

**AGENDA**  
**Orange County Commission for the Environment**  
**March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019**  
7:30 p.m.

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West Campus Office Building, Room 302, 131 West Margaret Lane, Hillsborough

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- | <b><u>Time</u></b> | <b><u>Item</u></b> | <b><u>Title</u></b>   |
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| <b>7:30</b>        | <b>I.</b>          | <b>Call to Order</b>  |
| <b>7:32</b>        | <b>II.</b>         | <b>Additions or Changes to Agenda</b>   |
| <b>7:35</b>        | <b>III.</b>        | <b>Approval of Draft Minutes – February 11<sup>th</sup> 2019</b><br>The CFE will consider approval of minutes from the last meeting. <u>Action needed</u> (Attachment 1)  |
| <b>7:40</b>        | <b>IV.</b>         | <b>Committee Meetings</b><br>Following a brief presentation of the status of the 2019 State of the Environment project, the CFE Committees will meet to discuss their SOE issues. (Attachment 2 and 3)  |
| <b>8:40</b>        | <b>V.</b>          | <b>Committee SOE Issue Discussion</b><br>Each Committee will be given an opportunity to discuss their SOE issue(s) with the entire group.   |
| <b>9:00</b>        | <b>VI.</b>         | <b>Updates and Information Items</b><br>Staff and/or CFE members will provide updates on the following items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ <b>Updates:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Earth Evening 2019 – April 26th, 2019</li><li>➤ 6:00 – 8:00 pm. in River Park, Hillsborough</li></ul></li><li>➤ April 4<sup>th</sup> BOCC Work Session</li><li>➤ Skip the Straw Month <a href="#">Individual</a></li><li>➤ <i>Any other new information from CFE members and staff</i></li></ul> |
| <b>9:05</b>        | <b>VII.</b>        | <b>Adjournment</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b><i>Next Meeting: April 8th, Southern Human Services Center, 2501 Homestead Road, Chapel Hill</i></b></li></ul>  |

## CFE Activities – 2019

Item	Resp. Party	Next Steps
Drafts of SOE issues: <a href="#">Land   Water   Air and Energy</a>	CFE	<b>Committees should have final drafts of all issues by end of March</b>
SOE website	B. Saul/AW	Collect images
SOE event	K. Livingston C. Fletcher L. Gronback	K. Livingston talking with other environmental groups about partnering on event organization.
“Eco-tips” in county newsletter	K. Piracci B. Bouma	Bouma will import Piracci’s draft Eco-Tips into folder on Google Docs for CFE to review.
Forest Management Policy	Land Resources	Livingston and Bouma will draft memo updating BOCC on status and start discussions with other Triangle area groups on existing and proposed policies.
Rural Buffer Research Project	B. Saul B. Bouma	Submit research ideas to grad students in UNC Planning Dept. before August 2019.
Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory	B. Ward B. Bouma	Submit request to MPOs for transportation data. Get Solid Waste, utilities data. Finalize report.
Fossil Fuel Divestment res.	B. Ward	CFE review Ward’s current draft.
Carbon Fee and Dividend res.	Ward/Parry	Parry editing. Fletcher maybe ask Marcoplos to introduce resolution to BOCC.
Climate Action Plan	Parry/ Bouma	
Idling Campaign	B. Bouma	Received signs, need to deliver to schools. Drafted a letter to parents, send to schools for their review. Discuss expansion to drive-thru establishments.
Landscape corridor planning		April or May 2019 update from Collaborative Conservation Group?
Other		Earth Evening - April 26 <sup>th</sup> , 6 to 8 pm, River Park DEAPR annual photo contest

### Recent Achievements

- BOCC unanimously passed “Best Practices on Roadsides and Rights-of-Way” resolution
- CFE mentioned by BOCC members several times during recent Our Climate Resolutions event

### CFE Meeting Ground Rules (Adopted 9/12/11)

1. Keep to agenda topic under discussion
2. Share relevant information
3. One person speaks at a time after recognition by the Chair
4. Everyone is invited to participate in discussions/no one person should dominate discussions
5. Strive to reach consensus first before voting

# DRAFT MEETING NOTES

## Orange County Commission for the Environment February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019

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Southern Human Services Center, 2501 Homestead Road, Chapel Hill

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### **Item   Title**

**In Attendance:** CFE Members: Bradley Saul, Alan Parry, Bill Ward, Kim Piracci, Lynne Gronback, Jody Eimers, Laura Doherty, Will Stanley, Jim Eichel, and Carrie Fletcher

Staff: Brennan Bouma, Kim Livingston   Interested Citizen: Brigitte Vaughn

- I.      **Call to Order**** – Saul called the meeting to order at 7:30pm
- II.     **Additions or Changes to Agenda**** – Bouma suggested adding a discussion on the Eco-tips for the weekly Orange County newsletter or tweets drafted by Piracci. Saul added this item to the agenda before committee meetings.
- III.    **Approval of Draft Minutes – January 14<sup>th</sup> 2019****  
The CFE considered approval of minutes from the last meeting. Saul added an edit to the draft minutes to received regular updates from designated CFE liaisons on other boards and commissioners. A motion to approve as amended was made by Ward, seconded by Stanley, and approved unanimously.
- IV.    **Chair Update****  
Saul recounted discussions from the recent Our Climate Resolution event in Chapel Hill. The CFE was mentioned many times at the event, which indicates the leadership is listening to the CFE and that the CFE is in a position to influence policy. The meeting discussions demonstrated that the leaders want to hear from groups such as the CFE and be as proactive as possible.
- Saul said that in December, the BOCC adopted the Wildflower Resolution. Livingston mentioned that she had received positive comments from other people working in the environmental field around the Country about the adoption of this resolution.
- Saul discussed the Green New Deal resolution passed by the BOCC on January 22, 2019. The BOCC endorsed the resolution and wants to form a committee to study climate change as well as request David Price endorse Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez’s resolution.
- Saul discussed the reformatting of the 2<sup>nd</sup> page of CFE agenda which now lists current activities, CFE member responsible for the action, next steps, and recent achievements.
- Saul reminded the CFE that in April, the BOCC will need the 2019 CFE actions.
- V.      **CFE Activities and Concerns for 2019****  
Saul led a discussion to identify activities the CFE would like to pursue in 2019, in addition to concerns and emerging issues the group may consider in 2019. See updated *Activities* on March 2019 agenda.
- VI.    **BOCC Agenda Abstract Environmental Impact****  
Bouma led a discussion concerning options to recommend to the BOCC for consideration of environmental impacts on agenda abstracts. CFE decided to add back into the draft the impacts to natural resources category as well as

adding example metrics. Eichel motioned to approve the template as amended and send it to Dave Stancil for him to present to the Board of County Commissioners in March. This was seconded by Fletcher, and approved unanimously.

**VII. Idle Reduction Campaign Update**

Bouma updated the CFE on the status of this petition item. The petition is closed, yet Commissioner Marcoplos remains interested. Bouma discussed the draft letter to parents and signs for schools. Gronback encouraged a more direct focus on a campaign for kids to ride the school bus. Suggestions were made to add a section of suggested alternatives to driving children to school. CFE would like to explore ways to measure the effectiveness of the campaign. Parry suggested that the kids could encourage their parents through incentives. Parry suggested turning over ownership to the schools and having Bouma give teachers a set of resources to encourage idle reduction. Eimers suggested having the schools report back their successes if they choose to participate. **Bouma requested that CFE members send any edits to the letter to him.**

**Addition Eco-tips**

Piracci led a discussion on Eco-tips to be sent out via Orange County emails or tweets. Todd McGee sends out weekly emails and tweets and an eco-tip (fact, suggestion for action, and further information) sponsored by the CFE could be added. Piracci suggested calling the section "Climate Corner." This was countered by others saying that the eco-tip could have a broader focus. The structure should be that of a tweet. CFE should create a list of "evergreen tweets" that Todd McGee pick from and post as needed. **Bouma will send out Piracci's suggested eco-tips. Saul suggested that the CFE review this by email.** Piracci suggested making the tips actionable and to follow a consistent format.

**VIII. Committee Meetings**

CFE Committees met to discuss issues and indicators for the 2019 State of the Environment report and made plans to finish a first draft by the March CFE meeting.

**IX. Updates and Information Items**

None were discussed.

**X. Adjournment- Fletcher 1<sup>st</sup>, Parry 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Fletcher motioned to adjourn and this was seconded by Parry. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm.

# Updated SOE 2019 Timeline:

2019							
Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct
<p>Update Indicator Data, Graphs, Write-Up</p>				<p>Final Draft and Web Site</p>	<p>Graphic Designer Produce PDF based on Web Site</p>		<p>Present to BOCC</p>
					<p>Produce PowerPoint Presentation</p>		
<p>Finalize Format and Images</p>			<p><b>Final Edit of Report</b></p>	<p>No Meeting</p>	<p>Plan Event</p>		
<p>Edit Pages, Produce Draft Report</p>	<p>Committees Collectively Edit Their Sections</p>	<p>Andrew Edit Report (common voice)</p>					
							<p>Event</p>

March 4, 2019

Land Resources Committee		
Issue (Indicator)	Status/Needed Steps	Facilitator(s)
Land Use (Protected Land)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Draft in progress</li> <li>Ready for fleshing out/comments/edits- Jeremy at al</li> <li>Graphic of land use categories- perhaps UNC student with Bradley</li> <li>Needs Image(s)</li> </ul>	Jeremy (Kim L)
Forest Extent (Tree Cover)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Roughly ¼-1/3 of the way through identifying points- <i>still need to keep Ding!</i></li> <li>Sketch of topic complete- feel free to add/comment/edit what is currently there</li> <li>Needs image(s)</li> </ul>	Bradley, Jeremy
Agriculture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Draft in progress?</li> </ul>	Lynne
Solid Waste (unknown)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Draft complete</li> <li>Ready for comments/edits- everyone</li> <li>Graphic of waste composition in prep- Bradley</li> <li>Needs Image(s)</li> </ul>	?
Biodiversity (Bird Populations)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Draft complete</li> <li>Ready for comments/edits- everyone</li> <li>Tables and figures need to be tidied- Bradley</li> </ul>	Bradley

Water Resources Committee		
Issue (Indicator)	Status/Needed Steps	Facilitator(s)
Water Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Draft complete</li> <li>Ready for comments/edits- everyone</li> <li>Needs image(s)</li> </ul>	Laura
Hydrologic Effects of Climate Change	?	Jody
Drinking Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Draft complete</li> <li>Ready for comments/edits</li> </ul>	Will

Air and Energy Resources Committee		
Issue (Indicator)	Status/Needed Steps	Facilitator(s)
Climate Change (mitigation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Draft electric vehicles page under preparation</li> <li>Draft page on conversion to “all-electrical”</li> </ul>	Bill W, Kim P
Air Toxins	?	Bill N, Jim
Renewable Energy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Draft in progress on renewable energy</li> <li>Draft in progress on energy conservation/efficiency</li> <li>Ready for comments/edits- everyone</li> <li>Needs image(s)</li> </ul>	Matt, Alan
Climate Change (resilience)	Number of billion dollar disaster events in NC	Brennan