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MEETING MINUTES APPROVED

Tuesday, September 25, 2018, 5:00 P.M.
City Hall, Room 416
One Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Jr. Place
San Francisco, CA 94102

COMMISSION MEMBERS: Elmy Bermejo (President), Johanna Wald (Vice President), Eddie Ahn, Lisa Hoyos, Heather Stephenson, Mike Sullivan and Sarah Wan.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Public comment will be taken before the Commission takes action on any item.

1) Call to order and roll call.

The Commission on the Environment meeting was convened at 5:01 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Ahn (arrived at 5:07 p.m.), Bermejo, Hoyos, Stephenson, Sullivan, Wald and Wan.

2) President's welcome. (Discussion)

President Bermejo welcomed attendees and discussed the meeting agenda.

There was no public comment.

3) Approval of minutes of the July 24, 2018 Commission on the Environment Special Meeting. (Explanatory Document: July 24, 2018 Draft Minutes) (Discussion and Action)

Upon a motion by Commissioner Wald and a second by Commissioner Hoyos, the July 24, 2018 meeting minutes were approved without objection. (Ayes: Commissioner Bermejo, Hoyos, Stephenson, Sullivan, Wald and Wan; Noes: None; Absent: Commissioner Ahn.)

There was no public comment.

4) General public comment: Members of the public may address the Commission on matters that are within the Commission's jurisdiction and are not on today's agenda.

There was no general public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

5) **Approval of consent agenda.** (Action)

- a) **Vote on whether to accept the Policy Committee's recommendation to approve the Draft 2017 Annual Buy Green Report.** Sponsor: Deborah Raphael, Director. (Explanatory Document: Draft 2017 Annual Buy Green Report)

The consent agenda was approved without objection. (Ayes: Commissioner Bermejo, Hoyos, Stephenson, Sullivan, Wald and Wan; Noes: None; Absent: Commissioner Ahn.)

REGULAR AGENDA

- 6) **Presentation on the Department of the Environment's participation in the Global Climate Action Summit of 2018.** Sponsor: Deborah Raphael, Director; Presenters: Luke Easdale, Marketing Specialist; Wendy Goodfriend, Climate Program Manager; Charles Sheehan, Chief Policy and Public Affairs Officer (Discussion)

Deborah Raphael, Director, introduced the item.

Wendy Goodfriend, Climate Program Manager, discussed statistics about participation in the Global Climate Action Summit, San Francisco's commitments including net zero emissions by 2050, advancing towards zero waste, net zero carbon buildings, 100 percent renewable energy and the green bond pledge.

Charles Sheehan, Chief Policy and Public Affairs Officer, discussed the Global Climate Action Summit press event, preparation and coordination including a press kit, the Mayor's press release about San Francisco's zero waste commitment, the Moscone Convention Center press event and announcements and the amount of press attention that was received.

Luke Easdale, Marketing Specialist, discussed welcoming the world, sharing San Francisco's sustainability initiatives with a delegate kit, Love our City events, delegate welcome details, a school poster competition, the energy matters campaign, the Refuse, Reuse Campaign, the coffee pop-up experience, the Beat Battery Waste activation, the BayREN Home Energy Upgrade Campaign and 19 tours of various San Francisco locations.

Shawn Rosenmoss, Senior Environmental Specialist, discussed affiliate events about food, forest, fauna, fairness, an event with the San Francisco Symphony, at the African American Cultural Center and at the Chinese Cultural Center, the Climate Music Project, GLACIER: Climate Ballet, Second Line and the Standing March.

Commissioner Hoyos thanked the Department staff and asked if there were any opportunities to keep the energy going.

Commissioner Stephenson thanked the Department staff and asked if there was anything unexpected that was experienced by staff during the conference?

Commissioner Bermejo thanked the staff and asked if there would be a compilation of the press coverage.

Commissioner Wan thanked the Department for reaching out to ethnic media and recognized Director Raphael for her inspirational speaking.

Commissioner Ahn thanked staff for their work.

Commissioner Sullivan discussed the morale at the Department.

There was no public comment.

- 7) Vote on whether to accept the Policy Committee's recommendation to approve Resolution File 2018-07-COE adopting 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, Integrated Pest Management Program Manager (Explanatory Documents: Resolution File No. 2018-07-COE and 2018 Reduced Risk Pesticide List) (Discussion and Action)

Deborah Raphael, Director, introduced the item.

Dr. Chris Geiger, Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Program Manager, discussed Integrated Pest Management Ordinance requirements, current activities and updates, City pesticide usage, the tier system, usage of tier 1 pesticides, Department of Recreation and Parks usage of Tier 1 herbicides in 2010 as compared to 2017, stubborn weed problems that remain, IPM trainings for managers of affordable housing, 2018 Spring IPM trainings, IPM Technical Advisory Committee, pesticide dashboards and data improvement, future activities, Bay Friendly Landscaping/ReScape California, pest prevention in RAD affordable housing and pest prevention guidelines for landscapes.

Carla Short, Superintendent of the Bureau of Urban Forestry, San Francisco 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.

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 (IPM) Program Manager, discussed recommended changes to the Reduced Risk Pesticide List, current Tier 1 herbicide restrictions, current Tier 1 herbicide restrictions due to public input, proposed changes to the restrictions and a summary of proposed product changes.

Commissioner Wald thanked staff, discussed changes in pesticide use and indicated support for the resolution.

Commissioner Stephenson asked if the pesticide dashboard was available to the public and if there is anything in the industry that gives hope to stop the use of pesticides.

Commissioner Hoyos asked about Tier 2 glyphosate alternatives, garlon use on oxalis and what percentage of Tier 1 is use of glyphosate.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Wald and a second by Commissioner Stephenson, Resolution File 2018-07-COE was approved without objection. (Ayes: Commissioner Ahn, Bermejo, Hoyos, Stephenson, Sullivan, Wald and Wan; Noes: None; Absent: None.)

Public Comment:

Bob Hall discussed biodiversity and the use of herbicides in San Francisco.

Mary Ellen Hannibal discussed native plants and the use of herbicides in San Francisco.

Rachel Kezel discussed the use of herbicides in San Francisco.

Jake Sigg discussed support for the resolution

8) Director's Report. Speaker: Deborah Raphael, Director (Explanatory Document: Director's Report) (Discussion)

Deborah Raphael, Director, discussed a state policy on flame retardants in children's furniture, the Plastics and Litter Reduction Ordinance and a local ordinance about zero waste facilitators.

Commissioner Wald asked about a state law about plastic straws.

Commissioner Hoyos asked about the law for businesses and zero waste audits and the amount of contamination in the compost bin.

Commissioner Sullivan asked about publicly shaming repeat offenders of zero waste contamination.

Director Raphael introduced new staff.

9) Committee Reports. Highlights of the August 6, 2018 and September 17, 2018 Policy Committee meetings. (Discussion)

Chair Wald discussed the August 6, 2018 Policy Committee meeting including discussions on the Reduced Risk Pesticide List and the September 17, 2018 Policy Committee meeting including discussions on both the 2017 Buy Green Report and the Reduced Risk Pesticide List.

There was no public comment.

10) Announcements. (Discussion)

There were no announcements.

There was no public comment.

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

Charles Sheehan, Chief Policy and Public Affairs Officer, discussed planning for the October 24, 2018 joint meeting with the Commission on the Status of Women and the November 27, 2018 Commission meeting with discussions on blockchain and the director's performance review.

There was no public comment.

12) Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

The next meeting of the Commission on the Environment is scheduled for Tuesday, November 27, 2018, 5:00 p.m. at City Hall, Room 416.

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