Natural Resources Commission Minutes  
September 22, 2014

Present: Kristin Burford (Alt), Matt Holland, Michelle Millet, Alan Pryor, Steven Westhoff, Eugene Wilson
Absent: Dean Newberry, Matt Williams
Staff: Mitch Sears, Sustainability Manager
Council Liaison: Rochelle Swanson

1. Approval of Agenda
   Approved unanimously.

2. Approval of Minutes
   July 28, 2014 minutes passed unanimously with minor corrections.

3. Commission and Staff Announcements – reminders were given regarding upcoming water conservation workshops; interest expressed on revisiting a “pay for pickup” yard waste system; tremendous staff/volunteer effort acknowledged for apartment move out waste reduction program.

4. Council Liaison Comments – None

5. Public Communications – None

6. Consent Calendar – None

7. Project Presentation – Nishi/Gateway Proposal. Katherine Hess, City Staff lead for the Nishi/Gateway proposed project provided an overview of the proposed project. Key project elements were noted: sustainability, grant support for sustainability planning and EIR preparation, connection with UC Davis, Measure J/R vote requirement, LAFCO annexation. Staff responded to Commission questions related to: public funding to support development of the EIR for a private development, potential air quality issues, how to address water/energy/air/GHG emission impacts, how to maximize transportation mitigation. Public comment by Chris Granger, Cool Davis: connecting “innovation” business park with design innovation such as “vehicle-less”/net zero energy/central heating/cooling district/etc.

Following discussion, staff outlined the review process.

   a) City Water Shortage Emergency – Stage 3. Commission discussed the development of a GIS map showing neighborhood level water use and investigating long-term proactive measures to conserve. In addition, using sewer rate reductions to provide incentives for greywater systems.
   b) Davis Water Rates. Update on Council Action provided.

9. Program updates – Informational
   a) DWR Contract – Status update. Public draft pending.
   b) Publicly Owned Utility – Work with local non-profits to plan, organize, conduct public information forum. Commissioner Pryor to join Commission’s Public Outreach working group for the purpose of working to organize the public forum.
   c) Draft compostable ordinance – need outreach to businesses. Request for staff to distribute draft ordinance.
10. **Subcommittee Updates**
   a) **Energy** – Work on POU public forum outline.
   b) **Water** – Addressed in agenda item 8 above. Water rates passed by Council.
   c) **Outreach** – No report.
   d) **Hazardous Materials** – Commissioner Pryor to work with Commissioner Newberry to collect site information.
   e) **Solid Waste** – No report.

11. **Long Range Calendar/Future Agenda Items**
    November
    a) Woodsmoke implementation – Update
    b) Hazardous materials – Update
    c) DWR Contract – Update if available
    d) Publically owned utility – Public forum planning
    e) Compostable ordinance status – Update
    f) Plastic bag ordinance implementation – Update provided at September meeting
    g) Drought/Water Conservation activity - Update
    h) Re-metering status - Update

12. **Adjourn:** 9:40 p.m.