1. **Call to Order and Roll Call.** The Commission on the Environment Policy Committee meeting was convened at 5:03 p.m. (Present: Commissioners Wald, Bermejo and Hoyos)

2. **Approval of minutes of the July 11, 2016 Commission on the Environment Policy Committee meeting.** (Explanatory Document: July 11, 2016 Draft Minutes) (Discussion and Action) Upon motion by Commissioner Bermejo and second by Commissioner Hoyos, the minutes of the July 11, 2016 Commission on the Environment Policy Committee Meeting were approved without objection (AYE: Commissioners Wald, Bermejo and Hoyos).

   Public Comment:

   Kermit Kubitz submitted written public comment and discussed the Department’s role in San Francisco’s agreement with Recology.

   Anastasia Glikshtern began to discuss the Natural Areas Plan. Commissioner Wald reminded Anastacia that it was public comment on the minutes.

   Commission Affairs Manager Anthony Valdez referred Kermit Kubitz to the audio of the July 11, 2016 Policy Committee meeting.

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.

   Anastasia Glikshtern discussed the removal of trees in San Francisco.
4. **Presentation on the Business Council on Climate Change (BC3).** Speaker: Michael Parks, Director, Business Council on Climate Change and Ben Thompson, Sustainable Business Director, Autodesk (Discussion)

Deborah Raphael, Director, Department of the Environment discussed the progress of BC3 over the years and its contribution to helping San Francisco meet its climate goals.

Michael Parks, Director, Business Council on Climate Change discussed the purpose of BC3, its history and the programs partner businesses and the composition of its Board of Directors.

Ben Thompson, Sustainable Business Director, Autodesk discussed the advantages to participating in the program for the Department and businesses.

Michael Parks discussed programs of BC3 including the Green Tenant Toolkit, the Green Teams Collaboration Initiative and the Energy and Carbon Leadership Group.

Commissioner Hoyos asked if BC3 thinks about its goals in the context of the City’s 0-50-100 Roots and how the businesses collaborate and meet to discuss goals.

Commissioner Wald asked about the program’s plan for growth and the program’s interaction with similar programs in other regions.

Director Raphael asked for an elaboration on Sun Shares, discussed the collaborative environment created by the program, the hiring of a new Green Business Program Manager and the cosponsoring of events between the Department, BC3 and various companies.

Commissioner Hoyos asked about BC3’s relationship with Apple, how publicly accessible the program and its best practices are and how the Commission can discuss the next iteration to promote the program.

Director Raphael asked if there is an industry network for collaboration with BC3.

Commissioner Bermejo discussed the intersection of BC3’s goals and the larger goals of transportation and infrastructure issues.

Public Comment:

Anastasia Glikshtem discussed energy efficiency.

5. **Update on implementation of the 2016 Reduced Risk Pesticide List for City properties and the recommendation that application of certain pesticides be supervised by licensed professionals.** 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 (Discussion)

Director Raphael introduce the item as a brief update on the Department of the Environment’s collaboration with other Departments since the Commission last discussed the issue.

Dr. Chris Geiger, Integrated Pest Management Program Manager, discussed the follow up to the previous Reduced Risk Pesticide List process including Director Raphael’s request for information from other Departments, meetings that were held with partnering agencies to discuss the requests for information, work meetings and communications with partners on the new restrictions on
herbicides, the annual integrated pest management trainings with 350 city workers, a new data visualization interface for inputting responses by City departments and the deadline of mid-October for departments to get their data to the Department of the Environment.

Commissioner Hoyos asked about herbicide use in McLarin Park and other parks, mapping areas of herbicide use and mapping the areas most frequently used in San Francisco’s parks.

Public Comment:

Kermit Kubitz submitted written public comment and discussed three proposed policies regarding the use of pesticides.

Dan Perdidos discussed the spraying of herbicides in Mission Bay and opposition to the use of herbicides.

Director Raphael discussed the Department’s jurisdiction in integrated pest management.

Commissioner Hoyos asked if there was a way for San Francisco to request other jurisdictions to comply with San Francisco’s integrated pest management policies.

Tom Bordon, San Francisco Forest Alliance, discussed an email that was received by the Commission in April, the language in the Reduced Risk Pesticide List policies and the application of pesticides in McLarin Park.

Anastasia Glikshtern discussed the application of Tier 1 and Tier 2 herbicides in various areas on various vegetation.

Commissioner Hoyos asked about next steps about the areas in San Francisco parks that are used the most, the City’s bum down experiment and progress of the phase out of herbicide use.

Guillemo Rodriguez, Policy and Communications Director, Department of the Environment discussed the timeline for the Reduced Risk Pesticide List 2017.

Commissioner Wald discussed collaboration with other City agencies.

6. Director’s Update. Deborah Raphael, Director (Discussion)

Director Raphael discussed the Clean Energy Ministerial, passage of the Food Service and Packaging Waste Reduction Act, the Department’s new Fuse fellows and the Departments efforts to promote equity, diversity and inclusion by addressing unconscious bias.

Commissioner Hoyos asked about the City’s ability to defend the Food Service and Packaging Waste Reduction Act, the City’s zero waste goals and the Governor’s Office’s participation in the Clean Energy Ministerial.

Guillemo Rodriguez, Policy and Communications Director, Department of the Environment discussed the extension of AB 32 to 2030 and a western powers agreement between Pacific Northwest states.

The Commissioners discussed current state legislative activity.

There was no public comment.
7. **New Business/Future Agenda Items.** Guillermo Rodriguez, Policy and Communications Director (Discussion)

Guillermo Rodriguez, Policy and Communications Director, Department of the Environment discussed the September 12, 2016 Policy Committee meeting including presentations on illegal dumping in the Bayview Hunters Point neighborhood, the Annual Green Purchasing Report, the Zero Waste Community Councils and the training on new iPads.

The Commissioners discussed meeting dates.

Commissioner Hoyos asked about the Zero Waste Community Council.

There was no public comment.

8. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

The next meeting of the Commission on the Environment Policy Committee is scheduled for Monday, September 12, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. in City Hall, Room 421.

*If a quorum of the Commission on the Environment is present, it will constitute a Special Meeting of the Commission on the Environment. The Commission Affairs Manager shall make a note of it in the minutes, and discussion shall be limited to items noticed on this agenda.

** Copies of explanatory documents are available at (1) the Commission’s office, 1455 Market Street, Suite 1200, San Francisco, California, 94103 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Photo identification is required for entry to the building. (2) on the Commission’s website http://www.sfenvironment.org/commission; (3) upon request to the Commission Affairs Manager, at telephone number 415-355-3709, or via e-mail at Anthony.E.Valdez@sfgov.org. If any materials related to an item on this agenda have been distributed to the Committee after distribution of the agenda packet, those materials are available for public inspection at the Department of the Environment, 1455 Market Street, Suite 1200, San Francisco, CA 94103 during normal office hours or will be made available on the Commission’s website http://www.sfenvironment.org/commission as attachments to the agenda or meeting minutes.

Anthony Valdez, Commission Affairs Manager
TEL: (415) 355-3709; FAX: (415) 554-6393

Posted: August 22, 2016