# AGENDA

## REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE

**Tuesday, May 14, 2013, 7:00 p.m.**
**El Cerrito City Hall – Council Chambers**
10890 San Pablo Avenue
**This Meeting Place Is Wheelchair Accessible**

**Roll Call: Chair Miner, Vice-Chair Goudey, Members Krueger, Benjamin, Dandridge, Spitalnik, Pavel, Solari, Weinstein, Doan and Wildenberg**

1. **Comments from the public on non-agenda items – 7:00**

   *Speakers are limited to 3 minutes for comment on non-agenda items. Comments regarding items on the agenda may be brought during discussion of those items and are subject to the same limits.*

2. **Approval of the Minutes – 7:05**

   Consider a motion adopting the minutes of the Committee meetings on April 9, 2013.

3. **AB323 (Chesbro) Organics Recycling – 7:10**

   Consider a motion recommending that the City Council approve support of AB 323 and authorize the mayor to send letters in support of AB323 on behalf of the Council. AB323 would require businesses that generate a lot of food scraps or yard debris to sign up for recycling of this material. In addition, the bill would eliminate state policies that have become perverse incentives for land-filling organic waste that could be returned to the soil.

   http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/cgi-bin/postquery?bill_number=ab_323&sess=CUR&house=B&author=chesbro

4. **Single-Use Bag Ordinance and Food Ware Ordinance Public Comment – 7:20**

   Staff will announce that the Public Comment Period for a draft Single-Use Bag Ordinance and draft Food Ware Ordinance is set to begin on ~May 15. The City will solicit comments on both ordinances through July 15. Interested parties may comment by contacting Garth Schultz at 510-559-7684 or gschultz@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us or via mail to 10890 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito, CA 94530.

   The EQC is being asked to host public comment on the draft Ordinances on June 11 and July 9, and to consider making a recommendation to the Council on July 9.

**COMMUNICATION ACCESS INFORMATION**
***To request a meeting agenda in large print, Braille, or on cassette, or to request a sign language interpreter for the meeting, call Garth Schultz, Staff Liaison at 559-7684 (voice) at least*** *FIVE (5) WORKING DAYS NOTICE PRIOR TO THE MEETING* ***to ensure availability.***

5. **Community Choice Aggregation Background Update – 7:30**

   Chair Miner will update the Committee on the 2013 CCA local landscape including the current status of MCE, Richmond, Albany, Oakland, San Francisco and the Local Clean Power Alliance. EQC discussion of future steps pending City Council approval of Climate Action Plan.

6. **Community Recognition Event – 7:45**

   Consider and discuss the concept of hosting a community recognition event in the coming year. Potentially make decisions related to establishing plans for such an event.

7. **Green Team: Updates and Action Items – 8:00**

   Hear updates and consider action items regarding planning and logistics for future green team events. Consider motions sponsoring specific events & dates.

8. **Eco Film Series: Updates and Action Items – 8:15**

   Hear updates and consider action items regarding planning and logistics for upcoming film showings. Ad Hoc Subcommittee membership includes Pavel, Spitalnik, Goudey and Miner.

9. **Announcements and future agenda items – 8:30**

   Hear announcements from Council liaison, staff liaison, and EQC members. Hear suggestions for future EQC agenda items. Potentially engage in discussion and make decisions regarding logistics of EQC participation in City events.

   Upcoming Meetings + Events | more details online at www.el-cerrito.org

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| May 18 | Family Cycling Workshop |
| May 23 | Green Business Workshop: The Triple Bottom Line: People, Planet, Profit |
| June 1 | Baxter Creek Work Party |
| June 11 | Single-use Bag / Food Ware Ordinances Community Input Meeting @ EQC |
| June 11 | Discuss Potential EQC Focus Areas regarding the City's CAP |
| July 4 | El Cerrito Fourth of July Festival \| EQC Tabling Event |
| July 9 | Discus and Plan EQC program areas and potential expenditure for FY 13/14 |
| July 9 | Single-use Bag Ordinance / Food Ware Ordinance Final Comments and Recommendation @ EQC |
| July 20 | EQC Green Team Clean-up Event |
| TBD | Boardmember Gioia |
| TBD | EC Green Drinks (Melanie Mintz) |
| Ongoing | Tree Inventory (Stephen Pree) |

10. **Adjournment – 8:45**

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