plan and Annexation - Galt

- Other Projects

Ron Maertz, Rob Burness, Alex Kelter, Molly Basinger and Others

7:10 p.m. – Update on CEQA Revisions  
Andy Sawyer

The California Supreme Court has several California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) cases on its docket, but there have been no significant developments since the February meeting.

The deadline for introduction of bills in this session of the California Legislature was February 19. A number of CEQA weakening bills have been introduced. For example, SB 1414 (Bates) would exempt water storage projects from CEQA, but it is unlikely that anything like that could make it out of committee. Many of the newly introduced bills make only minor or meaningless changes but are intended to be amended later. Some bills are intended to encourage infill. AB 1886 (McCarty) may be an example of either or both. Currently, the CEQA exemption for transit priority projects consistent with a sustainable communities strategy requires that all parcels in the project have no than 25% of the parcel more than ½ mile from a transit stop or corridor. The bill would change that limitation to 50%. The change is minor, however, as the law would still require that no more than 10% of the housing units be more than ½ mile from the stop or corridor.

The Office of Planning and Research plans to release a draft proposal of changes to the CEQA Guidelines to implement SB 743 (Steinberg, 2013) this spring. The discussion draft file:///C:/Users/Andy/Downloads/Final\_Preliminary\_Discussion\_Draft\_of\_Updates\_Implementing\_SB\_743\_080614.pdf proposes two changes consistent with ECOS' views: 1) replacing level of service standards with consideration of vehicle miles travelled for land use projects; and 2) calling for evaluation induced vehicle travel for roadway capacity expansions.

7:15 p.m. – Project Monitoring – Review Robert Meagher's changes to Project Monitoring spreadsheet. Discuss criteria for project importance.

Please review:

<https://www.cubbyusercontent.com/pl/ECOS+Project+List/1b05859a14244240b38a93db8d940d94>

7:25 p.m. – Other Business and Announcements

7:30p.m. – Adjourn