

Natural Resources Commission
Minutes
February 25, 2013

Commissioners:

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

Absent: Commission vacancies

Staff: Jacques DeBra, NRC Liaison

Council Liaison: Joe Krovoza

1. Roll Call

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve hearing ERA item first, passed, AYES 6-0.

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve January 28, 2013 Minutes with zero waste item amendments passed, AYES 6-0.

4. Commission and Staff Announcements:

Staff announcements: City working to fill NRC vacancies.

5. Council Liaison Comments:

None.

6. Public Communications:

None.

Consent Calendar

7A. Motion to approve pulling item 7A (GHG Report) passed, AYES 6-0.

Received overview by CDS staff on updated GHGe inventory report. This is the second update with assistance from PG&E. City not yet meeting AB32 or CAP goals and it will be a challenge to meet these goals by 2020 without making progress on transportation related GHGe levels. Work will continue and future updates to be provided to the NRC.

Regular Calendar

8. 2013 Environmental Recognition Award Winners

The ad-hoc subcommittee presented their award recommendations and outlined the differences between the applications received. After some discussion, the NRC agreed upon the recommended winners.

Motion: Award the following applicants with 2013 Awards: Individual/Group – Cayce Wallace; Non-Profit – CAFF; Business – DaVinci High Charter Academy, passed, AYES 6-0.

9. Review and Comment on Draft Integrated Water Resource Study

Rob Beggs from Brown and Caldwell presented the draft Study content and recommendations. Some of the key findings were identification of a preferred water supply portfolio including a base supply of surface water and deep aquifer supplies, the NRC's 20% demand reduction plan, development of Irrigation Wells for City parks and greenbelts, evaluation of future ASR wells to store surface water supplies, and consideration of surface water marketing concepts. The Study would be presented to the City Council in spring 2013. Comments centered on possibilities for future recycled water, further specification of 20% demand reduction measures, and how ASR fits into the overall portfolio.

Motion: To accept the Study incorporating comments received by the NRC, passed, AYES 6-0

10. Integrated Waste Management Plan

An updated Plan, based on comments received at the January NRC meeting, was presented including specific waste reduction targets for residential and commercial sectors, recommended programs (and selection criteria) to meet 75 percent diversion goal by 2020, and discussion of mandatory vs. voluntary approaches to Plan implementation. It was recommended to conduct a Solid Waste Planning Workshop to encourage public participation and feedback on the Plan before the NRC makes any final recommendations related to Plan approval. The Chair and Staff Liaison will coordinate the workshop effort to occur in March.

11. Transportation Element Comments

The Energy subcommittee met with City staff to review proposed comments to the City's Transportation Element. A handout with recommended NRC comments was circulated for review and discussion.

Motion: To approve the recommended NRC comments, passed, AYES 6-0.

12. Energy Efficiency Ordinance for New Construction

The Energy subcommittee met with City staff to review the draft Ordinance. Issues discussed included providing more flexibility for meeting overall efficiency vs. prescriptive approach, and suggestion to discuss the proposal with local builders to ascertain their level of interest and support in such a policy. The item will be placed on the March NRC agenda for further discussion.

13. Subcommittee Reports

Wood Burning: No report

Water Management: 20% Demand Reduction Plan, SBx7 target

Zero Waste: Draft EPS Ordinance developed with staff, ready for March NRC agenda.

Energy: Energy Efficiency Ordinance, Transportation Element,

Adjourn: 11:15 p.m.