

Natural Resources Commission Minutes
March 23, 2015

Present: Kristin Burford, Matt Holland, John Johnston,
Michelle Millet (left at 7:15pm), Steven Westhoff, Vacancy

Absent: Mark Braly, Alan Pryor

Staff: Mitch Sears, Sustainability Manager

Council Liaison: Rochelle Swanson

1. **Approval of Agenda**
Approved unanimously.
2. **Approval of Minutes**
February 23, 2015 minutes, as amended, approved unanimously.
3. **Commission and Staff Announcements** – The City Waste Water Treatment Plant ground breaking will occur on April 14th. State Water Board extended and expanded the scope of urban water use restrictions.
4. **Council Liaison Comments** – None
5. **Public Communications** – None
6. **Consent Calendar** – None
7. **2015 Environmental Recognition Award (ERA)** - Following discussion, the Commission unanimously approved the ERA nominee evaluation committee’s recommendation to award 2015 City of Davis ERA’s to Nirghborhood Partners (Business Category), and the Bike Campaign (NGO). The recommendation will be forwarded to the City Council for action at the April 21, 2015 City Council meeting.
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.

Following Commissioner discussion, on a motion by Commissioner Burford, seconded by Commissioner Westhoff the Commission tentatively approved the NRC 20015/16 Goals with the following amendments:

- a. Add general goal to monitor the Innovation Research Park proposal planning and environmental analysis processes with a particular focus on water, energy, and waste resources.
- b. Add to Solid Waste Goal section – (1) ban on polystyrene; (2) Address compostable containers when there is a composting program available to accept the materials; (3) monitor the mandatory recycling/contamination ordinance process.

The motion passed 5-0

9. **Climate Action and Adaptation Plan Update** – The Commission deferred the update to the next meeting.
10. **Subcommittee Updates**
 - a) **Energy** – Addressed in item 8 above.

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- b) **Water** – Addressed in agenda item 8 above.
 - c) **Outreach** – No report.
 - d) **Hazardous Materials** – Addressed in agenda item 8 above.
 - e) **Solid Waste** – Addressed in agenda item 8 above.
- 13. Long Range Calendar/Future Agenda Items** – Commissioners reviewed the draft long range calendar. No changes.
- 14. Adjourn:** 8:00 p.m.