

Meeting Minutes

Mayors' Commission on Climate Change Meeting #3

Sacramento City Hall City Council Chambers
915 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

May 29, 2019

The following Commissioners were present during the meeting:

Alberto Ayala | Executive Director, SMAQMD
Anne Stausboll | Commission Chair
April Wick | Executive Director, Resources for Independent Living
Arlen Orchard | CEO & GM, SMUD
Chris Ledesma | Mayor Pro Tem, West Sacramento
Dave Tanner | CEO, Sacramento Association of Realtors
Flojaune Cofer | Senior Director of Policy, Public Health Advocates
Henry Li | General Manager & CEO, Sacramento Regional Transit
James Corless | CEO, SACOG
Julia Burrows | Mayor Steinberg's Office
Khaim Morton | Sacramento Metro Chamber of Commerce
Laurie Litman | President, 350 Sacramento
Mackenzie Wieser | Planning Commissioner, City of Elk Grove
Meg Arnold | Project Lead & Consultant, Valley Vision
Mike Teel | Owner & Chairman of Raley's
Robert Nelsen | President, California State University Sacramento
Stephanie Bray | President & CEO, United Way California Capitol Region
Steve Hansen | Vice Mayor, Sacramento
Trish Rodriguez | Senior VP & Area Manager, Kaiser Permanente South Sacramento and Elk Grove

Also present during the meeting:

Kate Meis | Executive Director, Local Government Commission
Remi Mendoza | Senior Planner, City of Sacramento
Jackie Cole | Principal, VG Consulting
Moiz Mir | Student, Sacramento State University

Craig Coppin | Student, Sacramento State University

Evan Schmidt | Strategic Director, Valley Vision

Scott Blunk | Strategic Business Planner, Building Electrification and Energy Efficiency, SMUD

Obadiah Bartholomy | Manager, Distributed Energy Resources, SMUD (TAC Lead)

David Mogavero | Senior Principal, Mogavero Architects (TAC member)

Kelly Cunningham | Senior Program Manager, PG&E (TAC member)

Call to Order

Chair Stausboll called the meeting to order at 4:07pm

Opening Remarks

Chair Stausboll provided opening comments, including welcoming Mackenzie Wieser to the Commission, announcing Julia Burrows' departure due to her new position with Mayor Steinberg's office, and announcing Flojaune Cofer's departure due to her new duties with the Measure U Advisory Committee. Chair Stausboll acknowledged Julia Burrows and Flojaune Cofer for their service.

Update on Commission Activities

Kate Meis gave updates to the commissioners on priority strategies developed by the built environment technical advisory committee, serving our underserved neighborhoods, plans for a business and finance roundtables, extending commission scope to nine meetings, and further work defining carbon zero.

Comments from Mayor Steinberg

Sacramento Mayor Darrell Steinberg gave brief remarks and acknowledged Commissioners for their service.

Community Engagement Approach and Summary of Input Received

Kate Meis spoke about responding to community engagement activities and how public input received through various venues will be incorporated into the work of the Commission. Kate Meis spoke about public input received to date and highlighted key community priorities.

Remi Mendoza and Jackie Cole presented about the Sacramento 2040 timeline, engagement activities, and initial outreach findings.

Commissioner Burrows welcomed Moiz Mir and Craig Coppin to speak on the youth summit at Sac State. A video of students was shown. Moiz Mir and Craig Coppin presented about the youth summit.

Evan Schmidt presented about the main findings from the [Valley Vision Regional Opinions Survey](#).

Built Environment Strategy Recommendations

Kate Meis provided context for the presentations on the three built environment strategies.

Scott Blunk presented a recent study about the cost-effectiveness of building electrification, [Residential Building Electrification in California: Consumer economics, greenhouse gases and grid impacts](#), to provide context for the built environment strategies.

Obadiah Bartholomy gave an overview of the three recommended built environment strategies from the technical advisory committee. David Mogavero spoke about the first strategy, establish Urban Growth Boundaries to allocate all new growth regionally to existing developed areas by 2025. Obadiah Bartholomy and Kelly Cunningham presented on strategies two and three, mandating all-electric construction to eliminate fossil fuel use in new buildings by 2023, and transitioning 25% of existing residential and small commercial buildings to all-electric by 2030.

Public Comments – Built Environment

Commissioners heard public comments regarding the built environment recommendations.

Commission Discussion

Kate Meis explained the process that the strategies being presented are in draft form and that they would be further refined based on additional input prior to inclusion in the final Recommendations Report.

Commissioners discussed the recommended strategies from the Built Environment TAC:

1. Establish Urban Growth Boundaries to allocate all new growth regionally to existing developed areas by 2025.
2. Mandate all-electric construction to eliminate fossil fuel use in new buildings by 2023.
3. Transition 25% of existing residential and small commercial buildings to all-electric by 2030.

Motion: Moved by Commissioner Ayala and seconded that the Commission adopt the draft strategies recommended by the Built Environment TAC.

Substitute Motion: Moved by Commissioner Corless and seconded that the Commission adopt strategies 2 and 3 and substitute Strategy 1 with “facilitating and supporting future growth in areas consistent with the regional sustainable communities’ strategy, our mandated growth strategy to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, with an emphasis in catalyzing infill and transformation in existing centers and corridors; all growth should be consistent with blueprint principals of compact communities, resource conservation, productive use of existing assets, housing diversity, and mixed use.”

The Commission voted to proceed with the Substitute motion, with 10 in favor and 7 against and 1 abstaining. By consensus, the Commission agreed to divide the question.

The Commissioners voted on Strategy 1, “facilitating and supporting future growth in areas consistent with the regional sustainable communities’ strategy, our mandated growth strategy to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, with an emphasis in catalyzing infill and transformation in existing centers and corridors; all growth should be consistent with blueprint principals of compact communities, resource conservation, productive use of existing assets, housing diversity, and mixed use” with 11 in favor and 6 against (Wick, Litman, Wieser, Nelson, Bray) and 1 abstaining (Rodriguez). Commissioners Hansen and Mohanna were not present for the vote.

The Commissioners voted on Strategy 2, “mandate all-electric construction to eliminate fossil fuel use in

new buildings by 2023.”

The motion passed with 16 AYES, 0 NAYS, and 2 ABSTAIN (Morton, Rodriguez). Commissioners Hansen and Mohanna were not present for the vote.

The Commissioners voted on Strategy 3, “transition 25% of existing residential and small commercial buildings to all-electric by 2030.”

The motion passed with 17 AYES, 0 NAYS, and 1 ABSTAIN (Rodriguez). Commissioners Hansen and Mohanna were not present for the vote.

The Commission agreed that as these strategies get refined in the final report, there would be added emphasis on energy efficiency and equity.

Public Comments – General

Commissioners heard public comments from participants.

Adjournment

Chair Stausboll adjourned the meeting at 8:04pm.