



MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, August 12, 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 7:10 pm.

Roll Call:

Chair Miner, Vice Chair Goudey, Members Doan, Krueger, Schaadt, Spitalnik, Weinstein, Wildenberg

Absent: Benjamin, Pavel, Solari,

Also Present: Council Liaison, Maria Sanders, Environmental Analyst and Staff Liaison

1. **Council/ Staff Liaison Report** – Sanders announced that she will be not be present for the September meeting, as she will be taking vacation time to be part of an environmental delegation to Kazakhstan.
2. **Comments from the public on non-agenda items** – None.
3. **Approval of the Minutes** – Motion to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting from July 8, 2014. (Doan, Weinstein, Unanimous)
4. **Status Update on Animal Ordinance** – Item postponed until later date due to presenter being ill.
5. **Community Choice Aggregation** - Miner updated the Committee on the status of AB 2145.
6. **Green Teams: Update and Action Items** – Schaadt reported that approximately 1 dozen volunteers helped clean up the Del Norte area during the Sunday, July 13 event. Weinstein and Schaadt voiced a desire to work with BART and Safeway to keep the Greenway in the area clean. Weinstein reported that Green Teams would be planning the following events: Coastal Clean Up in September; Volunteer Recognition event in October; a to-be-determined clean up in November; nothing in December. Motion to co-host a Coastal Clean Up event with Friends of Five Creeks at Cerrito Creek on September 20th. (Weinstein, Goudey, Unanimous). Motion to hold a Volunteer Recognition event at the Recycling Center and to purchase a plaque to honor an exceptional volunteer, date in October to be determined. (Weinstein, Schaadt, Unanimous).
7. **Eco Film Series: Updates and Action Items** – Goudey reported that there is nothing planned for the near future. Spitalnik volunteered to help Goudey and Pavel on film series.
8. **Hillside Natural Area Open Space Fundraising** – Weinstein reported that the Campaign has raised approximately \$50,000 towards the purchase of the Madera Open Space. The Hillside Natural Area Festival raised approximately \$3500. A TPL fund raising expert suggested holding house parties. He discussed logistics regarding the *Music for Madera* event to be held on October 12 at the Community Center. Motion for the EQC to authorize spending up to \$500 for staff, food, and other facility charges for Music for Madera. (Weinstein, Doan, Unanimous).
9. **Announcements and future agenda items** – The following items were discussed:

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Per a request from Sanders, motion to hold a Special Joint Study Session on the Urban Greening Plan with the Parks and Recreation Commission on October 22. (Schaadt, Weinstein, Unanimous)

Consideration of Upcoming Agenda Items

- 1 State of the Oceans presentation by Natasha Benjamin - September
- 2 Revisit and Refine EQC Work Plan and Budget – September
- 3 Measure R Extension - September
- 4 Pollinator Pathways and Healthy Gardening workshop – October
- 5 Special October Meeting: Joint study session with Parks & Rec Commission on the Urban Greening Plan – October 22**
- 6 Presentation to kick-off public comment period for the Active Transportation Plan - November
- 7 Set a date for next Hillside Natural Area Festival
- 8 Grey Water
- 9 Volunteer Recognition Event
- 10 EQC Lecture Series
- 11 Trash mitigation strategies

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- Housing Element Update Workshop – August 13
- Coastal Clean-Up Day – September 20
- Music for Madera – October 12
- East Bay Regional Park Department 80 Year Celebration
- Trail Trekkers' Hike: Lost Trails

10. **Adjournment** – Miner adjourned the meeting at 8:12 PM.

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