Natural Resources Commission Minutes April 28, 2014

Present: Matt Holland, Michelle Millet, Alan Pryor, Steven

Westhoff, Matt Williams

Absent: Dean Newberry, Kristin Burford (Alt), Eugene Wilson (Chair)

Staff: Jennifer Gilbert, Conservation Coordinator

Council Liaison: Lucas Frerichs

1. Approval of Agenda

Approved unanimously.

2. Approval of Minutes

March 24, 2014 minutes passed unanimously.

- 3. Commission and Staff Announcements Staff: Fix-A-Leak Workshop 4/29, Celebrate Davis zero waste event efforts. Commissioner Millet asked to receive information about the large event zero waste efforts. Commissioner Matt Williams commented on piles of food scraps in the street. Commissioner Alan Pryor commented on the updated DWR contract that he reviewed and that it was well written and comprehensive. Alan will send a spreadsheet on organics options and rates to Mitch Sears to circulate to the commission. Commissioner Steven Westhoff announced that Mitch and Eugene are at the CA Public Utilities Commission tonight representing Davis for offsite energy development.
- **4. Council Liaison Comments -** Council Liaison Lucas announced that plans will be moving forward for zero waste at Celebrate Davis and a resolution to that effect will be forthcoming. DWR contract looking good and should be at Council June 30.
- **Public Communications** Ryan Wooten, Waste Buster employee spoke about what Waste Busters does. Resident Chris (no last name given) asked a question about the Cannery Project. Council Liaison Lucas directed him to contact Mike Webb.
- **6. Consent Calendar** Commissioner Alan Pryor pulled item a) for short discussion, then consent items passed unanimously.
- **7. Draft Solar Ordinance.** Commission discussed, requested that Mitch Sears get input from Eugene and possibly other local solar experts. General discussion regarding the proposed exemptions for multi-family and commercial, converters and the hardship clause.
- **8. Program Updates** Commissioner Alan Pryor had a question about item b), and will direct it to Mitch Sears.
- 9. Subcommittee Updates. Commissioner Steven Westhoff reported that staff is working on grey water regulation updates and will be a consent item at the May 13 City Council meeting. Commissioner Michelle Millet is working on talking to the press guidelines: talking points and process. She will work with Mitch to ensure guidelines are in keeping with the Brown Act. More updates later. Commissioner Alan Pryor gave update on Hazardous Materials subcommittee. Commissioner Pryor also expressed his dissatisfaction with not having Crocker and Crocker present their outreach strategy to the commission as requested.

10. Long Range Calendar/Future Agenda Items.

- 1. Discussed May meeting items
 - a. Meeting date and time discussed. Commissioner Eugene and Matt Holland will work with Mitch Sears to choose a date.
 - b. Woodsmoke—Commissioner Alan Pryor indicated that this could be deferred to another meeting
 - c. IPM Update
 - d. Solar Ordinance Update
 - e. DWR Contract
 - f. Procedures on how to deal with the press (part of subcommittee update)
- 2. June
 - a. Hazardous materials
 - b. Update from Dianna Jensen on water conservation efforts
- 3. July
 - a. CEQA guidelines

11. Adjourn: 8:35pm