



**ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**JUNE 27, 2024
7:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

a. The meeting was called to order by Chair Sese at 7:03 pm .

2. ROLL CALL:

a. Present: Damasco, Kahlon, Sese, Shoaito, Wahhab, Wood

b. Absent: Acosta

c. Staff Present: Stephanie Reyna-Hiestand, Assistant Director of Utilities
Carla Sorich, Executive Assistant

d. Recorded by: Carla Sorich, Executive Assistant

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Commissioner Wood.

4. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Dotty Nygard shared information about Tracy Green Business Network and their next meeting date, July 10, 2024.

5. CONSENT ITEMS

5.A REVIEW AND APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FOR MAY 23, 2024.

Vice Chair Damasco requested minutes be pulled for discussion regarding Agenda Item 6.C and apologized for missing the meeting and staff report.

ACTION: Motion was made by Vice Chair Damasco to accept meeting minutes for May 23, 2024, meeting and was seconded by Commissioner Wood. All in favor; passed, and so ordered. (5,0,0)

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

6. ACTIONABLE ITEMS

6.A APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS FOR 2024-25

Vice Chair Damasco nominated Commissioner Kahlon for Chairperson and was seconded by Commissioner Shoaito.

Commissioner Kahlon nominated Commissioner Wood for Chairperson and was seconded by Commissioner Shoaito. Passed and so ordered. (5,1,0)

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

Commissioner Kahlon nominated Vice Chair Damasco for Vice Chairperson and was seconded by Commissioner Wood. Passed and so ordered. (5,0,1)

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

Vice Chair Damasco nominated Commissioner Acosta for Vice Chairperson and was seconded by Commissioner Wood. Did not pass.

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

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

The staff report was given by Stephanie Reyna-Hiestand with the following changes:

1. Presentation by Tracy Police Department on the E-Bike Policy will be moved to the August 22, 2024, meeting.
2. Presentation from Engineering on Sustainable Practices will be moved to September 26, 2024

Public Comment: None

Commissioner questions and comments followed.

ACTION: Motion was made by Chair Sese and seconded by Commissioner Kahlon to approve the ESC 2024 Workplan Update and changes to the ESC 2024 Workplan. All in favor; passed, and so ordered. (6,0,0)

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

6.C. ACCEPT AN INFORMATIONAL REPORT BY THE SUSTAINABILITY ACTION PLAN (SAP) AD HOC COMMITTEE

Commissioner Wood reported she has started reviewing Transportation and Land Use sections of the SAP. She suggested that research needs to be completed into each of the targets and measures and to cross reference the General Plan, Zoning Code, Transportation Master Plan. Commissioner Wahhab added that the committee needs to find out where to locate the information described by Commissioner Wood. He asked for more information about the Tracer Bus system.

Commissioner Kahlon requested a sub-committee or input from the community. She asked if the Commission would request support from the community.

Discussion continued regarding forming a sub-committee.

ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Wood and seconded by Chair Sese to form a sub-committee to the Sustainability Action Plan Ad Hoc Committee. All in favor; passed, and so ordered. (6,0,0)

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

Commissioner Sese was appointed as the member of the sub-committee.

Public Comment: Benjamin Jex asked the commissioners to work on taking green house gas inventory when speaking with City staff.

ACTION: Motion was made by Chair Sese and seconded by Commissioner Wood to accept the update from the Sustainability Action Plan Ad Hoc Committee. All in favor; passed, and so ordered. (6,0,0)

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

7. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

7.A PRESENTATION BY SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT. PRESENTED BY ROBERT GILLIS AND CASSANDRA MELCHING.

Public Comment: Dotty Nygard asked about the range of data that could be shared such as monitoring systems. She also asked if the available grants could be stacked with other agencies. Mr. Jex asked about indoor air quality and presenters stated it was not their regulatory authority.

ACTION: Motion was made by Chair Sese and seconded by Commissioner Kahlon to accept the presentation from the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District. All in favor; passed, and so ordered. (6,0,0)

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

8. STAFF ITEMS

None

9. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Wahhab recommended that Valley Link present with a general overview on the project status and plans are for the City of Tracy. Commissioner Wood asked if they would bring it downtown.

ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Wahhab and seconded by Commissioner Kahlon to request an informational report regarding the Valley Link project. All in favor; passed and so ordered. (6,0,0)

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

Commissioner Wood gave an update on Senate Bill 1383 the food recovery and food waste programs. Suggested the Commission should create a policy recommendation to City Council regarding City and County SB 1383 compliance guidelines. Commissioner Shoaito offered to work with Commissioner Wood to draft the request for Council. The draft request would be brought back to the Commission for review and approval.

Commissioner Wood discussed holding a regular ESC meeting in July to approve a policy recommendation to City Council and have an informational report from Connie Lopes, Management Analyst. Discussion continued and determined that a July meeting would not be held.

ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Wood and seconded by Chair Sese to add the SB 1383 policy recommendation to the August 22, 2024, ESC meeting agenda. Passed and so ordered. (5,1,0)

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

Vice Chair Damasco expressed that he missed the SWPPP staff report at the May 23, 2024, meeting and has continuing concerns about compliance within the City and requested an Ad Hoc committee be formed to review the City's SWPPP program enforcement. Stephanie Reyna-Hiestand responded that SWPPP's are submitted to the State of California's Water Resources Control Board on all Construction related projects that are greater than 1 acre in size. She informed that the City does not approve private projects SWPPPs. Clarifying discussion continued.

Vice Chair Damasco recommended an Ad Hoc committee draft a policy request for Council to hold the City to a standard of compliance for SWPPP. Commissioner Wood suggested he draft a recommendation to bring back to the Commission for discussion.

Commissioner Kahlon wished Commissioner Wahhab the best as his term is ending and thanked him for all of his work.

10. ADJOURNMENT – Time: 9:42 PM.

ACTION: Motion was made by Chair Sese and seconded Commissioner Wood to adjourn. Roll call found all in favor; passed and so ordered. (6,0,0)

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