

**Natural Resources Commission
Minutes
January 28, 2013**

Commissioners:

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

Absent: Dean Newberry (excused)

Staff: Jacques DeBra, NRC Liaison

Council Liaison: Joe Krovoza

1. Roll Call

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve passed, AYES 5-0.

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve December 17, 2012 Minutes passed, AYES 5-0.

4. Commission and Staff Announcements:

Staff announcements: Greg Mahoney, Community Development and Sustainability, provided update on staff review of Draft New Construction Solar Ordinance. Update provided on Measure I efforts. Overview of recent successful California Water Law Symposium.

5. Council Liaison Comments:

City in process of filling commission vacancies. Update provided on recently submitted READY grant to the California Energy Commission benefitting Davis residents. Cannery Park EIR coming to commissions soon for review and comment.

6. Public Communications:

None.

Consent Calendar

7. Motion to approve pulling item 7 passed, AYES 5-0.

Regular Calendar

- 8. Appoint ad hoc subcommittee to select Environmental Recognition Award winners**
Commissioners Baty and Westhoff were appointed to the subcommittee. Staff will coordinate to ensure timely distribution of all Award applications to the subcommittee received by the deadline.

- 9. Review and Comment on Draft Integrated Waste Management Plan**
Staff provided the NRC with a brief overview of the Plan development and recommendations. This was the first review by the NRC, with an updated version to be presented at the Feb. 25 NRC meeting to be approved for public review prior to City Council actions. All comments received via email and at the NRC meeting will be documented and staff briefly answered questions or clarified key points. Davis Waste Removal, Inc. was in attendance to answer questions about service delivery. Staff will review all comments and incorporate into updated draft to be presented at the February 25, 2013 NRC meeting. Many comments reiterated that the draft Plan was not specific or prescriptive enough.

Motion: That the zero waste subcommittee begin developing outreach ideas for the composting program, that the rate impacts of green waste containerization be understood, and that consultant services be used as necessary to implement the Plan recommendations, AYES, 5-0

- 10. Single Use Carryout Bag Ordinance CEQA Documentation**
The NRC received a brief presentation by staff on the status of the CEQA documentation process. Staff highlighted that the State Legislature would likely consider passing a Bag Ban bill in 2013 which could influence how the City addresses this issue. Questions were asked about the likely increased use of paper bags (which can be recycled) and status of AB 1299.

- 11. Subcommittee Reports/Long Range Calendar**
The Transportation Element and Solar Ordinance were added to the February agenda and Wood Burning was moved up from July (likely May). Energy subcommittee reported on areas of interest including draft Solar Ordinance, CCA/Municipalization, Transportation Element comments, and GHGe tracking. Zero Waste was focusing on green waste containerization issues. Water Management: looking for new members when vacancies are filled, meet with staff soon to coordinate on water issues.

Adjourn: 10:11 p.m.