

**MINUTES**  
**SIERRA MADRE ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT  
& NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION**  
**WEDNESDAY**  
**May 18, 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 Blanchard, Butler, and Robinson who were 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 March 16, 2016 meeting, with typo correction:

	Cossutta
Second:	Kelley
Vote:	Unanimous

**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.*

*Commissioner Shuster mentioned the concerns for dead trees in Bailey Canyon, and perhaps some of the larger pieces of the trees could be left for habitat.*

*Director Inman provided an update on Water Conservation including recent updates to the Statewide regulations.*

*The Commissioners asked questions and provided discussion on the Water Conservation update. The general consensus of the Commission was to keep ambitious water conservation goals and regulations. The messaging should focus on rebuilding our aquifer.*

*The Commission asked about the spreading of MWD water and Director Inman provided additional information.*

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

**(Items not on the agenda)**

*Resident Bob Buckner, Acacia Street, provided comments on groundwater management and ownership. He discussed regional water banking practices. It could provide contingencies for dry years or emergencies. Water ownership rights are complicated and get political.*

*He also mentioned a discussion he overheard during the City Hall landscaping process regarding irrigation and calculations regarding drought tolerant landscaping. He mentioned CIMIS, a statewide program. He mentioned automated sprinkler controllers and alerts.*

*There may be tools for Sierra Madre to publicize, such as irrigation recommendations.*

## **ACTION ITEMS**

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

*Analyst Carlson provided an update to the EENRC "Work Plan". The Commission was asked to review the work plan, remove items that may no longer fit into City Council Direction, combine items if possible, and assign priority to the items.*

*The Commission reviewed the items for a considerable time and provided input to staff on the organization of the "Work Plan".*

*Resident Bob Buckner also periodically provided input on water oriented discussions.*

*After lengthy discussion on each item, the Commission concluded and provided the necessary input to staff.*

- 2. PUBLIC OUTREACH:** The Commission will discuss public outreach ideas and efforts including recognition programs.

*(Acting Chair Shuster noted the length of the discussion for Action Item 1, and asked if there was any other matter on the agenda that was pressing and needed discussion. The Commission agreed and tabled the rest of the Agenda Items until a future meeting)*

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

*(Tabled)*

**4. ADJOURNMENT: The Commission will adjourn to the next regularly scheduled meeting; June 15, 2016 at 7:00pm at the City Hall Council Chambers, 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.**

Motion to adjourn:

Second

Vote:

Kelley

Dasher

Unanimous