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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES APPROVED

Monday, October 23, 2017, 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, Lisa Hoyos.

ORDER OF BUSINESS
Public comment will be taken before the Committee takes action on any item.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call.

   The special meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m.

   Present: Commissioners Wald and Hoyos. Excused: Commissioner Bermejo.


   Upon a motion by Commissioner Hoyos, second by Commissioner Wald, the September 11, 2017 Commission on the Environment Policy Committee special meeting minutes were approved without objection. (Ayes: Commissioner Wald and Hoyos. Noes: None. Excused: Commissioner Bermejo)

   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.

   Anastacia Glikshtem discussed pollution, tree removal in San Francisco and the Natural Areas Plan.

   Commissioner Wald continued the item to later in the meeting.

4. Presentation on the San Francisco Transportation Sector Climate Action Strategy. Sponsor: Donnie Oliveira, Outreach Program Manager; Speaker: Timothy Doherty, Planner for the Sustainable
Donnie Oliveira, Outreach Program Manager, discussed the relationship between the Department of the Environment and sister City agencies in developing departmental climate action strategies.

Timothy Doherty, Planner for the Sustainable Street Division, San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency, discussed the 2017 Transportation Climate Action Strategy, dual mandates, Citywide emissions trends, climate action framework, transportation sector emissions, climate mitigation program areas, climate adaptation program areas and transformation.

Commissioner Hoyos asked about regulating transportation network companies and the opportunities for greatest greenhouse gas reductions.

Commissioner Wald asked if there have been the effects of the transportation network companies on the city’s climate goals and discussed the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency continuing its communication with the Commission to help the city reach its goals.

Commissioner Hoyos asked about reducing reductions through the City vehicle fleet.

Commissioner Wald asked if it was time to change the City’s goal for sustainable transportation, how the goal would be decided and lowering the overall usage of cars, data collection on car users and the City’s efforts to tell residents about the success of programming and room for improvement.

Commissioner Hoyos asked about development in areas where there is potential for sea level rise and the major transformative vision for San Francisco when it comes to changing transportation infrastructure.

Public Comment:

Eric Brooks discussed sea level rise, transportation policies, transportation network companies’ regulation.

Jake Sigg discussed policies regarding parking spaces in San Francisco.

5. **Update on San Francisco’s Integrated Pest Management program.** Sponsor: Jen Jackson, Toxics Reduction and Healthy Ecosystems Programs Manager; Speaker: Dr. Chris Geiger, Integrated Pest Management Program Manager (Explanatory Documents: Staff Memorandum, Attachment A - Responses to Commission, Attachment B - Survey of Public Agency Notification Practices, Attachment C - Agency IPM Updates for 2017 and Attachment D - Other 2017 Activities of the IPM Program) (Discussion)

Jen Jackson, Toxics Reduction and Healthy Ecosystems Programs Manager, discussed the Commission’s requests for follow up.

Dr. Chris Geiger, Integrated Pest Management Program Manager, introduced Carla Short of Public Works, Eric Anderson of the San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department, Jessica Appel of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, Ann-Marie Benz of Bayfriendly. Dr. Geiger discussed the use of Tier 1 herbicide use in San Francisco, spring trainings, pilot testing, the use of dry ice for rats, low-income housing inspections, current advance notification system, notice for
treatments, pesticide exemptions approved, survey of advanced notification, work with City departments, City agency IPM updates and next steps.

Commissioner Hoyos asked if public comment could go before discussion.

Jessica Appel, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, discussed the development of pest prevention by design guidelines.

Eric Anderson, San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department, discussed the Department’s hiring of four IPM specialists, a new staffing structure to professionalize the approach to integrated pest management, design and prevention and investment in infrastructure.

Carla Short, San Francisco Public Works, discussed hiring of new staff for integrated pest management, educating staff, construction management and median strips.

Commissioner Wald thanked the departments for bringing the pesticide use down.

Public Comment:

Anastasia Glikshtem discussed the hiring of staff and the use of new herbicides.

The meeting was recessed at 6:44 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 6:46 p.m.

Eric Brooks, San Francisco Green Party, discussed noticing time and exemptions for signage.

Unidentified speaker discussed San Francisco’s grasslands.

Commissioner Hoyos asked about priorities when it comes to prevention versus advanced notification and the posting of signs by Recreation and Parks Department.

Commissioner Wald asked if there could be a report back about more advance notification and screenshots of a map of the parks.

Commissioner Hoyos discussed areas highly frequented by people, posting of flags or dyes, additional information on notices and the removal of golf courses from the graphics about herbicide usage.

Commissioner Wald asked about best practices that were learned from contacting other agencies about their noticing practices, the amount of additional work that would be created by having a mandatory posting for the use of Tier 1 herbicides in parks, noticing requirements that are less resource intensive and discussed advanced notification on a website for families visiting parks.

Commissioner Hoyos and Wald discussed messaging to residents about pesticide free parks.

6. **New Business/Future Agenda Items.** Anthony Valdez, Commission Secretary (Discussion)

Anthony Valdez, Commission Secretary, discussed a future presentation on development of draft licensing requirements for the use of cannabis in San Francisco and a presentation on the use of renewable fuels at the Port of San Francisco and the San Francisco International Airport.
Commissioners Hoyos and Wald requested an additional presentation to the Policy Committee on the Reduced Risk Pesticide List in January 2018.

Public Comment:

Eric Brooks, San Francisco Green Party, discussed a future workshop on the Reduced Risk Pesticide List.

**General Public Comment.**

This item was continued from the beginning of the meeting.

Ellen Edelson, California Native Plant Society, discussed San Francisco’s grasslands, the use of herbicides, outreach about San Francisco’s resources and the use of mulch.

Unidentified speaker discussed the use of pesticides in the Natural Areas Program, exemptions to the use of pesticides and prevalence of herbicides.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

The next meeting of the Commission on the Environment Policy Committee is scheduled for Monday, November 13, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. in City Hall, Room 421.

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