AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 9, 2010, 7:00 p.m.

El Cerrito City Hall - City Council Chambers
10890 San Pablo Avenue
This Meeting Place Is Wheelchair Accessible

Roll Call: Chair Egherman, Vice-Chair Weinstein, Members Brown-Lechner, Rome, Miner, Samkian, Krueger, Benassini, Benjamin, Wong, Dandridge, and Spitalnik

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 Minutes – 7:10**
   Approve the minutes of the Special Committee Meeting on February 9, 2010 and Special sub-committee meetings on February 25 and March 2, 2010.

3. **Presentation by Supervisor Gioia – 7:15**
   Contra Costa County Supervisor & Bay Area Air Quality Management District Board member John Gioia will present an overview of current regional environmental initiatives related to air quality and climate change. Presentation followed by brief question and answer session.

4. **Community gardens discussion & brainstorm – 7:45**
   Review and discuss elements of draft community garden proposal submitted by Robin Mitchell and brainstorm how community members might organize to support the establishment and maintenance of community gardens.

5. **Organics program study session scoping – 8:10**
   Hear staff update on organics program and outreach planning and consider a motion to conduct a study session and involve members of the public in this topic during the April regular meeting.

6. **Calendar of events & Committee community involvement – 8:20**
   Review calendar of events listing and discuss/delegate individual or group EQC involvement in upcoming events. Consider a motion to adopt this as a standing item for future regular meeting agendas.

7. **Committee and liaison announcements and future agenda items – 8:30**
   Hear brief announcements about Council, staff and EQC liaison activities and desired future EQC agenda items.
   Potential agenda items include:
   - Consider recommending green candidate campaign pledge (April)
   - Study session on waste reduction goal, plan, and general terminology
   - Study session on using social media as outreach method
   - Study session on Recycling Center re-design

8. **Adjournment – 8:45**

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