



CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT POLICY COMMITTEE DIRECTOR'S REPORT
 Monday, January 13, 2013

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1. STAFF/ PERSONNEL

- Energy Watch hired David Lewbin as a temporary Energy Specialist while Kathleen Bryan (formerly Hannon) is on maternity leave.

2. OUTREACH AND PRESS EVENTS

CONFERENCES

- Barry Hooper, Green Building staff, attended a conference, "Increasing Building Owners' Access to Whole-Building Energy Data and Addressing Privacy Concerns," convened by U.S. Department of Energy and the White House in Washington, D.C. San Francisco and PG&E agreed to work together on the Better Buildings Data Accelerator project, to increase access to whole-building energy use data by building owners for benchmarking.
- Barry Hooper, Green Building staff, participated in a working group to develop the Building Energy Data Exchange Specification (BEDES), a common schema for describing buildings' assets and energy use. The current beta version was created to support data exchange among governments implementing benchmark &/or audit policies, and is now used in several US DOE projects such as the DOE Building Performance Database. This BEDES working group is likely to inform private sector efforts coalescing around a common standard.
- Tamar Hurwitz, School Education Manager, traveled with Mayoral Delegation to Bangalore, India with the San Francisco-Bangalore Sister City Initiative. The delegation met city leaders to discuss infrastructure development around solid waste, water, renewable energy, energy efficiency and transportation. They worked closely with Michael Carlin from the SFPUC who is taking lead on fulfilling most of the terms of our Sister City MOUs that were just signed, and are hoping to welcome a delegation from Bangalore in 2014 to see SF's infrastructure.
- Kevin Drew, Zero Waste staff, is currently speaking on San Francisco's Zero Waste best practices at a collection of engagements in Brazil.
- Director Nutter participated in the Brookings Institute Smart Cities International Workshop in Washington DC.

EVENTS/ SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- The SF Environment Staff Holiday Party was held on 12/12/13.
- Environmental Justice (EJ) staff presented at Commission on the Environment meeting, providing an overview of EJ grant program and introducing 2 community speakers, Jeff Betcher of Quesada Gardens and Leah Pimentel of GRID Alternatives.

PRESS

- Director Nutter and Jack Macy were interviewed by RomaUna TV news from Rome on zero waste and arranged filming of collection and processing at Recology's Pier 96.

TRAININGS/Presentations

- The school education team gave *Pre-Trip* Presentations at the Laurel School (District 1) and St. Paul's School (District 8), reached 51 students, as well as at Glen Park Elementary (District 8), reached 24 students.
- Zero waste staff hosted and presented on textiles at Northern California Recycling Association (NCRA) Nature of Materials class.

3. PROGRAM MILESTONES/ACHIEVEMENTS

- **Climate**
 - Director Nutter and senior staff participated in a Director level adaptation and sea level rise meeting organized by the Port of San Francisco.
 - Director Nutter and Mayor's Senior Advisor, Roger Kim, met with Ann Chan from the California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) to discuss climate change and the upcoming Safe Guarding CA Workshop.
- **Clean Transportation**
 - Completed the final 10 installations of public EV chargers under current grant funding – 5 in SF Zoo parking lot, and 5 at Kezar Stadium/GG Park (which Rec&Park is making available to City Carshare) – bringing total City installed public chargers to 86 stations.
 - There are now at least 200 public EV charging stations at 80 or more locations throughout San Francisco.
- **Community Outreach**
 - Conducted door-to-door outreach with EJ staff to promote Safer Cleaning and Integrated Pest Management at Plaza East and Westside Courts (in District 5). City's contractor, Pestec, providing IPM services at Alice Griffith, Plaza East and Westside Courts housing sites.
- **Environment Now**
 - Environment Now and Outreach developed collateral in three languages, staffed, and coordinated the first kick-off event to promote Eco-Districts in the inner sunset.
- **Toxics**
 - Three custodial companies are now recognized Green Businesses, these are the first custodial companies to be recognized.
- **Zero Waste**
 - Conducted audit of Golden Gate Park corporation yard trash debris box. Met with Hall of Justice to further increase diversion at facility.
 - Started 3 apartment buildings composting (62 units) and conducted additional outreach at 14 (1,325 units).
 - Conducted annual site visit of Premier Recycle Company in San Jose, a registered debris recovery facility.
 - Visited 2,886 retail and foodservice businesses in all 11 supervisor districts for bag ordinance. 86% were compliant. Sending warning letters to 214 retail and 202 foodservice establishments not compliant.
 - Conducted audits of 14 large commercial generators with low diversion for follow-up assistance to get them mandatory recycling and composting participation compliant.
 - Got 23 commercial accounts mandatory composting compliant.

4. GRANTS/FUNDRAISING

- Grantees selected for SF Carbon Fund—FUF, SF Parks Alliance, Ney Street Neighborhood Watch, AsianWeek, Commodore Sloat Elementary, Gateway High, Golden Gate Audubon, Nature in The City. \$223,000 total will be distrusted for this round of funding.

5. LEGISLATION/POLICY

- Supervisor Chiu's bottled water ban ordinance now to be introduced to the Land Use Committee on 2/24/14.

6. UPCOMING EVENTS

- Annual public hearing on pesticide use/reduced-risk pesticide list will be held on 1/16/15, 5-7 pm, City Hall Rm 421.
- SF Environment will host a Community New Year Open House and celebration for Director Nutter on 1/23/14 from 5-7:30 PM.
- 8th Annual Green Business Awards Reception will be held 1/30/14 from 5:30-10 PM at Hotel Whitcomb.