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Policy Committee\***

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES DRAFT**

**Monday, August 6, 2018, 5:00 p.m.  
City Hall, Room 408  
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 5:02 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Ahn (left at 6:00 p.m.), Bermejo and Wald.

**2. Approval of minutes of the June 11, 2018 Commission on the Environment Policy Committee meeting.** (Explanatory Document: June 11, 2018 Draft Minutes) (Discussion and Action)

Upon a motion by Commissioner Bermejo, second by Commissioner Ahn, the minutes were approved without objection. (Ayes: Commissioners Ahn, Bermejo 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. Policy Committee review of the 2018 Reduced Risk Pesticide list for City properties.** Under the Environment Code, the Department maintains a Reduced Risk Pesticide List identifying those pesticides that may be used on City property, subject to restrictions. Sponsor: Deborah Raphael, Director; Speaker: Dr. Chris Geiger, Ph.D., Integrated Pest Management Program Manager (Explanatory Documents: Staff Memo and 2018 Reduced Risk Pesticide List) (Discussion)

Deborah Raphael, Director, introduced the item.

Dr. Chris Geiger, Integrated Pest Management Program Manager, discussed the background of San Francisco's Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Program Ordinance, current activities and updates, City pesticide use, tier system, use of fungicides, glyphosate and triclopyr, Recreation and Parks Department usage, the Reduced Risk Pesticide List as a living document, stubborn weed problems, trainings, 2018 spring IPM trainings, the IPM Technical Advisory Committee, IPM training for managers of affordable housing, pesticide dashboards and data improvements, cautionary tales, future activities, Bay Friendly Landscaping/ReScape California, pest prevention in RAD affordable housing Phase IV and pest prevention guidelines for landscapes.

Carla Short, Superintendent of the Bureau of Urban Forestry, Department of Public Works, discussed reductions in pesticide use, an increase in landscaped medians, Bay Friendly Landscape trainings, development of IPM specifications and Tier 1 herbicide use.

Brian Wyss, Public Works, discussed the Sunset Boulevard Greenway Gardner including location, history of Sunset Boulevard, stumps and clumps removal, equipment, tonnage removed, irrigation, pilot 5, Bayfriendly training on Sloat and a pilot at the intersection of Sunset Boulevard and Ocean Avenues.

Lisa Wayne, Natural Areas Manager, Recreation and Parks discussed department pesticide reduction trends, strategies for reducing pesticide use, examples of new IPM strategies and persistent pest challenges.

Dr. Chris Geiger, Integrated Pest Management Program Manager, discussed recommended changes to the Reduced Risk Pesticide List, current Tier 1 restrictions, expanding restrictions to all herbicides, prohibiting use on green roofs and walls, tightening up the format and a summary of proposed product changes.

Commissioner Ahn asked about workforce development opportunities at Public Works and the Recreation and Parks Department.

Commissioner Bermejo asked how people are recruited and how many participate in workforce development programs.

Commissioner Wald thanked Department staff and other City agencies for their support of the IPM program.

Public Comment:

Marry Ellen Hannibal discussed the use of herbicides on San Francisco grasslands.

Bob Hall discussed San Francisco's IPM program.

Eddie Bartley, Yerba Buena Chapter of the California Native Plant Society, discussed the use of herbicides and San Francisco's native plants.

Noreen Weeden discussed support for the Reduced Risk Pesticide List.

Jake Sigg discussed the use of herbicides in San Francisco.

Director Raphael asked the commissioners if there were areas that needed further information from staff.

Commissioner Wald asked if any of the agencies have collected information about how effective some of the treatments have been over time.

Director Raphael asked if seed roots can penetrate the cardboard in the Sunset Boulevard Greenway pilot.

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

Deborah Raphael, Director, discussed the City budget, two awards from the California Resource Recovery Association, the Global Climate Action Summit, the opening of the Transbay Terminal and the passing of the Single Use Plastics Ordinance before the San Francisco Board of Supervisors.

6. **New Business/Future Agenda Items.** Charles Sheehan, Policy and Communications Director (Discussion)

Charles Sheehan, Policy and Communications Director, discussed the September Policy Committee meeting agenda including review of both the Green Purchasing Report and the Reduced Risk Pesticide List.

There was no public comment.

7. **Adjournment.**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

**The next meeting of the Commission on the Environment Policy Committee is scheduled for Monday, September 17, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. in City Hall, Room 421.**

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