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**City and County of San Francisco
Commission on the Environment
Policy Committee***

MEETING MINUTES FINAL

**Monday, September 12, 2022, at 5:00 PM
Remote meeting via web conference**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Commissioners Mike Sullivan (Chair), Elmy Bermejo, 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 5:07 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Mike Sullivan and Johanna Wald.

Excused: Commissioner Elmy Bermejo.

2. Review and vote on whether to approve Resolution File 2022-05-COE-PC, Resolution Making Findings to Allow Teleconferenced Meetings Under California Government Code Section 54953(e).

Speaker: Kyle Wehner, Commission Affairs Officer. (Explanatory Document: Resolution File 2022-05-COE-PC) (Discussion and Action)

There was no public comment.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Wald and a second by Commissioner Sullivan, the resolution was approved without objection. (Ayes: Commissioners Sullivan and Wald; Noes: None; Absent: Commissioner Bermejo)

3. Approval of minutes of the August 8, 2022, Commission on the Environment Policy Committee meeting. (Explanatory Document: August 8, 2022, Meeting Draft Minutes) (Discussion and Action)

There was no public comment.

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

4. 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.

5. **Director's Update.** Speaker: Tyrone Jue, Acting Director. (Discussion)

Acting Director Jue provided updates on the end of the CityCycle program and the launch of the REUSE outreach campaign. Commissioner Wald and Acting Director Jue discussed the reasons for CityCycle's sunset, including funding limitations and alternative low-carbon transportation options.

Public Comment: David Pilpel expressed interest in a presentation on the REUSE outreach campaign.

6. **Update on Antibiotic Use Ordinance.** Sponsor: Jen Jackson, Toxics Reduction and Healthy Ecosystems Program Manager; Speaker: Tim James, Director of Local Government Relations, California Grocers Association. (Discussion)

Jen Jackson discussed a collaboration with beef and pork producers to gather additional data to comply with the Antibiotic Use in Food Animals Ordinance.

Tim James and Dr. Dan Thomson expressed hope that recent efforts to measure the presence of antibiotics in feedlots will bring the industry closer to full compliance.

Commissioner Sullivan and Jen discussed the ordinance's requirements and objectives. Tim and Dr. Thomson discussed an upcoming report featuring antibiotic use data.

Public Comment: David Wallinga discussed antibiotic resistance and the importance of reducing antibiotic use in food animals. David Pilpel expressed concerns related to the impact of the ordinance on kosher meat products.

7. **Discussion and Possible Action to Recommend that the Commission Approve the Draft 2021 Annual Buy Green Report.** Sponsor: Dr. Shoba Iyer, Buy Green Program Manager; Speaker: Taya Gibeau, Municipal Toxics Reduction Environmental Analyst. (Explanatory Document: Draft 2021 Annual Buy Green Report) (Discussion and Possible Action)

Dr. Shoba Iyer and Taya Gibeau discussed the 2021 Annual Buy Green Report and presented the 2021 Buy Green Award to Leroy Sisneros, Facilities Director at San Francisco International Airport. Leroy accepted the award and thanked colleagues at the airport for their service. Commissioner Wald discussed the report's format and thanked Leroy and the airport for their record of environmental leadership.

Public Comment: David Pilpel expressed concerns related to the draft report and waste generated by third party contractors.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Wald and a second by Commissioner Sullivan, the resolution was approved without objection (Ayes: Commissioners Wald and Sullivan; Noes: None; Absent: Commissioner Bermejo)

8. **Presentation on BayREN Refrigerant Replacement Program.** Speaker: Lowell Chu, Interim Program Manager, Energy and Clean Transportation. (Discussion)

Lowell Chu presented on the BayREN refrigerant replacement Program and efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from refrigeration systems in the food-service sector.

Commissioner Sullivan and Lowell discussed the lifecycle of refrigerant systems.

Acting Director Jue discussed rebates authorized by the Inflation Reduction Act and noted that a related memo will be available at the next Commission meeting.

There was no public comment.

9. **New Business/Future Agenda Items.** Speaker: Charles Sheehan, Chief Policy and Public Affairs Officer. (Discussion)

Charles Sheehan discussed upcoming meetings and potential agenda items.

There was no public comment.

10. **Adjournment.**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.