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**City and County of San Francisco
Commission on the Environment**

MEETING MINUTES APPROVED

**Tuesday, January 22, 2019, 5:00 P.M.
City Hall, Room 416
One Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Jr. Place
San Francisco, CA 94102**

COMMISSION MEMBERS: Elmy Bermejo (President), Johanna Wald (Vice President), Eddie Ahn, Lisa Hoyos, Heather Stephenson, Mike Sullivan and Sarah Wan.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

1. Call to Order and Roll Call.

The Commission on the Environment meeting was convened at 5:07 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Bermejo, Wald, Ahn, Stephenson, Sullivan and Wan; Excused: Commissioner Hoyos.

2. President's Welcome. (Discussion)

President Bermejo welcome meeting attendees and discussed the agenda.

There was no public comment.

3. Approval of Minutes of the November 27, 2018 Commission on the Environment Meeting.

(Explanatory Documents: November 27, 2018 Draft Minutes) (Discussion and Action)

Upon a motion by Commissioner Wald and second by Commissioner Sullivan the minutes were approved without objection. (Ayes: Commissioners Bermejo, Wald, Ahn, Stephenson, Sullivan and Wan; Noes: None; Absent: Commissioner Hoyos)

There was no public comment.

4. General Public Comment: Members of the public may address the Commission on matters that are within the Commission's jurisdiction and are not on today's agenda.

Susan Karasoff discussed the San Francisco Biodiversity Resolution.

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

5. Presentation of the Commission on the Environment – Environmental Service Award to Kathleen Hennesey, Retiring Sustainability Analyst, San Francisco Moscone Center. (Discussion)

Commissioner Ahn presented the Environmental Service Award to Kathleen Hennesey.

Kathleen Hennesey accepted the award.

Public Comment:

Bob Sauter, General Manager, Moscone Center discussed the work of Kathleen Hennesey.

Robert Haley, Zero Waste Program Manager, discussed the work of Kathleen Hennesey.

6. Presentation of the Commission on the Environment – Environmental Service Award to Tamar Hurwitz, Senior Environmental Specialist, San Francisco Department of the Environment. (Discussion)

Commissioner Stephenson presented the Environmental Service Award to Tamar Hurwitz.

Commissioner Bermejo discussed the work of Tamar Hurwitz.

Commissioner Wald discussed the work of Johanna Wald.

Director Deborah Raphael discussed the work of Tamar Hurwitz.

Tamar Hurwitz accepted the award.

Deborah Munk, Director of the Artist in Residency Program, Recology, discussed the work of Tamar Hurwitz.

Unidentified speaker discussed the work of Tamar Hurwitz.

Meriam discussed the work of Tamar Hurwitz.

Sam, School Education Team, San Francisco Department of the Environment discussed the work of Tamar Hurwitz.

Annie, School Education Team, San Francisco Department of the Environment discussed the work of Tamar Hurwitz.

Joe, School Education Team, San Francisco Department of the Environment discussed the work of Tamar Hurwitz.

Josie Dominguez Chand, San Francisco Department of the Environment, discussed the work of Tamar Hurwitz.

Stephanie Medias, Recology, discussed the work of Tamar Hurwitz.

Rachel discussed the work of Tamar Hurwitz.

REGULAR AGENDA

- 7. Presentation on the progress of the Department of the Environment School Education Program.** Sponsor: Deborah Raphael, Director; Speaker: Tamar Hurwitz, Senior Environmental Specialist (Discussion)

Tamar Hurwitz, Senior Environmental Specialist, discussed the progress of the Department of the Environment School Education Program including teamwork, the school education coordinators, school education associates and aides, the San Francisco Unified School District Sustainability Office, the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, San Francisco Public Works, Recology, the importance of messaging, developing a powerful framework, the importance of having fun, Phoebe the Phoenix, Food to Flowers! Assemblies, outreach materials, community based social marketing, poster contests, field trips, being supportive of the Mayor, a anti-litter campaign, Mayor's Earth Day, the importance of reputation, consulting with other municipalities, a California textbook supplement about the Food to Flowers! Campaign, giving appreciation, poster contest awards, the Annual School Award Ceremony, the 2018 CRRRA and GEELA Award, how our actions shape the future, opportunities for all, middle and high school outreach and widening community connections.

Commissioner Ahn commended Tamar Hurwitz.

Director Deborah Raphael discussed the continuity of the School Education Program.

There was no public comment

- 8. Review and vote on whether to approve the Department of the Environment's Fiscal Year 2019-20 and 2020-21 Budget.** Sponsor: Deborah Raphael, Director; Speaker: Joseph Salem, Program Manager, Finance and Administration (Explanatory Document: Draft Department of the Environment Fiscal Year 2019-20 and 2020-21 Budget) (Discussion and Action)

Commissioner Stephenson introduced the item.

Joseph Salem, Program Manager, Finance and Administration, discussed the Mayor's directive, the fiscal picture from 2020 to 2021, change from fiscal 2018-2019 to 2019-2020, other Department funding including work orders and key dates for fiscal year 2019-2020 budget process.

Commissioner Wald asked about proposing a budget increase for the Department while other City departments are making cuts to their budgets.

Commissioner Stephenson thanked Joe Salem.

Commissioner Sullivan asked when the Department's lease agreement will begin to affect the Department budget.

Upon motion by Commissioner Stephenson, second by Commissioner Wan, the Department of the Environment's Fiscal Year 2019-20 and 2020-21 Budget was approved without objection (Ayes:

Commissioners Bermejo, Wald, Ahn, Stephenson, Sullivan and Wan; Noes: None; Absent: Commissioner Hoyos)

There was no public comment.

- 9. Review and vote on whether to approve as final the Commission on the Environment's 2018 Draft Annual Report.** Sponsor: Deborah Raphael, Director; Speaker: Charles Sheehan, Chief Policy and Public Information Officer (Explanatory Document: Draft 2018 Commission on the Environment Annual Report) (Discussion and Action)

Commissioner Wald introduced the item.

Charles Sheehan, Chief Policy and Public Affairs Officer, discussed the contents of the Commission on the Environment's 2018 Draft Annual Report.

Commissioner Bermejo commended the Department for the report.

Commissioner Ahn amended the report to include additional participants to the Clean Power Plan rally section.

Upon motion by Commissioner Wald, second by Commissioner Wan, the 2018 Annual Report was approved without objection (Ayes: Commissioners Bermejo, Wald, Ahn, Stephenson, Sullivan and Wan; Noes: None; Absent: Commissioner Hoyos)

- 10. Director's Report.** Speaker: Deborah Raphael, Director

Deborah Raphael, Director, discussed an award to the School Education Program from the Governor's Office, the Annual Tree Chipping holiday event, the Department presence at the Martin Luther King Day celebration, a request for abstract that was submitted to Pacific Gas and Electric Company for energy efficiency programming, an upcoming meeting of the Electric Vehicle Working Group, the Annual State of the City Address, the upcoming Green Business Awards and accountability regarding the Department's five values.

There was no public comment.

- 11. Nomination and Election of Commission on the Environment President and Vice-President.** (Discussion and Action)

Anthony Valdez, Commission Secretary, explained the process for nominating officers.

Commissioner Wald nominated Commissioner Bermejo for President, the nomination was accepted and Commissioner Bermejo was elected President. (Ayes: Commissioner Bermejo, Ahn, Stephenson, Sullivan, Wald and Wan; Noes: None; Absent: Commissioner Hoyos) There was no public comment.

President Wald nominated Commissioner Stephenson for Vice President, the nomination was accepted and Commissioner Stephenson was elected Vice-President. (Ayes: Commissioner Bermejo, Ahn, Stephenson, Sullivan, Wald and Wan; Noes: None; Absent: Commissioner Hoyos) There was no public comment.

12. Committee Reports. (Discussion)

Commissioner Wald reported on the December Policy Committee meeting including discussions on the Zero Net Emissions Pathway Report and the Municipal Progress Report. In January, the Committee discussed the Draft Annual Report, a collaboration to develop sustainable carpet regulations and amendments to the San Francisco Existing Commercial Green Building Ordinance.

Commissioner Stephenson discussed the January Operations Committee meeting including presentations on the budget and an outreach campaign on multifamily renewable energy.

There was no public comment.

13. Announcements. (Discussion)

There were no announcements.

There was no public comment.

14. New Business/Future Agenda Items. Speaker: Charles Sheehan, Chief Policy and Public Information Officer (Discussion and Possible Action)

Charles Sheehan, Chief Policy and Public Affairs Officer, discussed the March Commission meeting including presentations about the Energy Efficiency Coordinating Committee.

Commissioner Stephenson discussed future presentations on green purchasing and Department diversity.

Commissioner Wald discussed a future presentation on the impact of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company's bankruptcy.

There was no public comment.

15. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

The next meeting of the Commission on the Environment is scheduled for Wednesday, March 26, 2019, 5:00 p.m. at City Hall, Room 416.

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