



ECOS Transportation, Air Quality & Climate Change Committee

Thursday, August 8, 2019, 6:00 p.m.

Mogavero Architects, 1331 T Street, Sacramento

Note new address

Meeting Notes

6:00 p.m. – Welcome, Introductions, Check-Ins, and Changes to Agenda

Attendance: Lynne Goldsmith (ECOS, 350 Sac), Muriel Strand, Mike Garabedian (Placer County Tomorrow), Rick Castro (Eye on Sacramento), Guy Hall (Sacramento Electric Vehicle Assn.), Susan Herre (ECOS), Ralph Propper (ECOS President), Jon Ellison (TAQCC co-chair), John Deeter (TAQCC co-chair).

6:05 p.m. – Report on the Mayors' Commission on Climate Change – Ralph Propper

Last November at the first meeting of the Mayors' Commission on Climate Change, the mayors of Sacramento and West Sacramento set forth a challenge for their cities to achieve the State's 2045 Carbon Zero goal. The Commission is made up of about 30 members with three technical advisory groups (TAC) that focus on the built environment and mobility (as top greenhouse gas emitters) and on health outcomes and resiliency. The TACs' recommended strategies for achieving the 2045 Carbon Zero goal will be brought to the full Commission for consideration.

On August 1, 2019, the Commission held its fourth meeting. Ralph is a member of the Mobility TAC whose draft recommendations include expedited implementation of zero-emission vehicles, active transportation byways, and used of shared mobility, as well as more transit-oriented development thanks to Ralph's efforts to garner support for integrated planning for transit and infill development.

The Commission may establish a Funding/Finance TAC to identify ways to generate revenue to fund the programs and projects suggested by the other TACs. The first set of TAC recommendations should be finalized before the end of the year.

6:15 p.m. – Other matters --

John Deeter reported on the Executive Committee's consideration of the draft ECOS Transportation Vision. A few changes were suggested, particularly to expand the background on air pollution and health effects. The Vision subcommittee will work on incorporating these suggestions.

Ralph Propper has been in touch with former plaintiffs and appellants in the case Cleveland National Forest Foundation v. San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) in which the California Supreme Court of California found in July of 2017 that the SANDAG EIR failed to adequately analyze the plan's impacts on greenhouse gas emissions and climate change.

Ralph has been in touch with plaintiffs in Sierra Club, Center for Biological Diversity et al.v. County of San Diego in which environmental groups challenged San Diego County's Climate Action Plan for not achieving emissions reduction goals set by state policy. This case is an important reference for the Capital Action Plans now being developed by Sacramento County and Elk Grove. Ralph has met with planners and elected supervisors to discuss the Sacramento County Climate Action Plan.

6:30 p.m. – Zero-emission vehicles (ZEV) – Guy Hall

Guy attended the Mayors' Commission on Climate Change and reinforced Ralph Propper's report above. He discussed the importance of zero-emission vehicles to the achievement of the 2045 Carbon Zero goal. Guy will write up a fact-sheet on ZEVs and send it to John Deeter.

6:45 p.m. – Placer County highway expansion projects -- Mike Garabedian

Mike reviewed the plans for a new Placer Parkway from SR99 to the City of Lincoln, and the widening of SR65 and Roseville Placer Parkway. All of these improvements are already in SACOG's Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (MTP/SCS) despite the fact that the follow-on development will not conform to the principles of the SCS as described in SB375. He asked for ECOS assistance in raising awareness among the citizens in Placer County of the implications of the highway widenings.

7:10 p.m. – Midyear review for refocusing the TAQCC Committee

TAQCC goals for the next year -- Jon Ellison (and others) suggested that TAQCC take the lead on:

- Review of SACOG's EIR on the Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (MTP/SCS)
- Review of Sacramento County's Climate Action Plan
- Work with City of Sacramento to encourage use/purchase of ZEVs through incentives such as parking (Guy Hall?)
- Pursue the idea of fees to mitigate indirect sources of emissions (Ralph Propper?)
- Develop educational materials from TAQCC on a variety of topics such as what is SACOG, what is a Climate Action Plan, ZEVs, etc. A number of months ago, Jon Ellison developed a guide to the review of environmental documents – this should be included in any set of educational materials, guides, fact sheets.

Refocusing TAQCC – Susan Herre asked if TAQCC can or should take action on air quality and climate change issues more than it does now; is it reasonable that transportation-land use integration is where the TAQCC Committee puts most of its efforts.

7:25 p.m. – Report on Sacramento Transportation Authority (STA) Board Meeting, August 8 – (Deeter and Propper) Said the need to generate local funding to match state and federal funding was discussed. And the topic of unmet transportation needs was discussed by:

- SacRT – railcar replacement
- Sacramento Regional Rail Working Group – needs support to run trains on Mid-town line
- SMART Sacramento Metro Advocates for Rail and Transit
- Air Quality Management District
- Paratransit

The SacMoves Coalition called for bottom-up support for the sales tax measure on the 2020 ballot to fund transportation. A meeting next Friday will be held with STA's consultants to discuss the proposed citizen poll or survey.

7:45 p.m. (approx.) – Adjourn

Next TAQCC meeting: Thurs., Sept. 5, 6:00 p.m., Mogavero Architects, 1331 T St.

Other upcoming events of interest:

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