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## ECOS Transportation, Air Quality & Climate Change Committee

Thursday, April 6th, 2017, 6:00 p.m.

Mogavero Architects, 2012 K Street, Sacramento

### Meeting Notes

**Attendance:** Mark Dempsey (CCL), Robert Coplin (DOGFITE), Rich Bettis (Breathe CA, LWV), Lynne Goldsmith (AARP), Nailah Pope-Harden (CROP), Delphine Cathcart (STAR), James Cathcart (STAR), Nancy Kitz, Guy Hall (Sac EV Assoc.), Brandon Rose (ECOS Pres.), Alex Reagan (ECOS staff), Ralph Propper (co-chair), John Deeter (co-chair). **Guest:** Larry Greene (SMAQMD).

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

6:05 p.m. -- Larry Greene, Executive Director,

#### [Sacramento Metro Air Quality Management District](#)

After a brief update of air district work, Larry will discuss:

- The interface between climate adaptation and air quality
- The climate struggle with EPA over the next few years.

**Greene: (PowerPoint [presentation](#).)** "There is NO Planet B." Larry is involved in the national AQ effort, and has attended global climate summits. There has been steady progress locally in meeting increasingly ambitious ozone standards. Likewise, for particulate matter (2.5 microns). Local programs include EV school bus, low income EV care sharing, Enhanced Fleet Modification Program (EFMP) to replace dirty cars with cleaner ones, and Community Toxics Grants program. A possible new program is funding from the VW settlement..

The **Capital Region Climate Readiness Collaborative (CRCRC)** is building a network for regional cooperation to share information, and to help members to identify, apply for, and access funding for projects. Projects include:

- Urban Heat Island Initiative to prepare for extreme heat reduce summertime energy use, and improve neighborhoods, with health benefits for elderly and low inc people
- Incorporate climate impacts into the 2016 Sac. Co. Local Hazard Mitigation Plan
- Engaging with Sac. Co. on its Communitywide Climate Adaptation Plan
- Participating in regional dialogue on the urban-rural upstream-downstream connections

**Cap and Trade:** Court of Appeals decision allows the CA Cap and Trade program to continue.

**Volkswagen settlement:** Finances mainly Zero Emission Vehicle programs at \$2B nationally, \$800M in CA. Supports transportation electrification and next generation of ZEVs. Support access to ZEVs including low income consumers in disadvantaged communities. Eligible investments include ZEV infrastructure, brand-

neutral education, ZEV access for all CA consumers. Green City initiative includes Sacramento as a designated recipient, with a second city composed primarily of disadvantaged communities. Initial focus on ZEV car share and delivery service.. **Question:** Can VW money be used for RT electric buses? **Greene:** No, but RT and SMAQMD have developed a grant proposal for electric on bus route 51 (Stockton Blvd) and are seeking funding.

**Federal situation:** Drastic cuts proposed for EPA funding: grants to states cut by 45%, EPA budget cut by 31%, EPA staff cut by 20%. Changes will be made by presidential orders, congressional actions, and agency actions. Some programs will be zeroed out.

**Question:** Greenhouse gas reduction target for SACOG region is difficult to meet. How is SMAQMD helping to meet the targets? **Greene:** We evaluate some sprawl projects. **Comment:** Jurisdictions should make sprawl projects more expensive than infill by requiring mitigation.

7:00 p.m. -- TAQCC Priorities for 2017

**Deeter:** how to involve members in activities between meetings? Suggestions for possible topics were provided in an e-mail message, and preferences can be indicated on a Doodle poll. Many TAQCC members currently involved in transit issues, including funding.

**Discussion:**

- Form focus (or working) groups to meet between meetings on specific topics
- Reserve time at meetings for reports on outside activities
- Does settlement with the Southeast Connector JPA limit ECOS's ability to oppose road funding? No, as long as we don't explicitly oppose funding for the Connector
- Immediate priority is to get more funding for transit (Son of Measure B, etc)

**Action:** Co-chairs will proposal for TAQCC activities between meetings for discussion at the May meeting.

**Action:** **Withycombe, Propper, and Hall** will write letter to ARB in support of its plan to use VW settlement funds.

7:20 p.m. – Other Business and Announcements / Possible topics for future meetings

- State transportation funding (SB 1)
- Sacramento Valley Station Master Plan
- Future of Sacramento Regional Transit
- Sacramento County Climate Action Plan
- ECOS Transportation Vision update
- City of Sacramento Bicycle Master Plan
- Tri-city proposed bike-share program

**Announcements:** Upcoming events (listed below).

7:30 p.m. – Adjourn

Next TAQCC meeting: Thurs, May 4th, 6:00 p.m., at Mogavero Architects, 2012 K St.

Other upcoming events of interest:

April 22, 10 am -- [Sacramento March for Science](#), teach-in at west steps of the Capitol

April 23, 11 am-4 pm -- [Sacramento Earth Day](#), Southside Park, 6th & T Sts.

April 29, 10 am -- [People's Climate Mobilization](#). March to Capitol Park, with speakers etc.  
May 13, 9 am -- [350 Sacramento](#) Community Forum, McGeorge School of Law