



MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, September 13, 2016, 7:00 p.m.

City Council Chambers

10890 San Pablo Avenue

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Call To Order: 7:05 PM

Roll Call: Chair Goudey, Vice-Chair Schaadt, Members Hargrove, Milliken, Pavel, Solari, Weinstein

Absent: Mackie, Miner, Spitalnik,

Also Present: Maria Sanders, Staff Liaison

1. **Council/ Staff Liaisons Announcements and Reports** – None.
2. **Comments from the public on non-agenda items** – El Cerrito resident Sean O'Connor reported that he noticed a lot of trash in the East Shore area. Richmond resident Cordell Hindler passed out a flyer announcing the production of My Fair Lady at the Contra Costa Civic Theater. He also asked the EQC if they were interested in a presentation from Richmond Promise.
3. **Approval of the Minutes** – Motion to approve the minutes from July 12, 2016. (Weinstein/ Pavel/ Unanimous). Sanders reported that she was unable to complete the minutes for August 9, 2016, so this item was deferred until next month.
4. **EQC Member Appointment Process** – Goudey asked for volunteers to be on the ad hoc subcommittee to interview Sean O'Connor. Schaadt, Goudey, Solari, and Pavel volunteered to be on the subcommittee. They proposed to hold the interview right before the next EQC meeting.
5. **Trash Mitigation Strategies** – Weinstein and Schaadt provided a handout (contained in EQC Binder) on getting trash cans on an interim basis into high trash areas that can be accommodated by current garbage collection routes. They asked if staff could come back in a couple months to discuss progress. Goudey thought the EQC could include purchasing more trash cans as a priority in its upcoming 2017 Work Plan update and presentation to the City Council.
6. **EQC Budget and Calendar of Events**
 - City Centennial Celebration - Goudey reported that he has been attending planning meetings held by the City's Centennial Celebration Committee, which is looking for proposals from groups for activities that would help celebrate the City's 100th Anniversary. Goudey wanted ideas on what the EQC could do to participate. Milliken presented the idea of working with Marin Clean Energy (MCE) to sponsor a campaign for El Cerrito MCE customers to go 100% renewable for the 100th. Weinstein reported that he is on the Centennial Celebration Committee. He proposed that the EQC co-sponsor the following events: a natural history walk organized by Trail Trekkers and Friends of

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Five Creeks; a history event about the Recycling Center to be organized by the Historical Society. Motion to form an ad hoc subcommittee to plan EQC participation in the Centennial Celebration and to coordinate a 100 by 100 Deep Green campaign with MCE. (Weinstein/ Milliken/ Unanimous). Milliken, Goudey, and Solari volunteered to be on the subcommittee.

- Green Teams Coastal Clean Up Day and Del Norte BART Area Clean-Up – Weinstein reported there was a good turn-out for the Green Team event at the Del Norte BART Station, which was held on Saturday, August 27. Weinstein also announced that this Saturday is Coastal Clean-Up Day and that this year the City will participate in the regional Coastal Clean-Up Day trash assessment.
 - National Drive Electric Week – Milliken announced that this event will be held this coming Friday. She passed out information on the event, including a “Drive Electric On a Budget” flyer (contained in the EQC binder). Milliken is planning on representing the EQC at the event.
 - Grey Water Education – Solari announced that the Drought Resilient Garden workshop will be held on September 27 and encouraged all to come.
 - Solar Workshop - Milliken gave an update on logistics and planning thus far for the Solar Basics Workshop, which will take place on October 20.
7. **Climate Action Plan Implementation** – Milliken and Goudey reported that they participate on MCE’s Community Power Coalition. They provided an update on the California Public Utilities Commission’s decision on the Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA) fee assessed on customers in Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) programs. The decision was mostly favorable to the CCA programs in that it determined that the PCIA will be vintaged to coincide with when a community first enrolled in a CCA. Pavel provided information about a regional effort called the Resilient Community Initiative on Sea Level Rise. It is a coalition of local governments, nonprofits, and businesses in the Bay Area that are looking to support leadership on responding to the challenges of sea level rise. The coalition will be holding workshops in the fall and winter.
8. **Announcements and future agenda items** – Committee members requested that the October and November EQC meetings be rescheduled to accommodate the upcoming Jewish holidays and Election Day. Sanders announced that a staff report regarding California Proposition 67, the California Bag Ban Referendum, will be going to the City Council meeting on September 19. Milliken announced the availability of solar programs through the regional Sun Shares Program. She also mentioned that Stop Waste will be holding an open house on the California Energy Upgrade Program.

Consideration of Upcoming Agenda Items

- 1 Trends in Solid Waste Management –Oct
- 2 Presentations from other environmental stakeholders in the City – TBD
- 3 Rat Poison and AB 708 Consumer Products Content Information- TBD
- 4 Drones in Hillside Natural Area – TBD
- 5 Conversation with Supervisor John Gioia – TBD
- 6 Tool Lending Library – TBD
- 7 Presentation from Richmond Promise?

9. Adjournment – 9:00

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