February 19, 2019

Subject: December 2018 Strategic Growth Council Meeting Minutes

Reporting Period: December 2018 – February 2019

Staff Lead: Ulisses Arzola, Strategic Growth Council

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**Recommended Action:**

Approval of the December 20, 2018 Strategic Growth Council Meeting Minutes.
Strategic Growth Council  
December 20, 2018  
Draft Meeting Minutes

Council Members and Representatives Present:  
Ken Alex, Chair, Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR);  
Bob Fisher, Vice-Chair, Public Member;  
Michael Flad, Public Member,  
Nicole Capretz, Public Member;  
Secretary Alexis Podesta, Business Consumer Services and Housing Agency (BCSH);  
Secretary Michael Wilkening, California Health and Human Services Agency (CHHS);  
*Janne Olson-Morgan, California Health and Human Services Agency (CHHS);  
Secretary John Laird, California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA);  
Secretary Brian Annis, California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA);  
Secretary Karen Ross, California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA);  
*Jenny Lester Moffitt, California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA);  
Secretary Matthew Rodriquez, California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA)

Agenda Item #1: Call to Order  
Chair Alex called the meeting to order at 1:12 pm.

Agenda Item #2: Roll Call  
The Council introduced themselves.

Agenda Item #3: ACTION: Approval of Minutes  
Secretary Laird made the motion to approve the November 27, 2018 Meeting Minutes.  
Secretary Rodriquez Seconded. Motion passes 8-0-2.*

*Undersecretary Jenny Lester Moffitt stood in for Secretary Ross on the Council before she arrived. Michael Flad arrived after the vote. Nicole Capretz abstained as she was not present at the last meeting.

The November 27, 2018 Meeting Minutes can be found [here](#).

Agenda Item #4: Council Members Update
No Council Member update.

**Agenda Item #5: Executive Director’s Report**

*Louise Bedsworth, SGC*

Executive Director Bedsworth briefly updated the Council on a few items including SGC staffing updates, AHSC Technical Assistance, AHSC Threshold Review, the Health in All Policies, and gave an update on SGC at 10 years old.

The update on Health in All Policies (HiAP) Task Force can be found [here](#), with attachments 1 and 2. The presentations can be found [here](#).

**Agenda Item #6: **ACTION:** Transformative Climate Communities Program**

*Saharnaz Mirzazad, TCC Staff*

- Approve staff recommendation to award $46,000,000 in Greenhouse Gas Reduction Funds between two Transformative Climate Communities Implementation Grants.

Mirzazad updated the Council on the proposed implementation grant awards.

**Discussion:**

Secretary Annis congratulated the applicants and hoped the investment would further grow ridership and further increase the benefits of prior investments.

Secretary Ross also thanked the applicants and TCC staff. She also mentioned the addition of technical assistance being powerful.

Secretary Laird thought the presentation from applicants were well done and that the work has brought people and organizations together to make a difference.
Secretary Rodriquez said it was difficult when Pacoima was not awarded in the last round. There is so much need in the state and there is so much the communities are trying to do. He also seconded the need for technical assistance.

Public member Capretz also thanked staff and the applicants for all their work. Stated that programs like this are exactly what the state needs to combat climate change. She is inspired, motivated, and is committed to future TCC funding. Wants to ensure that the program stays community driven.

Secretary Rodriquez encouraged the Oakland and Riverside communities to continue to apply and work with staff.

Public Comment on TCC:
Bob Hertzberg, Senator, 18th District
Tori Chair, Trust for Public Land
Andres Ramirez, Pacoima Beautiful
Rosalina Seyvayos, Pacoima Beautiful
Missing person, Pacoima Beautiful
Marie Burke, City of Los Angeles
Assembly member Luz Rivas
Darrel Steinberg, Mayor, City of Sacramento
JoAnna Davis, SHRA
Dan Falcon, McCormack Baron Salazar
Jeff Harris, Councilmember, City of Sacramento
Henry Li, Sacramento Regional Transit
Torin Dunnavant, Sacramento Tree Foundation
Isaac Dozier, Urban Strategies
Howard Jones, Sacramento resident
Dan Adderol, Sacramento resident
Beau Reynolds, VOICE
LeRoy Candler, VOICE
Pedro Hernandez, Leadership Council for Justice and Accountability
Hugo Trujillo, Fresno resident
Barbara Stanton, Sacramento resident

Secretary Laird made the motion to approve item #6a, Secretary Rodriquez seconded. Motion passes 9-0-1*.

*Public member Fisher recused himself from the vote.

Saharnaz Mirzazad, TCC staff

b. Adopt policies governing post-award negotiation.

Mirzazad updated the Council on the proposed policies governing post-award negotiation.

No discussion on #6b.

Secretary Laird motions to approve item #6b. Secretary Wilkening seconded. Motion passes 10-0.

Julia Nagle, TCC staff

c. Approve staff recommendation to award $800,000 in Proposition 84 funds across four Transformative Climate Communities Planning Grants.

Nagle updated the council on the proposed TCC planning grants.

Discussion:
Council members commented that they are glad there are a full group of applicants throughout the state.

Secretary Rodriquez made the motion to approve item #6c, Secretary Laird seconded. Motion Passes 10-0.

Public comment on the Planning Grants
The staff report on #6a – TCC Implementation Grants can be found here with Attachments 1 and 2. The staff report on #6b – Adopt policies governing post-award negotiation can be found here. The staff report on #6c – TCC Planning Grants can be found here. The presentations can be found here.

**Agenda Item #7: ACTION: Climate Change Research Program**

*Leah Fisher, SGC*

> Approve staff recommendation to award $17,100,000 in Greenhouse Gas Reduction Funds to support four research projects that facilitate the development of clean technologies that will reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Leah Fisher gave an overview of the proposed research projects for approval.

Discussion:

Secretary Ross was glad there was an award in working lands. She had a question about biochar and the cost. Is there an economic analysis included and are there partners such as UC Cooperative Extension to facilitate uptake of the technology?

Leah Fisher responded yes to both and that an economic analysis is part of the scope of work for all of the proposals.

Public Member Fisher said staff did a terrific job organizing and presenting it. He asked that if any of the projects become financially viable, does the state get to share in the profits of the program?
Bedsworth said that any information generated is open access but the researchers would own the intellectual property.

SGC Staff Counsel Douglas Bojack said the state takes a license for government purposes to use the research.

Ross followed up that the UC system has a well-developed patent agreement with all their researchers.

Alex noted that all of projects selected were very interesting and there was a lot of advice from scientists that participated in the deliberation of selection and it was very much appreciated.

Flad asked what happens in the conclusion of the research.

Bedsworth said they will do regular reports back on the results, and that they are thinking of ways to link up with potential users or partners of the research, whether it is a state agency or local government. Also has an idea of convening a research gathering.

Secretary Ross moved to approve item #7, Secretary Laird seconded. Motion passes 10-0.

No public comment

The staff report on the Climate Change Research Program can be found here. The presentation can be found here.

**Agenda Item #8: ACTION: Sustainable Agricultural Land Conservation Program**

*Virginia Jameson, Department of Conservation*

Approve adoption of final draft guidelines for the 2018-19 Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program.
Jameson gave an update on the Sustainable Agricultural Land Conservation Program guidelines.

Discussion:
Laird commented that the program was not initially well received but it has been a real success. Now we have a chance to make improvements and priorities in the program.

Secretary Lard made the motion to approve item #8, Secretary Ross seconded. Motion passes 10-0*.
*Olson-Morgan replaced Wilkening on the Council.

Public comment on SALC:
Mark Landgraf, Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority

The full staff report on the Sustainable Agricultural Land Conservation Program can be found here, along with Attachment 1- clean, Attachment 1- redlined, and Attachment 2 - Public comment compilation. The presentation can be found here.

Agenda Item #9: General Public Comment
Richard Sadowsky, Homefront
Marla Jo Sadowsky, Homefront

Agenda Item #10: Meeting Adjourned
Chair Alex adjourned the meeting at 3:45pm.

The full video of the December 20, 2018 Strategic Growth Council Meeting can be found here.