

Minutes of the July 23, 2019, ECOS Board Meeting

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

Present: ECOS Board Members: Ralph Propper, Robert Meagher, Michael O'Sullivan, John Deeter, Laurie Litman, Susan Herre, Dale Steele, Chris Brown, Ron Maertz, Jack Sales, Alex Kelter, Lynne Goldsmith, Sean Wirth, Chase Kelly-Reif, Marko Pavlovic, Sophie, Wenzlau, Nailah Pope-Harden, Betsy Weiland, Jon Ellison, Tina Suarez-Murias, Andy Sawyer.

Guests: Julia Burrows, Louis Stewart, Carol Davydova, Matt Egan, Gabriel Balensteffer, Muriel Strand, Ted Rauh, Colene Rauh, Oscar Balaguer Beverly Sales, Joshua Cameron, Sarra Falakfarsa, Tinn Lee.

ECOS Staff: Alexandra Reagan, Matt Baker.

I. Agenda and Minutes

Motion (O'Sullivan, seconded by Maertz): that the minutes of the May 28, 2019, ECOS board meeting and the agenda of the July 23, 2019, ECOS board meeting be approved. Approved unanimously.

II. City of Sacramento Handling of Environmental Concerns

Julia Burrows, Senior Policy Advisor to Mayor Darrell Steinberg, City of Sacramento, talked about the transition to a low carbon future. An important issue is electrification of the built environment. This includes elimination of natural gas connections for new construction and retrofit of existing structures. This also includes increased use of electric vehicles.

Julia discussed the issue of regional actions, including climate action plans in the jurisdictions within the region.

Sean Wirth highlighted the need to protect habitat. Ralph Propper emphasized the need to reduce vehicle miles traveled.

Lewis Stewart, the City of Sacramento's Chief Innovation Officer, made a presentation on Aggie Square. He emphasized the need to address the larger corridor in the vicinity, including the need for affordable housing. Alex Kelter emphasized the need to avoid downzoning in the area.

III. ECOS Board Members

Gabriel Balensteffer and Tinn Lee have volunteered to be ECOS board members. Motion (Sawyer, seconded by Wirth): that the ECOS board appoint Gabriel Balensteffer and Tinn Lee as at large board members.

IV. Reports

A. Treasurer

Earl Withycombe distributed a treasurer's report by email.

B. Transportation, Air Quality and Climate Change

Jon Deeter reported the Transportation, Air Quality and Climate Committee is working on an update of the ECOS transportation vision, which was a focus of discussion at its July 11 meeting. John summarized the proposed transportation vision, which will be considered for approval at an upcoming ECOS executive committee meeting. Motion (Deeter, seconded by Wirth): that the committee receive comments on the draft vision and make revisions before adoption of the vision by the ECOS executive committee. Approved unanimously.

The committee is working on developing goals for the next year. A big issue will be working on the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS). Another big effort will be working with SacMoves, which is working of developing an environmentally sound transportation funding measure.

The next committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 8.

C. Land Use

Alex Kelter reported that the Land Use Committee has been working on Aggie Square issues. Bob Seeger has been invited to come back to a committee meeting.

At its July meeting, the committee heard a presentation issues in the West Placer area.

The next committee meeting will be August 12.

D. Habitat 2020

Sean Wirth reported that Habitat 2020 is now on the implementation committee for the South Sacramento County Habitat Conservation Plan,

Ted Rauh discussed the proposed alternative groundwater management plan for the South American Basin. The ECOS water subcommittee has prepared a letter asking Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority not to appeal the decision of the Department of Water Resources to reject the alternative plan for the South American Basin. Motion (Brown, seconded by Wirth) that ECOS sign on to the letter. Approved unanimously, except that Sawyer abstained.

E. Organizational Development

Sophie Wenzlau reported that at this and future ECOC board meetings there will be times allotted for items on the meeting agenda and a meeting facilitator will help keep the meeting on schedule.

The Organizational Development Committee has asked each committee to develop one or two goals for the upcoming year.

The committee is also working on volunteer recruitment and engagement.

The board discussed the need to keep meetings on time, including increased use of written

reports.

V. Announcements

The Mayors' Climate Commission will meet August 1.

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.