



ECOS

ENVIRONMENTAL  
♦ COUNCIL ♦  
OF SACRAMENTO

## Minutes of September 22, 2014 ECOS Board meeting

President Rick Guerrero called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Board members present: Rick Guerrero, Alex Kelter, Brandon Rose, John Deeter, Jon Ellison, Mike Roskey, Sean Wirth, Chris Lewis, Earl Withycombe, Ken Wilcox, Rangineh Azimzadeh, Glenn Destatte, Margarita Colmenares,

ECOS Staff: Alexandra Reagan

Guests: Josh Rosa, Rick Bettis, Max McDonald, Gary Spier, Katie Valenzuela Garcia, Robert Coplin, Fred Richards,

### I. Agenda and minutes

Motion (Wirth, second: Withycombe) approve agenda and minutes of July meeting. Approved unanimously.

### II. Board member Spencer Marshall.

Motion: (Wirth, Withycombe second) to approve nomination of Spencer Marshall to the ECOS Board. Approved unanimously.

### III. Sacramento City Measure L on the November 4 ballot.

Earl Withycombe presented arguments for the No on L side, followed by Josh Rosa, from Mayor Kevin Johnson's office for the Yes on L side.

Motion (Motion: Wirth, Lewis second) that ECOS support a NO vote on Measure L. After discussion the motion carried with 11 "Yes," 0 "No," and 2 abstentions.

### IV. Urban Agriculture Ordinance.

Katie Valenzuela Garcia from Ubuntu Green and the Sacramento Urban Agriculture Coalition reported on the ordinance as modified by city planning staff. Motion (Ellison, Withycombe second) that the Food and Environmental Justice committee submit a letter to the City of Sacramento supporting the ordinance. Approved unanimously.

### V. Reports.

#### A. Treasurer

John Deeter reported on both ECOS operating expenses and legal expenses.

John has announced his intention to step down at the end of the year. Board members are asked to suggest candidates to fill the position.

#### B. Environmentalist of the Year.

Alex Reagan, reviewed the recipients, including the new category of Early Career Environmentalist.

#### C. Habitat 2020

Sean Wirth reported on the public draft public South Sacramento Habitat Conversation Plan. BDCP comments being recirculated. After some delays the SACOG \$300,000 process is back on track. The next step is to come up with a viable plan. We await the language of proposed changes to the tree ordinance section of the General Plan. Proposed changes to the Urban Parks language of the plan are problematic.

Motion: (Wirth; second Ellison). That ECOS sign on to existing letter regarding Urban Canopy and Urban Parks elements of the proposed General Plan. Approved unanimously.

#### D. Organizational Developments

Since the board retreat, changes are being made to the Strategic Plan. The plan will be posted on Google drive when the update is finished.

#### E.. Food and Environmental Justice.

Mike Roskey has been researching different Environmental Justice organizations around the state. Mike attended the Central California Environmental Justice Network conference in Fresno on September 6.

Natalie Hernandez of The Sacramento Valley Water Justice network is working on a \$15,000 grant application. (Do we want to include the 10:00 am meeting this Thursday with Jon at Naked Coffee (1111 H. Street?)

#### VI. President's Report:

ECOS history project needs an intern. Rick Guerrero expressed concern the much of the month-to-month work is being ignored. Sean Wirth commented that Board members should commit to working on a committee.

#### VII. Round table:

Next board meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of November [the 17<sup>th</sup> ] 6:00 p.m. at 2012 K Street.

Environmentalist of the Year planning meeting this Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. at 2012 K Street

CNPS is having its Fall Native Plant Sale this Saturday and Sunday (September 27 & 28 at the Shepard Garden and Arts Center 3330 McKinley Blvd, Sacramento 95816

Max McDonald announced an action on October 16 at the Nestle Water bottling facility, 8670 Younger Creek Drive in Sacramento.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

