

MINUTES
**SIERRA MADRE ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT
& NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION**
WEDNESDAY
June 15, 2016 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 with the exception of Commissioners Butler, and Robinson who were excused.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Cossutta led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda:

Shuster

Second:

Cossutta

Vote:

Unanimous

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2016 meeting:

(Tabled to next meeting)

**STAFF AND COMMISSION MEMBER
REPORTS**

Analyst Carlson reviewed the Public Works Department report. He provided a few highlights and updates to the materials included in the staff report. He highlighted the potential for leaving larger pieces of wood from Bailey Canyon removals. He also highlighted the area around E. Highland Ave., and N. Mountain Trail, commenting that staff and the arborist are now seeing sections of trees declining together. Finally he mentioned that the arborist was very impressed with a private Monterey Pine and the Commissioners may want to go by to see it.

Director Inman provided an update on the water conservation efforts. He also informed the Commission that the City Council voted to remain at a 30% conservation goal level, citing that basically, 30% conservation is the “new normal” and the sustainability of the aquifer is still important.

Commissioner Cossutta reported that she would like to recommend a movie titled “Bag It”. It is a good documentary, informative as well as humorous. She wanted to know if it would

be possible to show the movie in a public forum. There may be a state-wide effort to address single-use bags in November. Other disposables should also be addressed.

Commissioner Shuster reported that she had read a Nature Conservancy article. Sally Jewel, Secretary of the Interior, refers to President Obama's Every Kid in a Park Initiative that provides every 4th grader and their family's free access to National Parks for a year. Perhaps that can tie into Commissioner Cossutta's ongoing work with the schools. She provided the article.

PUBLIC COMMENT
(Items not on the agenda)

There were no comments.

ACTION ITEMS

- 1. FUTURE COMMISSION BUSINESS:**
The Commission will continue its discussion on the future agenda items of the Commission.

Analyst Carlson commended the Commission on their work from the May meeting. He indicated that he had incorporated the comments and reorganized the Work Plan. He indicated that he inserted a couple new target years. He asked the commission to approve the work plan if they were comfortable with the current form.

Motion to approve:

Dasher

Second

Cossutta

Vote:

Unanimous

- 2. COMMUNITY FOREST:** **The Commission will discuss items #3 through #7 of the work plan as they pertain to the Community forest.**

The Commission reviewed the items in the work plan that address the Community Forest. There was discussion about how the items could be combined and existing and future programs could be efficiently paired. There was general consensus to continue the item to the next meeting in an effort to have Commissioners volunteer into a sub-group to coordinate the tasks.

- 3. GENERAL PLAN IMPLEMENTATION:**
The Commission will discuss item #8 of the work plan as it pertains to the dissemination of information regarding the High Activity Wildlife Zone.

The Commission discussed the action item and staff provided examples of current publicity regarding wildlife in Sierra Madre. After some discussion, there was general consensus to continue the item to the next meeting in an effort to have Commissioners volunteer into a sub-group to review and update items related to wildlife in Sierra Madre.

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| <p>4. CANCELLATION OF THE AUGUST 2016 COMMISSION MEETING: The Commission will discuss cancelling the regular meeting of August 17, 2016</p> | <p>Motion to cancel the August meeting:
Second
Vote:</p> | <p>Shuster
Kelley
Unanimous</p> |
| <p>5. PUBLIC OUTREACH: The Commission will discuss public outreach ideas and efforts including recognition programs.</p> | <p><i>Commissioner Dasher provided an after-action report on the March 12, 2016 Wild & Scenic Film Festival.</i></p> | |
| <p>6. NEW BUSINESS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS: Commission members may request staff to agendaize items for future Energy, Environment & Natural Resources Commission meetings.</p> | <p><i>Staff indicated that dates were being set to tour the Athens Material Recovery Facility in Sunland. Two dates are being confirmed so that Commissioners may attend without creating a Brown Act question.</i></p> | |
| <p>7. ADJOURNMENT: The Commission will adjourn to the next regularly scheduled meeting; July 20, 2016 at 7:00pm at the City Hall Council Chambers, 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.</p> | <p>Motion to adjourn:
Second
Vote:</p> | <p>Kelley
Dasher
Unanimous</p> |