

Natural Resources Commission Minutes
February 24, 2014

Present: Kristin Burford (Alt), Matt Holland, Michelle Millet, Dean Newberry,
Alan Pryor, Steven Westhoff, Matt Williams, Eugene Wilson (Chair)

Absent:

Staff: Mitch Sears, Sustainability Program Manager

Council Liaison: Lucas Frerichs

1. Approval of Agenda

Add water conservation public outreach plan to the agenda approved 6-0. Approved with addition unanimously.

2. Approval of Minutes

January 27, 2014 minutes passed unanimously.

3. Commission and Staff Announcements – None

4. Council Liaison Comments - None

5. Public Communications – Kemble Pope, Davis Chamber of Commerce Executive Director announced a public forum for the downtown entry feature to be held Saturday March 15, 2014.

Chris Granger, Cool Davis Executive Director announced that the organization is preparing a community engagement campaign to address local GHG emmissions.

6. Consent Calendar – None

7. 2014 Environmental Recognition Award (ERA). The ERA sub-committee provided background on nominations and its recommendations.

Following Commission discussion, on a motion by Commissioner Pryor, seconded by Commissioner Newberry, the Commission recommended the following:

Award three individual 2014 ERA's to (1) Richard Borne, (2), Mark Braly, and (3) Isao Fujimoto.

Motion passed 7-0

8. 2014 Commission Goals. The Commission Chair and staff provided background information on goal setting. Commissioners provided suggestions for 2014 goals and the formation of working groups in the following categories:

- Water – Matt H, Matt W, Steve
- Energy – Gene, Kristen, Matt H
- Outreach – Michelle, Kristen
- Hazardous Materials – Allan, Dean

- Solid waste – Allan, Michelle
- Standards – Gene, Matt W

The draft goals are attached.

Following discussion, Commissioners assigned to the goals categories agreed to develop draft action plans for each category for presentation at the March NRC meeting.

9. Program Updates.

- a) Alternative Fuel Readiness Planning grant. Staff provided a brief presentation on this California Energy Commission grant – the City is being recommended for funding at the April CEC business meeting.
- b) Department of Energy SunShot Grant. Partnership, including City, was invited to submit a full proposal in mid-March.
- c) Draft Solar Ordinance. Staff provided brief background and outline to advance the new residential portion of the NRC recommended draft ordinance. Following discussion, the Commission agreed to this general approach with a parallel process to advance the retrofit and non-residential portions of the recommended draft ordinance.

10. Water Conservation Public Outreach (added agenda item). Commission requested a presentation on the public outreach program being developed by the City and its consultants.

Following discussion, on a motion by Commissioner Pryor, seconded by Commissioner Williams, the Commission recommended the following:

That the appropriate staff/consultant attend the next NRC meeting to present the outreach plan.

Motion passed 7-0

11. Subcommittee Updates. No updates.

12. Long Range Calendar/Future Agenda Items. Item covered as part of goal setting item.

14. Adjourn: 9:45pm

Attachments

1. 2014 NRC Goals – Draft

2014 Natural Resource Commission Goals

NRC General Functions:

1. Advise the City Council on the preservation, management and enhancement of the City's natural resources;
2. Investigate, review and make recommendations to the City Council relating to maintaining the quality and quantity of the City's water supply and promoting water conservation;
3. Investigate, review and make recommendations to the City Council pertaining to the degradation of air quality in the Yolo-Solano-Sacramento region;
4. Investigate, review and recommend to the City Council ways to implement the Yolo County Solid Waste Plan and improve city-wide recycling efforts;
5. Advise the City Council on issues relating to the preservation of agricultural lands in Yolo County;
6. Advise the City Council on ways to promote the use of renewable sources of energy;
7. Advise City Council on environmental matters relating to toxic and hazardous substances;
8. Report to the City Council, other City commissions and departments recommendations for legislation and other actions that would limit actual or potential threats to the natural resources of the region;

2014 Goals/Projects ¹	Natural Resources	Water	Relevant Functions					Legislation	Actions	Sub-Committee/ Working Group
			Air Quality	Solid Waste	Ag Land	Energy	Toxics/Haz			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Park Irrigation Conversion • Greywater implementation • Drought – water resources shortage • Drought – residential landscape • Water outreach 								•	Water – Matt, Matt, Steve	

¹ Footnotes show links with City Council principles and goals: S – Sustainability; CSE – Community Strength and Effectiveness; etc.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solar Ord • CEQA Guidelines • Retrofits • POU • Multimodal Trans • EV Readiness • Workshop 									•	Energy – Gene, Kristen, Matt H	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outreach Committee • Community Engagement • Sustainability move in packet • Website • ...better (couldn't read the first two words from the white board photo) 										Outreach – Michelle, Kristen	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Haz Material Sites follow up • Rail Cars • Wood smoke • Household Toxics 									•	Haz – Allan, Dean	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of solid waste plan • Recycling downtown + parks • Outreach 								•	Solid waste – Allan, Michelle
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainability Task Force • Common Platform for Sustainability • Climate Action Plan Measureable Results • Follow Through 									Standards – Gene, Matt W

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Energy – Gene, Kristen, Matt H

Outreach – Michelle, Kristen

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