



MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, November 9 2016, 7:00 p.m.

City Council Chambers

10890 San Pablo Avenue

This Meeting Place Is Wheelchair Accessible

Call To Order: 7:10 PM

Roll Call: Chair Goudey, Members Mackie, Milliken, Miner, O'Connor, Spitalnik, Solari, Weinstein

Absent: Hargrove, Pavel, Vice-Chair Schaadt

Also Present: Maria Sanders, Staff Liaison

- 1. Council/ Staff Liaisons Announcements and Reports – None.**
- 2. Comments from the public on non-agenda items –** Cordell Hindler passed around an announcement for the latest play at the Contra Costa Civic Theater. Justin Marques introduced himself. He is a new Civic Spark Fellow working on climate issues for the City of El Cerrito through a fellowship with the Local Government Commission.
- 3. Approval of the Minutes –** Motion to approve the minutes from September 13, 2016. (Weinstein/ O'Connor/ Unanimous). Sanders reported that she was unable to complete the minutes for October 10, 2016, so this item was deferred until next month.
- 4. EQC Member Appointment Process –** Goudey announced that O'Connor's appointment to the EQC was approved by City Council and welcomed O'Connor as a new member.
- 5. PG&E Integrated Vegetation Management (IVM) Project on Moeser Lane –** Peter Beesley, Kris Klerk and Bob Branton from PG&E's IVM Program, gave an update on the IVM project on their Moeser Lane properties to remove invasive species and promote the growth of native grasses and other plants compatible with the safety and fire requirements below high voltage power line. Mr. Klerk gave a presentation on the results of their work. This work consists of targeted low-dose herbicide applications to invasive plants in test plots on the property. They will be continuing the work again in February and will be notifying residents near the property. Resident Tom Gehlig mentioned that he has noticed the native plant stands on the property are expanding. Mr. Beesley also gave an update on the acceptance of the project into the Wildlife Habitat Council's certification program. As part of the program, he is interested in working with the EQC and other citizen groups to promote more work parties and a citizen science program on the property. Weinstein volunteered to be a liaison with PG&E and Trail Trekkers to help plan events. Motion to work with PG&E and Trail Trekkers to help plan a Green Team event on the PG&E Moeser properties for a date to be determined (Weinstein/Solari/ Unanimous).

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6. **Climate Action Plan Implementation** – Milliken provided an update and a handout for a new logo design (contained in EQC binder) for Go Deep Green outreach during the City’s Centennial year with Marin Clean Energy (MCE). The logo would promoting celebrating the 100th anniversary with 100% renewable energy. Milliken will take the logo and project idea to the City’s Centennial Committee to see if they can help market it as part of the Centennial activities. Motion to adopt the logo and to recommend to the Centennial Committee to review and integrate the logo in their outreach. (Goudey, Spitalnik, Unanimous). Goudey also requested an evaluation of the impact of the City going Deep Green. Goudey also provided information on MCE’s new Smart Charge pilot program.
7. **EQC Work Plan 2017** – Goudey passed out a draft 2017 EQC Work Plan (contained in EQC binder), asking members to review the proposed activities and provide input on what they would want the year’s priorities to be.
8. **EQC Budget and Calendar of Events**
 - Green Teams – Weinstein reported no new activities for the upcoming Green Team events:
 - Del Norte Area Clean Up – January 14
 - Motorcycle Hill Work Party – February 25
 - Solar Workshop - Milliken reported that the event was well attended..
9. **Announcements and future agenda items** – None.

Consideration of Upcoming Agenda Items

- 1 Update EQC Work Plan – Nov-Jan.
- 2 USDA presentation on IVM and the Cape Ivy predator fly – Jan or Feb
- 3 Presentations from other environmental stakeholders in the City – TBD
- 4 Rat Poison and AB 708 Consumer Products Content Information- TBD
- 5 Drones in Hillside Natural Area - TBD
- 6 Invite John Gioia – TBD
- 7 Tool Lending Library - TBD

10. Adjournment – 9:15

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