



**City and County of San Francisco**  
**Commission on the Environment**  
**Policy Committee**\*

**MEETING MINUTES DRAFT**

**Monday, February 13, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.**  
**Remote meeting via web conference**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Commissioners Mike Sullivan (Chair), Elmy Bermejo, and Johanna Wald.

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call.**

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Mike Sullivan and Elmy Bermejo

Excused: Commissioner Johanna Wald

Absent: None

**2. Review and vote on whether to approve Resolution File 2023-01-COE-PC, Resolution Making Findings to Allow Teleconferenced Meetings Under California Government Code Section 54953(e).** Speaker: Kyle Wehner, Commission Affairs Officer. (Explanatory Document: Resolution File 2023-01-COE-PC) (Discussion and Action)

There was no public comment.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Bermejo and a second by Commissioner Sullivan, the resolution was approved without objection. (Ayes: Commissioners Sullivan and Bermejo; Noes: None; Absent: Commissioner Wald)

**3. Approval of minutes of the November 14, 2022, Commission on the Environment Policy Committee meeting.** (Explanatory Document: November 14, 2022, Meeting Draft Minutes) (Discussion and Action)

There was no public comment.

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

**4. General Public Comment.**

There was no public comment.

5. **Director's Update.** Speaker: Tyrone Jue, Acting Director. (Discussion)

Tyrone Jue, Acting Director, referred Commissioners to his update at the Commission on the Environment meeting the previous week.

There was no public comment.

6. **Review and vote on whether to recommend that the Commission on the Environment Approve Resolution File 2023-04-COE, Resolution Encouraging the San Francisco Board of Supervisors to Adopt a Reusable Food Service Ware Ordinance to Eliminate Unnecessary Single Use Food Service Ware Waste.** Sponsor: Mike Sullivan, Commissioner; Speaker: Miriam Gordon, Reuse Consultant. (Explanatory Document: Resolution File 2023-04-COE) (Discussion and Possible Action)

Commissioner Sullivan provided context on a reusable food service ware policy for San Francisco.

Miriam Gordon, Reuse Consultant, presented on the principal elements of a reusable foodware policy.

Commissioner Bermejo, Miriam Gordon, and Kelly Gaherty, Commercial Zero Waste Assistant Coordinator, discussed strategies to encourage consumers to transition from single-use items to reusable foodware.

Commissioner Sullivan and Miriam Gordon discussed whether the proposed ordinance had been modeled on policies adopted in other cities.

Commissioners Sullivan and Bermejo, Miriam Gordon, and Kelly Gaherty discussed strategies to assist small businesses transition to reusable items.

There was no public comment.

7. **Presentation on the Building Materials Online Exchange.** Sponsor: Cyndy Comerford, Climate Program Manager; Speakers: James Slattery, Construction and Demolition Zero Waste Senior Coordinator, and Annika Sial, Civic Spark Fellow. (Discussion)

Cyndy Comerford, Climate Program Manager; James Slattery, Construction and Demolition Zero Waste Senior Coordinator; and Annika Sial, Civic Spark Fellow, presented on the Building Material Management and Reuse Initiative.

Commissioner Bermejo and James Slattery discussed the use of federal funds to support the program.

Commissioner Sullivan and James Slattery discussed a grant awarded to the Environment Department to implement the initiative.

Commissioner Sullivan and James Slattery discussed aspects of laydown area management.

There was no public comment.

8. **Presentation on the United Nations Biodiversity Conference.** Speaker: Peter Brastow, Senior Biodiversity Specialist. (Explanatory Document: Staff Report) (Discussion)

Peter Brastow, Senior Biodiversity Specialist, presented on the United Nations Biodiversity Conference (COP15) in Montreal, Canada.

Commissioner Bermejo and Peter Brastow discussed California's official observer status at the conference.

Commissioner Sullivan and Peter Brastow discussed the goal of the Montreal Pledge to protect 30 percent of the planet's lands, coastal areas, and inland waters by 2030.

There was no public comment.

9. **New Business/Future Agenda Items.** Speaker: Charles Sheehan, Chief Policy and Public Affairs Officer. (Discussion)

Charles Sheehan, Chief Policy and Public Affairs Officer, discussed future meeting dates and potential agenda items.

There was no public comment.

10. **Adjournment.**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.