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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** March 26, 2013  
**TO:** Commissioners, Commission on the Environment  
**FROM:** Monica Fish, Commission Secretary  
**SUBJECT:** Commission Secretary Report for the March 26, 2013 Commission Meeting

### Board of Supervisors Legislative Activity January 22 – March 25, 2013

#### January 29, 2013

**121196 [Accept and Expend Grant - Energy Efficiency Program and Amendment to the Annual Salary Ordinance - \$13,100,000] Sponsor: Mayor** Ordinance authorizing the Department of the Environment to accept and expend a grant in the amount of \$13,100,000 from the California Public Utilities Commission, through Pacific Gas and Electric Company, to implement an Energy Use and Demand Reduction through Energy Efficiency Program and amending Ordinance No. 165-12 (Annual Salary Ordinance, FYs 2012-2013 and 2013-2014) to reflect the addition of three grant funded positions (3 FTE) at the **Department of the Environment**, for a term from January 1, 2013, through December 31, 2014. **FINALLY PASSED**

**121193 [Contract Amendment - Renewable Energy and Climate Change Professional Services - \$31,400,000]** Resolution approving the Fourth Amendment to the contract with ICF Resources, LLC, for Renewable Energy and Climate Change Professional Services, to increase the amount of the contract by \$12,400,000 for a total of \$31,400,000 and to extend the term of the contract from July 1, 2014, to December 31, 2016. **(Environment) ADOPTED**

#### Legislation Introduced

**121019 [Administrative Code - California Environmental Quality Act Procedures] Sponsor:** Wiener Ordinance amending Administrative Code, Chapter 31, to reflect revisions in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and to update and clarify certain procedures provided for in Chapter 31, including without limitation: codifying procedures for appeals of exemptions and negative declarations; providing for the Board to make the final CEQA decision on projects requiring Board legislative action, negating the need to file formal CEQA appeals; revising noticing procedures for environmental impact reports and negative declarations for plan area projects exceeding 20

acres; expanding noticing requirements for certain exempt projects; and clarifying existing noticing requirements for exempt projects. **SUBSTITUTED AND ASSIGNED to Land Use and Economic Development Committee.**

#### **February 5, 2013**

**130089 [Supporting Local Government Greenhouse Gas Reduction Efforts]** Sponsors: Chiu; Mar and Campos Resolution supporting the distribution of carbon cap-and-trade auction and Clean Energy Jobs Act revenues to local governments for support of greenhouse gas reduction programs.

**ADOPTED**

#### **February 12, 2013 Legislation Introduced**

**130150 [Accept and Expend Grant - Used Motor Oil Recycling - \$229,123]** Sponsor: Mar Resolution authorizing the **Department of the Environment** to accept and expend a grant in the amount of \$229,123 from the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery for the purpose of increasing used motor oil recycling and household hazardous waste management for the period of April 30, 2013, through June 30, 2015. **RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Budget and Finance Committee.**

#### **February 21, 2013 Rules Committee**

**130087 Ordinance amending the Administrative Code, by repealing Article IX, to dissolve the Energy Efficiency Steering Committee.** (Clerk of the Board) **CONTINUED TO THE CALL OF THE CHAIR**

#### **March 5, 2013 Legislation Introduced**

**130235 [Urging the MTA to Implement a Full-Scale Bike Sharing Program by 2014]** Sponsors: Wiener; Chiu Resolution urging the Municipal Transportation Agency (MTA) to implement a full-scale bike sharing program by 2014. **RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Land Use and Economic Development Committee.**

#### **March 12, 2013 Board of Supervisors**

**130238 [Arbor Week - March 7-14, 2013]** Sponsor: Wiener Resolution celebrating the many benefits of the City's urban forest, declaring March 7, 2013, through March 14, 2013, as **Arbor Week** in the City and County of San Francisco. **ADOPTED**

#### **March 13, 2013 Budget and Finance Subcommittee**

**130153 Sponsor: Avalos** 02/12/13; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Budget and Finance Committee. 03/05/13; TRANSFERRED to Budget and Finance Sub-Committee. Hearing to review the status of the America's Cup Organizing Committee's (ACOC) efforts to raise \$32 million from private sources to reimburse the City for a portion of the City's costs related to the America's Cup, including an update from the Controller on the ACOC's financial position, what the City's potential liabilities are if the ACOC fails to raise this sum, and what the City's options are for recovering any outstanding fundraising obligations, and will also consider the original determination of financial feasibility for the

America's Cup, and whether the City is still responsible for staging the event when the event organizers have not fulfilled their financial obligations. **CONTINUED TO THE CALL OF THE CHAIR**

**120972 Sponsor: Avalos** Hearing to review the status of the America's Cup Event Authority's compliance with their commitments in the Workforce Development and Local Small Business Inclusion Plan to comply with the San Francisco's mandatory local hiring program and use union contractors for all construction and temporary installation work, and with the prevailing wage provisions in the San Francisco Administrative Code. **CONTINUED TO THE CALL OF THE CHAIR**

### **March 21, 2013 Rules Committee**

**130250.** Hearing to consider appointing six members, terms ending November 18, 2014, to the **Urban Forestry Council**. (Clerk of the Board)

### **March 25, 2013 Land Use Committee**

**130186 [Environment Code - Repealing Yellow Pages Distribution Pilot Program] Sponsor: Chiu** Ordinance amending the **Environment Code** by repealing Yellow Pages Distribution Pilot Program. 2/27/13; ASSIGNED UNDER 30 DAY RULE to the Land Use and Economic Development Committee. 3/6/13;.

### **March 27, 2013 Budget and Finance Subcommittee**

**130224 Sponsor: Campos** Ordinance authorizing the Public Utilities Commission General Manager to enter into a long-term interconnection agreement with Pacific Gas and Electric Company to connect a small renewable energy project at University Mound Reservoir to the electric system; and waiving specific requirements of the Administrative Code and the **Environment Code** in the best interests of the City for an amount of \$86,765.18 with a duration of ten years and automatic renewal every year thereafter. 3/5/13; ASSIGNED UNDER 30 DAY RULE to the Budget and Finance Subcommittee.

## **COMMUNICATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

### **January 22 to March 25, 2013**

\*Note. All correspondence has been emailed or routed to Commissioners as received and is available upon request. All correspondence is included in the Commission's public records files.

- ✚ Ms. Denise D'Anne, letter to the Commission stating her opposition to the use of plastic water bottles and need for better advertising and education. Response issued by Ms. Juliana Bryant, City Government Zero Waste Coordinator.
- ✚ Mr. Robert Woods and Dr. Espanola Jackson, Black Human Rights Leadership Council of San Francisco, request for Department diversity report. Diversity report response issued by Director Nutter on March 12, 2013.
- ✚ Urban Forestry Council letter to the Commission requesting Commission support for additional funding for the Urban Forestry Council. Deputy Director Assmann presented a report to the Urban Forestry Council Planning and Funding Committee on Tuesday, February 12, 2013. Draft Minutes are posted summarizing the discussion.

- ✚ CSFN letter to the Commission on the Environment and the Board of Supervisors urging both the Board of Supervisors and the Commission on the Environment to fully restore Fiscal Year 2012–13 funding to support the operations of the Urban Forestry Council. Deputy Director Assmann presented a report to the Urban Forestry Council Planning and Funding Committee on Tuesday, February 12, 2013 and to the Operations Committee on February 13, 2013.
- ✚ Mr. Al Weinrub, Local Clean Energy Alliance; Mr. Eric Brooks, Campaign Coordinator, Our City, and Mr. David McCoard, Chair, Energy and Climate Committee, San Francisco Bay Chapter, Sierra Club requesting a Commission presentation on the local buildout for Clean PowerSF and Local Power's (LPI's) proposed Business Plan. The Business Plan was forwarded to Commissioners. Presentation by Local Power Inc. is scheduled for the March 26, 2013 Commission meeting.
- ✚ Mr. Jim Margolis, True20, introduction of reusable water bottle program. Response issued by Ms. Juliana Bryant, City Government Zero Waste Coordinator.
- ✚ Department and Commission Statement of Incompatible Activities as required by the Ethics Commission, the SIA was transmitted to the Commission, Department staff, and posted on the Commission website. Requirement met.
- ✚ Ms. Becky Evans, Chair, San Francisco Group, Sierra Club, to the Recreation and Park Department, letter copied to Commission on the Environment in support of Laborers Local 261 Gardener Apprenticeship program.
  
- ✚ **Important: Statement of Economic Interest Form 700, Sunshine Ordinance Declaration and Ethics Training Certificates due today or directly to the Ethics Commission on or before April 1, 2013.**
  
- ✚ 350.org environmental news
- ✚ Blue Shield health pamphlet
- ✚ Brightline Defense communication in support of full funding for the GoSolarSF program
- ✚ Cradle to Cradle Product Innovation Challenge
- ✚ Department of the Environment event announcements, newsletters, employment opportunities, informational updates, articles, press releases.
- ✚ Efficientgov newsletters.
- ✚ Environmental Resource Center webcasts.
- ✚ Garden for the Environment newsletters and workshop announcements.
- ✚ Info Green Technology Green Summit announcement.
- ✚ Mayor's Office Commission updates, announcements, invitations, press releases, media advisories, Notice of EIR's.
- ✚ Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services newsletters.
- ✚ Nature in the City news.
- ✚ Neighborhood Empowerment Network (NEN) news.
- ✚ San Francisco Parks Alliance Newsletters and information.
- ✚ Sea Scavenger Conservancy event invitations, announcements.
- ✚ SFPUC meeting agendas.
- ✚ Sustainable City Network Top News.