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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES APPROVED

**MONDAY, MARCH 12, 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 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 5:03 p.m.

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

2. Approval of minutes of the January 8, 2018 Commission on the Environment Policy Committee meeting. (Explanatory Document: January 8, 2018 Draft Minutes) (Discussion and Action)

Upon a motion by Commissioner Ahn, second by Commissioner Wald, the January 8, 2018 Commission on the Environment Policy Committee meeting minutes were approved without objection. (Ayes: Commissioners Wald and Ahn. Noes: None. Absent: Commissioner Bermejo)

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.

Eric Brooks, San Francisco Green Party and Our City, discussed proposed changes to the Integrated Pest Management program and fluorinated chemicals.

4. Discussion of programs and policies regarding carbon and trees in San Francisco. Sponsor: Deborah Raphael, Director; Speaker: Gordon Matassa, Urban Forestry Coordinator (Discussion)

Deborah Raphael, Director, introduced the item.

Gordon Matassa, Urban Forestry Coordinator, discussed the question of whether or not San Francisco tree policies increase the carbon storage potential of our urban forest, number of trees

planted and removed from San Francisco in the past five years, tree canopy coverage in San Francisco, street tree policies, improved street tree maintenance through Proposition E of 2016, park trees, tree plans for San Francisco, examining carbon benefits of trees, calculating carbon benefits, the Urban Forest Assessment, information needs, assessing the data, data gaps, carbon estimates, findings, projections, the big picture, other benefits of trees, opportunities and the Arbor Day Foundation Award granted to San Francisco.

Commissioner Wald asked about what the Department of the Environment can do to encourage the planning of trees on private property.

Director Raphael asked about how replacing a mature tree with a young tree was factored into the impact analysis and the importance of good tree policies in San Francisco.

Commissioner Wald asked about carbon emission targets.

Commissioner Ahn asked about what other City agencies or partners are included in the street tree planting, workforce development opportunities for the planting and maintaining of trees and other major policies and legislation impacting San Francisco's trees,

Commissioner Wald asked about where trees planted in San Francisco are located.

Commissioner Ahn asked about the concerns about the Disadvantaged Communities (DAC) parameters.

Public Comment:

Eric Brooks, San Francisco Green Party and Our City, discussed the data that was used to study the programs and policies regarding carbon and trees in San Francisco.

Nadine Weil discussed the methodology used to calculate the storage and sequestration of carbon from trees in San Francisco.

5. **Discussion of the Toxics Reduction Program's initiatives on fluorinated chemicals.** Sponsor: Deborah Raphael, Director; Speaker: Jen Jackson, Toxics Reduction Program Manager (Discussion)

Deborah Raphael, Director, introduced the item.

Jen Jackson, Toxics Reduction Program Manager, discussed location action on fluorinated chemicals including background, the chemistry, ubiquitous nature of fluorinated chemicals, use in products, impacts, local leadership opportunities in City procurement and policy and legislation, use in carpets, use in furniture, food service ware, firefighting foam and uniforms, additional information and the upcoming documentary *The Devil We Know*.

Commissioner Wald asked about San Francisco holding a contest to develop products that are alternative to products that contain fluorinated chemicals.

Commissioner Ahn asked about cost considerations about using alternatives to fluorinated chemicals.

Director Raphael asked about studies regarding fluorinated chemicals in firefighters.

Commissioner Wald asked about flame retardant bans in furniture and clothing.

Director Raphael asked about interest from other jurisdictions in San Francisco's policies.

Public Comment:

Unidentified speaker discussed fluorinated chemicals in water and various products.

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

Deborah Raphael, Director, discussed presentations for the April Policy Committee meeting including an update on the Clean Power Plan press conference, the Women4Climate Summit, saying goodbye to Donnie Oliveira, Arbor Day, Walk to Work Day, Poster Contest Awards Ceremony the Mayor's Earth Day Breakfast.

There was no public comment.

7. **New Business/Future Agenda Items.** Charles Sheehan, Policy and Communications Director (Discussion)

Charles Sheehan, Policy and Communications Director, discussed April Policy Committee items about the programs and policies that are in development at the Department.

Commissioner Wald indicated inability to attend the April 9, 2018 Policy Committee meeting.

There was no public comment.

8. **Adjournment.**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

The next meeting of the Commission on the Environment Policy Committee is scheduled for Monday, April 9, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. in City Hall, Room 421.

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