



MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, September 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 7:10 pm.

Roll Call:

Chair Miner, Vice Chair Goudey, Members Benjamin, Krueger, Schaadt, Solari, Spitalnik, Weinstein, Wildenberg

Absent: Doan, Pavel,

Also Present: Council Liaison Jan Bridges, Garth Schultz, OESD Manager and Staff Liaison

1. **Council/ Staff Liaison Report** – Councilmember Bridges reported on recent Council activities, including the placement of Measure R on the November Ballot.
2. **Comments from the public on non-agenda items** – Sean O'Connor noted that there are several areas of the City where trash and litter are prevalent. He also suggested that the City consider adopting citations for residents and businesses that don't recycle or compost properly.
3. **Approval of the Minutes** – Tabled to October meeting as they were not available for approval.
4. **California's Ocean Wilderness: An EQC Special Presentation** – Natasha Benjamin made an informational presentation to the Committee regarding the health of oceans and the activities of the non-profit research group MARE. Committee members asked a few brief questions to which Ms. Benjamin responded.
5. **Presentation on Measure R** – Sit-in Staff Liaison Schultz made a public information presentation to the Committee regarding Measure R, and answered questions.
6. **EQC Workplan and Budget** – Miner led a Committee discussion to refine and update the Committee's goals, objectives, and work plan. After discussion, he proposed that he incorporate comments and bring a refined Work Plan document back to the Committee for consideration during the October meeting.
7. **Hillside Natural Area Open Space Fundraising** – Weinstein gave an update to the Committee on the status of fundraising, noting a total of \$55K raised to date.
8. **Green Teams: Update and Action Items** – Weinstein announced two events: Cerrito Creek Spruce-up on 9/20 and Volunteer Appreciation even on 10/16.
9. **Eco Film Series: Updates and Action Items** – Spitalnik noted that she is set to meet with Green Planet Films and will provide an update to the Committee at a subsequent meeting.
10. **Announcements and future agenda items** – The following items were discussed:

Consideration of Upcoming Agenda Items

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

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- Coastal Clean-Up Day – September 20
- Music for Madera – October 12
- Volunteer Recognition – October 16

11. **Adjournment** – Miner adjourned the meeting at 9:00 PM.

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