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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AND DRAFT

**Monday, November 13, 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 meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Wald, Bermejo and Hoyos (arrived at 5:06 p.m.)

2. Approval of minutes of the October 23, 2017 Commission on the Environment Policy Committee special meeting. (Explanatory Document: October 23, 2017 Draft Minutes) (Discussion and Action)

Upon a motion by Commissioner Bermejo, second by Commissioner Wald, the October 23, 2017 Commission on the Environment Policy Committee special meeting minutes were approved without objection. (Ayes: Commissioner Wald and Bermejo. Noes: None. Absent: Commissioner Hoyos)

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 San Francisco's requirements for commercial activity relating to medicinal and adult use of cannabis. Sponsor: Deborah Raphael, Director; Speakers: Jessie Denver, Energy Program Manager and Dr. Chris Geiger, Integrated Pest Management Program Manager (Discussion)

Deborah Raphael, Director, discussed the need for the emerging issue to come before the Commission on the Environment.

Jessie Denver, Energy Program Manager, discussed the cannabis industry energy challenge, history of California cannabis laws, licensing process under the Medicinal and Adult Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act (MAUCRSA), state licensing types, energy use overview, local ordinances on energy, state renewable energy requirement and local energy requirements.

Commissioner Wald asked about the regulatory framework for existing cannabis dispensaries.

Dr. Chris Geiger, Integrated Pest Management Program Manager, discussed pesticide use by the cannabis industry in other jurisdictions, existing regulations on pesticide use in the cannabis industry, reporting requirements and regulations that were proposed in San Francisco.

Commissioner Wald asked about reporting requirements around hospitals.

Commissioner Wald asked about the regulation of cannabis that is imported into San Francisco.

Commissioner Bermejo asked about the Office of Cannabis.

Commissioner Hoyos asked about policies to create inter-agency collaboration among Bay Area cities, the use of CleanPowerSF and typical cost of energy usage for businesses.

Commissioner Wald asked about energy usage from the tech industry and population growth and whether the same planning measures can be used by the cannabis industry.

Jen Jackson, Toxics Program Manager, discussed concerns about adding costs to the industry that will draw the market underground.

Commissioner Wald asked about raising the standard of pesticide use for medicinal uses.

Commissioner Hoyos asked about the possibility of doing a study about the cost of doing business for the cannabis industry and the average energy usage.

Commissioner Wald asked if it is a priority of San Francisco to have grow operations in San Francisco.

Commissioner Hoyos asked about pesticide runoff concerns, how preemption is determined and continuing the conversation at another Policy Committee meeting.

Commissioner Wald asked about how the Commission can help the City Administrator's Office of Cannabis and the focus being on state regulations.

There was no public comment.

5. **Presentation on San Francisco's Solar+Storage for Resiliency Project.** Sponsor: Deborah Raphael, Director; Speakers: Jessie Denver, Energy Program Manager and Alexandra Calven, Engineer, ARUP (Discussion)

Deborah Raphael, Director, discussed the need for Solar+Storage for resiliency and mitigation.

Jessie Denver, Energy Program Manager, San Francisco Department of the Environment, discussed a grant from the United States Department of Energy for a Solar+Storage for community resiliency feasibility study, program goals, study overview, the plan for a 3-7 day electricity

outage, the project roadmap, stakeholder engagement, potential site selection, microgrids to individual systems, site investigation to identify critical loads and detailed case studies.

Commissioner Wald asked about the expectation for the use of the sites that will have energy in an outage.

Alexandra Calven, Engineer, ARUP, provided a demonstration about the Solar+Storage internet tool to examine the performance of a building during an emergency and power outage.

Commissioner Bermejo asked what feedback has already been received on the internet tool.

Commissioner Wald asked about using the internet tool for both resiliency and day-to-day demand management.

Commissioner Bermejo asked if the tool had been presented to the U.S. Conference of Mayors.

Commissioner Hoyos asked how many sites would receive Solar+Storage, whether or not the grant is limited to public facilities and the inclusion of hospitals in the program.

There was no public comment.

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

Deborah Raphael, Director, discussed a presentation to the Commonwealth Club on composting, the mayor having signed the antibiotics and flame retardant ordinances, a Department all-staff retreat, the new zero waste programming rollout, an LED lighting giveaway and findings on the community meetings.

There was no public comment.

7. New Business/Future Agenda Items. Deborah Raphael, Director (Discussion and Possible Action)

Deborah Raphael, Director, discussed the December 11, 2017 Policy Committee proposed agenda items include a discussion of renewable fuels at the Port of San Francisco and SFO and a presentation by the Citizens' Climate Lobby.

The Commission discussed a January presentation to the Policy Committee on the Reduced Risk Pesticide List.

Commissioner Wald asked if it was possible for the Commission to see the draft Reduced Risk Pesticide List before January.

Commissioner Wald asked for an update on the biodiversity resolution.

There was no public comment.

8. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

The next meeting of the Commission on the Environment Policy Committee is scheduled for Monday, December 11, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. in City Hall, Room 421.

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