

## DRAFT Minutes of the July 21, 2014, ECOS Board Meeting

President Rick Guererro called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Present: Rick Guererro, Ralph Propper, Rick Bettis, Alex Kelter, Nicole Nabulsi, Ken Wilcox, Brandon Rose, John Deeter, Jon Ellison, Mike Roskey, Michael O'Sullivan, Earl Withycombe, Anny Huang, Tina Suarez-Murias. Corin Choppin, Andy Sawyer.

ECOS Staff: Alexandra Reagan

Guests: Charlotte Mitchell, Jeff von Kaenel, Moe Sarana, Gina McBride, Mike McBride, Gerald King, Jack Sales, Beverly Sales, J Brown, Lacy Carlson, Cornell Brown, Lynn Wheat, Shirley Sanders, Roxanne Kimbler, Arosua Boateng, Ayanna Boateng, Kornell Brown, Kakari Boatang, Mary Rodgers, Darryl Lucien, Aaron Hanke.

### I. Agenda and Minutes

Motion (Ellison, seconded by Rose): that the agenda, as amended, and the board meeting and closed session minutes of the May 19, 2014, board meeting and closed session, be approved. Approved unanimously.

### II. Youth Empowered Action Camp

Glenn Destatte introduced students who attended the Youth Empowerment Action Camp. Additional information is available at [www.yeacamp.org](http://www.yeacamp.org).

### III. Blue Green Alliance

Rick Guerrero reported that he has asked Nicole Nabulsi to head an ad hoc committee devoted to building relations with labor and small businesses. Nicole spoke about the effort. There will be a planning meeting in two or three weeks. Nicole will distribute an e-mail message asking for participation by ECOS activists.

### IV. Bay/Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP)

Charlotte Mitchell, Executive Director of the Sacramento County Farm Bureau, made a presentation about the BDCP. Charlotte emphasized the disruptive effect on delta agriculture and the environment, and supported a through Delta alternative.

Motion: (Destatte, seconded by Choppin), that ECOS oppose the BDCP as proposed. Jon Ellison moved, seconded by Withycombe, to refer the matter to the executive committee. The motion passed, 7 voting aye, 6 no, with one recusal.

### V. Environmental Reporter

Jeff von Kaenel, owner/president/chief executive officer of the Sacramento News and Review made a presentation on the need for environmental news coverage. Jeff would like to know if there is interest in providing funding for environmental reporting for alternative newspapers like the News and Review.

#### IV. Reports

##### A. Treasurer's Report

John Deeter reported that he is working on the Form 990 for the Internal Revenue Service. He needs to report hours per week devoted by board members.

##### B. Land Use

Ron Maertz distributed a report by e-mail.

Alex Reagan reported that ECOS submitted a letter expressing concerns about electronic billboards.

##### C. Organizational Development

Alex Kelter reported that the Organizational Development Committee has been reviewing the strategic plan.

##### F. Food and Environmental Justice

Glenn Destatte reported that there was a recent showing of the movie Growing Cities.

#### V. Roundtable

Earl Withycombe reported that the League of Women Voters and other organizations have taken a position in opposition to the Sacramento strong mayor (as opposed to the current city manager/council form of government) proposal on the November ballot. Earl recommended the ECOS consider taking a position Motion (Withycombe, seconded by Choppin) that the matter be considered at the next ECOS board meeting. Approved unanimously.

Alex Keltor reported that there will be a fundraiser on July 30 to support the proposed community benefits agreement. Information is available at [coalitionforsharedprosperity.org](http://coalitionforsharedprosperity.org).

There will be a planning meeting for the Environmentalist of the Year Event at 5:00 p.m. Thursday, July 24 at Mogavero Notestine.

Alex Reagan announced that ECOS needs storage space filing cabinet plus six storage boxes for ECOS records, and asked if anyone had available space.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.