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**CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT
POLICY COMMITTEE***

MEETING MINUTES DRAFT

**MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2018, 5:00 P.M.
CITY HALL, ROOM 421
ONE DR. CARLTON B. GOODLETT JR. PLACE
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94102**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Commissioners Johanna Wald (Chair), Elmy Bermejo, Lisa Hoyos.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Public comment will be taken before the Committee takes action on any item.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call.

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m.

Present: Wald, Bermejo and Hoyos.

2. Approval of minutes of the December 11, 2017 Commission on the Environment Policy Committee meeting. (Explanatory Document: December 11, 2017 Draft Minutes) (Discussion and Action)

Upon a motion by Commissioner Hoyos, second by Commissioner Bermejo, the December 11, 2017 Commission on the Environment Policy Committee meeting minutes were approved without objection. (Ayes: Commissioners Wald, Bermejo and Hoyos. Noes: None. Absent: None)

There was no public comment.

3. Public Comment. Members of the public may address the Committee on matters that are within the Committee's jurisdiction and are not on today's agenda.

Tom Bordon discussed the number of trees in San Francisco.

4. Update on a December 20, 2017 Department of the Environment hearing on implementation of the 2017 Reduced Risk Pesticide List and introduction of the 2018 Reduced Risk Pesticide List. Under the Environment Code, the Department maintains a Reduced Risk Pesticide List identifying those pesticides that may be used on City property, subject to restrictions. Sponsor: Deborah Raphael, Director; Speaker Dr. Chris Geiger, Ph.D., Integrated Pest Management Program Manager (Explanatory Documents: Summary of Pesticide Exemptions for 2017, Draft 2018 Reduced Risk Pesticide List and Summary of Major Changes to the 2017 Restrictions on Most-Hazardous Herbicides) (Discussion)

Dr. Chris Geiger, Integrated Pest Management Program Manager, provided an update on a December 20, 2017 Department of the Environment hearing on implementation of the 2017 Reduced Risk Pesticide List and introduction of the 2018 Reduced Risk Pesticide List and discussed attendance at the hearing, the agenda for the public hearing, a summary of program successes, 2017 summary of exemptions, data required for exemption requests, all exemptions being posted online, summary of proposed changes to the 2018 Reduced Risk Pesticide List including limits on herbicide use, clarified restrictions and product changes.

Commissioner Wald asked if there was a net change in the number of products on the list, why the organization of the List regarding prohibitions and allowed uses has changed and why there are variances in the new restrictions after the reorganization.

Commissioner Hoyos asked about when the item would come back to the Policy Committee, possible changes to the usage of pesticides near playgrounds, the number of parks where there is no use of herbicides and why and a walking tour of Glen Park.

Commissioner Bermejo discussed a Committee walking tour.

Public Comment:

Tom Bordon discussed the Precautionary Principle, Natural Areas, the use of pesticides on native and non-native plants, and proposed restrictions.

Unidentified speaker discussed policies on the use of herbicides.

Eric Brooks, Green Party and Our City, discussed staff responses to public comment, proposed changes to the List and the use of herbicides in San Francisco.

5. **Director's Update.** Deborah Raphael, Director (Discussion)

Deborah Raphael, Director, discussed the passing of Mayor Edwin M. Lee, Zero Waste outreach in the Sunset District, a potential hearing with Supervisor Safai on the City's Zero Waste efforts, a street cleanliness dialogue with Supervisor Peskin, an LED light giveaway and the Green Business Awards at CalAcademy.

Unidentified speaker discussed the use of groundwater by the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission and tests done by Tetra Tech in the Bayview Hunters Point Neighborhood and Treasure Island.

Unidentified speaker discussed chemicals in San Francisco's water.

6. **New Business/Future Agenda Items.** Anthony Valdez, Commission Secretary (Discussion)

Anthony Valdez, Commission Affairs Manager, discussed the agenda for the February Policy Committee meeting including consideration of the Commission's Annual Report.

Public Comment:

Eric Brooks, San Francisco Green Party and Our City, discussed continued discussion of the City's Integrated Pest Management program.

7. **Adjournment.**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

The next meeting of the Commission on the Environment Policy Committee is scheduled for Monday, February 12, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. in City Hall, Room 421.

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