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

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.