

**CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA
NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION – REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES – April 26, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. Present at the time of roll call were: Commissioner Amy Davis Jones, Commissioner William J. Kelly, Commissioner Michael Siegel, Vice Chair Michelle Hammond, and Chair Casey Law. Commissioner Rona Bortz had an excused absence. Council Liaison Present: Mayor Michael Cacciotti. Staff present: Ted Gerber, Public Works Director and Arpy Kasparian, Environmental Services & Sustainability Manager.

1) GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

2) Provide Input on Proposed FY 22/23 Water Conservation Program

Kasparian shared the current South Pasadena Water Conservation Program including background, rebate programs, budget, and proposed changes. This item will be brought back to the May Commission meeting as an action item to collect recommendations in preparation for the upcoming fiscal year. The commissioners voiced their concerns regarding the proposed greywater systems rebate for residents. Incentive values, City incentives, as well as total cumulative incentives with Metropolitan Water District, were discussed and altered to meet the needs of South Pasadena residents in reducing their average water usage.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike G, South Pasadena resident, shared his comments in regard to water conservation rebates and programs. Also endorsed that education and promotion are equally as important as monetary incentives.

ACTION ITEMS:

3) Approval of Minutes– Meeting of March 22, 2022

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JONES, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HAMMOND, MOTION CARRIED 5-0, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 22 NREC COMMISSION MEETING.

COMMUNICATIONS:

4) City Council Liaison Communications

Mayor Michael Cacciotti, representative on the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, shared the newly implemented Wallis Annenberg Wildlife Crossing. Cacciotti thanked Ted Gerber for working on intensive projects such as the electrification of South Pasadena City departments such as police, fire, and city hall.

5) Commissioner Communications

Commissioner Hammond requested an update regarding the snake trail and the access trail off of Roland. Commissioner Hammond also asked for clarification about the planning process for the City's Tree Management Plan. Commissioner Hammond congratulated Arpy Kasparian on the successful Earth Day celebrations. Chair Law suggested for the Commission to share knowledge and ideas with

other commissions, encouraging the NREC to work with other commissions, especially with the adoption of the Climate Action Plan and Green Action Plan. No other commissioners had comments.

6) Staff Liaison Communications

Kasparian recapped the Earth Day events in South Pasadena and thanked each of the commissioners for their support.

Gerber shared information in regard to a special meeting occurring on April 27 discussing water supply, water conservation, and a short presentation by the Main San Gabriel Water Master, and updates from the Metropolitan Water District. On April 27, a level 3 EV charger will be installed at the fire department parking lot. The Clean Power Alliance will have a contractor evaluate the electric systems at City Hall to begin the analysis of a solar system through the Power Ready Program.

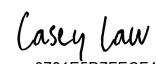
7) Upcoming Events

- Eclectic Music Festival – April 30
- 626 Golden Streets Event – May 1
- LA County Smart Gardening Webinars - Various dates
(<https://www.ladpw.org/epd/sg/webinars.cfm>)
- MWD Turf Removal + CA Native Landscape Webinars - Various dates
(<https://greengardensgroup.com/turf-transformation/>)

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Casey Law adjourned the meeting at 9:39 p.m.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing minutes were adopted by the Natural Resources and Environmental Commission of the City of South Pasadena at a meeting held on May 24, 2022.

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Casey Law, Chair