



Wednesday, June 1, 2022  
6:30 P.M.  
via Zoom

**AGENDA  
REGULAR MEETING  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

**Commissioners:**

Angela Isaiah-Payne  
Breana Fonteno  
Freeman Watkins  
Hourie Taylor **(Chair)**  
Lillian Hopson **(Vice Chair)**  
Nadine Gills-Ward  
Rick Pulido  
Roya Love  
William Koons

**Alternates:**

Christina Tresvant, Alt 1  
Celia Villalpando, Alt 2  
Vacant, Alt 3

**Staff:**

Eliza Jane Whitman, PE, LEED AP, ENV SP Director of Public Works  
Jessica Coria, Senior Clerk  
Reata Kulcsar, Sustainability Administrator – Utilities  
  
Lona Laymon, Deputy City Attorney

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I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. INTRODUCTIONS/PRESENTATIONS

- a. New Environmental Commission Member, Christina Tresvant (Alt. No 1)
- b. Presentation about the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts, Joint Water Pollution Control Plant from Basil Hewitt, Public Information Supervisor

V. PUBLIC ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

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VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1. Approval of Minutes for May 4, 2022

VII. CONTINUED/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 2. Fireworks Letter Update

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

None

IX. COMMISSION MEMBERS REQUESTS TO ADD ITEMS TO FUTURE AGENDAS

- a. List attached

X. COMMISSION MEMBERS ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

XI. STAFF ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

XII. ADJOURNMENT

*Upcoming Meetings:*

*July 6, 2022*

*August 3, 2022*

*September 7, 2022*

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## AGENDA ITEM NO. 1

### MINUTES May 4, 2022 ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

#### **AGENDA POSTING:** April 28, 2022

Given the emergency declaration through the State related to COVID-19 this meeting is being held pursuant through zoom application. Members of the public wishing to provide public input may do so in real time, via the zoom meeting link that is provided in the agenda packet. They may also email comments and may provide real time public comments by calling the number that is listed in the agenda packet. In accordance with the Brown Act, as amended on January 1, 1987, a copy of the Agenda Face Sheet for this meeting was posted in five (5) public places throughout the city designated for the posting of such notices seventy-two (72) hours prior to this meeting.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair – Hourie Taylor called to order the meeting of the Environmental Commission Meeting at 6:31 PM

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Vice Chair – Hopson

**ROLL CALL:** Recording Secretary Coria noted the following:

Present: Commissioners Koons, Hopson, Taylor, Pulido, Watkins, Love, Isiah-Payne and Fonteno Alternate Villalpando

Absent: Gills-Ward

Also Present: Public Works Director Whitman, Sustainability Administrator – Utilities Kulcsar and Recording Secretary Coria Deputy City Attorney – Lona Laymon

#### **INTRODUCTIONS/ PRESENTATIONS:**

1. New Environmental Commission Member, Breana Fonteno. Commissioner Roye Love introduced himself as well.

#### **PUBLIC ORAL COMMUNICATIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS:**

None.

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR:**

##### **1. Approval of minutes for April 6, 2022**

Commissioner Koons requests to have the amount/ summary of ayes, noes, and abstain when the vote is put in the minutes. Commissioner Koons would like more detail in the minutes. Commissioner Isiah-Payne states that commission should discuss how the minutes should be summarized later. Chair Taylor also concurs with Commissioner Isiah-Payne and suggest that the format and how the minutes are summarized. Commissioner Koons moves to approve the

minutes. Commissioner Pulido second motion but also comments that he wants the minutes to reflect that he wanted an update on the trees and the slurry seal from the Director of Public Works. Staff reminds commission that the videos of the meeting are posted on the City's website if the commissioners want to review the entire meeting.

AYES: Hopson, Taylor, Watkins, Isiah-Payne, Villalpando, Fonteno

NOES: Pulido

ABSTAIN: Koons

### **CONTINUED/ UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **2. Discussion on Fireworks**

- a. Recommend that the City Council consider additional measures to deter illegal fireworks in the City of Carson**

Chair Taylor asks the commission to review the letter that was provided by staff and if anyone has any suggestions/ changes to share. Commissioner Koons wants the title of the letter to be changed that addresses all fireworks and some of the wording in the letter to reflect that as well. Commissioner Pulido agrees with Commissioner Koons suggestions and wants to make the changes to the letter tonight if possible so that the letter can be forwarded to Council as soon as possible. Alternate Villalpando suggests to approach the Council with a moratorium with selling fireworks and to come up with other alternatives. Commission Love suggests that the title be broader and for Council to reconsider our current policy of allowing fireworks in the City. Commissioner Hopson states the Council gave this subject at-hot committee to handle this. Staff Kulcsar states she was given the following information from the previous staff that handle the commission at that time, the original letter was emailed to Council in 2019 and there was no formal response provided from Council but the commission took the steps to increase the fine.

Chair Taylor suggests to reconfigure and make any edits to the letter right now during the meeting. Commissioners suggest the changes they want and Staff Kulcsar makes the changes live on the screen during this time. City Attorney Laymon summarizes all the changes that the commission made to the letter.

Commissioner Love motions to accept this draft so it can be moved forward. Vice Chair Hopson seconds motion. No further discussion, and roll-call votes as follows:

AYES: Koons, Hopson, Taylor, Pulido, Watkins, Love, Gills-Ward, Isiah-Payne, Fonteno, Villalpando

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

#### **3. California Fair Political Practices Commission – AB 1234 – Ethics Training for Local Officials**

- a. Recommend that the Commissioners take the free online course and submit their Certification of Completion**

City Attorney Laymon goes over how to do the training. Staff Kulcsar shows the commission on a shared screen on where to go on the website and how to take the course.

**COMMISSION MEMBERS REQUESTS TO ADD ITEMS TO FUTURE AGENDAS:**

Chair Taylor requests that all commissioners give their input to the list that was provided by staff for future agenda items for the next meeting. Alternate Villalpando brings up there is still a sale on benzine in hand sanitizer (Art Naturals) that is being sold in the City which is cancer causing, that is in relation to the Dominguez Channel. Staff will figure out steps to take and who should be handling this. Commissioner Koons wants Gregory MacDonald to have a presentation on tree planting/ update. Commission Pulido wants a presentation from the Collation for Safe Environment and will provide the contact info so staff can reach out. Commissioner Isiah-Payne wants to know where the funds for the tree planting will come from before making requests.

**COMMISSION MEMBERS ORAL COMMUNICATION:**

Commissioner Koons comments on the Council item 31 that was talked about the day prior and his concerns on why it didn't come to this commission to review and make comments and suggestions. Commissioner Koons requests that things that are environment related come to this commission before going to Council. Commissioner Pulido wants a Directors report on anything environmental that was talked about in Council and in the department.

**STAFF ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further discussion, on a motion by Chair Taylor and seconded by Vice Chair Hopson, the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m. to the next regular meeting to be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of June 2022, at the hour of 6:30 p.m., via zoom.

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CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

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RECORDING SECRETARY

## AGENDA ITEM NO. 2

### ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION ITEMS TO ADD FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

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- Update on the Dominguez Channel ( Resources and educational efforts)
- Update on the CRA / 157 acre site and tour, if possible.
- Presentation from Harold Williams, West Basin Municipal Water district
- City-wide tree update (presentations, availability of grant funding, city budget)
- Truck queuing/parking on Lomita
- Invite local environmental groups to present about their top issues
  - Jesse Marquez, Coalition for a Safe Environment
- Presentation about Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts, Joint Water Pollution Control Plant.