

**MINUTES**  
**SIERRA MADRE ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES**  
**COMMISSION (Special Meeting)**  
**WEDNESDAY, July 29, 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 with the exception of Commissioners Kelley and Robinson.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Shuster led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion to approve the agenda:

Cossutta

Second:

Dasher

Vote:

Unanimous

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Item to approve the minutes of the 6/17/2015 EENRC meeting was continued to the September meeting.*

**STAFF AND COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS**

*Analyst Carlson reviewed the Public Works Department report. He added information regarding AB1234 training and how Commissioners should share interesting articles and such through himself. He pointed out the Civic Center Landscaping project event on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Director Inman informed the Commission of recent actions that the City Council had taken in regards to the I-710 project. Commissioner Cossutta added that Congressman Schiff has also been involved with the discussions.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**(Items not on the agenda)**

*There was none.*

**ACTION ITEMS**

- 1. COMMUNITY FOREST – APPEAL OF DIRECTOR’S DECISION.** The Commission shall consider the appeal of the Director’s decision to deny the request to remove a Southern Magnolia Magnolia grandiflora located in the parkway at 279 E.

*Wendy Davis and Mike Noll, residents of E. Grand View Ave., addressed the Commission and outlined their reasons for appealing the Director’s Decision. The Commission and appellant discussed a number of considerations and possible solutions.*

**Grand View Ave., per SMMC 12.20.030(E).**

Motion to table until September for the future consideration of the City Council regarding a potential Adopt-a-Tree program:

Dasher

Second:

Shuster

Vote:

Unanimous

(except Butler who had not joined the meeting yet)

**2. PRESENTATION – GREEN STREETS:**

**The Commission shall review a presentation from staff regarding the City’s Green Streets Policy and its potential for water conservation and water quality efforts.**

*Analyst Carlson provided the Commission with a presentation on Green Streets. The Commission appreciated the presentation and offered a number of recommendations on the presentation that would be beneficial for the community. Staff will incorporate recommendations for review at the September meeting. A date for the public presentation will be determined.*

**3. PUBLIC OUTREACH – The Commission will discuss a future public workshop on Green Streets. The Commission may also discuss other public outreach ideas and efforts including recognition programs.**

*Commissioner Butler provided an update on the award/acknowledgement idea that includes painted rocks. She described some difficulties with colors and sizes and that she is still working to refine the concept.*

**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.**

*Commissioner Cossutta explained her idea to create a “walking school bus” program. She will do some additional research and would like the idea on a future agenda.*

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn:

Butler

Second

Cossutta

Vote:

Unanimous