

## Minutes of the November 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, Ron Maertz, Earl Withycombe, Jon Ellison, Guy Hall, Chris Lewis, Alex Kelter, Sophie Wenzlau, Beilul Naizghi, John Deeter, Robert Meagher, Chase Kelly-Reif, Lynne Goldsmith, Dale Steele, Brandon Rose, Andy Sawyer.

Guests: Tony Gonzalez, Lauren Curtis, Chris Brown, Nailah Pope-Harden, Oscar Balaguer, Joshua Cameron, Melinda Hanson, Jeff Miller.

ECOS Staff: Alexandra Reagan

### I. Agenda and Minutes

Motion (Maertz, seconded by Ellison): That the agenda of the November 27, 2018, ECOS board meeting and the minutes of the September 25, 2018 board meeting, as amended, be approved. Approved unanimously.

### II. Electric Vehicles

Tony Gonzalez, with the firm of London & Gonzalez Advocacy, representing Electrify America (a subsidiary of Volkswagen North America) made a presentation on increasing access to and use of electric vehicles. The Volkswagen litigation settlement includes \$2 billion, to be spent over ten years nationwide, for zero emission vehicles (ZEV). An initial focus initially is on charging stations. Another is on education and awareness.

Electrify America has selected Sacramento for a \$44 million Sac-to Zero Initiative. This includes a ZEV car share program, charging infrastructure, and a ZEV Bus/Shuttle. The ZEV bus/shuttles will be between the U.C. Medical Center and the U.C. Davis campus, and an on-demand service along Franklin Boulevard.

Guy Hall, with Sacramento Electric Vehicles (SacEV) discussed efforts to promote electric vehicles in Sacramento. This includes building standards to provide for vehicle recharging in new development.

Drive Electric Earth Day will be in April, 2019.

### III. President's Report

Ralph Propper reported that he attended the kickoff for the mayors' climate commission. Ralph also reported that the actions the Air Resources Board has determined to be necessary to combat climate changes are measures ECOS has been supported for many years.

### IV. ECOS Board Election

Jon Ellison reported that the following have been recommended for at large board members:

Sophie Wenzlau

Beilul Naizghi  
Lynne Goldsmith  
Neil Matouka  
Ron Maertz  
Spencer Marshall

In addition, Nailah Pope-Hardin and Chris Brown volunteered.

Neil Matouka has declined to run for reelection.

Motion (Withycombe, seconded by Kelter): that Sophie Wenzlau, Belul Naizghi, Lynne Goldsmith, Ron Maertz, Spencer Marshall, Nailah Pope-Hardin, and Chris Brown be approved as ECOS at-large board members. Voted on by ECOS members, the motion was approved unanimously.

The following have been recommended as ECOS Officers for 2019:

Ralph Propper, Board President  
Brandon Rose, Immediate Past President  
Earl Withycombe, Treasurer  
Andy Sawyer, Secretary  
John Deeter, Chair of Transportation, Air Quality and Climate Change Committee  
Robert Burness, Co-Chair of Habitat 2020 Committee  
Sean Wirth, Co-Chair of Habitat 2020 Committee  
Alex Kelter, Co-Chair of Land Use Committee  
Robert Meagher, Co-Chair of Land Use Committee  
Jon Ellison, Co-Chair of Organizational Development Committee  
Craig Segall, Co-Chair of Organizational Development Committee

Motion (Maertz, seconded by Sawyer) that the recommended officers be approved. Approved unanimously.

## V. Reports

### A. Treasurer

Earl Withycombe distributed a current income and expense statement. Earl reported that because of reduced sponsorship at the Environmentalist of the Year event, ECOS needs additional contributions. Earl advocated signing up for monthly donations.

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

John Deeter reported that its October meeting the Transportation, Air Quality and Climate committee meeting heard an update on the Capital City Freeway Project. At its November meeting, the committee heard an update from Sacramento Regional Transit (RT) on its RT Forward initiative. The next committee meeting is scheduled for December 6, but may be canceled. At its January 3 meeting, the committee will hear an update on San Joaquin passenger train planning, including proposed stops in the Sacramento area.

### C. Land Use

Alex Kelter reported that at its November meeting the Land Use Committee heard a presentation on U.C. Davis's plans for Aggie Square, on Stockton Boulevard. The next meeting will be on December 10, which may include a presentation on working with the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) on land use issues. The committee is also working on issues relating to use of surplus lands for housing.

#### E. Organizational Development

The Organization Development Committee will meet on November 30.

#### V. Announcements

Environmentalists Holiday Party will be held at Shepard Garden and Art Center, McKinley Park, starting at 6:00 p.m. December 1. Additional information and a link to RSVP are on the ECOS website. <https://www.ecosacramento.net/2018/11/environmentalists-holiday-party-2/> RSVP's are necessary so the party organizers can plan. In addition, volunteers are needed to help set up and cleanup. Contact Barbara Leary at [barbaraleary@comcast.net](mailto:barbaraleary@comcast.net) if you volunteer.

On December 2 the Upcyclepop Spark event will be held at 7300 Folsom Blvd. from noon to 6:00 p.m. Additional information is on the ECOS website.  
<https://www.ecosacramento.net/2018/11/upcycle-pop-spark-eco-holiday-market/>

Nailah Pope-Hardin announced the last Environmental Justice Ally Workshop will be at 6:00 p.m. November 29 at Breath California. Additional information is on the ECOS website.  
[https://www.ecosacramento.net/event/environmental-justice-ally-workshop-creating-inclusive-organizations/?instance\\_id=743748](https://www.ecosacramento.net/event/environmental-justice-ally-workshop-creating-inclusive-organizations/?instance_id=743748)

Chris Lewis announced CNPS testing of wildflower seeds at burn areas.

Chris Brown reported that on December 3 there will be a hearing at the capital put on by the poor peoples' campaign on environmental devastation. On December 5 at 6:30 at Organize Sacramento the climate emergency declaration campaign will be launched. Additional information is on the ECOS community calendar.  
<https://www.ecosacramento.net/get-involved/calendar/>

Environmental Democrats will meet at 6:30 November 29.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.