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MEETING MINUTES DRAFT

**Monday, May 10, 2021 at 5:00 PM
Remote meeting via web conference**

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Commissioners Mike Sullivan (Chair), Eddie Ahn, and Johanna Wald.

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 of the Commission on the Environment Policy Committee was convened at 5:02 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Eddie Ahn, Mike Sullivan, and Johanna Wald.

2. Approval of minutes of the April 12, 2021 Commission on the Environment Policy Committee meeting. (Explanatory Document: April 12, 2021 Draft Minutes) (Discussion and Possible Action)

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

There was no public comment.

4. Presentation on the Medium- and Heavy-Duty Truck Blueprint Grant. Sponsor: Deborah Raphael, Director. Speaker: Lowell Chu, Interim Energy Program Manager. (Discussion)

Director Raphael introduced the item.

Lowell Chu gave an overview of a recent grant from the California Energy Commission and next steps.

Commissioner Wald asked about implementation and how this grant fits into existing plans.

Lowell said this work supports existing plans and that the funding will help with the implementation. He mentioned the energy team's new staff member and plans to seek out other funding and incentives.

Director Raphael asked for specific examples of businesses that might benefit from this work.

Lowell said that the Wholesale Produce Market is a great example of a business with a small fleet. He also mentioned that Amazon hires a lot of third-party logistics companies that would be a good fit.

Chair Sullivan asked if the focus will be on infrastructure and charging.

Lowell said that it will focus on those, but that the grid and technology also need to be addressed. He added that medium sized trucks are more relevant for San Francisco.

Chair Sullivan asked to clarify the funding for infrastructure.

Lowell said that the funding could come from CALeVIP and that the second round of funding is just beginning.

Chair Sullivan asked if this funding applies to all vehicles.

Lowell said that a certain number of chargers need to be in disadvantaged communities, but that it should apply to all types of vehicles.

There was no public comment.

5. Presentation on potential amendments to Environment Code Chapter 9 regarding greenhouse gas emissions targets. Sponsor: Deborah Raphael, Director. Speaker: Cyndy Comerford, Climate Program Manager. (Discussion)

Director Raphael introduced the item.

Cyndy Comerford presented on the proposed updates to Chapter 9 and discussed next steps.

Commissioner Ahn said that the changes make sense and expressed interest in the Climate Action Plan key performance indicators.

Commissioner Wald asked to clarify the slide with two energy objectives.

Cyndy said there are two metrics that address renewable electricity and renewable energy. She said that the goal is to no longer use fossil fuels by 2045.

Commissioner Wald suggested including that additional information. She said that she is most excited about the clarification of roles and responsibilities of City departments.

Cyndy said that the other departments have participated in the development of these recommendations.

Chair Sullivan asked if this update includes goals and targets that were not included originally. He asked about a public facing dashboard and how it will be updated.

Cyndy said that the dashboard might be updated every two years and would have a geographical component.

Chair Sullivan said that every two years seems long and asked if the Commission would be able to receive annual updates.

Cyndy said that would be possible.

Chair Sullivan thanked Cyndy for her work on this and continuing to work on the implementation.

Public Comment Received via Phone:

Daniel Tahara called to comment on the consumption emissions section and said that the goal is not aggressive enough. He added that the goals should be at least a 50 percent reduction per household. Daniel also thinks there should be a City-wide target in addition to a household target. Daniel mentioned that in addition to renewables, there should be a focus on repair and locally sourced goods. He added that he is concerned about enforcement and how departments will act on the goals.

Helena Birecki called to thank everyone who has worked on Chapter 9 and the Climate Action Plan. She agreed that adding the consumption aspect was important as well as increased collaboration. She expressed concern that the low hanging fruit for emissions reductions has been picked and that action will now be harder. Helena said that it's important to have plans for implementation and adequate funding, and she added that enforcement previously only addressed reporting. She then mentioned that San Francisco has been experiencing uncharacteristically warm weather and she wishes that the goals were more aggressive.

Paul from the Climate Emergency Coalition called to agree that the targets will be made more aggressive. He would like to see the 2030 goals strengthened because that date is the most important. He added that he is very excited about the Climate Action Plan and Chapter 9 updates.

Commissioner Wald asked about why the enforcement section was removed and if the Department needed to ask for enforcement authority.

Cyndy said that the original version of Chapter 9 required the other departments to do their own reporting, but now SF Environment will be responsible for coordinating reporting.

Director Raphael said that the Climate Action Plan will cover implementation and enforcement. She added that the enforcement included in the original Chapter 9 focused on reporting, and enforcement should address action and participation.

Chair Sullivan said that creating a transparent system that shows our progress would be most helpful.

Director Raphael agreed and said that this is one purpose of the Commission on the Environment.

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

Director Raphael gave an update on Climate Action Month and San Francisco moving into the yellow tier.

There was no public comment.

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

Charles Sheehan said that the next Commission meeting will be on May 25th, Policy meeting will be on June 14th, and Operations meeting will be on July 21st. Possible future agenda items include the green purchasing annual report, reusing building materials, and an update on congestion pricing.

There was no public comment.

8. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

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