



## ECOS MTG / Board Agenda Oct. 4, 2023

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- 6:00 pm Welcome – Susan Herre, Board President
- 6:15 PRESENTATION on [CAPTI](#) by Darwin Moosavi, Deputy Secretary, Environmental Policy and Housing Coordination, California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA)
- 6:45 Q&A
- 7:00 ECOS BOARD MEETING  
Approval of ECOS MTG / Board May 31, 2023 Minutes (below) and Oct 4, 2023 Agenda  
No ECOS MTG / Board was held in July 2023.
- 7:05 Treasurer’s Report
- 7:10 Committee Reports
- Habitat Committee
- Water Committee
- Climate Committee
- Climate:
    - County draft CAP and City draft CAAP and GPU
  - Transportation:
    - Ballot measure for Nov 2024
    - Sept 27 SMART Stockton Blvd event and pending SacRT contract w ECOS
  - Land Use:
    - SACOG applied to USDOT for grant for Green Means Go
    - Natomas campaign against development in non-permitted areas of the NBHCP
  - Green Building:
    - ECOS MTG/Board Nov 29 – Presentation on Embodied Carbon in materials of construction, and innovations to reduce carbon in the manufacturing process
- Organizational Development Committee
- Board Elections - Attached form for nominations for at-large positions
  - [Environmentalist of the Year Awards](#) – Dec. 1, 2023 at CA State Railroad Museum – nominate someone, become a sponsor, buy a ticket!
- 8:00 Adjourn



## **Draft Minutes of the May 31, 2023, ECOS MTG/Board Meeting**

Susan Herre called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

ECOS Board Members: Susan Herre, Ralph Propper, Jon Ellison, John Deeter, Ted Rauh, Michael O’Sullivan, Heather Fargo, Sam Rice, Quincy Stivers, Brad Branan, Betsy Weiland, Patti Farris

Other ECOS Members and Guests: Anushka Kalyan, Chelsea Lane, Steven DeBry, Muriel Strand, Thomas Hall, Dwight MacCurdy, Cynthia Shallit, Al Michaels, Alan Kilgore, Angela E. Herring, Derek Corea, Dyno, Jovana Fajardo, Kim-Son Ziegler, Laurie Rivlin Heller, Lynne Goldsmith, Muriel Strand, Wayne Michaud

ECOS Staff: Alexandra Reagan.

Thanks to Sam Rice and Chelsea Lane for taking meeting notes.

### **I. The EV Transition in Sacramento – Obstacles and Opportunities**

Susan Herre introduced the three presenters from Sacramento Electric Vehicle Association - Thomas Hall, Cynthia Shallit, Dwight MacCurdy.

Thomas Hall said transportation accounts for 38% of greenhouse gas emissions in California. The state’s goals for the transition to zero emission vehicles are 100% of new sales by 2035 and 100% of operating medium and heavy-duty trucks and buses by 2045.

- What’s stopping EV adoption? Price of EVs, range anxiety and local policies.
- Incentives are coming. There is significant funding available for zero-emission vehicle transition through the federal IIJA and IRA, about \$132 B, and from the state, about \$10B from the state.
- The transition will create nearly 10,000 new jobs in California.
- He described levels of charging infrastructure, and costs of charging for each level.

Dwight MacCurdy said the build out for multifamily complexes is spotty and inequitable, subject to building managers’ desire to get involved in the EV charging business or hire an EV service provider. Since 30-40% of all residents in California live in multi-family buildings, this is a serious impediment to the transition to EVs.

- The price of resale electricity for apartments and condos is unregulated. The service provider can set the price and has a monopoly on the market. Most residents of multifamily do not now have charging at home so they are forced to charge publicly which is also unregulated. State legislation is needed to remedy these problems. Since 2013 100% of SFH have been EV capable, while only about 25% of MFH are EV capable. Ideally, those who live in multifamily should have same cost and convenience as those in single-family homes.
- Dwight described the rapid changes to the building code over the past decade. For the next code cycle in October 2023, the goal is to require 50% of all parking spaces in multifamily housing to be electrified.

Cynthia Shallit said 19% of new car sales in Sacramento County are for EVs – this is good and keeping up with the state average. About 11,000 EVs have been sold and about 800 DC Fast chargers installed. However, the County’s goal was to have 50,000 EVs on the road by 2020 so the transition is far slower than hoped.

- Adoption is not meeting goals, and goals are not aggressive enough. Emissions have not gone down over the past 8 years from transportation. The County's draft climate action plan's measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from transportation and land use do not meet the reductions needed.
- Federal funding (IRA) provides a \$7500 tax credit for new EVs for low- and medium-income buyers, and a \$4000 tax credit for used EVs.
- To speed up the transition to EVs:
  - o local governments and grassroots can spread the word about EVs and tax credits
  - o government policies such as those outlined by AchiEve
  - o improve charging infrastructure
  - o marketing of incentives
  - o stop subsidizing elected officials with cars, and stop reimbursing for gas
  - o strengthen climate action plan measures including requirements for multifamily charging.

## II. Board Business

### A. Agenda and Minutes

Motion (Fargo, seconded by O'Sullivan): that the minutes of the March 29, 2023 ECOS MTG / Board Meeting be approved. Approved unanimously. Motion (Rauh, seconded by Fargo): that the agenda of the May 31, 2023 ECOS MTG / Board Meeting be approved. Approved unanimously.

### B. Treasurer's report

Treasurer Sherry Rice not available. Susan Herre said that ECOS funds are sufficient after Earth Day and that a full treasurer's report will be made at the next EXCOM meeting.

### C. Vote to change provision in ECOS Bylaws

The draft bylaws were provided to the Board by email earlier in the day. Motion (Ellison, seconded by O'Sullivan): that the bylaws be changed. Jon Ellison reminded the Board that a condition of voting is being current on payment of ECOS membership dues. Approved unanimously.

Changes included:

- o Article VII COMMITTEES, Section 1. Executive Committee: ExCom may have up to 9 directors in addition to officers and chairs of committees. This will allow ECOS to bring on new people and create a new generation of ECOS leaders.
- o Article V BOARD OF DIRECTORS, Section 9. Section 9. Regular and Annual Meeting, to correct Board meeting dates to the "last Wednesday of January, March, May, July, September, and November of each year"
- o Clerical changes; also noted that an Annual Report is required.

### D. Brad Branan nominated himself for appointment to the Executive Committee, pursuant to the approval of the bylaw change above. Brad provided info on his background as a journalist, and current work for CA PUC. He would like to participate more in ECOS, beyond being a Sierra Club representative. He said he could be helpful through his writing and photography, to get information before the public, as he did in his Sac Bee article about Natomas. Motion (Branan, seconded by O'Sullivan): that Branan be appointed to the ExCom by the Board of Directors. Approved unanimously.

### E. Committee Reports

1. Habitat (no report as co-chairs are away)
2. Water (Ted Rauh)

Ted Rauh reported that a recent meeting was held and representatives from the North American Sub Basin joined. General conversation about additional Sub Basin Regions. June meeting notice is up on the ECOS website. Committee investigating doing a comparative rate study to determine equity and the ability of the agencies to conduct large scale capital projects necessary for regional water conversation. Committee submitted comments on the City of Sacramento well replacement program. The committee raised questions about the changes to the city's plan.

3. Climate (Ralph Propper)

- At the last meeting, City staff for the CAAP presented the plan. Comments will be accepted by the City until Aug 2023. The City Council will vote on plan in December.
- At next Climate meeting, the City's General Plan update will be presented.
- Ralph spoke to the City Council yesterday to request additional funding be allocated to City staff working on climate related issues and the transportation priorities plan. Climate committee is also following efforts for additional transportation funding. The desire is to have a ballot measure that will support the expansion of public transit and possibly the funding of TOD. Sam Rice update on upcoming transportation team meeting.
  
- Heather Fargo: On June 1, a community group in the Heritage Park neighborhood of Natomas is meeting with Supervisor Serna regarding the three development projects that imperil the Natomas Basin Conservancy, especially the South Airport Industrial.
  
- Sam Rice: On June 1, the ECOS Transportation Team is hosting Greg Taylor, architect with the City of Sacramento, speaking on the I Street Bridge Replacement Project, and Jeff Jelsma, planner with the City of Sacramento, speaking on the Streets for People Program. Work is progressing on next ballot measure, "Measure C", for Clean City, Climate, etc.

4. Organizational Development (Jon Ellison):

- ODC will concentrate on increasing ECOS membership, contact everyone who has expired; also updating Strategic Plan
- Dawn Whitney did paperwork to secure reimbursement from City of Festivals (City of Sac).
- Natomas – Rose Foundation grant; Dawn submitted pre application; we received a go-ahead to submit full application to support the work in Natomas, led by Heather Fargo.
- Sam Rice has been talking with SacRT about a possible grant for education and outreach work by ECOS around transit/TOD.

5. Calendar Items:

- July 15 – for one meeting, Climate task force has shifted to this date
- City of Sac General Plan Update webinars Jun 6 and Jun 29 -- **Register**
- ECOS Climate Committee Meeting on Jun 22 re GPU
- Next ExCom is Monday Jun 12 at 6 pm

6. Last words

- Angela Herring is on the LINK 21 Board regarding transportation in the mega-region. She will forward a recent report to ECOS.
- Ted Rauh mentioned the next Water Committee meeting on Jun 28 focused on South American Subbasin. All invited.

7:53 pm

Meeting adjourned