AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, September 9, 2014, 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 Benjamin, Doan, Krueger, Pavel, Schaadt, Solari, Spitalnik, Weinstein, and Wildenberg**

1. **Council/ Staff Liaisons Announcements and Reports 7:00**
   Staff and/or Council Member Bridges may report on matters of general interest to the EQC, Council policies, priorities and significant actions taken by the City Council.

2. **Comments from the public on non-agenda items – 7:05**
   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.

3. **Approval of the Minutes – 7:10**
   Consider a motion adopting the minutes of the Committee meetings on August 12, 2014.

4. **California's Ocean Wilderness: An EQC Special Presentation – 7:15**
   Hear a presentation by Natasha Benjamin, Policy and Conservation Manager at Marine Applied Research & Exploration, on California's unique marine protected area network, deep sea ocean research, and what you can do to help support our oceans for future generations.

5. **Presentation on Measure R – 7:50**
   Receive information from staff about the El Cerrito Preservation of Citywide Services Funding Measure on the November 4, 2014 ballot.

6. **Revisit and Refine the EQC Work Plan and Budget – 8:05**
   Participate in discussion and consider possible action items regarding revisions to the annual EQC Work Plan and budget.

7. **Hillside Natural Area Open Space Fundraising – 8:30**
   Hear updates and consider action items regarding planning, logistics and other strategies to help raise funds for City purchase of the Madera Circle property, including the Music for Madera Festival.

8. **Green Teams: Updates and Action Items – 8:45**
   Hear updates and consider action items regarding planning and logistics for future Green Team events, including logistics for Coastal Clean-up Day event with Friends of Five Creeks for on September 20 and a volunteer recognition event.

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9. **Eco Film Series: Updates and Action Items – 8:55**

   Hear updates and consider possible action items regarding planning, logistics, and appropriations for upcoming film showings.

10. **Announcements and future agenda items – 9:00**

    Hear committee member announcements and suggestions for future EQC agenda items. Potentially engage in discussion and make decisions regarding logistics of EQC participation in the following.

    Consideration of Upcoming Agenda Items

    1 Pollinator Pathways and Healthy Gardening workshop – October
    2 Special October Meeting: Joint study session with Parks & Rec Commission on the Urban Greening Plan – October 22
    3 Presentation to kick-off public comment period for the Active Transportation Plan - November
    4 Hillside Natural Area Festival – TBD in May 2015
    5 Grey Water
    6 EQC Lecture Series
    7 Trash mitigation strategies – January 2015

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

    - Coastal Clean-Up Day – September 20
    - Music for Madera – October 12
    - Volunteer Recognition Event – October 16

11. **Adjournment – 9:05**

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