



**ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**JANUARY 25, 2024  
7:00 PM**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:**
  - a. The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Damasco at 7:02 pm.
  
- 2. ROLL CALL:**
  - a. Present: Acosta, Sese, Shoaito, Wahhab, Wood, Kahlon, Sese
  
  - b. Absent: None
  
  - c. Staff Present: Karin Schnaider, Assistant City Manager  
Stephanie Reyna-Hiestand, Assistant Director of Utilities  
Bill Dean, Assistant Director of Development Services  
Genevieve Federighi, Associate Planner
  
  - d. Recorded by: Carla Sorich, Executive Assistant
  
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - Led by Commissioner Acosta.
  
- 4. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE** - None.
  
- 5. CONSENT ITEMS**
  - 5.A REVIEW AND APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 26, 2023**

**ACTION:** Motion was made by Commissioner Kahlon to approve item 5.A and the motion was seconded by Chair Sese.

**ACTION:** An additional motion was made by Vice Chair Damasco to pull item 5.A for not being accurately recorded as he provided comments he believes should be included in the minutes.

Commissioner questions and comments followed with staff providing responses.

In consideration of time, Commissioners agreed to pull the item and bring back at future meeting.

**ACTION:** Motion was made by Chair Sese and seconded by Vice Chair Damasco to pull item 5.A from the agenda. All in favor; passed, and so ordered. (7,0,0)

Approve –Sese, Damasco, Acosta, Kahlon, Shoaito, Wahhab, Wood  
Oppose - None  
Abstain – None

## **5.B REVIEW AND APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 27, 2023**

**ACTION:** Motion was made by Chair Sese and seconded by Vice Chair Damasco to approved Item 5.B. All in favor; passed, and so ordered. (7,0,0)

Approve –Sese, Damasco, Acosta, Kahlon, Shoaito, Wahhab, Wood

Oppose – None

Abstain – None

## **6. ACTIONABLE ITEMS**

### **6.A CONDUCT A PUBLIC MEETING TO SOLICIT COMMENTS ON THE RECIRCULATED DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT CHAPTERS FOR THE TRACY COSTCO DEPOT ANNEX PROJECT**

A presentation was given by City staff Bill Dean and Genevieve Federighi, and Josh Smith of De Novo Planning.

Public Comment: None

Commissioners clarifying questions and comments followed with City staff and Consultant providing comment and responses.

Anna Shimko of Burke, Williams, and Sorensen, outside Counsel representing Costco confirmed that Costco had provided a comment letter which was available for the public and had been previously emailed to the Commission. She gave explanation that a column in question referred to the number of comments received on a particular item.

A Costco representative responded to a Commissioner question that information is available on the website provided and in the Draft EIR.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Kahlon recommended the Commission have a special meeting to continue discussions and provide more public comment noticing prior to that meeting.

Commissioner discussions continued.

**ACTION:** Motion was made by Chair Sese and seconded by Vice Chair Damasco to hold a special meeting to continue item 6.A and receive additional public comment on February 1, 2024, at 6:30 pm. All in favor; passed and so ordered. (7,0,0)

Approve – Sese, Damasco, Acosta, Kahlon, Shoaito, Wahhab, Wood

Oppose - None

Abstain - None

### **6.B REVIEW AND APPROVE AN UPDATE TO THE ESC 2024 WORKPLAN**

Stephanie Reyna-Hiestand, Assistant Director – Utilities provided the staff report.

Public comment: None

Commissioner comments and questions followed with staff providing responses.

Commissioners requested the following updates and changes to the 2024 ESC Workplan:

- Determine feasibility of providing a budget to the ESC to conduct outreach and education as well as research for environmental policy recommendations
- Informational item from Planning Dept. on Zoning, Planning, etc. to better understand the City's process to enable policy recommendations.
- Informational item on AVA Energy and the relationship with the City to include a request to have a representative do a presentation.

**ACTION:** Motion was made by Vice Chair Damasco and seconded by Commissioner Wood to approve an update to the 2024 Environmental Sustainability Commission Workplan with action items from prior meetings and amend to include items suggested by Commission . All in favor, passed and so ordered. (7,0,0)

Approve - Wood, Damasco, Acosta, Kahlon, Sese, Shoaito, Wahhab

Oppose - None

Abstain – None

Commissioner comments continued regarding the Sustainability Action Plan and the upcoming February 22 meeting.

Review of upcoming February meeting agenda was discussed and the possibility of moving some items to March to allow more time for the Sustainability Action Plan.

**ACTION:** Motion to move Heirloom presentation and SB 379 Solar reading to a later meeting date in March was made by Commissioner Kahlon and seconded by Commissioner Shoaito. All in favor, passed and so ordered. (7,0,0)

Approve – Kahlon, Wood, Acosta, Damasco, Sese, Shoaito, Wahhab

Oppose – None

Abstain – None

## 7. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

### 7.A CALIFORNIA SB 746 (EGGMAN): ENERGY CONSERVATION CONTRACTS: ALTERNATE ENERGY EQUIPMENT: GREEN HYDROGEN: TRI-VALLEY-SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY REGIONAL RAIL AUTHORITY.

Stephanie Reyna-Hiestand, Assistant Director – Utilities provided the staff report.

Public comment: None

Commissioner clarifying questions and comments followed with staff providing answers.

## 8. STAFF ITEMS - None

## 9. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

Commissioners Kahlon and Wood thanked staff for their efforts.

**10. ADJOURNMENT** – Time: 9:56 PM.

**ACTION:** Motion was made by Chairperson Sese and seconded by Commissioner Wahhab to adjourn. Roll call found all in favor; passed and so ordered. (7,0,0)

Approve - Sese, Wahhab, Acosta, Damasco, Kahlon, Shoaito, Wood

Oppose – None

Abstain - None