

Natural Resources Commission Minutes
October 28, 2013

Present: Matt Holland, Dean Newberry, Alan Pryor, Steven Westhoff,
Matt Williams, Eugene Wilson (Chair), 2 Vacancies (Alt)

Absent:

Staff: Mitch Sears, Sustainability Program Manager

Council Liaison: Lucas Frerichs

1. Approval of Agenda
Approved.

2. Approval of Minutes
Motion to approve September 23, 2013 minutes passed unanimously.

3. Commission Administration
On a motion by Commissioner Pryor, seconded by Commissioner Newberry, Commissioner Holland was elected Vice Chair.

4. Commission and Staff Announcements - None

5. Council Liaison Comments - None

6. Public Communications - None

7. Consent Calendar – None

8. Integrated Water Resource Study
Staff provided a brief update on the related September 24, 2013 City Council Action. Following discussion, the Commission directed the Water Management sub-committee to meet with staff in advance of the November 18th meeting to help clarify Commission understanding of the Council action, the amount of funding built into the water rate structure for conservation, if there is a parks irrigation re-plumbing study, and the potential use of various city wells and related aquifers (e.g. shallow, moderate, deep). Staff will follow up with the sub-committee to set a meeting if schedules allow.

9. Wood Burning Draft Ordinance
Staff and Commissioner Pryor briefed the Commission on discussions regarding the draft ordinance. All issues except the timing (year round v. partial year), have been reconciled between the staff and commission recommendations on the ordinance. The remaining issue will be addressed as part of the recommendation presented to the City Council.

10. New Construction Energy Efficiency Draft Ordinance
Staff provided a schedule for consideration of the draft ordinance including stakeholder engagement. Following discussion the Commission requested and staff agreed to set a

meeting with the Community Development and Sustainability Department Staff who would be assigned to the draft ordinance (TBD).

Action: The Commission appointed Commissioner Westhoff to serve on the Energy sub-committee.

11. Program updates – Informational

a) GEM Car Status

Update on current status of the City's GEM car fleet.

b) Property Assessed Clean Energy Program (PACE)

Update on establishment of residential PACE program in Yolo County.

c) Alternative Fuel Readiness Planning grant – California Energy Commission grant program.

d) Yolo County Climate Action Plan – update on review schedule (Spring 2014)

10. Commission Administration – (Taken as Item 8) - Informational

Staff reviewed communication channels available to the Commission and upcoming commissioner training.

11. Subcommittee Updates

Wood Burning: Taken as a regular item.

Water Management: Taken as a regular item.

Zero Waste: No update.

Energy: Taken as a regular item.

12. Long Range Calendar/Future Agenda Items

The Commission expressed interest in setting new long range agenda items at a future meeting.

13. Adjourn: 9:00pm