

MINUTES
**SIERRA MADRE ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT
& NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION**
WEDNESDAY
July 20, 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 Commissioner Kelley who was excused.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Dasher led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda:

Shuster

Second:

Dasher

Vote:

Unanimous

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Motion to approve the agenda:

Cossutta

Second:

Dasher

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.

Director Inman provided an update on the water conservation efforts. He addressed the Commission's question regarding leaks and specifically how the N. Michillinda Ave. project is expected to proceed. Commissioner Cossutta asked about the average lifespan of new water mains which Director Inman explained is about 75 years. He also went into some detail as the purpose and expected value of the modeling study that is anticipated.

Commissioner Cossutta provided an update to the Commission on "Walking Wednesdays" at Sierra Madre Elementary School and progress towards coordination of a public viewing of the documentary "Bag It".

Commissioner Shuster expressed how depressing the tree report section of the updates were this month. She suggested increasing publicity on caring for street trees.

Commissioner Dasher inquired on obtaining pamphlets that she had seen during the material recovery facility tour.

Commissioner Shuster asked about what was done with glass at the facility tour.

There were no comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT

(Items not on the agenda)

ACTION ITEMS

- 1. 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. Chair Blanchard indicated that she would take the lead on the subject and welcomed assistance.
- 2. 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.**

After some discussion, Commissioner Shuster indicated that she would take the lead on this subject and would incorporate members of the community with expertise.
- 3. PUBLIC OUTREACH: The Commission will discuss public outreach ideas and efforts including recognition programs.**

Commissioner Cossutta provided additional details on the documentary "Bag It" that she is hoping can be screened for the community in October. She provided an update on the logistics of obtaining the film and rights to distribute. Commissioner Shuster offered to assist in the effort.

Commissioner Dasher also expressed the need to develop outreach events into a regular monthly event. She would also like to see another event focused on water harvesting held.
- 4. NEW BUSINESS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS: Commission members may request staff to agendaize items for future Energy, Environment & Natural Resources Commission meetings.**

The Commission and staff discussed agendaizing a future item to incorporate or create a policy for the expending of funds from the newly acquired budget.

5. ADJOURNMENT: The Commission will adjourn to the next regularly scheduled meeting; September 21, 2016 at 7:00pm at the City Hall Council Chambers, 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.

Motion to adjourn:

Second

Vote:

Shuster

Butler

Unanimous