

**Natural Resources Commission
Minutes
November 26, 2012**

Commissioners:

Present: Eugene Wilson (Vice Chair), Clifton McFarland, Jill Baty, Alan Pryor, Steven Westhoff, and Ben Bourne.

Absent: Dean Newberry (Chair), Planning Commission Liaison (vacant)

Staff: Jacques DeBra, NRC Liaison

Council Liaison: Joe Krovoza

1. Roll Call

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve passed, AYES 6-0.

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve October 22 Minutes passed, AYES 6-0

4. Commission and Staff Announcements:

Staff announcements: New alternate NRC commissioner Lindsay Lynch has resigned. The City will pursue filling the position through the normal recruitment process. Discussed the NRC 20% Demand Reduction Plan recommendation item on the November 27, 2012 Council agenda.

5. Council Liaison Comments:

Highlighted upcoming Cannery Park project review process by City commissions for comments and impending energy efficiency grant application in coordination with Cool Davis.

6. Public Communications:

None.

Consent Calendar

7. Motion to approve passed, AYES 6-0.

Regular Calendar

- 8. Swearing-In of Newest NRC Commissioners**
Ben Bourne sworn in as regular member; Lindsay Lynch resigned prior to meeting.

- 9. Annual Solid Waste Report**
Staff highlighted key sections of the report, including the Apartment Move-out Program, scavenging issues, battery collection, updated City website, current diversion results and methodology, and upcoming Integrated Waste Management Plan effort. NRC comments focused on MFR challenges and fact that MFR is about 30% of commercial trash generation; need to better explain diversion rate assumptions, and importance of outreach. Public comment focused on support for City developing its Integrated Waste Management Plan, updating DWR agreement, and implementing a variable residential solid waste rate policy.

- 10. NRC Subcommittee Reports**
Energy: Working on possible Solar Energy Ordinance; interested in Bio-Digester options for solid waste solutions; involved in Energy Assessment work; looking for feedback on incorporation of NRC comments into City Transportation Element, and following Smart Grid innovations.
Water Management: Working on Wildhorse Mitigation Fee investment final recommendations and NRC 20% Demand Reduction Plan item.
Zero Waste: Focusing on polystyrene and single use carryout bag ordinance issues, and green waste containerization.
Wood Smoke: City Council approved pilot mandatory Wood Burning Ordinance for 2012-13 burn season only.

- 11. Long Range Calendar**
Discuss 2013 preliminary calendar at December NRC meeting.

Adjourn: 8:40 p.m.