

**Natural Resources Commission
Minutes
September 24, 2012**

Commissioners:

Present: Dean Newberry (Chair); Eugene Wilson (Vice Chair), Clifton McFarland, William Shapiro, Alan Pryor, Steven Westhoff, Jill Baty, and Ben Bourne (Alternate).

Absent: Planning Commission Liaison (vacant)

Staff: Jacques DeBra, NRC Liaison

Council Liaison: None

1. Roll Call

2. Approval of Agenda

Amend agenda order, motion to approve passed, AYES 7-0.

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve July 23 Minutes passed, AYES 7-0

4. Commission and Staff Announcements:

Staff announcements: NRC priorities to be discussed at September 25 Council meeting, discussed progressive transportation programs in France that might be useful for future City efforts.

5. Council Liaison Comments:

Council Liaison discussed City Council discussion of NRC priorities on the upcoming September 25 Council meeting agenda. Discussed Council objective of updating its goals and getting commission priorities aligned with goals over time.

6. Public Communications:

None.

Consent Calendar

7. Motion to pull items A and C passes, AYES 7-0.

Regular Calendar

8. **Review and Comment: Energy Assessment Report**

Staff provided brief update and showed video on energy market evolutions. Howard Golub then presented the highlights of the Report and discussed the options and trade-offs of municipalizing electric service and establishing a CCA program. The NRC asked various questions about the Report and was generally accepting of the Report findings.

9. **Approve City/YSAQMD Voluntary Program: 2012-13 Burn Season**

Staff and the YSAQMD representative presented information about the proposed voluntary program recommendation and answered questions about additional monitoring efforts. The NRC introduced a motion to approve the Wood Burning Subcommittee policy recommendation and send to Council for consideration. Motion passed 6-1 with Shapiro voting no.

10. **Review and Comment: City Transportation Element Update**

CDS staff presented information on the update process of the City's Transportation Element. The Energy Subcommittee carefully reviewed the documentation and provided written comments that the NRC approved 7-0 as representative of their concerns and perspective on the process. Staff mentioned they would incorporate the NRC's comments and appreciated the effort as commission feedback was very important.

11. **Approve Sewer Ordinance Updates for State/Federal Compliance**

Staff reviewed the proposed amendments to the City's Sewer Ordinance in order to comply with State/Federal regulations. NRC motion passed 7-0 to approve the Sewer Ordinance amendments as presented.

12. **NRC Subcommittee Reports**

Energy: Working on Energy Assessment Report and Energy Efficiency Ordinance for new development to be discussed at the next NRC meeting.

Water Management: Will provide staff with final review on Wildhorse Mitigation Fee allocation recommendations.

Zero Waste: Providing information on NRC priorities for Sept. 25 Council discussion, working on residential variable rate issue.

Wood Smoke: Prepared mandatory wood burning policy recommendations.

13. **Long Range Calendar**

Discussed NRC issues to address in 2012, big issue was rescheduling Integrated Waste Management Plan item so that NRC had adequate review time. Staff will revise 2012 Long Range calendar to provide NRC with two-week notice to review and comment on draft Integrated Waste Management Plan while staying on current schedule.

Adjourn: 11:15 p.m.