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

MEETING MINUTES APPROVED

**Monday, October 22, 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 5:03 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Wald, Bermejo and Ahn.

2. Approval of minutes of the September 17, 2018 Commission on the Environment Policy Committee meeting. (Explanatory Document: September 17, 2018 Draft Minutes) (Discussion and Action)

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

There was no public comment.

3. 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.

4. Presentation on the Global Climate Action Summit with a focus on the zero waste and green bond commitments. Sponsor: Deborah Raphael, Director; Speakers: Wendy Goodfriend, Climate Program Manager; Robert Haley, Zero Waste Program Manager; Mike Brown, Manager of Environmental Finance Programs, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (Discussion)

Deborah Raphael, Director, introduced the item.

Charles Sheehan, Chief Policy and Public Affairs Officer, discussed the Global Climate Action Summit commitment, San Francisco's reaffirmed commitments and San Francisco's new commitments.

Robert Haley, Zero Waste Program Manager, discussed a timeline of San Francisco's zero waste goals, definition of zero waste, the wasteburg, the Global Climate Action Summit zero waste commitment, zero waste pledge 1 and zero waste pledge 2.

Mike Brown, Manager of Environmental Finance Programs, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, definition of green bonds, Climate Bonds Initiative sector-specific criteria, 2017 green and climate aligned bond initiatives around the world, three enterprise credits at the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, why issue green bonds, green bond considerations and what's next.

Commissioner Ahn asked if the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission is the larger issuer of green bonds in San Francisco and the amount of Proposition A funds that have been spent.

Commissioner Wald asked about the need for a citywide policy on the use of green bonds and inviting the head of public financing to a future Commission meeting.

Director Raphael asked about the uniformity of green bond criteria and how Climate Bonds Initiative was selected as the certification agency used by the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission and the source of reporting and data collection.

There was no public comment.

5. **Discussion of recent state and local legislative initiatives impacting San Francisco's sustainability goals.** Sponsor: Deborah Raphael, Director (Discussion)

Deborah Raphael, Director, introduced the item.

- a. **Presentation on toxics related state and local legislative initiatives.** Speaker: Jen Jackson, Toxics Program Manager

Jen Jackson, Toxics Program Manager, discussed AB 1575 – professional salon product ingredients, SB 2998 – furniture, children's furniture and mattresses, SB 212 – pharmaceuticals and sharps take back, AB 958 – fluorochemicals in foodware, AB 2570 cleaning products in schools and HR 4 – fluorochemicals in firefighting materials.

- b. **Presentation on the Department of the Environment's recent legislative initiatives.** Speaker: Charles Sheehan, Chief Policy and Public Affairs Officer

Charles Sheehan, Chief Policy and Public Affairs Officer discussed 2018 activities including a biodiversity resolution, a zero waste hearing, the annual department budget hearing in May, a cigarette butt litter pilot program hearing in May, the Plastics and Litter Reduction Ordinance, the CalRecycle Resolution passed in October and the zero waste facilitators legislation currently before the Board of Supervisors and accomplishments and the policy priorities for 2019.

Commissioner Wald asked about an institution or vehicle to share environmental advancements are made known to other likeminded jurisdictions.

Commissioner Bermejo asked about plans for educating newly elected state legislators.

Commissioner Wald if the Department has ever coordinated with other jurisdictions to educate new legislators.

Commissioner Ahn asked about the sponsor of the professional salon product ingredients legislation and educating the Bay Area Legislative Caucus of Department initiatives.

There was no public comment.

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

Deborah Raphael, Director, discussed a protest letter to the California Public Utilities Commission, an interview with CNN on San Francisco's zero waste program, a grant award from the California Air Resources Board and the 2019 Mayor's Earth Day Breakfast.

There was no public comment.

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

Charles Sheehan, Chief Policy and Public Affairs Officer, discussed future agenda items including inviting the head of San Francisco's public financing to discuss San Francisco's green bond commitments and discussing a state innovative policy exchange.

There was no public comment.

8. **Adjournment.**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

The next meeting of the Commission on the Environment Policy Committee is scheduled for Monday, November 12, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. in City Hall, Room 421.

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