



MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, December 9, 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 7:11 pm.

Roll Call:

Chair Miner, Vice Chair Goudey, Members Benjamin, Schaadt, Solari, Spitalnik

Absent: Members Krueger, Pavel, Weinstein, Wildenberg

Also Present: Maria Sanders, Staff Liaison

1. **Council/ Staff Liaison Report** – Sanders announced that she has transitioned into her new position as the Division Manager of Operations and Environmental Services. She also reminded Committee Members to please be punctual to the EQC meetings, as late arrivals delay the start time of the meeting if a quorum is not present. This poses an inconvenience to other members and the public in attendance. In addition, she also announced that the EQC received two Committee Member applications.
2. **Comments from the public on non-agenda items** – El Cerrito resident Rebecca Milliken introduced herself and announced her interest in serving on the EQC.
3. **Approval of the Minutes** – Minutes for the November 12, 2014 meeting were not completed and approval was deferred to the next meeting.
4. **Community Choice Aggregation (CCA)** – Sanders gave an update on the results of the November 18th City Council study session and the community workshop on CCA held on December 3rd. She reminded them about the upcoming public hearing on December 16 to consider adoption of the ordinance joining MCE. Miner led a discussion on the role of Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) in MCE's procurement strategy.
5. **Pollinator Safe Community** – Solari will be developing a draft write up to be reviewed by staff in order to bring the Honey Bee Haven resolution (reviewed by EQC on November 12) to City Council.
6. **EQC Work Plan and Budget** – Miner announced that he will be giving a presentation in March to the City Council on the EQC's accomplishments and 2015 priorities.
7. **Hillside Natural Area Open Space Fundraising** – Weinstein gave an update to the Committee on the status of fundraising, noting a total of \$73,000 raised to date. Miner and Weinstein discussed a personal initiative to raise funds to donate to honor former EQC Chair Ron Eggherman, who passed away last year.
8. **Green Teams: Update and Action Items** – Schaadt made a motion to hold a Green Team Clean-Up at a place to be determined on January 25, 2015 (Schaadt, Goudey, Unanimous). Schaadt asked staff to supply more rakes and brooms for volunteers during these efforts.

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9. **Eco Film Series: Updates and Action Items** – Goudey thought that the next film event should be held sometime between March and May. Spitalnik suggested looking at the films distributed by Green Planet Films.

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

Consideration of Upcoming Agenda Items

- 1 Trash mitigation strategies – January
- 2 EQC Lecture Series/ Calendar of Events – January
 - Schaadt to organize a lecture for around Earth Day
 - Solar workshop after MCE enrollment period
- 3 Grey Water – TBD
- 4 Hillside Natural Area Festival – TBD in May 2015
- 5 EQC Lecture Series/ Calendar of Events
- 6 Presentation to kick-off public comment period for the Active Transportation Plan – February
- 7 New EQC members

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

- CCA Public Hearing – Dec 16
- CCA Ordinance – 2nd Hearing – Jan 6

11. **Adjournment** – Miner adjourned the meeting at 8:35 PM.

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