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MEETING MINUTES DRAFT

**Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at 5:00 PM
Remote meeting via web conference**

Due to the COVID-19 health emergency and to protect Commissioners, SFE staff, and members of the public, the Commission on the Environment's Meeting Room (Room 416) is closed.

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Commissioners Sarah Wan (Chair) and Elmy Bermejo.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

1. Call to Order and Roll Call.

The Commission on the Environment Operations Committee meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Bermejo and Wan.

2. Approval of minutes of the January 11, 2021 Commission on the Environment Operations Committee meeting. (Explanatory Document: January 11, 2021 Draft Minutes) (Discussion and Possible Action)

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

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.

Public comment received via telephone:

John Goldsmith called to express his appreciation for the Department's work and asked the Committee to approve the Ramaytush Ohlone land acknowledgement. He asked the Committee to add an agenda item for the Memorial at Harvey Milk Plaza. He expressed concern regarding the 2400 block of Market Street and the work being done at the Castro MUNI station which includes

replacing the brickwork with concrete, removing the palm trees in the LGBT Veteran's Grove, and removing plants that contribute significant environmental benefits. He asked other to visit saveharveymilkplaza.org or sign the petition to save Harvey's Gardens.

- 4. Presentation on the Department's Work with the Treasure Island Development Authority to Implement the Yerba Buena Island Habitat Management Plan and Create a Nature-rich Treasure Island.** Speakers: Peter Brastow, SF Environment, and Peter Summerville, Treasure Island Development Authority. (Discussion)

Peter Brastow presented on the history of the project and progress that has been made.

Peter Summerville elaborated on the partnership between TIDA and SF Environment and the work being done on natural areas.

Chair Wan asked about the stewardship program and why types of community partnerships have been developed. She then asked about the timeline for project completion.

Peter Brastow said that it has been difficult because of all the construction and geography of the islands.

Peter Summerville said that events are promoted on their website and posted in the area. There will be more programmatic analysis to see how communities are being engaged. He added that the final stage of the project is expected in 15 to 20 years.

Commissioner Bermejo asked about the workforce development programs and asked about the plan for the job corps.

Peter Summerville said that the workforce development is tied to the projects that are needed, and there will be increased opportunities when there is more retail and dining. He added that there has been work done with the Job Corps Urban Farm Program.

Chair Wan invited the speakers to a future Operations Committee meeting to provide another update on the project.

There was no public comment.

- 5. Presentation on updated web app SFRecycles.org.** Speaker: Zoey Kroll, Internet Communications Coordinator, SF Environment. (Discussion)

Asia Meshack, Program Manager, Communications & Community Engagement, presented the item because Zoey was unable to attend.

Chair Wan asked if Tagalog will be included on the web app as well.

Asia said that new languages can be added as needed and that this will be looked at in the next steps to improve the app.

Chair Wan asked if the user experience survey was also shared with Spanish and Chinese speaking audiences.

Asia confirmed that it was.

Commissioner Bermejo asked about next steps to raise awareness of the app and how to make updates more seamless.

Chair Wan brought up the idea of being able to take a picture of an item to solve for literacy and typing issues.

Asia said that she would add that idea to the list of potential updates.

Commissioner Bermejo said that this type of app exists for plants.

Asia said that this is why the app focuses on the use of images.

Chair Wan asked about strategies to promote the tool to different communities.

Asia said that outreach efforts are ongoing to business and property owners. The app has been promoted on Department materials and additional promotion of the app is a current priority.

There was no public comment.

6. Discussion on Adapted Ramaytush Ohlone Land Acknowledgement for Operations Committee meetings. Speaker: Sarah Wan, Commissioner. (Discussion)

Chair Wan introduced the item and asked for feedback on the adapted resolution.

Commissioner Bermejo said that she thinks the adapted statement captures the spirit behind the acknowledgement.

Chair Wan agreed with Commissioner Bermejo and stated that this statement would be read at future Operations Committee meetings.

There was no public comment.

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

Charles said that the next meeting of the Operations Committee is July 21st, Policy Committee is May 10th, and Commission is May 25th. He mentioned potential upcoming agenda items including the racial equity action plan, safer cleaning products, and Department branding.

Chair Wan said that she is looking forward to seeing the Department's new branding.

There was no public comment.

8. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

The next meeting of the Commission on the Environment Operations Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, July 21, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. In compliance with the San Francisco Health Officer's Order No. C19-07c, directing all individuals to "shelter in place", Public meetings, panels and other advisory bodies will continue on a remote conferencing basis only.

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