

**MINUTES**  
**SIERRA MADRE ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT  
& NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION**  
**WEDNESDAY**

**September 16, 2015 7:00PM**  
**City Hall – Council Chambers**  
**232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.**

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

The meeting began at 7:03pm. Analyst Carlson called roll. All Commissioners were present with the exception of Chair Blanchard.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Robinston led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion to approve the agenda:

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|         | Kelley    |
| Second: | Butler    |
| Vote:   | Unanimous |

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2015 meeting:

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|         | Butler    |
| Second: | Kelley    |
| Vote:   | Unanimous |

Motion to approve the minutes of the July 29,2015 meeting:

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|         | Cossutta  |
| Second: | Dasher    |
| Vote:   | Unanimous |

**STAFF AND COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS**

*Analyst Carlson reviewed the Public Works Department report. Director Inman provided a presentation on the current city-wide conservation efforts. The Commission asked for some clarification on the statistics and potential State Board actions. The use of income from penalties will be discussed in the near future.*

*Commissioner Shuster announced that there would be a “Coastal Clean-Up Day” on Saturday. She also learned of drought analysis via tree ring studies. The Sierra snow levels are the lowest in 500 years, the drought could be the worst in 1200 years.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT**  
**(Items not on the agenda)**

*There was none.*

**ACTION ITEMS**

- 1. DISCUSSION – GREEN STREETS PRESENTATION:** The Commission shall discuss a future public presentation on the City's Green Streets planning efforts.

*Analyst Carlson provided the Commission with updates to the presentation designed to inform residents of Green Streets considerations in Sierra Madre. A couple of potential dates were discussed for the presentation, and the possibility of a guest speaker was also discussed.*

*The Commission provided feedback to the presentation and provided additional considerations. Among the discussions was the point to make the effort inclusive and have a grass roots feel from the community. The Commission also suggested a number of additional items for the presentation/workshop that would involve the residents' participation and also what could be done at their own homes for capturing stormwater.*

*Director Inman added the point that when one looks at the older pictures of the early Carter days in Sierra Madre, there is a stark contrast to the modern pictures. Everything is now paved and impermeable.*

*After considerable discussion, the Commission asked staff to make some additional updates and proceed with the planning of the event.*

- 2. PUBLIC OUTREACH – The Commission** may discuss other public outreach ideas and efforts including recognition programs.

*The Commission remarked that a number of Public Outreach discussions had occurred as part of the previous item.*

*Commissioner Butler indicated that she is still working on the painted rock recognition program.*

*The Commission reviewed a table listing General Plan implementation items that may fall under the Commission's outreach goals.*

- 3. NEW BUSINESS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:** The Commission members may request staff to agendize items for future Energy, Environment & Natural Resources Commission Meetings.

*The Commission discussed the following items for future agendas:  
Water Conservation Enhancement  
Walking School Bus Program, including considerations of an article on "Safe Streets"  
Bee City USA*

*Waste-To-Energy at the City Yards*

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn:

Cossutta

Second

Butler

Vote:

Unanimous