

MINUTES
**SIERRA MADRE ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT
& NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION**
WEDNESDAY
February 17, 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, except for Commissioner Shuster who was excused.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Dasher led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda:

	Kelley
Second:	Dasher
Vote:	Unanimous

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2016 meeting:

	Robinson
Second:	Cossutta
Vote:	Unanimous

**STAFF AND COMMISSION MEMBER
REPORTS**

Analyst Carlson reviewed the Public Works Department report. He highlighted the update from Athens Services regarding a proposed change in collection in the Canyon areas. The Commission discussed the proposed changes and indicated that they would like to tour the Material Recovery Facility in the near future.

Chair Blanchard commented on one location that was visited with the arborist. The recommendation was to have an arborist present to view the root structure of sidewalk adjacent trees and make the determination on removing trees for safety. Chair Blanchard indicated that she would also like to be present. The Commission also had a brief discussion on sidewalk replacement materials.

Director Inman provided the Commission with an update on the water conservation efforts and water sourcing. The Commission had a brief discussion on Green Streets and consideration of preserving trees.

Chair Blanchard indicated that she and Commissioners Kelley and Dasher had a nice time at the LARA awards and presented the Commissioners with the recycled glass award to be displayed at City Hall.

PUBLIC COMMENT

(Items not on the agenda)

There was no public comment.

ACTION ITEMS

- 1. DISCUSSION - WALKING SCHOOL BUS PROGRAM:** The Commission shall receive and discuss an update from Commissioner Cossutta on a potential outreach program to promote health and safety to community school children.

Commissioner Cossutta provided an update to the Commission on her efforts to create a "Walking School bus Program" for local schools. She indicated that she met with the PTA representative at Sierra Madre Elementary School. They seem excited about the idea and are looking to have a new website launched soon. The new site might be an avenue to explore the program. There will be surveys conducted in the near future to provide input from school parents. A few other ideas were discussed and the program is moving forward.

Commissioner Butler mentioned that stakeholders change often in organizations like the PTA. Try to find consistent contacts.

- 2. DISCUSSION – WILD & SCENIC FILM EVENT:** The Commission shall receive and discuss an update from Commissioner Dasher on a prospective Wild & Scenic Film event scheduled for March 12, 2016.

Commissioner Dasher provided the Commission with a brief update on the event. The films have been selected and the tickets will be sold via the Mono Lake Committee. There will be a 2:00pm showing targeted for kids. The regular films will begin at 7:00pm. Attendees will be encouraged to eat locally before the evening event.

- 3. PUBLIC OUTREACH:** The Commission may discuss public outreach ideas and efforts, including recognition programs

The Commission discussed possible activities for this year's Earth Day observance. Staff will check on the dates for toilet exchange, SMEAC Bailey Canyon Clean-Up, Compost Giveaway for cross promotion.

The Commission discussed having a walking tour of residences in Sierra Madre that demonstrate sustainability. This idea was discussed further, and the Commission agreed to provide staff with locations by the 29th of February. Staff will send letters to the locations to determine if the resident is interested in being put on a tour of sustainable homes. The tour will then be discussed further.

Commissioner Butler provided another example of a rock that

could be used as a recognition program. The Commission provided feedback on the size, color, etc.

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 listed the following items for future agendas:

Walking School Bus Program

Bee City USA

Plastic Bag Ban (and Styrofoam)

Commission name change

2-stroke engines, leaf blowers, etc.

Toxic chemical policies (rodenticides, etc.)

Update on stormwater program

5. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn:

Cossutta

Second

Dasher

Vote:

Unanimous