MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE
Tuesday, August 12, 2014, 7:00 p.m.
El Cerrito City Hall – Council Chambers
10890 San Pablo Avenue
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Miner called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

Roll Call:
Chair Miner, Vice Chair Goudey, Members Doan, Krueger, Schaadt, Spitalnik, Weinstein, Wildenberg

Absent: Benjamin, Pavel, Solari,
Also Present: Council Liaison, Maria Sanders, Environmental Analyst and Staff Liaison

1. Council/ Staff Liaison Report – Sanders announced that she will be not be present for the September meeting, as she will be taking vacation time to be part of an environmental delegation to Kazakhstan.

2. Comments from the public on non-agenda items – None.

3. Approval of the Minutes – Motion to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting from July 8, 2014. (Doan, Weinstein, Unanimous)

4. Status Update on Animal Ordinance – Item postponed until later date due to presenter being ill.

5. Community Choice Aggregation - Miner updated the Committee on the status of AB 2145.

6. Green Teams: Update and Action Items – Schaadt reported that approximately 1 dozen volunteers helped clean up the Del Norte area during the Sunday, July 13 event. Weinstein and Schaadt voiced a desire to work with BART and Safeway to keep the Greenway in the area clean. Weinstein reported that Green Teams would be planning the following events: Coastal Clean Up in September; Volunteer Recognition event in October; a to-be-determined clean up in November; nothing in December. Motion to co-host a Coastal Clean Up event with Friends of Five Creeks at Cerrito Creek on September 20th. (Weinstein, Goudey, Unanimous). Motion to hold a Volunteer Recognition event at the Recycling Center and to purchase a plaque to honor an exceptional volunteer, date in October to be determined. (Weinstein, Schaadt, Unanimous).

7. Eco Film Series: Updates and Action Items – Goudey reported that there is nothing planned for the near future. Spitalnik volunteered to help Goudey and Pavel on film series.

8. Hillside Natural Area Open Space Fundraising – Weinstein reported that the Campaign has raised approximately $50,000 towards the purchase of the Madera Open Space. The Hillside Natural Area Festival raised approximately $3500. A TPL fund raising expert suggested holding house parties. He discussed logistics regarding the Music for Madera event to be held on October 12 at the Community Center. Motion for the EQC to authorize spending up to $500 for staff, food, and other facility charges for Music for Madera. (Weinstein, Doan, Unanimous).

9. Announcements and future agenda items – The following items were discussed:

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Per a request from Sanders, motion to hold a Special Joint Study Session on the Urban Greening Plan with the Parks and Recreation Commission on October 22. (Schaadt, Weinstein, Unanimous)

Consideration of Upcoming Agenda Items
1. State of the Oceans presentation by Natasha Benjamin - September
2. Revisit and Refine EQC Work Plan and Budget – September
3. Measure R Extension - September
4. Pollinator Pathways and Healthy Gardening workshop – October
5. Special October Meeting: Joint study session with Parks & Rec Commission on the Urban Greening Plan – October 22
6. Presentation to kick-off public comment period for the Active Transportation Plan - November
7. Set a date for next Hillside Natural Area Festival
8. Grey Water
9. Volunteer Recognition Event
10. EQC Lecture Series
11. Trash mitigation strategies

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

- Housing Element Update Workshop – August 13
- Coastal Clean-Up Day – September 20
- Music for Madera – October 12
- East Bay Regional Park Department 80 Year Celebration
- Trail Trekkers’ Hike: Lost Trails

10. **Adjournment** – Miner adjourned the meeting at 8:12 PM.

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