

Natural Resources Commission Minutes
April 25, 2016

Present: Mark Braly, Kristin Burford, Matt Holland, John Johnston,
Anya McCann (Alt), Michelle Millet, Alan Pryor, Steven Westhoff

Absent:
Staff: Mitch Sears, Sustainability Manager

Council Liaison: Rochelle Swanson

1. **Approval of Agenda** - Approved unanimously
2. **Commission Administration – Election of Chair and Vice-chair.** Following nomination and voting, Commissioner Millet was elected Chair and Commissioner Westhoff was elected Vice Chair.

Commissioners indicated an interest in a more regular annual rotation of Chair and Vice Chair.
3. **Brief Announcements from Staff, Commissioners, and Liaisons** – Commissioners announced upcoming presentation on land use planning, a pending visit to the Cannery regarding sustainability features, and an interest in forming a new sub-committee related to the development of a GHG strategy for new development.

Staff read an e-mail from John Moody, a resident in Mace Ranch, regarding the effect of the new LED streetlights on his medical condition causing migraine headaches.
4. **Public Communications** – None.
5. **Consent Calendar** – March 28, 2016 minutes. Approved unanimously with minor correction.
6. **Regular Items**
 - a) **Integrated Pest Management Annual Report.** City Integrated Pest Management Specialist, Martin Guarena, presented the annual IPM report and responded to questions. Commissioners raised concerns related to the use of herbicides in designated “Fair Zones” of parks, quality control related to contractor maintenance of parks/greenbelts, and proposals for use of neonicotinoids.

The Commission supported coordination with the Rec and Park and Open Space and Habitat Commissions on IPM implementation and transitioning the authority of the IPM Manager from advisory to overseeing the application of herbicide/pesticides.

Following discussion, on a motion by Pryor, seconded by Braly, the NRC recommended the City Council support staff recommendation. Motion passed 7-0.
 - b) **Review of City’s 2015 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP)** - Richard Tsai and Dawn Calciano, Water Division staff, presented the draft 2015 UWM update and responded to questions. Commissioners raised issues related to how population and demand were factored into the draft plan, consistency of tables related to population and demand, how the State mandated water conservation goal was reflected in the draft plan, how Selenium during drought years is addressed in the draft plan, the relationship between the UWMP and the City’s Integrated Water Management Plan, how water loss is accounted for and detailed.

Following discussion, on a motion by Pryor, seconded by Holland, the NRC recommended the City Council support staff recommendation to approve the 2015 Urban Water Management Plan with NRC edits as noted by staff. Motion passed 7-0.
 - c) **Water Conservation Program Update** – Staff noted a 45% reduction in March over 2013 baseline and the initiation of an elementary school water conservation awareness program. Overall,

the City is on track to meet water conservation goals.

d) **Subcommittee Updates –**

- Energy – The subcommittee: (1) made a request to calendar information presentation on reach codes and energy efficiency programs in Berkeley and Boulder, and (2) provided and update on pending “cost effectiveness” software for ZNE new construction.
- Solid Waste – Reminder that Greenwaste containerization program begins in July.

7. **Commission and Staff Communications**

- a) **Long Range Calendar/Future Agenda Items.** The Commission will consider planning for the 2016 long-range calendar at its next meeting.
- b) **Upcoming meeting items/events.** (1) Solid waste planning presentation, (2) NRC goal/sub-committee/long-range calendar.

8. **Adjourn:** 9:10 p.m.