

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

WEDNESDAY, June 17, 2015

7:00PM

**City Hall – Council Chambers
232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.**

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting began at 7:00pm. Analyst Carlson called roll. All Commissioners were present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Kelley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda:

Shuster

Second:

Kelley

Vote:

Unanimous

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes of the 5/20/2015 EENRC meeting::

Shuster

Second:

Kelley

Vote:

Unanimous

**STAFF AND COMMISSION MEMBER
REPORTS**

Director Inman presented the Water Conservation updates to the Commission and audience with a PowerPoint.

There were discussions on the penalties that were to begin on accounts that exceed their targets. Director Inman also clarified questions from the audience regarding the 'fines' vs. the 'penalties'.

Commissioner Shuster asked if the City would meet the state goal if everybody met their individual conservation goal. Director Inman said that calculations have been done, and that it would be expected to be met. There are many different variables so it is difficult to confirm.

There were brief discussions on the proposed water-budget methodology and volunteer water patrols.

Commissioner Shuster described her attendance at a Claremont presentation regarding emissions.

Analyst Carlson asked if there were any further questions on the Public Works Department updates. There were none.

PUBLIC COMMENT

(Items not on the agenda)

Caroline Dosber on Bonita Ave announced an upcoming event that is taking place at her residence on June 27th.

Rene Casuda had a question regarding the status of the waste-to-energy proposal that was presented by Commissioner Kelley. Analyst Carlson explained that there had been not much communication with the County. Edison had provided some data that was not very specific to the project. Director Inman also explained that there is a competing project for that location, but that a potential water treatment project does not appear to be possible.

ACTION ITEMS

- 1. SIERRA MADRE MUNICIPAL CODE – BEES AND OTHER SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS. The Commission shall review and discuss a report from staff regarding Sierra Madre’s Municipal Code and its application on topics including Bees and other sustainability considerations.**

Analyst Carlson introduced the Staff Report. He pointed out that the City of Los Angeles had very recently updated their bee ordinance and it would be a perfect place to begin.

Commissioner Kelley explained how important the promotion of bees is and that Sierra Madre should be a vanguard, among those leading the efforts.

Commissioner Kelley also explained that bee-keeping was only a part of the solution, and suggested that the City look into becoming a “Bee City USA”.

After additional discussions, it was agreed by general consensus that the Commission should pursue the “Bee City USA” recognition requirements, and that during these efforts, or after recognition, consider code amendments.

In regards to other items in the Municipal Code that could be addressed with sustainability considerations, it was decided by general consensus that the General Plan Update process should be followed, especially the Implementation Plan for the Update to identify portions of the Code that could be considered.

- 2. PUBLIC OUTREACH - The Commission will discuss a future public workshop on Green Streets. The Commission may also discuss other public outreach ideas and**

Analyst Carlson explained that the Commission may wish to discuss having a public workshop on Green Streets. He also explained that the City’s EWMP is expected to have been submitted to the Regional Board (with other agencies) by the July meeting, and that a Public Outreach on the topic with

efforts including recognition programs.

considerations of water quality as well as water conservation may be worthwhile.

Commissioner Butler also showed a couple of rocks that she had decorated to demonstrate the idea of giving painted rocks as a gesture of recognition for residents that conserve water or other sustainable efforts.

The Commission discussed different ideas about the rocks. Commissioner Butler took suggestions from the Commission and staff and will bring additional examples to the next meeting for further discussions.

The Commission then went back and discussed the Green Streets Presentation. Director Inman explained that there will be a new approach for the City's parkways, including infiltration and consideration of the parkway trees. It was determined that they would like a presentation for the Commission first, and then have a discussion on a larger presentation for the general public.

- 3. AUGUST COMMISSION MEETING –
The Commission may consider whether to
hold its regular Commission meeting for
the month of August.**

Motion to not meet in August:

	Kelley
Second:	Butler
Vote:	Unanimous

- 4. 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 will receive a presentation on Green Streets and have additional discussions on Commissioner Butler's recognition ideas.

- 5. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn:

	Shuster
Second:	Kelley
Vote:	Unanimous

