

Natural Resources Commission
Minutes
June 24, 2013

Commissioners:

Present: Eugene Wilson (Chair), Ben Bourne (Vice Chair), Dean Newberry, Alan Pryor, Steven Westhoff, Matt Williams, and Matt Holland (Alternate)

Absent: NA

Staff: Jacques DeBra, Utilities Manager

Council Liaison: Joe Krovoza

1. Roll Call

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda passed unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes passed 4-0 (abstain Westhoff and Pryor).

4. Commission and Staff Announcements:

Mitch Sears will be new NRC Staff Liaison beginning July 2013. Jill Baty vacancy to be filled soon.

5. Council Liaison Comments:

Councilmember Frerichs attended the meeting and mentioned Council liaison discussions are planned for July 9 Council meeting agenda.

6. Public Communications:

None.

Consent Calendar

7. None

Regular Calendar

8. Discuss 2013-14 Wood Burn Season Policy Options

Staff introduced the item and policy options. The Wood Smoke Subcommittee presented their recommended mandatory approach and key provisions for an ordinance. Lowell Ashbaugh discussed regional federal air quality compliance vs. nearest neighbor impacts as two different factors to consider when setting policy. One option for enforcement was highlighting a complaint based system through something similar to the City's current Noise Ordinance. YSAQMD reviewed their voluntary program, intent to continue in the 2013-14 wood burning season, and answered questions. The NRC asked various questions about enforcement, EPA Phase II standards, adequacy of current burn data for setting policy, and timing for final NRC policy recommendations.

Public Comments: Barbara King – recommends mandatory program with wind speed factor at least as stringent as Sacramento County's policy. Bob Hafferty – serial burners will not comply with voluntary programs therefore some kind of mandatory policy needed to address severe nearest neighbor impact situations.

Action: Defer final NRC policy recommendation until the July 2013 NRC meeting with direction to the Wood Smoke Subcommittee to develop a revised draft ordinance based on the existing City nuisance ordinance with a focus on enforcement and incentives. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

9. Receive 2012 Annual IPM Report

Staff presented the data and information from the 2012 annual report including areas managed, IPM approaches and techniques employed, and 2012 vs. 2011 pesticide use. The NRC asked questions about some of the approaches and techniques and pesticide use trends.

Public Comment: None.

10. Receive Updated IPM Policies

Staff presented an update regarding IPM policy amendments and expected outcomes and benefits for the overall IPM program. The NRC asked various questions about how the new policies would be implemented throughout the City service area.

11. Receive Subcommittee Updates

Wood Burning: No report.
Water Management: Meet summer 2013
Zero Waste: No report
Energy: No report

12. Long Range Calendar

No discussion.

Adjourn: 9:40 p.m.