



# MINUTES

## REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE

**Tuesday, September 14, 2010, 7:00 p.m.**

**El Cerrito City Hall - City Council Chambers**

10890 San Pablo Avenue

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Chair Eggherman called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM.

### Roll Call

Present: Chair Eggherman, Members Rome, Miner, Benassini, Benjamin, Wong, Dandridge, Corwin, Goudey, and Hammer

Absent: Pavel, Weinstein

Also Present: Garth Schultz (Staff Liaison, Environmental Services Analyst), Maria Sanders (Environmental Services Analyst), Melanie Mintz (Environmental Services Division Manager)

### 1. Comments from the public on non-agenda items

Rena Ragimova introduced herself as a reporter from Patch.com covering the EQC meeting.

### 2. Approval of the Minutes

Motion to adopt the minutes from the Regular Committee meetings on July 13 and August 10, 2010, the Special Committee meeting on July 13, and the Special Sub-committee meetings on July 27 and July 29, 2010. Wong/Krueger. Passed unanimously.

### 3. Recycling Center Update

Ms. Mintz gave a presentation regarding recent community meetings for the El Cerrito Recycling Center – see [http://www.el-cerrito.org/archive/2010/attachments/17\\_report\\_100914\\_512.pdf](http://www.el-cerrito.org/archive/2010/attachments/17_report_100914_512.pdf) for report details.

### 4. 10/10/10 Climate Action Event Update

Ms. Sanders gave a presentation and summarized the previous meeting covering the Climate Action Event on 10/10/10. The City and EQC are hosting a compost giveaway event, in coordination with 350.org's day of climate action on that date. The event will involve volunteers and make the connection between composting and reducing climate impact. An ad hoc subcommittee will meet immediately following the subcommittee meeting to discuss the details.

### 5. Committee and liaison announcements and future agenda items

Schultz made an announcement about upcoming informational meetings about Measure R and Eggherman and Benassini shared more details.

Sanders gave update on the recent community meeting about changes to the Animals Ordinance. Goudey shared his perspectives having attended the meeting. Others asked clarifying questions about the draft Ordinance and there was brief discussion about pros, cons, and the process.

Schultz gave an update on plastic bag ban and other solid waste bills in CA. This topic will be discussed during the Policy and Programs Subcommittee on 9/28.

Sanders announced that the Policy and Programs subcommittee meeting will include an update / first public meeting regarding the Climate Action Plan. The main item for discussion will be the baseline inventory for emissions, business-as-usual forecast, and context for what a reduction goal would look like. Prior to this meeting, Maria will present to the Council, September 20, 7:30.

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Hammer reported out on behalf of the Outreach and Community Involvement subcommittee that at their recent meeting they discussed upcoming Green Team items, including Clean-ups events and t-shirts; the revitalization of the Environmental Film Series; and an update from EC Trail Trekkers.

Schultz announced several upcoming City events, including the 9/25 special recycling event, the 10/9 garage sale, and the 10/9 – 10/10 UnWaste event.

Benjamin announced, 9/25 Coastal Clean-up Day.

Next meeting, October 12, 2010.

**6. Adjournment**

The Chair closed the meeting at 8:33 pm.

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