

Minutes of the March 27, 2018, ECOS Board Meeting

President Ralph Propper called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: ECOS Board Members: Ralph Propper, Michael O'Sullivan, Neil Matouka, John Deeter, Lynne Goldsmith, Ron Maertz, Earl Withycombe, Alex Kelter, Betsy Weiland, Brandon Rose, Tina Suarez-Murias, Kristen Peck, Andy Sawyer.

Guests: Heather Fargo, Jude Lamare, Mike Eaton, Spencer Marshall, Craig Segall, Oscar Balaguer, Jim Pacht, Alexandra Ramirez, Scarlett Bustos, Dyane Osorio, Karen Foss, Brian Broumaz, Zyla Castañon, Niki Bell, Beilul Naizghi, Erica Jaramillo, Alora Schlutz, Larisa Flores, Marilyn Menard, Lilly Allen.

ECOS Staff: Alexandra Reagan, Matt Baker

I. Agenda and Minutes

Motion (Withycombe, seconded by Matouka): that the agenda of the March 27, 2018, ECOS board meeting, as amended, and the minutes of the January 23, 2018, board meeting, as amended be approved. Approved unanimously.

II. Looking Back, Looking Forward: A Conversation with ECOS leaders from the 1980s

Jude Lamare discussed how ECOS helped her to move from being an academic to being an activist. Jude first got involved with the Modern Transit Society. Jude discussed the Bushy Lake controversy, and how getting involved in ECOS, and working with people involved in habitat issues, broadened her perspective and the scope of her work.

Jude suggested a 50th anniversary event for 2021.

Mike Eaton said he got his start with ECOS at the recommendation of Ann Rudin. A big issue during Mike's tenure as ECOS president was North Natomas. Mike later got involved in South Sacramento County and Cosumnes River related issues.

Heather Fargo got involved in ECOS, and in electoral politics, through her activism in Natomas issues.

Heather suggested an annual state of the environment event.

III. Treasurer's Report and ECOS Budget

Earl Withycombe distributed a current Treasurer's report and a proposed budget. Motion (Sawyer, seconded by Maertz) that the ECOS Board of Directors approve the budget as proposed. Approved unanimously.

IV. ECOS At-Large Board Membership

Motion (Sawyer, seconded by Goldsmith): that the ECOS Board of Directors appoint Craig Segall as an at large ECOS board member. Approved unanimously.

V. Reports

A. Transportation, Air Quality and Climate Change

John Deeter reported that at its March meeting the Transportation, Air Quality and Climate Change Committee heard from the Sacramento Council of Governments' (SACOG) Clint Holtzen about the Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS), which is part of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). John wants to form a committee that works intensively on this issue. At upcoming meetings, the Transportation, Air Quality and Climate Change Committee will discuss the SR 51 project and autonomous vehicles. The April meeting will be held on April 5 at 6:00 p.m. at Mogavero Architects.

B. Land Use

Alex Kelter reported that the Land Use Committee's next meeting will be April 9, at 6:00 p.m. at Mogavero Architects. The committee's foci for upcoming meetings will include three areas. One is the proposed Natomas North Precinct development, which includes over 20,000 housing units, north of North Natomas, with no transit. It is inconsistent with the SCS, and because it is outside the county urban services boundary, will require the support of four County Supervisors for approval. Another is the Jackson Highway corridor. The third is the Elk Grove sphere of influence expansion (Elk Grove SOI).

A petition for reconsideration of the Elk Grove SOI will be heard by the Sacramento Area Local Area Formation Commission (LAFCO) on April 4. at 5:30 p.m. at 700 H. St.

C. Habitat 2020

Matt Baker reported that the Elk Grove SOI has been a major focus of Habitat 2020.

D. President

Ralph Propper reported on the Highway 50 litigation and on plans for Earth Day. We need additional volunteers for Earth Day,

VI. Announcements

ECOS is supporting the March for Science marchforsciencesacramento.com, April 14, 2018. This will be in conjunction with Tax March Sacramento taxmarchsacramento.org, which is protesting the opening of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) to drilling, and end of incentives for renewable energy, in the federal tax cut law. Meet at the capitol west steps at 10:30 a.m.

The Sacramento Natural Food Coop has tokens for contributions to environmental groups. Be sure and participate and support ECOS.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.