

Minutes of the January 22, 2019, ECOS Board Meeting

President Ralph Propper called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

Present: ECOS Board Members: Ralph Propper, Michael O'Sullivan, Robert Meagher, Craig Segall, Nailah Pope-Harden, Chris Brown, Jack Sales, Alex Kelter, Linda Sanford, Ron Maertz, Earl Withycombe, Betsy Weiland, Rob Burness, Jon Ellison, Sophie Wenzlau, Beilul Naizghi, John Deeter, Spencer Marshall, Chase Kelly-Reif, Lynne Goldsmith, Mike Roskey, Tina Suarez-Murias, Andy Sawyer.

Guests: Phil Serna, Kevin McCarty, Dyane Osorio, Danuta Droz Dowicz, Jaclyn Moreno, Denise McCoy, Asael Sala, Molly Wright, Beverly Sales, Shaun Dillon, Christine Bailey, Ellen Reddy, Jackie Cole, Oscar Balaguer, Joshua Cameron.

ECOS Staff: Alexandra Reagan, Matt Baker

I. Agenda and Minutes

Motion (Burness, seconded by Maertz): That the agenda of the January 22, 2019, ECOS board meeting and the minutes of the November 27 2018, board meeting, as amended, be approved. Approved unanimously.

II. New Board Officers

Motion (Segall, seconded by Withycombe): that the ECOS Board appoint Jon Ellison as co-chair of the Transportation Air Quality and Climate Change Committee and Sophie Wenzlau as co-chair of the Organizational Development Committee. Approved unanimously.

III. Key Environmental Issues Facing Sacramento

Assembly member Kevin McCarthy, who represents the 7th Assembly District, which includes about two-thirds of the City of Sacramento, plus West Sacramento, spoke on the state environmental landscape, and some specific issues he is working on. He emphasized the relationships among transportation, housing and greenhouse gas emissions. He will introduce legislation requiring local governments to meet housing and sustainability goals as a condition of transportation funding. He will also be working on legislation to reduce food related waste.

Sacramento County Supervisor and California Air Resources Board member Phil Serna summarized his work on environmental issues, including opposition to the Cordova Hills project and support for plastic bag ban, which the county adopted before it was adopted statewide. Supervisor Serna discussed a variety of issues including air quality, land use and homelessness.

IV. Reports

A. Treasurer

Earl Withycombe distributed a current income and expense statement and a cash flow analysis. Earl emphasized the need for additional revenues. We need to work to get more sponsorships for Earth Day. The end of the year appeal letter generated about \$3400, but that

largely reflected donations from two board members.

Earl reported that he will prepare a proposed budget after receive confirmation of whether ECOS will receive a grant from the California Endowment, which will be incorporated into proposed budget.

The Organizational Development Committee presented a proposed resolution on board member dues. Motion (Ellison, seconded by Withycombe) that the ECOS board adopt the resolution in concept, with review by the executive committee and presentation of specific language at the March board meeting. Approved unanimously.

B. Transportation, Air Quality and Climate Change

John Deeter distributed a report of Transportation, Air Quality and Climate Committee accomplishments in 2018 by email. The committee will be working on greenhouse reduction efforts, the Capital City Freeway Project, the proposed countywide transportation tax, and autonomous vehicles, among other issues. The next meeting is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. February 7, 2019 at Mogavero Architects, 2012 K St.

C. Land Use

Alex Kelter reported that at its January 14 meeting, the Land Use Committee discussed several issues, including the Upper Westside (Natomas Boot) Specific Plan. Alex asked how many board members are interested in a training on preparing comments on land use proposals. The next committee meeting will be on Monday, February 11 at Mogavero Architects..

E. Habitat 2020

Rob Burness reported that Habitat 2020 has submitted letters to SAFCA and the Regional Water Association supporting their efforts towards capturing winter flood flows for input to a regional groundwater banking system, noting that environmental benefits need to be part of that system and requesting to participate in working groups on the issue. The committee is also reviewing a proposed hospital adjacent to the Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge.

F. Organizational Development

On January 29, 2019, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. the Organizational Development Committee will host an event with organizational members at Urban Roots Brewery. Regular meetings of the Organizational Development Committee are at New Helvetia at 6:00 p.m. the third Monday of the month.

V. Announcements

Chris Brown reported that the Sacramento Climate Coalition is joining other organizations in pushing for a climate emergency declaration. The draft will be presented to ECOS for endorsement.

Tina Suarez-Murias announced that February 2, in Galt, is the Winter Birds Festival.

Sacramento Earth Day will be April 28. We need more volunteers to help on planning.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.