



AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, July 8, 2014, 7:00 p.m.

El Cerrito City Hall – Council Chambers

10890 San Pablo Avenue

This Meeting Place Is Wheelchair Accessible

Roll Call: Chair Miner, Vice-Chair Goudey, Members Benjamin, Doan, Krueger, Pavel, Schaadt, Solari, Spitalnik, Weinstein, and Wildenberg

1. Council/ Staff Liaisons Announcements and Reports 7:00

Staff and/or Council Member Bridges may report on matters of general interest to the EQC, Council policies, priorities and significant actions taken by the City Council.

2. Comments from the public on non-agenda items – 7:05

Speakers are limited to 3 minutes for comment on non-agenda items. Comments regarding items on the agenda may be brought during discussion of those items and are subject to the same limits.

3. Approval of the Minutes – 7:10

Consider a motion adopting the minutes of the Committee meetings on [June 10, 2014](#).

4. Pollinator Safe Communities – 7:20

Hear a presentation from Sara Knight of Pesticide Action Network on the importance of bees for our food supply, the plight and causes of their population decline and what we can do individually and collectively to protect them. Consider possible action items related to pollinator safe communities.

5. Community Choice Aggregation – 8:00

Hear an update from staff on Community Choice Aggregation (CCA).

6. Plastic Bag and Foam Take Out Container Bans – 8:10

Receive an update from staff on the status of the Plastic Bag and Foam Take-Out Container Bans and consider possible action items regarding implementation of said bans.

7. Eco Film Series: Updates and Action Items – 8:20

Hear updates and consider possible action items regarding planning, logistics, and appropriations for upcoming film showings.

8. Hillside Natural Area Open Space Fundraising – 8:40

Hear updates and consider action items regarding planning, logistics and other strategies to help raise funds for City purchase of the Madera Circle property.

9. Green Teams: Updates and Action Items – 8:50

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Hear updates and consider action items regarding planning and logistics for future Green Team events. Consider motions sponsoring specific events and dates.

10. Announcements and future agenda items – 9:00

Hear committee member announcements and suggestions for future EQC agenda items. Potentially engage in discussion and make decisions regarding logistics of EQC participation in the following.

Consideration of Upcoming Agenda Items

- Status update on Animals Ordinance – August
- Revisit and Refine EQC Work Plan – September
- Set a date for next Hillside Natural Area Festival
- Grey Water

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

- Green Team Clean-Up of Del Norte Area - Sunday, July 13
- French Broom Pull – Saturday, July 19
- Draft San Pablo Avenue Specific Plan – Comments due July 21

11. Adjournment – 9:10

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