



# MINUTES

## REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, **November 10, 2015**, 7:00 p.m.

El Cerrito City Hall – 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, Miner, Solari, Spitalnik, Weinstein

**Absent:** Members Mackie, Pavel

**Also Present:** Maria Sanders, Staff Liaison

1. **Council/ Staff Liaisons Announcements and Reports** - Sanders announced that the Environmental Services Division is putting together their winter garbage bill insert so she'd like to include as many EQC events as possible on the Events calendar included in the insert. The deadline for this is around Dec 7.
2. **Comments from the public on non-agenda items** – None.
3. **Approval of the Minutes** – Motion to adopt the minutes of the Committee meeting on October 13, 2015. (Miner/ Schaadt/ Ayes 7/Weinstein abstains).
4. **Moeser Lane PG&E Right-of-Way Stewardship Project** – Peter Beasley and Kristopher Klerk from PG&E's Integrated Vegetation Management (IVM) Department provided a presentation (contained in EQC binder) on the role and approach of their department in managing vegetation under electrical transmission lines. They described current partnerships in other communities and with non-profits to promote the development of compatible, native, and pollinator-friendly habitats under transmission lines. They discussed how these partnerships and IVM principles can be used on their ROW along Moeser Lane. They will begin removing some decadent and woody vegetation and doing some herbicide test plots during this winter, with an eye for sponsoring an Earth Day work party there. EQC members expressed their interest in working with PG&E and helping to support these stewardship efforts.
5. **EQC Budget and Calendar of Events**
  - Green Team Coordination with Crime Prevention Committee (CPC) - Schaadt announced the event will take place on November 14 and that the event flyer is currently circulating. He also reported that the T-shirts were printed and will be ready for the event.
  - Workshops: Residential Rooftop Solar - Milliken discussed logistics for the rooftop Solar workshop to be held on December 10. Miner mentioned that many of the solar incentives and favorable Net-

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Energy-Metering rates will be expiring soon, so doing solar now is an important message to get out to people.

- We Love Our Volunteers Event – No activities reported as this event is currently on hold.
  - Eco-Film Showings – Milliken is interested in the EQC potentially showing “This Changes Everything,” a documentary based on Naomi Kline’s book. Goudey and Milliken will investigate potential showing times.
  - Drought Awareness – No activities were reported.
6. **EQC Work Plan 2016** – Goudey shared a revised version of the 2016 Work Plan developed by the ad-hoc subcommittee of Miner/Solari/Goudey. He indicated that he would like to try to adopt the plan at the December meeting. Members asked to prioritize discussing the work plan at the next meeting.
7. **Announcements and future agenda items** – None.

Consideration of Upcoming Agenda Items

- 1 Grey Water Education – TBD
- 2 Train the Trainers/ Sustainable Living – TBD
- 3 Presentations from other environmental stakeholders in the City - TBD

8. **Adjournment** – 9:12

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