

## **Minutes of the May 28, 2019, ECOS Board Meeting**

President Ralph Propper called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Present: ECOS Board Members: Ralph Propper, Robert Meagher, Michael O'Sullivan, Craig Segall, Chris Brown, Jack Sales, Alex Kelter, Linda Sanford, Ron Maertz, Earl Withycombe, Nailah Pope-Harden, Brandon Rose, John Deeter, Sean Wirth, Chase Kelly-Reif, Laurie Littman, Andy Sawyer.

Guests: Muriel Strand, Timothy Irvine, Beverly Sales, Theresa Bible, Nevach Kizer, Bill Frazier, Camille Chappelle, Sue Teranishi, Sarra Falakfarsa, Norman Hom, Kirin Kumar, Vicky Maria, Maria Salinas, Laura Delight, Bob Magnuson, Noah Painter, Julia Dollott, Susan Herre, Glenda Marsh.

ECOS Staff: Alexandra Reagan

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

Motion (Wirth, seconded by Maertz): that the minutes of the March 24, 2019, ECOS board meeting and the agenda of the May 28, 2019, ECOS board meeting be approved. Approved unanimously.

### **II. Transportation Ballot Measure**

Norman Hom, Executive Director of the Sacramento Transportation Authority (STA) gave a history of local transportation agencies and previous sales tax for transportation measures in Sacramento County—Measures A and B. STA has hired a consultant, Townsend Calkin Tapio, to prepare an expenditure plan and ballot language for another measure. STA will decide whether to go forward in the Spring of 2020. ECOS Board members discussed the need for adequate public engagement and developing a plan consistent with that input.

Kirin Kumar, Walk Sacramento, talked about the need for a bottom up approach to developing a transportation funding plan. Measure M in Los Angeles County is a good model as to how to proceed, with an inclusive and iterative process. Another important lesson is to be consistent with the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS). SacMoves, a group of environmental organizations that includes ECOS, has been working on the transportation funding issue.

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

Organizational Development Committee Co-Chair Craig Segall presented recommendations for strengthening ECOS, based on the SWOT assessment. These include recommendations concerning membership recruitment and retention, improved financial management and tracking, and improved value for members and member organizations. The board members expressed general support for the recommendations, while recognizing that some will be difficult to achieve in the short run.

Craig summarized that a next step is to develop a workplan.

### **IV. ECOS Board Member**

The executive committee recommends Michael O'Sullivan and Susan Herre as at large board members. Motion (Sawyer, seconded by With) that the ECOS board appoint Michael O'Sullivan and Susan Herre as at large board members. Approved unanimously.

## V. Reports

### A. Treasurer

Earl Withycombe distributed a current income and expense statement. Earl reported that ECOS has received a grant from the California Endowment.

Earth Day income is expected to be \$31,000. Expenditures were approximately \$7900.

Earl will prepare a proposed budget to the Executive Committee and the ECOS Board.

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

Jon Deeter reported that at its May meeting the Transportation, Air Quality and Climate Committee heard a presentation by Christina Lokke on the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) Green Means Go campaign. ECOS submitted comments on SACOG's Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS). The next committee meeting will be on Thursday, June 6 at Mogavero Architects.

### C. Land Use

Alex Kelter reported that at its May meeting the Land Use Committee discussed a report on potential for redevelopment of underperforming commercial properties. The committee also discussed how to make effective use of volunteers. The next meeting will be on June 10. Jonathan London will discuss the Aggie Square development.

### D. Habitat 2020

Sean Wirth reported that Habitat 2020 is working on the open space conservation strategy with U.C. Davis. Habitat 2020 will have representation on the implementation steering committee for the South Sacramento Habitat Conservation Plan. The committee is still working on Mather Field and Stone Lakes National Refuge issues. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 4, at Mogavero Architects.

### E. President

Ralph Propper reported that as part of ECOS' comments on the NOP for the SACOG MTP SCS update he observed that we are disappointed with the extent of funds for roads, with neglect of transit.

## V. Announcements

Andy Sawyer announced the Sierra Club California fundraising house party June 5. For additional information contact [AndySawyer@aol.com](mailto:AndySawyer@aol.com).

Chris Brown announced that the climate emergency committee meeting will have a meeting Thursday, May 30 to launch its campaign.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.