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Policy Committee\***

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES APPROVED**

**Monday, June 19, 2017, 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, Lisa Hoyos.

**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 Hoyos. Excused: Commissioner Bermejo.

**2. Approval of minutes of the May 8, 2017 Commission on the Environment Policy Committee meeting.** (Explanatory Document: May 8, 2017 Draft Minutes) (Discussion and Action)

Upon a motion by Commissioner Hoyos, second by Commissioner Wald, the May 8, 2017 Commission on the Environment Policy Committee meeting minutes were approved without objection. (Ayes: Commissioners Wald and Hoyos. Noes: None. Absent: Commissioner Bermejo)

Public Comment:

David Pilpel said that any changes to the minutes will be provided to the Commission Affairs Manager.

**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.

Unidentified speaker discussed legislation in San Francisco regarding straws and cups.

David Pilpel discussed the Directors Report and the refuse rate process.

**4. Update on California state policy regarding beverage container redemption convenience.** Sponsor: Deborah Raphael, Director; Speakers: Kevin Drew, Senior Residential &

Special Projects Zero Waste Coordinator and Regina Dick-Endrizzi, Executive Director, San Francisco Office of Small Business (Discussion)

Deborah Raphael, Director, San Francisco Department of the Environment introduced the item and discussed the impact of San Francisco policies on vulnerable populations.

Kevin Drew, Senior Residential & Special Projects Zero Waste Coordinator, San Francisco Department of the Environment, discussed the relationship between zero waste policies and climate change, current State of California policies on beverage container redemption, the response of businesses to current policies and efforts by the San Francisco Department of the Environment to change existing State of California beverage container redemption policies.

Regina Dick-Endrizzi, Executive Director, San Francisco Office of Small Business, discussed the impact of the State of California's beverage container redemption policies on businesses, challenges to businesses and collaboration with the San Francisco Department of the Environment.

Kevin Drew discussed collaboration with businesses to come up with a solution to state policies and various models from around the country to accomplish beverage container redemption,

Guillermo Rodriguez, Policy and Communications Director, San Francisco Department of the Environment, discussed the challenges of state preemption on the issue and the priorities of Governor Jerry Brown's administration.

Commissioner Wald asked about the scope of proposed state legislation on the issue.

Commissioner Hoyos asked about individuals who rely on recycling for income, source separation, the feasibility of existing state legislation and the social good and income dimensions of source separation.

Public Comment:

Unidentified speaker asked about the location of future redemption centers.

Unidentified speaker discussed curbside pickup and marketing for recycling.

5. **Discussion on the effects on environmental and public health of using antibiotics in meat production.** Sponsor: Deborah Raphael, Director; Speakers: Jen Jackson, Toxics Reduction and Health Ecosystems Programs Manager; Dr. Tomás Aragón, Health Officer, San Francisco Department of Public Health; and Avi Kar, Senior Attorney, Natural Resources Defense Council (Discussion)

Deborah Raphael, Director, San Francisco Department of the Environment introduced the item and discussed collaboration with stakeholders to address the issue.

Jen Jackson, Toxics Reduction and Health Ecosystems Programs Manager discussed antibiotics resistance and development of new antibiotics.

Avi Kar, Senior Attorney, Natural Resources Defense Council discussed the various uses of antibiotics on livestock, how resistant bacteria develop and migrate, superbugs on retail meat and poultry, progress in federal law, gaps in federal law, ending growth promotion in other countries and new state laws.

Jen Jackson discussed possible legislation in San Francisco regarding reporting requirements for the purchase of meat.

Dr. Tomás Aragón, Health Officer, San Francisco Department of Public Health, discussed the permeation of antimicrobial resistance.

Commissioner Hoyos asked about the requirements for compliance of possible San Francisco legislation, federal preemption and outreach possibilities.

Commissioner Wald asked about the threshold for businesses that fall under the jurisdiction of possible San Francisco legislation, soliciting support of possible San Francisco legislation from businesses that have already implemented progressive policies and expanding the scope of the program to outside of San Francisco.

Commissioner Hoyos discussed having future presentations include a conversation about the larger context and outcome.

Public Comment:

Unidentified member of the public discussed collaborating with the Sierra Club, reaching out to other cities and recruiting a well known chief.

Vernon Haney, San Francisco Department of the Environment, discussed potential partnerships.

Commissioner Hoyos asked about next steps.

6. **Presentation on an energy team pilot program for small businesses in the food and beverage sector.** Sponsor: Deborah Raphael, Director; Speakers: Claudia Espino, Environmental Specialist Coordinator and Rina Lopez, Environmental Specialist Coordinator (Discussion)

Deborah Raphael, Director, San Francisco Department of the Environment introduced the item.

Claudia Espino, Environmental Specialist Coordinator, San Francisco Department of the Environment discussed the Energy Watch program, current eligible products for incentives, background on the corner store campaign, challenges, findings in the field, refrigeration maintenance pilot, participant engagement, results, success stories, existing conditions found, energy use monitoring device, real time data collection, financial benefit and next steps.

Commissioner Wald asked about expanding the program to other businesses and the determination of what services are provided to businesses.

Commissioner Hoyos asked about the outreach strategy and how businesses were chosen for the program.

Public Comment:

Unidentified speaker asked about additional outreach to businesses.

Commissioner Wald discussed collaborating with the small business community.

Commissioner Hoyos asked about the approach staff take when introducing themselves to businesses.

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

Deborah Raphael, Director, San Francisco Department of the Environment discussed World Environment Day, meeting new members of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, a C40 Summit in San Francisco in 2018, a retreat with the San Francisco Metropolitan Transportation Agency and the San Francisco Department of the Environment and the recruitment of a new Environment NOW team.

Commissioner Wald asked about potential litigation regarding the refuse rate process.

There was no public comment.

8. **New Business/Future Agenda Items.** Guillermo Rodriguez, Policy and Communications Director (Discussion)

Guillermo Rodriguez, Policy and Communications Director, San Francisco Department of the Environment discussed the July Policy Committee meeting as a site visit of Recology facilities in San Francisco.

Commissioner Hoyos asked about including the big picture context in Commission presentation for new Commissioners and for the public.

Commissioner Wald discussed incorporating the presentations to the Commission into the website and the annual report.

Public Comment:

Unidentified member of the public asked about the role of the Commission on the Environment.

9. **Adjournment.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

**The next meeting of the Commission on the Environment Policy Committee is scheduled for Monday, July 10, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. in City Hall, Room 421.**

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