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**MEETING MINUTES DRAFT**

**Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at 5:00 PM**

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**COMMISSION MEMBERS:** Heather Stephenson (President), Eddie Ahn (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 5:08pm.

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

**2. President's Welcome.** (Discussion)

President Stephenson read the land acknowledgement and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

There was no public comment.

**3. Approval of Minutes of the July 27, 2021 Commission on the Environment Meeting.** (Explanatory Documents: July 27, 2021 Draft Meeting Minutes) (Discussion and Possible Action)

There was no public comment.

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

**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 public comment.

#### PRESENTATIONS

**5. Presentation of the Commission on the Environment – Environmental Service Award to Lena Huang.** (Discussion)

Commissioner Hunter presented Lena Huang with the Environmental Service Award.

Gianna Fazioli and Katy Liang congratulated Lena on the award.

Lena thanked the Commission and spoke about her experiences.

There was no public comment.

**6. Review and vote on whether to accept the Policy Committee's recommendation to approve Resolution File 2021-04-COE adopting the 2021 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: Staff memo, Resolution File No. 2020-04-COE, 2021 Reduced Risk Pesticide List) (Discussion and Possible Action)

Director Raphael introduced the item.

Chris Geiger presented on the reduced risk pesticide list.

President Stephenson thanked Chris for his work and presentation.

Commissioner Wald thanked Chris and congratulated the IPM program on its successes over the years.

Commissioner Hunter complimented Chris on balancing all of the needs of pest management.

Commissioner Bermejo thanked Chris for all his work and dedication.

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 Ahn, Bermejo, Hunter, Stephenson, Sullivan, Wald, and Wan; Noes: None; Absent: None).

**7. Presentation on EnergyAccessSF and Progress to Date.** Sponsor: Deborah Raphael, Director. Speaker: Kathleen Bryan, Senior Energy Efficiency Specialist, and Becca Raybin, Outreach Associate. (Discussion)

Director Raphael introduced the item.

Kathleen and Becca presented on program progress to date.

President Stephenson asked what metrics are being used to measure success.

Kathleen said that metrics include mailers, successful calls, referrals, and energy assessments.

Commissioner Ahn asked about which state funding guidelines were used.

Kathleen spoke about hard-to-reach communities.

Commissioner Ahn gave additional background on working to improve the definition of disadvantaged communities.

Director Raphael thanked Kathleen for all of her work as she prepares to leave the department.

There was no public comment.

**8. Update on the Department's Strategic Plan.** Sponsor: Deborah Raphael, Director. Speakers: Asia Meshack, Program Manager Communications & Community Engagement, and Deborah Raphael, Director. (Discussion)

Director Raphael introduced the item.

Asia Meshack presented the Department's Strategic Plan with Director Raphael.

President Stephenson thanked Asia and Director Raphael for their work on this.

There was no public comment.

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

Director Raphael gave department updates and introduced new staff.

There was no public comment.

**10. Committee Reports.** (Discussion)  
**Policy Committee.** Mike Sullivan, Committee Chair.  
**Operations Committee.** Sarah Wan, Committee Chair.

Commissioner Sullivan gave a report on the Policy Committee.

Commissioner Wan gave a report on the Operations Committee.

There was no public comment.

#### **11. Announcements.** (Discussion)

There was no public comment.

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

Charles reviewed the upcoming meeting dates and potential future agenda items.

There was no public comment.

#### **13. Adjournment.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm.

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