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OF SACRAMENTO

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ECOS Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
5:30 pm March 23, 2015
SEIU Local 1000, 1325 S St. Sacramento, CA 95811

President Rick Guerrero called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Present: Rick Guerrero, Ken Wilcox, Michael O'Sullivan, Craig Nelson, Glenn Destatte, Ron Maertz, Earl Withycombe, Sean Wirth, Alex Kelter, Moe Sarama, Veronica Beatty, Melinda Bradbury, Annie Huang, Laurie Litman, Warren Harding, Ralph Propper, Beverly Sales, Moselle DiPane, Chris Lewis, Margarita Colmenarez, Brandon Rose, Andy Sawyer.

ECOS Staff: Alexandra Reagan

Guests: Sandy Wagner, Don Knutson, John Deeter, Natalie Hernandez, Celia Yniguez, Rudy Shpak, Robert Coplin, Andrew Becker, Jack Sales, Russell Rawlings.

I. Agenda and Minutes

Motion (Withycombe, seconded by Sarama): that the agenda for the March 23, 2015, board meeting, as amended, be approved. Approved unanimously. Motion (Wirth, seconded by Maertz) that the minutes of the January 26, 2015, board meeting be approved. Approved unanimously.

II. Sacramento Urban Agriculture Ordinance

Matt Read, from the Sacramento Urban Agriculture Coalition, thanked ECOS for its support of the Sacramento Urban Agriculture Ordinance.

Agriculture, including sale of home grown food, is prohibited in all but a few areas in the City of Sacramento. Under an ordinance proposed to be adopted March 24, 2015, urban agriculture is permitted. It is defined narrowly, but is a start toward more accommodation of urban agriculture.

III. Trans Pacific Partnership

Craig Nelson made a presentation on the proposed fast track legislation for the Trans Pacific Partnership. Craig emphasized the potential for trade agreements to establish non-transparent procedures allowing corporations to challenge countries' health, safety and environmental laws. Craig urged letters to members of Congress urging them to oppose fast track legislation, which is anticipated to be introduced in April.

Motion: (Sarama, seconded by Withycombe) that ECOS oppose the Trans Pacific Partnership and the proposed fast track legislation for its approved. Approved unanimously except that Kelter voted no and Rose, Wirth and Sawyer abstained.



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IV. Organizational Membership

Moe Sarama made a presentation on behalf of the Wellstone Democratic Club, which is applying for ECOS organizational membership. Motion (Harding, seconded by Wirth): that the board of directors approve the Wellstone Democratic Club as an ECOS organizational member. Approved unanimously.

V. Current Business and Reports

A. Transportation, Air Quality and Climate Change

Alexandra Reagan reported that the next meeting of the Transportation, Air Quality and Climate Change Committee will be on Thursday, March 26. They are working on a proposal to bring to the ECOS board concerning streetcar service.

B. Land Use

Ron Maertz reported that the Land Use Committee is submitting contracts on the Kammerer Road notice of preparation. The committee is preparing comments on the Sacramento Commons project. The committee is also reviewing a project near the 65th street light rail project and a project at Stockton and T Streets, and is likely to refer these two projects to the Transportation, Air Quality and Climate Change Committee.

D. Habitat 2020

Sean Wirth reported that Habitat 2020 prepared comments on the Kammerer Road notice of preparation. The scope of work on the Connector Settlement funded Sacramento Greenprint is almost done. As a result of Elk Grove leaving the process, the South Sacramento Habitat Conservation Plan has been reduced in scope. Habitat 2020 is also reviewing the adequacy of the Sacramento City tree ordinance.

E. Food Justice

Glenn Destatte reported that the Food Justice Committee is working on a grant application on behalf of the Yisrael farm related to food literacy. The movie Food Chains is showing on Sunday, March 29. Information is available at sacfoodfilmfest.com.

G. President's Report



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Alexandra Reagan gave a presentation on the History Project. Thanks to a grant from an ECOS member, we are reviewing old files and interviewing leaders from ECOS's early years to document ECOS' history.

Michael O'Sullivan reported that Earth Day will April 19 in Southside Park. We need volunteers for work between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Rick Guerrero also needs assistance in recruiting sponsors. The next phone bank for sponsorships will be at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 23 at the ECOS offices, 1025 9th Street.

H. Announcements

Melinda Bradbury reported that membership cards are being sent to individual members. If you haven't received your card, you need to pay your dues.

The Sacramento Area Creeks Council has opened its website for Creek Week.

Jack Sales reported that he attended a Save Auburn Ravine Salmon and Steelhead meeting where he heard an informative presentation. Jack made a presentation to the Roseville City Council concerning LED lighting.

On April 1, the SEIU environmental committee will have a forum on climate change and Naomi Kline's book, *This Changes Everything*, at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.