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MINUTES

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

Board of Supervisors Chambers – 701 Ocean Street

Time: 5:00 p.m.

I. ROLL/CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Haifley at 5:03 p.m.

Present: Dan Haifley; Len Beyea; Sharon Sarris, Laura Kasa; Alan Schlenger;
Betsy Herbert; Kenneth Adelman and Tom Rosewall.

Absent: Robert Stokes and Virginia Johnson.

Staff: Nancy Gordon

Other staff: John Ricker

II. ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA

In view of John Ricker's absence, commissioners agreed by consensus to move Item V.C. to next regular meeting.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – upon motion of Schlenger, second by Sarris, minutes of April 2010 approved.

IV. PUBLIC INPUT/ORAL COMMUNICATION

Ricker spoke briefly about upcoming long range study on rainfall run off and recharge of watersheds, with an update to be provided at joint Water Advisory Commission meeting later this year.

V. BUSINESS MATTERS

A. Presentation by Rachel Goodman, Staff for Assembly member Bill Monning, with update on environmental legislation currently authored, co-authored or tracked by Monning, including AB 1217, AB6, AB3, AB 738, AB 2138, AB 2137, AB 1963 and proposed methyl iodide rule. Assembly member Monning available to present update to commission in fall.

B. Artificial Turf Committee – discussion continued from April meeting

After continuation of prior discussion on various options for involvement, upon motion of Herbert, second by Kasa, commissioners unanimously agreed to decline the opportunity to serve as a committee member but to remain available to serve as a resource to the committee by providing information on environmental impact on use

of turf or reviewing the work product of the committee. Haifley will send letter to Board of Supervisors immediately.

C. Updates from Commissioners - tabled to next regular meeting.

D. Legislative recommendations

Gordon reported that the Board of Supervisors had agreed with Commission's recommendation to support of AB 1998 and SB 722 at their May 4 meeting and AB 2139 and SB 1100 recommendation at their May 18, 2010 meeting.

Schlenger began discussion on COE's role in making recommendation to Board on proposed rule before the CA Department of Pesticide Regulation on methyl iodide. In discussion, members agreed that they needed additional information prior to making any recommendation. Due to the timing for providing public comments by June 29 and the Board's last meeting date of June 22, commissioners agreed by show of hands that a special noticed meeting will be scheduled for this single topic on June 9, with an invitation to the County's Agricultural Commissioner.

D. Set June 23, 2010 agenda

In discussion led by Rosewall, commissioners agreed to have next agenda focus on revisiting 2010 work plan (as adopted in February 2010) and review of Climate Action Plan activities (where County is currently and what COE can do to help, both in terms of mitigation and adaptation).

F. Commissioner Announcements

Herbert advised on SLV Water District efforts for fourth year tracking of GhG emissions and planning for reductions. Kasa is seeking person to fill Volunteer Coordinator position for Save Our Shores. Sarris advised on upcoming meeting with County Planning Director Kathy Previsich to update her on local Green Building Task Force and also provided a funding update on the EV charging station proposal.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned by consensus at 6:27 pm. Next regular meeting is June 23, 2010. A special meeting will be held on June 9, 2010.