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

MEETING MINUTES APPROVED

**Wednesday, April 10, 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 5:04 p.m.

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

2. Approval of minutes of the March 11, 2019 Commission on the Environment Policy Committee meeting. (Explanatory Document: March 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. Presentation on the implementation of the Refuse Separation Compliance Ordinance establishing zero waste facilitator requirements. Sponsor: Deborah Raphael, Director; Speakers: Jack Macy, Commercial Zero Waste Senior Coordinator and Stefanie Pavis Medious, Zero Waste Business and Outreach Manager, Recology (Discussion)

Deborah Raphael, Director, introduced the item.

Jack Macy, Commercial Zero Waste Senior Coordinator, discussed the 2009 Mandatory Recycling and Composting Ordinance, what's being disposed or ending up in the trash, why target large refuse

generators, who are the large refuse generators, container volume, calculating weekly refuse service level, performance against large generators, what is currently being done, Refuse Separation Ordinance starting July 1, 2019, role of zero waste facilitators, types of properties, feedback to managers or tenants, eliminating contamination charges, increased savings for recycling and composting and a zero waste facilitator list maintained by the Department.

Stefanie Pavis Medious, Zero Waste Business and Outreach Manager, Recology, discussed a letter sent to large refuse generators from the Department, information on the Department website, a letter Recology sent to large refuse generators, Recology web info on ordinance, the was zero diversion audit, the waste zero audit team, the audit process, audit reports, the self-assessment form and Recology videos.

Commissioner Ahn asked about the zero waste facilitator companies, prioritization of zero waste facilitator companies and quantifying the quality of jobs created by the zero-waste facilitator ordinance.

Commissioner Wald asked about referring people who come to the Department seeking employment to the zero waste facilitators and increasing signage at large refuse generators.

Public Comment:

Unidentified speaker asked the collection of plastics and new zero waste programs.

5. **Presentation on the Department of the Environment's Green Business Program.** Sponsor: Deborah Raphael, Director; Speaker: Kevin Kumataka, Green Business Representative (Discussion)

Deborah Raphael, Director, introduced the item.

Kevin Kumataka, Green Business Representative, discussed an overview of the San Francisco Green Business Program, the California Green Business Network, local partners, green business pillars, registration, completing the sector specific checklist, requirements, business benefits, social media campaign, tiered certification standards, number of participating restaurants, program funding, target business sectors and rebates.

Commissioner Ahn asked how many clean tech companies are Green Businesses.

Commissioner Wald asked if requirements are the same for green businesses throughout the state, if there are printed materials for businesses and recommended the presentation come to the full commission.

Public Comment:

Pauli mentioned that the Small Business Commission office has brochures for individuals starting a business.

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

Deborah Raphael, Director, discussed San Francisco's SolSmart recognition, Walk to Work Day, the San Francisco Month of Climate Action and the School Education Awards Ceremony.

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 presentations at the May Policy Committee meeting including the Better at the Bin program, the Green Purchasing Report and a discussion of electrification in San Francisco.

Commissioner Wald discussed having a chef come to a future meeting to discuss induction cooking.

Director Raphael discussed a report back on the 100 day report required by the Climate Crisis Ordinance.

There was no public comment.

8. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

The next meeting of the Commission on the Environment Policy Committee is scheduled for Monday, May 13, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. in City Hall, Room 421.

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