

## **Minutes of the March 24, 2019, ECOS Board Meeting**

President Ralph Propper called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Present: ECOS Board Members: Ralph Propper, Michael O'Sullivan, Craig Segall, Veronica Beaty, Chris Brown, Dale Steele, Jack Sales, Alex Kelter, Linda Sanford, Ron Maertz, Earl Withycombe, Rob Burness, Jon Ellison, Sophie Wenzlau, John Deeter, Sean Wirth, Chase Kelly-Reif, Marco Pavlovic, Andy Sawyer.

Guests: Katie Smet, Muriel Strand, Nick Bonzi, Timberly Foster, Beverly Sales, Hamsa Hasuum, Jay Franco, Nancy Hughett, Ava Asher.

ECOS Staff: Alexandra Reagan

### **I. Agenda and Minutes**

Motion (Withycombe, seconded by O'Sullivan): the minutes of the January 22, 2019, ECOS board meeting, as amended, be approved. Approved unanimously. The agenda of the March 24, 2019, ECOS board meeting was approved by unanimous consent.

### **II. Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT) Assessment**

Organizational Development Committee Co-Chairs Craig Segall and Sophie Wenzlau led a discussion identifying strengths, weaknesses, threats and opportunities for ECOS. Craig and Sophie will provide a summary of the exercise within two weeks. They requested continuing engagement on follow through.

### **III. Climate Emergency Declaration**

Chris Brown reported that the Transportation, Air Quality and Climate Change Committee recommends ECOS endorsement of adoption of a climate change emergency resolution by the City of Sacramento. Motion: (Burness, seconded by Wirth): That the ECOS board support adoption of the climate emergency resolution by the City of Sacramento and adoption of similar resolutions by other jurisdictions in the region. Approved unanimously.

### **IV. Reports**

#### **A. Treasurer**

Earl Withycombe distributed a current income and expense statement. Earl reported that ECOS has increased the number of donors who donate monthly.

ECOS has received a grant from the California Endowment. Earl will prepare a proposed budget after he incorporates information concerning the grant.

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

Jon Ellison made a presentation to the Transportation, Air Quality and Climate Committee on reviewing and commenting on environmental documents at the committee's February 2019 meeting. The committee also discussed the need for update of ECOS's transportation vision,

and is working on preparing a statement of principles which will be discussed at the next committee meeting, scheduled for 6:00 p.m. April 4, 2019 at Mogavero Architects, 2012 K St. The meeting will also include an update on the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS).

### C. Land Use

Alex Kelter reported that at its March meeting the Land Use Committee heard a presentation from SACOG on its Green Means Go program, which would give cities and counties authority to designate environmental opportunity zones to promote infill. The next committee meeting will be on Monday, April 8 at Mogavero Architects. Jon Ellison will make a presentation on review and comment on environmental documents.

The current issue of *Sacramento News & Review* includes an article on the proposed downzoning of land near the U.C. Davis medical center. ECOS submitted comments in opposition.

### E. Habitat 2020

Rob Burness reported that Habitat 2020 is working on an online tool to evaluate the effect when habitat is converted to urban use. The effort is funded through mitigation funding secured through ECOS's litigation challenging the Southeast Connector. Habitat 2020 also has a seat on the committee providing input on implementation of the South Sacramento Habitat Conservation Plan. The next Habitat 2020 meeting will be on April 2, 2019. Issues include the Upper Westside (Natomas Boot) Specific Plan, which would convert to urban uses land designated for preservation in the Natomas Basin Habitat Conservation Plan.

### V. Announcements

Earth Day will be on April 29. We need additional volunteers, especially for setup and takedown. Volunteers can sign up at <https://www.ecosacramento.net/about-us/our-work/events/sacearthday/volunteer/>.

The Sacramento Natural Foods Co-Op donates to non-profits based on user preferences as designated at the front desk. People can do so through Earth Day.

Thursday March 28, from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. there will be an open house on the new I Street bridge. There is a need to include consideration of impacts on fish and wildlife.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.