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Mayor

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Director

MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 20, 2013
TO: Commissioners, Commission on the Environment
FROM: Monica Fish, Commission Secretary
SUBJECT: Commission Secretary Report for the September 24, 2013 Commission Meeting

Board of Supervisors Legislative Activity August 7 to September 20, 2013

Board Break in August

Board of Supervisors Legislation Introduced September 3, 2013

130831 [Hearing - Department of Environment Draft Report - Municipal Greenhouse Gas

Emissions Report - FY2011-2012] Sponsor: Avalos Hearing on the draft report by the Department of the Environment entitled "Municipal Greenhouse Gas Emissions Report FY2011-2012," and it shows that the City missed its goals of 20% greenhouse gas reductions set forth in Ordinance No. 81-08, the Department should be prepared to answer the following questions: 1) Whether there are specific reduction actions that have faced delays which have caused the City to fall short of the 20% reduction goal, and how and when can those actions be completed? 2) Of the 12 % in reductions that have occurred, what were the primary factors that contributed to this achievement? 3) What steps can the City, including the Board of Supervisors take to get us back on track to hit the 25% goal by 2017? and 4) This report only looks at greenhouse gas emissions for just government agencies, what goals are set for private sector greenhouse gas reductions, and can we expect information on that in the near future? **RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Neighborhood Services and Safety Committee.**

Board of Supervisors Meeting September 10, 2013

130816 [Formal Policy Discussions - September 10, 2013] Pursuant to Charter, Sections 2.103 and 3.100(7), and Administrative Code, Section 2.11, the Mayor shall answer the following eligible questions submitted from Supervisors representing Districts 1, 3, 5, 9, and 11.

1. Mayor Lee - As you know, San Francisco has set ambitious goals to combat climate change. In many ways, the City is making great strides in this direction, from increasing bicycling, to pursuing zero waste goals, to hiring a new, excellent environmental policy advisor in Rodger Kim who has a strong

background in environmental justice and community engagement. However, the Public Utilities Commission has repeatedly failed to set rates for CleanPowerSF, the most impactful local proposal yet designed to curb carbon emission. This program was adopted by the Board of Supervisors, the legislative body of the City. However, there are some allegations that your office is stalling its implementation. What specifically are you doing, as the City's head executive, to implement this policy in a timely fashion? (Supervisor Mar, District 1)

2. Mr. Mayor, can you please outline your objections to the CleanPowerSF program as approved last year on an vote 8-3 by the Board of Supervisors? (Supervisor Chiu, District 3)

3. Recognizing the constraints imposed by state law, particularly with respect to opt-out provisions, how would a clean power program need to be structured in order for you to support it? Are you willing to work with the Board of Supervisors, and have your staff and commissioners work with the Board of Supervisors, to revise CleanPowerSF so that you can support it? Can we come to the table and make clean power a reality without any further delay? (Supervisor Breed, District 5)

4. The Board of Supervisors has been very supportive of CleanPowerSF. Do you think it is appropriate for a City Commission to go against the policy the Board of Supervisors set when it approved CleanPowerSF? (Supervisor Campos, District 9)

5. Days after the one-year anniversary of the 2010 PG&E San Bruno pipeline explosion, you called PG&E a "great local corporation" and a "great company that gets it." However, the examples of PG&E's immoral, illegal, and greedy behavior are legion:-PG&E avoided admitting fault in the San Bruno explosion, failed to cooperate with the investigation, fought against paying a fair fine, and hopes to make ratepayers pay for the fine.-PG&E's current electric mix is only 20% California-certified renewable.-Outages of PG&E-owned streetlights have increased over 400% in recent years, and PG&E wants to increase by \$600,000 a year the amount it charges the City for streetlight maintenance without committing to improved service.-Despite the fact that PG&E already has some of the highest electric rates in the country, PG&E is seeking to further increase rates in each of the next three years.-While PG&E has proposed a new Green Tariff program, it remains only a vague proposal and there is no guarantee that it will ever be implemented.-PG&E's previous green campaigns-such as ClimateSmart and "Let's Green This City"-have proven to be short lived and ineffective public relations stunts.Multiple public surveys conducted by the PUC to gauge the level of support for CleanPowerSF have all found that a substantial number of San Franciscans want the opportunity to pay a slight premium for a 100% renewable alternative to PG&E.Why does your office continue to oppose providing City ratepayers with an alternative to PG&E's monopoly by implementing CleanPowerSF? (Supervisor Avalos, District 11) **Mayor Edwin Lee addressed the Board of Supervisors and discussed the above referenced questions. Following public comment this matter was filed. No further action was taken. HEARD AND FILED**

Board of Supervisors Meeting September 27, 2013

130829 [Urging the Public Utilities Commission to Set Not-to-Exceed Rates for CleanPowerSF Without Any Further Delay] Sponsors: Breed; Avalos, Mar and Campos Resolution reiterating the Board of Supervisor's support for CleanPowerSF, citing the Board's role as the preeminent policymaking body in San Francisco, urging the Public Utilities Commission to set not-to-exceed rates for CleanPowerSF without any further delay, and promising further action if the Public Utilities Commission fails to set rates. **ADOPTED**

COMMUNICATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED August 7, 2013 to September 20, 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.

Public Correspondence – Reference attached Correspondence Log of all incoming public correspondence and status of responses issued.

Special Attention: Notice to Department Heads and Commissions from the Ethics Commission regarding new electronic filing requirement of Statement of Economic Interest Form 700s starting in 2014. A request was sent to provide the Commission Secretary with your email address, mailing address, and contact information to the Ethics Commission. This information is due no later than **November 27, 2013 to me by email.** Sunshine Ordinance and Certificate of Ethics Training forms will still be sent to the Ethics Commission by paper.

Office of City Attorney September 3, 2013 Memorandum to All Commission Members on Political Activity by City Officers and Employees.

- + CALGreen Seminars.
- + City Hall Events
- + Department of the Environment event announcements, newsletters, employment opportunities, informational updates, articles, press releases.
- + Department of Human Resources memo on Performance Appraisals and Plans.
- + Efficientgov newsletters.
- + EUEC News.
- + Garden for the Environment newsletters and workshop announcements.
- + Info Green Technology seminar announcement.
- + Island Press SPUR Events.
- + 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 News.
- + UCSF Mount Sutro Neighbors

Attachments: Correspondence Log