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MEETING MINUTES DRAFT

Tuesday, September 27, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.
City Hall, Room 416
One Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Jr. Place
San Francisco, CA 94102

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Public comment will be taken on each agenda item involving discussion or action before the Commission takes action on that item.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call.

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Heather Stephenson, Elmy Bermejo, Austin Hunter, Mike Sullivan, Johanna Wald, and Sarah Wan.

Excused: Commissioner Eddie Ahn.

2. Review and vote on whether to approve Resolution File 2022-07-COE, Resolution Making Findings to Allow Teleconferenced Meetings Under California Government Code Section 54953(e). (Explanatory Document: Resolution File 2022-07-COE) (Discussion and Action)

There was no public comment.

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

3. President's Welcome. (Discussion)

Commissioner Stephenson delivered the land acknowledgment and provided an overview of the meeting agenda.

Public Comment: Anastasia Glikshtern began to speak about a later agenda item and was instructed to wait until the item is addressed.

4. **Approval of Minutes of the July 26, 2022, Commission on the Environment Meeting.** (Explanatory Document: July 26, 2022, Meeting Draft Minutes) (Discussion and Action)

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

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

5. **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.

Public Comment: Anastasia Glikshtern began to speak about a later agenda item and was instructed to wait until the item is addressed.

6. **Presentation of the Commission on the Environment – Environmental Service Award to Jen Jackson, Toxics Reduction and Healthy Ecosystems Program Manager.** (Discussion)

Commissioners Wald and Stephenson, and Acting Director Tyrone Jue discussed Jen Jackson's service to the Department. Commissioners Sullivan and Bermejo commented on Jen's achievements.

Jen discussed her experience at the Department.

Pauli Ojea, Commercial Toxics Reduction Senior Coordinator, and Dr. Chris Geiger, former Integrated Pest Management Program Manager, spoke about their work with Jen.

There was no public comment.

Jen posed for photos with Commissioners and Acting Director Jue.

7. **Staff Introductions.** Speaker: Tyrone Jue, Acting Director. (Discussion)

Acting Director Tyrone Jue introduced new employees at the Department.

Icelyn Yepez, Environment Justice Associate; Sze-Wing Lau, Environmental Education Associate; Jessica Reyes, Environmental Education Associate; Katie Lowery, McCarthy Fellow; Kelaia Cruz, Commercial Zero Waste Assistant Coordinator; and Chris Otoshi, Construction & Demolition Zero Waste Fellow introduced themselves..

Commissioner Stephenson welcomed and thanked the new hires.

There was no public comment.

8. **Review and vote on whether to accept the Policy Committee's recommendation to approve Resolution File 2022-06-COE adopting the 2022 Reduced Risk Pesticide list for City properties.** Sponsor: Tyrone Jue, Acting Director; Speaker: Dr. Shoba Iyer, Integrated Pest Management

Program Manager. (Explanatory Documents: Staff memo, Resolution File No. 2022-06-COE, 2022 Reduced Risk Pesticide List) (Discussion and Possible Action)

Acting Director Tyrone Jue discussed the process for approving the Reduced Risk Pesticide List.

Dr. Shoba Iyer discussed the Integrated Pest Management program and proposed changes to the Reduced Risk Pesticide List.

Commissioner Stephenson, Dr. Iyer, and Jen Jackson discussed the increased use of Tier 3 pesticides, and the impact of climate change on demand for pesticides. Acting Director Jue discussed the the importance of coordination between different City departments.

Commissioner Sullivan and Dr. Iyer discussed the increased use of certain fungicides.

Public Comment: Anastasia Glikshtern discussed the risks of increased pesticide use.

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

9. **Review and vote on whether to accept the Policy Committee's recommendation to 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 presented on the Annual Buy Green Report.

Commissioner Wan and Taya discussed the pandemic's impact on disinfectant products related to the Buy Green program. Jen Jackson discussed several disinfectants studied by the Department.

There was no public comment.

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

10. **Review and vote on whether to approve Resolution File 2022-08-COE, Resolution Requiring Commission Approval of Department of the Environment Contracts and Grants.** Sponsor: Tyrone Jue, Acting Director. Speaker: David Kashani, Contracts and Grants Manager. (Explanatory Document: Resolution File 2022-08-COE, Resolution Directing the Department of the Environment to Require Commission Approval of Contracts and Grants) (Discussion and Possible Action)

Acting Director Tyrone Jue provided context for the presentation.

David Kashani presented on recommendations concerning Commission oversight of contracts and grants.

Commissioner Wald and Acting Director Jue discussed whether the full Commission or a subcommittee would be responsible for approving contracts and grants. Commissioner Wald and Acting Director Jue also discussed approval of MOUs with Recology, Inc.

Commissioner Wan, David, and Acting Director Jue discussed the Department's recommendation concerning outgoing grants under \$100,000.

There was no public comment.

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

11. **Update on Racial Equity Action Plan.** Sponsor: Tyrone Jue, Acting Director; Speakers: Sraddha Mehta, Senior Environmental Justice Coordinator, and Soko Made, City Government Zero Waste Senior Coordinator. (Explanatory Documents: 2021 San Francisco Department of Environment Staff Survey Racial Equity Data Report and Departmental Racial Equity Progress Report for 2021) (Discussion)

Acting Director Tyrone Jue discussed the Racial Equity Action Plan and its importance within the Department.

Sraddha Mehta and Soko Made provided a progress update on the Racial Equity Action Plan.

Commissioner Stephenson expressed support for the new position described in the presentation. Commissioner Stephenson, Sraddha, and Soko discussed collaboration across City departments and reporting on new positions and promotions within the Department.

Commissioner Wald and Sraddha discussed the Department's performance concerning racial equity relative to other City departments.

Commissioner Wan and Sraddha discussed whether the new funding described in the presentation would support training and coaching.

There was no public comment.

12. **Update on Department of the Environment Branding.** Sponsor: Tyrone Jue, Acting Director; Speaker: Mark Nicholas, Graphic Designer. (Discussion)

Acting Director Tyrone Jue described the importance of effective branding and communication by the Department.

Mark Nicholas presented on the Department's brand refresh.

Commissioner Stephenson discussed the significance of the brand refresh and its potential impact on the Commission.

Commissioner Sullivan and Acting Director Jue discussed how the Department is identified in the City Charter and the decision to retain the color featured in the previous Department logo.

Commissioners Wan and Stephenson, and Acting Director Jue discussed potential changes to the Commission's name.

Commissioner Wan and Mark discussed the sample material featured on the Department website and whether the Department's logo can be translated into other languages.

There was no public comment.

13. **Director's Report.** Speaker: Tyrone Jue, Acting Director. (Discussion)

Acting Director Tyrone Jue discussed the audit completed by the Controller's Office and provided an update on funding allocated to the Department through the Board of Supervisors' add-back process.

Commissioner Wan discussed the REUSE campaign's activation site at the Richmond District Autumn Moon Festival.

Commissioner Sullivan discussed changes to the Planning Code related to electric vehicles.

Commissioner Wald discussed regulation of gasoline-powered leaf blowers.

There was no public comment.

14. **Committee Reports.** (Discussion)

Commissioner Sullivan gave a report on the Policy Committee.

Commissioner Wan gave an update on the Operations Committee.

Commissioner Wald gave an update on the Search Committee.

There was no public comment.

15. **New Business/Future Agenda Items.** Speaker: Kyle Wehner, Commission Affairs Officer. (Discussion)

Kyle Wehner reviewed the schedule for future meetings and potential agenda items.

There was no public comment.

16. **Adjournment.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.