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

MEETING MINUTES DRAFT

**Monday, March 11, 2019, 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 and Eddie Ahn.

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 5:01 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Wald and Ahn. Excused: Commissioner Bermejo.

2. Approval of minutes of the February 11, 2019 Commission on the Environment Policy Committee meeting. (Explanatory Document: February 11, 2019 Draft Minutes) (Discussion and Action)

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

There was no public comment.

3. General 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.

There was no public comment.

4. Review and vote on approval of Resolution File No. 2019-01-COE regarding San Francisco Board of Supervisors' declaration of a climate emergency. Sponsor: Deborah Raphael, Director; Speakers: Kyle Smeallie, Legislative Aide, Office of Supervisor Rafael Mandelman and Wendy Goodfriend, Climate Program Manager (Discussion and Action)

Deborah Raphael, Director, introduced the item.

Kyle Smeallie, Legislative Aide, Office of Supervisor Rafael Mandelman, discussed the contribution of climate advocates, collaboration with City agencies and the need for the resolution.

Commissioner Ahn discussed amending the ordinance to define environmental justice communities.

Commissioner Wald thanked Supervisor Mandelman for taking leadership on this issue.

Wendy Goodfriend, Climate Program Manager, discussed developing a report with a pathway to reducing greenhouse gas emissions, adapting to current changes, updating Chapter 9 of the Environmental Code, the global impact of consumption and San Francisco's Climate Action planning.

Director Raphael asked about the role of mitigation in the climate resolution.

Commissioner Wald requested that staff amend the Commission resolution to include text to make clear that there is a climate emergency and include a resolved clause regarding environmental justice.

Commissioner Ahn requested that the staff amend the Commission resolution to include a whereas clause to discuss the Department's work on racial equity.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Ahn, second by Commissioner Wald, the Committee approved the resolution with director to staff for amendments without objection. (Ayes: Commissioners Wald and Ahn. Noes: None. Absent: Commissioner Bermejo)

There was no public comment.

5. Presentation on expansion of energy efficiency microloans under the Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN) program. Sponsor: Deborah Raphael, Director; Speakers: Elena Fairley, Programs Manager, Mission Asset Fund and Richard Chien, Senior Program Specialist (Discussion)

Deborah Raphael, Director, introduced the item.

Richard Chien, Senior Program Specialist, discussed climate action and building decarbonization, achieving net zero emissions, San Francisco's Climate Action Framework, net zero carbon in new buildings by 2030, net zero carbon in existing buildings by 2050, building emissions from natural gas, increasing efficiency and electrifying gas appliances, benefits beyond emissions reductions, the Department of the Environment values, the path to beneficial electrification and an inclusive and equitable Climate Action Plan.

Elena Fairley, Programs Manager, Mission Asset Fund, discussed the mission of the Mission Asset Fund, program highlights, partnership with Energy Watch, BayREN expansion, co-benefits of BayREN expansion and the process for building energy savings tools.

Commissioner Wald asked about the BayREN pilot project, how Energy Watch programs were adjusted to include the microloans and how much the program is dependent on PG&E.

Commissioner Ahn asked why San Francisco was not included on the website discussing the program.

Commissioner Raphael asked how businesses may use the microloan dollars.

Commissioner Wald discussed the challenge of transitioning to all electric buildings.

Director Raphael asked if it was difficult to get Mission Asset Fund to begin servicing energy efficiency.

Commissioner Wald asked how Mission Asset Fund raises its money.

There was no public comment.

6. Director's Update. Deborah Raphael, Director (Discussion)

Deborah Rapahel, Director, discussed developing Policy Committee agenda items that do multi-meeting deeper dives, the Mayor's earth month of service, the Annual Green Business Awards, Arbor Day and a LAFCo meeting about energy efficiency programs.

There was no public comment.

7. New Business/Future Agenda Items. Charles Sheehan, Chief Policy and Public Affairs Officer (Discussion and Possible Action)

Charles Sheehan, Chief Policy and Public Affairs Officer, discussed the April Policy Committee meeting including discussions on Chapter 9 of the Environmental Code and the zero-waste facilitator ordinance implementation presentation.

Commissioner Wald asked for a copy of Chapter 9 of the Environmental Code before the discussion.

Charles Sheehan, Chief Policy and Public Affairs Officer, discussed the agenda for the March Commission meeting agenda including honoring Cal Broomhead and a presentation on CleanPowerSF.

There was no public comment.

8. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned 6:19 p.m.

The next meeting of the Commission on the Environment Policy Committee is scheduled for Monday, April 8, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. in City Hall, Room 421.

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