



## ECOS MTG / Board Agenda May 31, 2023

LINK to join: [ECOS ZOOM 6656164155](#) or call: 1 669 900 6833, Mtg ID: 665 616 4155

- 6:00 pm Welcome – Susan Herre, Board President
- 6:15 – 6:45 **The EV Transition in Sacramento – Obstacles and Opportunities**  
Presented by Sacramento Electric Vehicle Association  
Thomas Hall, Cynthia Shallit, Dwight MacCurdy
- 6:45 – 7:00 Questions and Discussion
- 7:00 pm Board Meeting – Susan Herre  
Approval of March 29 ECOS MTG / Board Minutes (below)  
Approval of May 31, 2023 ECOS MTG/Board Agenda
- 7:05 Treasurer’s report
- 7:10 Vote on change to ECOS bylaws
- Committee reports
- 7:15 Habitat
- 7:25 Water
- 7:35 Climate
- 7:45 Organizational Development
- 7:55 Comments, questions, suggestions from those attending
- 8:00 pm Adjourn

## Draft Minutes of the March 29, 2023, ECOS Board Meeting

President Susan Herre called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: ECOS Board Members: Susan Herre, Sean Wirth, Rob Burness, Brad Branon, John Deeter, Ralph Propper, Ted Rauh, Dawn Whitney, John Deeter, Michael O'Sullivan, Chris Brown, Jon Ellison, Heather Fargo, Edith Thacher, Betsy Weiland, Sam Rice, Sherry Rice, Quincy Stivers, Nancy Hughett, Andy Sawyer.

Other ECOS Members and Guests: Nancy Oliver, Melinda Frost-Huerzel, Megan Shumway, Ashlee Casey, Spencer Marshall, Goli Sahba, Doug MacPherson, Susan Rainier, Anushka, Jessica Law, Nancy Murray, Mike Grinstead, Joe O'Connor, Tim Parker, Liana Huang, Scott Johnson, Heather Johnson, Alta Tura, Eric Furth, Erin McSlavkin, Patty Farris, Steven DeBry, Tom Biglione, Muriel Strand, Sheila Herrington, Inga Olson.

ECOS Staff: Alexandra Reagan.

### I. In Memory of Jane Hagedorn

An obituary for Jane Hagedorn was included in the meeting materials. Ralph Propper provided a summary of Jane's major contributions to Breathe, ECOS and environmental organizations in Sacramento.

### II. Sacramento Region's Water Future

Ted Rauh, ECOS Water Committee Chair, provided an introduction on the pending update of the Water Forum Agreement, including the Gap Analysis Report.

Jessica Law, Executive Director of the Sacramento Water Forum provided a background on the Sacramento Water Forum. The update process started in April, 2020, and is expected to continue until a final agreement is adopted in 2025.

Ashlee Casey, Senior Engineer, made presentation on the Water Forum Ad Hoc Technical Team GAP Analysis Report, which assesses the effects of growth and climate change. Growth will have relatively impact, while climate change will have major impacts.

### III. Board Business

#### A. Agenda and Minutes

Motion (Rauh, seconded by Ellison): that the minutes of the January 25, 2023, ECOS board meeting be approved. Approved unanimously. Motion (Rauh, seconded by Thacher): that the agenda of the March 29, 2023, board meeting be approved. Approved unanimously.

#### B. Sacramento Public Bank Campaign

Goli Sahba and Doug MacPherson of 350 Sacramento and the Sacramento Climate Coalition made a presentation on creating a public bank in Sacramento. Many privately owned banks have substantial investments in fossil fuels. A public bank could limit its investments to functions that serve the community. In California, AB 857 (Stats. 2019, ch. 442) ) creates a process for creation of up to ten public banks.

A proposed resolution was distributed with the agenda materials. Motion (Ellison, seconded by Brown) that ECOS adopt the proposed resolution. Ellison withdrew the motion. Motion (Brown, seconded by Rauh):

WHEREAS a municipal public bank in the City of Sacramento has the potential to improve the lives of city residents by enabling greater investment in affordable housing, small business development, renewable energy initiatives, and city infrastructure; and

WHEREAS a Public Bank of Sacramento would create a public and accountable source of capital for lending and investment in fiscally, socially and environmentally responsible activities that would allow investment in opportunities directly benefiting the City and its communities, such as rebuilding our crumbling infrastructure, transitioning to a 100% green energy grid, and bolstering environmentally friendly public transportation, among others: and

WHEREAS currently the city pays millions of dollars annually in debt services to private commercial banks for their services such as JPMorgan Chase where these banks invest Sacramento public funds in the oil industry and other markets antithetical to stated policy goals adopted by the city; and a public bank would finance public works at a fraction of the price of private capital and operate according to a public mandate thereby serving the interests of the City and its people, all while maintaining a fiduciary responsibility toward responsible financial management within an ethical framework with loyalty toward people and planet; and

WHEREAS a Public Bank of Sacramento would accept and insure city deposits, ensure liquidity, and provide all the banking and purchasing services the city requires; and make prudent, targeted loans to the City itself, community based small businesses with an emphasis on those that are traditionally underserved by commercial banking, and other responsible parties in sectors of the local economy where capital would make a measurable difference in the lives of Sacramentans and;

WHEREAS a Public Bank of Sacramento should contain the following elements in its charter making it ethical, sustainable, inclusive, profitable, and financially viable: 1) explicit social/environmental responsibility and anti-corruption clauses with those in charge held accountable to public scrutiny; 2) transparency of mandates, policies, and lending priorities; 3) a board of directors that includes persons associated with community development and financial experts; and 4) where these safeguards would ensure the most democratic bank possible.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Environmental Council of Sacramento (ECOS) urges the Sacramento City Council to promptly initiate a study to consider establishment of a Public Bank of Sacramento.

Approved unanimously.

## C. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Sherry Rice that ECOS's a portion of ECOS funds have been invested in a treasury certificate and money market account, the proposal approved at the last ECOS executive committee meeting, providing a higher return on ECOS' savings.

## D. Committee Reports

### 1. Water

A water committee report was included in the agenda package.

### 2. Habitat

Sean Wirth reported that the 30 x 30 effort, with the Sierra Club the primary supporter, includes identification of three Sacramento area lands for a snapshot showing the importance of the effort: Stone Lakes, the Natomas Habitat Conservation Plan inventory property, Kassis property, and blue oak woodlands.

Robert Burness reported that Habitat 2020 is also making progress on its campaign to better fund and protect natural areas in the city park system.

### 3. Climate

Ralph Propper the Climate Committee heard from Timothy Irvine, who chairs county climate emergency task force. The committee also heard from Elliot Mulberg about Local Area Formation Commissions (LAFCo's).

The committee also heard from Kevin McCarty, who has introduced Assembly Bill 1052 which would allow the Sacramento Regional Transit District to set taxes that apply to a portion of the district, which would allow the district to set a tax that is only voted on by the portion of the district that would be taxed for and benefit from transit projects.

### 4. Sacramento Earth Day

Alexandra Reagan provided an update on Earth Day. We need more volunteers. Additional information is available at <https://www.ecosacramento.net/sacearthday/volunteer/>

### 5. Executive Committee Meeting Date

Susan Herre announced that executive committee meetings will be on the second Monday of the month, with the next meeting held on April 10.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.