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

APPROVED MINUTES
MONDAY, JULY 11, 2016

10:00 A.M. MEETING IN SAN FRANCISCO CITY HALL TO TAKE PUBLIC COMMENT
Location: City Hall, Room 421, One Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Jr. Place, San Francisco, CA 94102

11:00 A.M. TOUR OF RECOLOGY HAY ROAD
Location: Recology Hay Road, 6426 Hay Road, Vacaville, CA 95687

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 Commission on the Environment Policy Committee meeting was convened at 10:04 a.m. (Present: Commissioners Omotalade, Bermejo and Hoyos) Commissioner Bermejo chaired the meeting in Commissioner Wald’s absence.

2. Approval of minutes of the April 11, 2016 Commission on the Environment Policy Committee meeting. Upon motion by Commissioner Omotalade and second by Commissioner Hoyos, the minutes of the April 11, 2016 Commission on the Environment Policy Committee Meeting were approved without objection (AYE: Commissioners Omotalade, Bermejo and Hoyos).

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.

There was no public comment.

4. Discussion and tour of Recology Hay Road Facilities. (Discussion)

Director Raphael introduced the agenda item.
There was no public comment.

Upon motion by Commissioner Omotalade and second by Commissioner Hoyos, the meeting was recessed without objection (AYE: Commissioners Omotalade, Bermejo and Hoyos).

The meeting reconvened at the main offices of Recology Hay Road, 6426 Hay Road, Vacaville, CA 95687 at 12:01 p.m.

Greg Pryor, General Manager, Recology started by asking everyone in the room to introduce themselves. Present were:

Jack Macy, Commercial Zero Waste Coordinator, San Francisco Department of the Environment
Debbie Raphael, Director, San Francisco Department of the Environment
Elmy Bermejo, Vice-President, San Francisco Commission on the Environment
Anya Deepak, Assistant to Director, San Francisco Department of the Environment
Jackie Omotalade, President, San Francisco Commission on the Environment
Lisa Hoyos, Member, San Francisco Commission on the Environment
Peter Gallotta, Public Relations and Information Coordinator, San Francisco Department of the Environment.
Mark Arsenault, Group Manager, Recology
Eric Potashner, Vice President and Senior Director of Strategic Affairs, Recology
Paul Giusti, Community Affairs Manager, Recology

Greg Pryor discussed the type of waste that is accepted by the facilities, emission criteria, the collection of San Francisco bio solids, habitat restoration, capacity of the facilities, the layout of the facilities and future development, the various classes of waste, the various compost requirements and technologies over time, the collection and distribution of methane, a planned stand-alone anaerobic digestive facility, the distribution of composted materials, regulations of compost runoff, the amount of organics and waste that is disposed per day, the diversion of soil and the City’s zero waste goals.

The meeting continued outside in the composting facilities.

Greg Pryor discussed the final product of the compost facilities after 60 days, the various blends of compost, carbon sequestration, the pipes used to encourage the composting process, the balance between yard and food waste, levels of moisture, bio filters, the temperatures necessary for the process to work, the liquid runoff process, materials that are discarded from composting process.

Commissioner Omotalade asked how much water is used during the 30 day process.

Commissioner Hoyos asked about the plastic that lands in the compost process.

Director Raphael discussed the problem of glass in compost.
Commissioner Hoyos asked about how many people are employed by the facilities. Greg Pryor discussed plastic that is biodegradable but not compostable, farm waste, the processing line, the shredder, materials that are screened out, the time that the composting process begins in the morning.

The meeting continued past the borrow pit/original disposal site and on to the garbage pit. Greg Pryor discussed underground water, the recycling of construction debris, the daily waste pit, the GPS process for determining the areas that garbage is formed into a cell or pad, the City of Vacaville’s garbage facility, the importance of education and outreach, compliance, labor.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:07 p.m.

5. Adjournment

The next meeting of the Commission on the Environment Policy Committee is scheduled for Monday, August 8, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. in City Hall, Room 421.

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