



Wednesday, September 7, 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
Roye Love
William Koons
Vacant

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

1. Presentation from West Basin Municipal Water District

V. PUBLIC ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

The public may address the Commission on any matters within the jurisdiction of the Carson Environmental Commission or on any items on the agenda of the Carson Environmental Commission, prior to any action taken on the agenda. Speakers are limited to no more than three minutes, speaking once. Oral communications will be limited to one (1) hour unless extended by order of the Chair with the approval of the Environmental Commission.

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

2. Approval of Minutes for August 3, 2022

VII. CONTINUED/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

3. Update on The District at South Bay Specific Plan (157-acre site)
 - a. Receive and File

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:

October 5, 2022

November 2, 2022

December 7, 2022

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MINUTES
AUGUST 3, 2022
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

AGENDA POSTING: July 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 6:37 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Vice Chair Hopson

ROLL CALL: Recording Secretary Coria noted the following:

Present: Commissioners Koons, Hopson, Taylor, Watkins, Love, Fonteno, and Alternate Villalpando

Absent: Gills-Ward, Isaiah-Payne, Watkins and Alternate Tresvant

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

INTRODUCTIONS/ PRESENTATIONS:

1. Presentation from the California Air Resources Board
Warren Hawkins from the California Air Resources Board gave a PowerPoint presentation. After the presentation, questions were asked by the commissioners. Vice Chair Hopson asked how many signs will be available. Warren Hawkins would have to check the stock and get back to the commission with a definite answer. Commission Love wants to identify the areas where the signs will be used and that will determine how many signs we actually need. Commissioner Koons wants Public Works to check the signs to make sure the signs are in code compliance and is the City going to pay for the signage to be posted up. Commissioner Koons wants to use the maps that AQMD has that identifies high polluted areas in Carson. Warren Hawkins states that they can provide the dimensions to Public Works and as for the cost of the signs some cities have encumber the cost for installation. Alt. Villalpando wants to know if there is a database for repeat offenders who do truck idling. Warren Hawkins says the field reps have information on that but no public facing database on who they cited. Alt. Villalpando wants to know if there is any outreach to the business and Warren Hawkins says yes there is outreach. Chair Taylor asks if any contact with warehouses and commercial buildings because of the trucks and Warren Hawkins

says yes there is and they educate them to help find solutions. Chair Taylor asks what a certified clean truck idling is. Warren Hawkins states that it is an emissions standards for trucks.

Vote to receive and file was motioned by Vice Chair Hopson and second by Commissioner Love:

AYES: Hopson, Taylor, Watkins, Koons, Fonteno, & Alt. Villalpando

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

PUBLIC ORAL COMMUNICATIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

None

CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. Approval of minutes for June 1, 2022

Alt. Villalpando finds corrections that need to be made. Staff notes the change that need to be made to the minutes.

Vice Chair Hopson motions to approve the minutes with the corrections. Commissioner Love seconds motion.

AYES: Hopson, Taylor, Watkins, Koons, Fonteno, & Alt. Villalpando

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

CONTINUED/ UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

2. Update of Fireworks

Staff member Kulcsar goes over the stats: 99 calls for firework disturbances, 54 citations for the procession for illegal fireworks, 7 citations for the sale of illegal fireworks, 1,000lbs of illegal fireworks that was confiscated and there was no injury or fires related to fireworks. Staff Kulcsar also updates that City Council approved the new resolution for amending the administrative citation fines for violations of the fireworks ordinance, upping the fines for the first offence from \$2,000. \$3,000 for the second violation within the same year of the first violation, and \$5,000 for each additional violation. Chair Taylor asked if the fines go in effect immediately and City Attorney Laymon confirms that it does go in effect immediately. The commissioners noticed there was a difference in the amount of fireworks in their neighborhoods.

NEW BUSINESS:

3. Update of Trees

Director Eliza Jane Whitman shares a PowerPoint. Commissioner Koons asks to define different types of areas where the trees are trimmed and where will new trees be put at. Commissioner

Koons will want more than 5,000 trees plants in the City and looks at what type of trees to be planted. Chair Taylor asks about the watering of the trees in the City and Director Whitman explains how the watering in the City is done, more established trees don't need more water and the newer trees need more water. Commissioner Koons asks to use more reclaimed water for watering the trees.

Commissioner Love motions to Receive and File and Vice Chair Hopson seconds.

AYES: Hopson, Taylor, Watkins, Fonteno, & Alt. Villalpando

NOES: Koons

ABSTAIN: None

COMMISSION MEMBERS REQUESTS TO ADD ITEMS TO FUTURE AGENDAS:

4. List attached

Vice Chair Hopson asks if Harold Williams from West Basin to make a presentation at the next commission meeting, Director Whitman says she can reach out to ask to make the presentation. Commission Love would like to know what businesses have toxic chemicals stored. Alt. Villalpando mentions a company called PARTER that is located in Carson and would like to find out if the City has investigated. There is a general consensus on getting a report on this item to add this to the list and have staff bring back information on it. Chair Taylor also asks about the Carousal Tract on the planning and construction and if there can be a presentation on that. Commission Koons asks about an article that was released about the Dominguez Channel fine.

There is a general consensus on the following items to be added to the next meeting: presentation from West Basin, information on PARTER sterilization, the article from the Daily Breeze on the Dominguez Channel fine, & update on the Carousal Tract.

COMMISSION MEMBERS ORAL COMMUNICATION:

Commissioner Koons comments on the tree update and grants. Vice Chair Hopson announces backpack giveaway given by the Mayor and Councilman Hicks at Carson Mall on August 13th. Alt. Villalpando announces that there has been more coyote siting and is this under the Commission? Alt. Villalpando wants to commission to come up with more outreach for residents.

STAFF ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Attorney Laymon mentions a resource for coyotes is the neighborhood applications and alerts.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further discussion, on a motion by Vice Chair Hopson and seconded by Alt. Villalpando, the meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m. to the next regular meeting to be held on the 7th day of September 2022, at the hour of 6:30 p.m., via zoom.

CHAIRPERSON _____

ATTEST:

RECORDING SECRETARY

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ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
ITEMS TO ADD FOR FUTURE AGENDAS
(NOT IN PRIORITY ORDER)

- 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)~~
- ~~Presentation from California Air Resources Board about truck idling signs in partnership with California Safe Schools~~
- Presentation by Elisa Rivera from CBE
- List of grants under consideration by the Public Works Department
- 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.~~
- Presentation by the Communities for Social Environment
- ~~Provide information on Parter Sterilization Services~~
- Invite speaker to provide an update on the Carousal Tract