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

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES APPROVED

**Monday, September 17, 2018, 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 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 5:01 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Wald, Bermejo and Ahn (arrived at 5:10 p.m.).

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 Wald, the minutes were approved without objection. (Ayes: Commissioners Bermejo and Wald. Noes: None. Absent: Ahn.)

There was no public comment.

3. Approval of minutes of the August 6, 2018 Commission on the Environment Policy Committee meeting. (Explanatory Document: August 6, 2018 Draft Minutes) (Discussion and Action)

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

There was no public comment.

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.

Tom Bordon, San Francisco Forest Alliance, discussed San Francisco's tree cover.

Anastasia Glikshtern discussed the use of herbicides in San Francisco.

5. **Policy Committee to make a recommendation to the Commission on the Environment on the Draft 2017 Annual Buy Green Report.** Sponsor: Deborah Raphael, Director; Speaker: Jessian Choy, City Toxics Reduction Analyst (Explanatory Document: Draft 2017 Annual Buy Green Report) (Discussion and Action)

Deborah Raphael, Director, introduced the item.

Jessian Choy, City Toxics Reduction Analyst, discussed the Draft 2017 Annual Buy Green Report including the Precautionary Purchasing Ordinance of 2016, products tested for impacts on our health or environment, SFApproved.org, a guide for City staff, sample required products, accomplishments, batteries, foodware, furniture, sustainable seating products, less toxic sustainable fabric for furniture, carpet, carpet regulation, compliant carpet, metrics, servers, technology products purchased by the City, recycled paper, compliant copy paper purchased, compliant file folders, ongoing and future activities, paint, expanding the City's UT policy to other product categories, developing an automated way to vet green products, the green product list, vendor and City department accountability and presentation of Buy Green Team Awards to the Departments of Public Health and the Department of Building Inspection.

Commissioner Bermejo asked about the reaction from Departments to the green purchasing requirements.

Commissioner Ahn asked about how contractors are held accountable to compliance.

Commissioner Wald asked about ways to get more Departments into compliance and to encourage non City agencies and individuals to use the green purchasing list.

Public Comment:

Tom Bordon asked if there is coordination between San Francisco and other cities in California.

Anastasia Glikshtern discussed herbicides applied to trees in San Francisco.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Bermejo, second by Commissioner Ahn, the Policy Committee recommended that the Commission on the Environment approve the Draft 2017 Annual Buy Green Report without objection. (Ayes: Commissioners Wald, Ahn and Bermejo. Noes: None. Absent: None.)

6. **Policy Committee to make a recommendation to the Commission on the Environment on 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: Resolution File No. 2018-07-COE, 2018 Reduced Risk Pesticide List and Public Comment and Agency Responses) (Discussion and Action)

Deborah Raphael, Director, Introduced the item.

Dr. Chris Geiger, Integrated Pest Management Program Manager, discussed the 2018 Reduced Risk Pesticide list for City properties including Tier 1 pesticide use, 2010 Recreation and Parks Department usage of herbicide active ingredient, 2017 Recreation and Parks Department usage of herbicide active ingredient, recommended changes to the Reduced Risk Pesticide List, current

Tier 1 herbicide restrictions, current Tier 1 herbicide restrictions due to public comment, proposed changed to the Reduced Risk Pesticide List and a summary of proposed product changes.

Commissioner Bermejo thanked Department of the Environment staff.

Commission Wald thanked the Recreation and Parks Department and other relevant City agency staff.

Public Comment:

Tom Bordon, San Francisco Forest Alliance, discussed the location of herbicide applications in San Francisco, lawsuits and various restrictions on herbicide use.

Anastasia Glikshtern read a letter from the San Francisco Forest Alliance.

Catherine Dodd discussed toxicity in the herbicides used in San Francisco parks.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Bermejo, second by Commissioner Ahn, the Policy Committee recommended that the Commission on the Environment approve the 2018 Reduced Risk Pesticide list for City properties. (Ayes: Commissioners Wald, Ahn and Bermejo. Noes: None. Absent: None.)

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

Deborah Raphael, Director, discussed the results of the Global Climate Action Summit, passage of the Plastics and Litter Reduction Ordinance, a sister city signing with Kiel, the Love our City event and a new ordinance requiring zero waste facilitators for certain customers out of compliance with the Zero Waste Ordinance.

Commissioner Ahn congratulated the Department for being done with the Global Climate Action Summit.

Commissioner Wald discussed seeing Director Raphael and Mayor Breed at public events.

There was no public comment.

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

Charles Sheehan, Chief Policy and Public Affairs Officer discussed the October Policy Committee meeting including a legislative update.

There was no public comment.

9. **Adjournment.**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

The next meeting of the Commission on the Environment Policy Committee is scheduled for Monday, October 22, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. in City Hall, Room 421.

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