



ECOS MTG / Board Agenda September 25, 2024

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
- 6:10 **Nature-Based Carbon Solutions & Biodiversity at SMUD**
Kathleen Ave, Sr. Climate & Ecosystem Strategist, Zero Carbon Energy Solutions and Emeritus Chair, Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) Power in Pollinators Initiative
- Kathleen Ave will provide an overview of SMUD’s activities, then launch into a discussion of SMUD’s Carbon and Biodiversity programs. She will share existing and emerging efforts to improve biodiversity at SMUD projects, facilities and along transmission lines, and will discuss a conceptual plan for a Regional Biodiversity Index.
- 7:00 **ECOS BOARD MEETING**
- Approvals of ECOS MTG / Board
- Draft Minutes of Aug 7, 2024, our July ECOS Board Meeting (pg 3 below)
 - Agenda for this ECOS Board Meeting
- 7:10 Treasurer’s Report – Sherry Rice
- 7:15 Habitat Committee – Sean Wirth, Rob Burness
- 7:25 Water Committee – Ted Rauh
- 1) SARA-ECOS joint position on future use of Folsom South Canal (FSC) for American River Basin water uses.
 - 2) American River Watershed and forest management
 - 3) Water Forum 2.0
 - 4) Water Bank
- 7:35 Organizational Development Committee – Jon Ellison, Dawn Whitney
- 1) Additions and changes to the ECOS Board
 - a) Nominations committee for new president/vice president (see Duty Statement page 5 below)
 - b) Carol Marque is the representative on the ECOS Board for LWV Sacramento, a new Organizational Member of ECOS. Carol is the Climate Chair at LWV Sacramento. Welcome!!!!
 - c) Connor Finney of House Sacramento is now on the ECOS ExCom. Welcome!!!
 - 2) Environmentalist of the Year Awards – [BECOME A SPONSOR!!](#) Camp Pollock, Oct 26, 2024 – and the awardees are . . .

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Climate Committee – Ralph Propper with ...

Heather Fargo, Edith Thacher, Dawn Whitney, Sam Rice, Luz Lim, Anushka Kalyan, Susan Herre

- 1) Climate
 - a) Climate mtg Thursday Oct 17, 2024 Kacey Lizon of SACOG
 - b) Elk Grove CAP

- 2) Land Use --
 - a) LU Natomas –
 - i) Comments due on Upper West Side DEIR on Oct 14, 2024
 - ii) Booth at Farm to Fork and has presented at many community meetings.
 - iii) Uncertain date for LAFCo meeting on DEIR for Airport South Industrial Project.
 - b) SACOG
 - i) Transportation projects added to land use scenario for the 2025 Blueprint
 - ii) SACOG held a forum on Sept 13 with state legislative staff to stress the importance of funding for Green Means Go underground infrastructure to enable infill development.
 - c) Development south of Folsom (Sac and El Dorado Counties)

- 3) Transportation
 - a) Ballot Measure for 2026 – language by Mayor Steinberg) to support housing, transit, road maintenance (no expansion), and climate resiliency. Rollout planned for December 2024.
 - b) Lawsuit against Caltran re Yolo-80 project
 - c) SacRT Contract to promote transit and its benefits

- 4) Environmental Justice
 - i) Sacramento Investment Without Displacement has reached agreement with the City of Sacramento to hold a workshop on a community benefits ordinance – date?
 - ii) Connecting with Native American tribes?
 - iii) Two statements – request input, possible vote by the Board:
 - EJ Mission Statement (could be added to ECOS Mission Statement):
“At ECOS, we recognize the deliberate policies that have been historically enacted to disproportionately place environmental burdens on marginalized populations, especially low-income communities of color. As such, we pledge to work to dismantle historic environmental injustices by using our platform to ensure that all people enjoy the same level of protection from environmental and health hazards and feel welcome to our decision-making process.”
 - Land Acknowledgment:

7:55

Calendar

Oct 5 Sacramento Climate Justice Festival
Oct 7 Habitat Committee Meeting
Oct 14 ExCom Meeting
Oct 17 Climate Committee Meeting
Oct 26 EVENT: ECOS Environmentalist of the Year Awards
Nov 20 ECOS Mtg + Board: House Sacramento

8:00

Adjourn

Draft Minutes of the August 7, 2024, ECOS Board Meeting

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

Present: ECOS Board Members: Susan Herre, Ralph Propper, Jon Ellison, Michael O’Sullivan, John Deeter, Luz Lim, Tina Suarez-Murias, Anushka Kaylan, Dawn Whitney, Brad Branon, Brandon Rose, Betsy Weiland, Connor Finney, Sam Rice, Heather Fargo, Andy Sawyer.

Other ECOS Members and Guests: Allan Hirsch, Mark, Sue Teranishi, Jennifer Finton, Susan Ranier, Eddie Isaacs, Faye Wilson Kennedy, Zofia Adamkovics Larson, Cheri Davis, Kevin Hard, Gerado Zavala, Kevin Hard, Tyler Wunsch, Carol McKee Marque, Muriel Strand, Susan Rainier, Al Michaels, Jeffery Tardaguila, Alex B., Orville Thomas.

ECOS Staff: Alexandra Reagan.

I. California Mobility Center

Orville Thomas the new Chief Executive Officer of the California Mobility Center discussed building a Clean Energy, Power, and Zero-Emission Innovation Hub in Sacramento. The Center works on workforce development and community outreach. The California Mobility Center is fundraising, seeking \$150 million, for a 200,000 square foot research, development, innovation, and workforce development space in partnership with Sacramento State, the Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD), UC Davis, and the Greater Sacramento Economic Council. Susan Herre asked about the potential for sale tax money for the Hub. Orville said the Mobility City likely would not be part of a sales tax measure. Asked whether the region will meet its carbon neutral goal, Thomas said we won’t if we continue the way we are going, but with improvements in technology we can make it.

II. Agenda and Minutes

Motion (O’Sullivan, seconded by Rose): that the minutes of the May 29, 2024, ECOS board meeting be approved. Approved unanimously. Motion (Sawyer, seconded by Propper): that the agenda of the August 7, 2024, ECOS board meeting be approved. Approved unanimously.

III. Organizational Development

A. ECOS President.

Dawn Whitney reported on the search for a new ECOS President. There is a potential for Co-Presidents.

B. Environmentalist of the Year Event

Alexandra Reagan announced that the Environmentalist of the Year Event will be on October 26, at Camp Pollock. The deadline for nominations is September 6. We are seeking sponsorships. Information found on our webpage, <https://www.ecosacramento.net/events/eoy/>

C. ECOS Executive Committee

Susan Herre reported that Connor Finney is considering whether to accept an appointment to the ECOS Executive Committee.

IV. Climate

A. Committee Meeting.

The next Climate Committee Meeting will be on Wednesday Aug 14, 2024. Todd Smith, Sacramento County Planning Director, will talk about County Climate Action Plan and Supplemental Environmental Impact Report.

B. Natomas

ECOS submitted comments on the Airport South Industrial Project Draft Environmental Impact Report <https://www.ecosacramento.net/2024/08/the-position-of-ecos-on-the-proposed-airport-south-industrial-project/> <https://www.ecosacramento.net/2024/07/ecos-letter-to-lafco-and-cityof-sacramento-on-airport-south-industrial-project-deir/>

The next major event will be the hearing before the Sacramento County Local Area Formation Commission (LAFCo). We need people to show up in opposition to the project.

The Upper West Side Project draft environmental impact report has not yet been released.

C. Transportation

Sam Rice reported that on September 10 there will be an event at the Center at District 56 in Elk Grove concerning benefits of public transportation.

Sam Rice is continuing work on a transportation funding and affordable housing financing measure for the 2026 ballot.

D. Environmental Justice

Luz Lim reported that the environmental justice team is working on a presentation for the next ECOS executive committee meeting.

E. Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG)

Susan Herre reported that SACOG approved the less compact development scenario for preparing its blueprint for 2035.

F. I-80 Expansion

Ralph Propper provided an update on the lawsuit challenging the expansion of Interstate 80.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

DUTIES OF PRESIDENT OF ECOS BOARD OF DIRECTORS, Draft May 9, 2024

Section 6. Duties of President. The President shall be the chief executive officer of the corporation and shall, subject to the control of the Board of Directors, supervise and control the affairs of the corporation and the activities of the officers. He or she shall perform all duties incident to his or her office and such other duties as may be required by law, by the Articles of incorporation of this corporation, or by these bylaws, or which may be prescribed from time to time by the Board of Directors. He or she shall preside at all meetings of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors. The President shall preside at all meetings of the members. Except as otherwise expressly provided by law, by the Articles of Incorporation, or by these bylaws, he or she shall, in the name of the corporation, execute such deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts, checks, or other instruments which may from time to time be authorized by the Board of Directors. The President is authorized to expend up to \$250.00 annually at his or her discretion from the annual budget. Any expenditures over this amount shall be approved by the Executive Committee. [From the [June 12, 2023 ECOS Bylaws](#)]

Recitals. Where this statement requires that the President “shall” perform a duty, that performance is deemed mandatory and necessary to the position of President. Where this statement provides that the President “may” perform a duty, that performance is deemed authorized but not mandatory.

Re Policy Work, the President:

- Shall receive reports of work being performed by and under consideration by ECOS Officers, Committee Chairs, and Team Leads, and ensure these efforts are brought to the Executive Committee for their information, advice, consent, and formal vote when necessary;
- Shall work to further the organizational goals of ECOS to increase our ability to do policy work in collaboration with others and ensure the ongoing operations of ECOS;
- Shall approve and sign official ECOS comment letters and letters of inquiry relating to plans, projects, environmental documents, etc.;
- Shall be the primary ECOS spokesperson in response to requests from media;
- May co-sign letters written by others, such as a Committee Chair or Team Lead;
- May call upon others with specialized expertise/experience to speak for ECOS on particular issues; and
- May participate as a full member of at least one ECOS Standing Committee.

Re ECOS MTG/Board and Executive Committee (ExCom), the President:

- Shall appoint members to ExCom pursuant to ECOS bylaws;
- Shall arrange for an Acting President if the President is away for specific meetings;
- May set the agenda for Board and ExCom meetings and arrange related presentations;
- May recruit new Board members to build capacity, including a President-elect; and
- May help set up board retreats.

Re ECOS Administration, the President:

- Shall regularly confer with the ECOS Treasurer regarding the annual budget and monthly financial status;
- Shall give direction to staff, reach out to and recruit new potential staff, and recommend salary and benefit adjustments;
- Shall execute primary authority over administrative decisions as required.

Re ECOS Fundraising and Membership, the President:

- Shall provide oversight of fundraising efforts;
- Shall, for the Environmentalist of the Year and Sacramento Earth Day fundraising events, write letters of request for sponsorships, and participate in fundraising event ceremonies;
- Shall, at the end of the year, write a letter of accomplishments (Annual Report) and send it to donors and members;
- May provide additional help with fundraising such as writing grant applications; updating ECOS information on our Big Day of Giving site; and helping to plan fundraising events;
- May recruit new organizational and individual members to ECOS.