



MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, **December 8, 2015**, 7:00 p.m.
El Cerrito City Hall – Council Chambers

10890 San Pablo Avenue

This Meeting Place Is Wheelchair Accessible

Call To Order: 7:08 PM

Roll Call: Chair Goudey, Vice-Chair Schaadt, Members Hargrove, Mackie, Milliken, Miner, Pavel, Solari, Spitalnik, Weinstein

Absent: Members

Also Present: Maria Sanders, Staff Liaison

- Council/ Staff Liaisons Announcements and Reports** - Sanders announced that the Active Transportation Plan will be going back to Council in early 2016, most likely in February. Materials from the Ohlone Greenway ASP meeting held on 11/10 is now posted on the Public Works projects website. The Urban Greening Plan will be going to Council for approval on December 15. Miner circulated an email regarding PG&E's hike in the PCIA exit fees charged to CCA customers (email contained in EQC binder).
- Comments from the public on non-agenda items** – Andrew Platt from Hassler Heating, an El Cerrito business, introduced himself to let people know about the Energy Upgrade services his company provides in El Cerrito.
- Approval of the Minutes** – Motion to adopt the minutes of the Committee meeting on November 10, 2015.
- EQC Work Plan 2016** – Goudey discussed the latest revisions to the Draft 2016 EQC Work Plan. Members discussed the need to prioritize the long list of projects. Miner suggested keeping the longer list and prioritizing it by assigning leads to each project. The projects that have members moving that project forward will by default prioritize the list. Motion to approve the 2016 EQC Work Plan, with changes as discussed. (Miner, Spitalnik, Unanimous) Members volunteered to take action on various projects (list contained in Approved Work Plan (to be circulated at January's meeting).
- EQC Budget and Calendar of Events**
 - Establish a date to present work plan to City Council – Depending on City Council schedule, one of the February meetings would work.
 - Establish Green Team, Hillside Festival Dates – Motion to hold the next Green Team Clean-up on January 31, 2016 at a place to be determined. (Weinstein/ Schaadt/Unanimous). Motion to hold the next Hillside Festival on May 15, 2016. (Goudey/Miner/Unanimous).

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- Workshops: Residential Rooftop Solar - Milliken discussed logistics for the rooftop Solar workshop to be held on December 10.
 - Cool California Outreach – Bill Britton from Connexion to Communities introduced himself and discussed how his non-profit organization, in coordination with Marin Clean Energy, will help provide outreach in El Cerrito on the Cool California Challenge. Cities with the most citizen sign-ups and activity on MCE’s My Energy Cool California web tool will win money from the state to devote to a sustainability project. Milliken will liaise with Mr. Britton on behalf of the EQC.
 - Eco-Film Showings – Goudey and Milliken discuss logistics in showing “This Changes Everything,” at the Cerrito Theater. Milliken, Goudey, and Pavel volunteered to plan the event.
 - We Love Our Volunteers Event – No activities were reported.
 - Drought Awareness – No activities were reported.
6. **Announcements and future agenda items** – Pavel announced that Breakthrough Communities will be holding a Resiliency Forum and also presented her book Random Kindness and Senseless Acts of Beauty.

Consideration of Upcoming Agenda Items

- 1 Grey Water Education – TBD
- 2 Presentations from other environmental stakeholders in the City - TBD

7. **Adjournment – 9:15**

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