



ECOS Transportation, Air Quality & Climate Change Committee
Thursday, November 7, 2019, 6:00 p.m.
Mogavero Architects, 1331 T St., Sacramento

Meeting Notes

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

Attendance: Karen Jacques (STAR), Delphine Cathcart (STAR), James Cathcart (STAR), Dan Allison, Jeffery Tardaguila (SacTRU), Lynne Goldsmith (ECOS, 350 Sac), Chris Brown (Sac. Climate Coalition), Ralph Propper (ECOS Pres.), John Deeter (Co-chair).

6:05 p.m. – Workshop to plan for Sacramento Transportation Authority (STA) Board meeting November 14

- STA is planning to put a transportation sales tax measure on the Nov. 2020 ballot. A draft expenditure plan will be discussed at the upcoming Board meeting, and a large turnout can influence STA to adopt a progressive, sustainable package

Deeter: The SacMoves coalition is planning a demonstration starting at 12:30 pm and press conference at 1:00 pm prior to the STA Board meeting on November 14. David Mogavero is organizing the press conference, and inviting media to come. [Presentation of the draft Transportation Expenditure Plan was deferred until the Dec. 12 STA Board meeting. -- Ed.]

7:05 p.m. – Update on Sacramento City adoption of a climate emergency

- Chris Brown (Sac. Climate Coalition)

Brown: The Sacramento Climate Coalition <Info@SacClimate.org> is affiliated with the national climate mobilization. It has been been urging the Sacramento City Council to adopt a resolution declaring a climate emergency for the City of Sacramento. The resolution will start the emergency process, but the city also needs to develop a structure before invoking the process. Every council member has agreed to vote for the resolution. The Mayor and City Council came out with a target date for carbon neutrality by 2045. Sac. Climate Coalition wants the target sooner, by 2030.

The City Council is scheduled to consider the declaration of a climate emergency at a special meeting on Nov. 19th. [The Council adopted the resolution at its regular meeting on Dec. 10. -- Ed.]

Discussion: "Sunrise" is a movement organized by young people to stop climate change.

SMUD is promoting rooftop solar and is also developing a community, off-site solar alternative for houses where rooftop is not feasible. SMUD needs a waiver from the California Energy Commission to implement off-site solar. SMUD wants to control solar by owning electricity generated from rooftop solar generation, but it is not trying to shut down solar power. SMUD might be fighting all homes going electric through the community solar program. 350 Sacramento has scheduled a meeting with SMUD to discuss the issue.

Other negative impressions of SMUD include its investment in fracking in New Mexico, questions about the safety of its energy grid, not adequately serving rural areas.

Goldsmith: *Volunteers to put together a fact sheet on solar energy*

7:20 p.m. – Updates, reports and discussion of other current topics

- Metropolitan Transportation Plan / Sustainable Communities Strategies
- Mayors' Commission on Climate Change
- Proposed Electric Transportation Vision (Guy Hall)
- SacMoves Coalition to support a transportation tax for Sacramento County
- Sacramento Valley Station Master Plan
- Elk Grove City and Sacramento County Climate Action Plans

Metropolitan Transportation Plan / Sustainable Community Strategy (MTP/SCS)

Deeter: *ECOS submitted comments earlier today (Nov. 7) on the 2020 MTP/SCS, which SACOG is scheduled to adopt on November 18 on an accelerated time frame to circumvent difficulties involved in the pending federal rescission of California's ability to impose tighter air quality standards. [The MTP/SCS was adopted as planned. -- Ed.]*

Discussion: *The MTP/SCS is basically business as usual, and doesn't change pattern of sprawl. A couple of years ago David Mogavero proposed an antisprawl ballot measure, and Ventura County has adopted such a measure.*

Save Our Agricultural Resources (SOAR) promotes growing food near where we live.

Where to put housing is the difference for long term success in limiting sprawl. Transportation and housing are locked together.

7:40 p.m. – Other business and announcements / Topics for future meetings

7:45 p.m. (approx.) – Adjourn

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

[The December 5 TAQCC meeting has been canceled. The next TAQCC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 2, 2020, 6:00 pm., at Mogavero Architects, 1331 T St. -- Ed.]

Other upcoming events of interest:

Nov. 9, 1 pm -- [Sacramento Transit Riders Union](#) (Sac TRU), 1714 Broadway

Nov. 13, 6:30 pm -- [Environmentalist of the Year Awards](#), Atrium 916, 7300 Folsom

Nov. 14, 1:30 pm -- Sacramento Transportation Authority Board meeting, 800 H St.

Nov. 18, 9:30 am -- SACOG Board meeting to adopt 2020 MTP/SCS, 1415 L St.

Nov. 26, 6 pm -- ECOS Board meeting, 909 12th St. (reception at 5:30)

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