

**Natural Resources Commission**  
**Minutes**  
**September 22, 2008**

**Commissioners:**

Present: Herman Boschken, Charles Ehrlich, Adrienne Kandel, Dean Newberry,  
Jennifer Holman (Vice-Chair)

Absent: Brook Gale (excused), Kris Kordana (Planning Commission Liaison),  
(excused)

Staff: Sue Gedestad, Operations Administrator  
Bob Weir, Public Works Director

Council Liaison: Stephen Souza (absent)

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**1. Roll Call**

**2. Approval of Agenda**

Agenda was approved by consensus.

**3. Commission and Staff Announcements**

Staff liaison, Sue Gedestad, announced that Bruce Kemp had sent in his resignation; due to his move to Sacramento.

Dean Newberry announced that Talbots Solar was recognized as the second fastest growing company in the area.

**4. Council Liaison Comments**

None

**5. Public Communications**

One gentleman spoke against the wood burning ordinance banning wood burning.

## Consent Calendar

6. **A. Long Range Calendar**  
**Recommendation:** Accepted
- B. Joint Meeting of Planning & NRC Commissions from March 26, 2008**  
**Recommendation:** Accepted

## Regular Calendar

### 7. **Draft IPM Policy**

Martin Guerena, City's IPM Coordinator, gave a brief background of IPM policies and procedures in the City and then presented the revised IPM policy. The commission asked that during the annual IPM update, more information be brought back about various product usage and their effects on the bee population. The interest was to review our specific application. Another commission comment was that policy should also reference not only human health but environmental health, taking into consideration bees and beneficial bug life, etc.

### 8. **Wood Burning Restrictions Ordinance**

Staff presented a draft ordinance that incorporates council direction and the commission wood burning policy. The Commission heard additional comments from Alan Pryor. The Commission had lots of discussion about how to determine and forecast no burn days. Some members have interest in using wind speed as the determining factor, others are looking at using the YSAQMD current forecasting tool.

Mat Ehrhardt from YSAQMD was present to answer questions. A citizen also spoke and favored restrictions but not a ban and also expressed that excluding EPA Phase 2 appliances from the prohibitions is more reasonable.

Action taken by the Commission was to form a sub committee (Charles Ehrlich and Dean Newberry) to continue work on the ordinance. They will also develop the burn/no burn criteria using both wind speed and the YSAQMD AQI forecasting.

The Commission was also interested in inviting Dr.'s Cahill and Wexler to attend the next meeting to answer questions.