

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF LA MESA  
ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION  
6:00 PM, CITY MANAGER'S CONFERENCE ROOM  
8130 ALLISON AVENUE, LA MESA, CA 91942**

MINUTES  
May 20, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER (6:00 p.m.)
2. ROLL CALL (X indicates present)

Jim Stone, Chair	X
VACANT, Vice-Chair	
Robin Rivet	X
Maria Hesse	X
Stephen Grooms	X
Andrea Beth Damsky	X
Ashley Simmons	X
Maggie Eggers (EDCO)	X
Joe Garuba (Helix Water District)	X
Chardá Fontenot (La Mesa-Spring Valley School District)	Excused absence
Joe Britton (SDG&E)	X
Vacant (Helix Charter High School)	

Others present: Lyn Dedmon, Senior Management Analyst; Jenny Lybeck, Sustainability Analyst, Richard Leja, Director of Public Works/City Engineer

Public: Mark Gracyk, Helix Water District; Jean Costa, Trey McDonald, Hector Valtierra

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS  
None.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 15, 2019  
Action: Motion to approve minutes  
Vote: 6-0-0  
Ayes: Stone, Rivet, Hesse, Grooms, Damsky, Simmons  
Noes: None  
Abstained:  
Absent:

5. WELCOME OF NEW SDG&E REPRESENTATIVE JOE BRITTON  
Jim Stone introduced new SDG&E Representative Joe Britton to the committee.

6. REMEMBRANCE OF STEPHEN GUILAND  
A moment of silence was observed. Robin Rivet stated that a service would be held at his house and asked Commissioners to contact her for more information.

7. SELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR  
This item was tabled for a future meeting.

8. CITY STAFF UPDATE  
Jenny Lybeck informed the commission that: a public meeting would be taking place on May 29, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Police Department Community Room regarding the Alvarado Specific Plan; the City was awarded a grant in the amount of \$385,000 from Cal-Fire for the development of an Urban Forest Management Plan and the planting of 100 trees in support of the CAP; the City was awarded a

grant from Caltrans Sustainable Communities in the amount of \$150,000; and the Community Choice Aggregation Informational Meeting will be taking place on June 17, 2019 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Lyn Dedmon gave an update on the City's effort to locate a community garden at MacArthur Park.

9. CLIMATE ACTION PLAN SUBCOMMITTEE

Richard Leja, Director of Public Works/City Engineer, gave a presentation on transportation improvements incorporating Vision Zero principles.

Jim Stone stated that the June 17<sup>th</sup> commission meeting agenda would be dedicated to the Community Choice Aggregation Informational Meeting that will take place in the Council Chambers beginning at 6:00 p.m.

10. CHEMICAL USE SUBCOMMITTEE

Maria Hesse stated that she recommends incorporating the Chemical Use Management Plan and best practices into the Urban Forrest Management Plan. Jim Stone asked Maria to come back with a specific recommendation for the commission to formally vote to recommend this inclusion.

11. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Maggie Eggers stated that there would be a document shredding event held on June 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to noon at the EDCO station on Center Street.

Maria Hesse stated that there is a Farmers' Market petition going around to keep the market at the same location and time.

Joe Garuba stated that Helix Water District partnering with SDG&E was recognized with a recent award for energy efficiency.

Andrea Beth Damsky asked about the recent Earth Day event and Stephen Grooms and Jenny Lybeck stated that the event was well attended by the public and that Circulate San Diego, Solana Center, 350, and other groups were in attendance as well.

12. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 17, 2019.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Prepared by:

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