

**Natural Resources Commission Minutes**  
**February 23, 2015**

Present: Mark Braly, Kristin Burford (Alt) (left at 8:00pm), Matt Holland, John Johnston, Michelle Millet, Alan Pryor, Steven Westhoff, Vacancy

Absent:

Staff: Mitch Sears, Sustainability Manager

Council Liaison: Rochelle Swanson

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**1. Approval of Agenda**

Approved unanimously.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

January 26, 2015 minutes approved unanimously.

**3. Commission and Staff Announcements** – Clothes washer rebate program not approved by Council; Greenwaste program pending Council consideration.

**4. Council Liaison Comments** – None

**5. Public Communications** – None

**6. Consent Calendar** – None

**7. WaterSmart Program Status Update** – Richard Tsai, Senior Utility Resource Specialist, briefed the Commission on the WaterSmart Program and the web based tools to help residents track and compare water use. Following Commissioner discussion, on a motion by Commissioner Pryor, seconded by Commissioner Johnston the Commission took the following action:

The NRC supports staff recommendation to extend the WaterSmart program from March 2015 to March 2016 and recommends that the City Council approve the staff recommendation.

The motion passed 7-0

**8. Commission 2015/16 Goals** – Staff provided brief background on the Commission’s existing goals. The Commission discussed potential changes to its goals and sub-committee assignments for 2015/16 as noted in the attached redlined goal set. A draft goals document will be considered for adoption at the March meeting.

The tentative sub-committee assignments for 2015/16 are:

- Water: Holland, Johnston, Westhoff
- Solid Waste: Millet, Pryor
- Energy: Braly, Burford, Millet

Note: the Commission decided to eliminate the Outreach and Standards Subcommittees; Hazardous Materials Subcommittee (Pryor and Westhoff) will provide an annual report.

**9. Community Choice Energy Advisory Committee** - Following discussion, the Commission appointed Commissioners Braly and Pryor to serve on the Community Choice Energy Advisory Committee.

**10. 2015 Environmental Recognition Award (ERA)** - Following discussion, the Commission appointed

Commissioners Holland, Millet, and Westhoff to serve on the ERA nominee evaluation committee and return with a recommendation for Commission consideration in March.

**11. Subcommittee Updates**

- a) **Energy** – Addressed in item 9 above.
- b) **Water** – Addressed in agenda item 8 above. Commissioner Westhoff noted that an update from the state on groundwater aquifers is available.
- c) **Outreach** – No report.
- d) **Hazardous Materials** – Addressed in agenda item 9 above.
- e) **Solid Waste** – Addressed in agenda item 9 above.

**13. Long Range Calendar/Future Agenda Items** – Commissioners reviewed the draft long range calendar. No changes.

**14. Adjourn:** 9:20 p.m.