October 29, 2018

Subject: September 2018 Strategic Growth Council Meeting Minutes

Reporting Period: September – October 2018

Staff Lead: Ulisses Arzola, Strategic Growth Council

Recommended Action:

Approval of the September 25, 2018 Strategic Growth Council Meeting Minutes.
Strategic Growth Council  
October 29, 2018  
Draft Meeting Minutes

Council Members and Representatives Present:
Secretary Matthew Rodriquez, California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA);  
Nicole Capretz, Public Member;  
Deputy Secretary Lynn von Koch-Liebert, Business Consumer Services and Housing Agency (BCSH);  
Assistant Secretary Janne Olson-Morgan, California Health and Human Services Agency (CHHS);  
Deputy Assistant Secretary Julie Alvis, California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA);  
Secretary Brian Annis, California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA);  
Secretary Karen Ross, California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA)

Agenda Item #1: Call to Order
Acting Chair Rodriquez called the meeting to order at 1:04 pm.

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

Agenda Item #3: ACTION: Approval of Minutes
Secretary Annis made the motion to approve the July 31, 2018 meeting minutes, Deputy Assistant Secretary Alvis seconded. Motion passes 6-0-1*.

*Public Member Nicole Capretz abstained from the vote as she was not present for the last meeting.

The July 31, 2018 meeting minutes can be found here.

Agenda Item #4: Council Members Update
Secretary Ross updated the Council on additional funding for the Alternative Manure Management Program and the Global Soil Health Challenge at the Global Climate Action Summit.
Public member Capretz introduced herself to the Council.

Deputy Secretary von Koch-Liebert updated the Council on the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the Homeless Emergency Aid Program and No Place Like Home Program.

More information on the programs can be found on CDFA’s and BCSH’s websites.

**Agenda Item #5: ACTION: Consent Calendar**

*Louise Bedworth, SGC*

a. Consider use of $1.2 million in FY 18-19 Transformative Climate Communities Program funds to support evaluation for Round 1 grantees.

b. Amend the affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program’s FY 2014-15 and FY 2015-16 Guidelines to extend the timeline for completion of performance milestones.

Executive Director Bedsworth briefly went over the Consent Calendar Item.

Deputy Assistant Secretary Alvis made the motion, Deputy Secretary von Koch-Liebert seconded. Motion passes 7-0.

Public Comment on the Consent Calendar Item:

*Adam Kuperman, Satellite Affordable Housing Associates*

The Consent Calendar Item can be found [here](#).
The presentation can be found [here](#).

**Agenda Item #6: Executive Director’s Report**

*Louise Bedsworth, SGC*

*Natalie Kuffel, OPR*
Executive Director Bedsworth welcomed new Council Member Nicole Capretz and introduced new SGC staff including Kevin Peth, Douglas Bojack, and Douglas Burt to the team. She briefly went over Outreach and Communications events, gave updates on the Health in All Policies (HiAP), the California Climate Change Assessment and Climate Smart Infrastructure Report, the California Biodiversity Initiative, and the Affordable Housing, Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Round 4 Guidelines.

Legislative Director Kuffel updated the Council on a few legislative bills including SB 1072 which was signed, AB 2258 which was vetoed, and AB1945 which was awaiting action from the Governor.

Public Member Capretz asked if there were funds awarded for the grant on SB 1072. Kuffel responded that no but there may be funds allocated in the next budget cycle.

Secretary Ross commented on the Biodiversity Initiative and to think how to overlay it with lands that are being proposed under the Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program.

The Executive Director’s Report presentation can be found here. The update on HiAP can be found here.

**Agenda Item #7: ACTION: Transformative Climate Communities**

Item was not considered

**Agenda Item #8: ACTION: Climate Change Research Program**

*Louise Bedsworth, SGC*

*Douglas Burt, SGC*

  a. Consider updated Climate Change Research Investment Plan
  b. Direct staff to develop and release Request for Proposals for Transformative Technology Development Projects
Executive Director Bedsworth updated the Council on the Climate Change Research Program which included updates to the Research Investment Plan, updated research priority areas and Innovation Center Research Grants.

Secretary Rodriquez asked if they were allowed to expand the pool of eligible applicants or were bound by statute.

Bedsworth responded that they could expand but had to include the University of California, California State University, federally funded national laboratories, and private colleges and universities first.

Public Member Capretz asked if there would be continuous rounds moving forward.

Bedsworth said that it was an annual appropriation that the legislature has to approve.

Capretz commented that there needs to be more community awareness of these programs and grants awarded.

Bedsworth agreed and said it was an ongoing area of work.

Secretary Rodriquez also agreed.

SGC staff member Douglas Burt updated the Council on Round 2 of the Climate Change Research Program including the Climate Change Technology and Solutions Initiative, the outreach process and research areas including carbon dioxide removal, methane reduction, and heating, cooling, and thermal storage systems.

Assistant Secretary Alvis asked about the investment plan to guide future research investments and if the timeframe was in the document.
Bedsworth said it was in the document and would be revisited every three years. Would like to tie it to state’s Climate Change Research Plan which was completed in 2015.

Secretary Ross thanked staff and said it was a very aggressive timeline. Wanted to know if there have been conversations with the research community and if they are ready to submit proposals.

Burt said that yes, they have been in conversation with over 40 institutions and they are aware of the second round.

Deputy Secretary von Koch-Liebert also wanted to make sure there are clear guidelines on roles and responsibility from the advisory committee. Could be a little confusing, want to set expectations.

Secretary Annis stated that it was a good approach staff put together and wanted to note that Caltrans is also funding a lot of university research under SB1 funds.

Public Comment on the Climate Change Research Program:
Jim Hawley, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory
Kim Danko, Institute for Local Government

Secretary Ross made the motion to approve Item 8a, Secretary Annis seconded. Motion passes 7-0.

Secretary Rodriguez made the motion to approve Item 8b, Public Member Capretz seconded. Motion passes 7-0.

The staff report on the Climate Change Research Program can be found here. The Research Investment Plan can be found here. The presentation can be found here.
Agenda Item #9: ACTION: Reinvestment of Reimbursed Proposition 84 Funds

Item was not considered

Agenda Item #10: General Public Comment

Veronica Beaty, Sacramento Housing Alliance
Alicia Sebastian, California Coalition for Rural Housing

Agenda Item #11: Meeting Adjourned

Acting Chair Rodriguez adjourned the meeting at 2:27pm.

The full video of the September 25, 2018 Strategic Growth Council meeting can be found here.