



MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, **April 12, 2016, 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, Solari, Weinstein

Absent: Pavel, Spitalnik

Also Present: Maria Sanders, Staff Liaison

1. **Council/ Staff Liaisons Announcements and Reports** – Sanders announced that throughout the months of April and May PG&E will be doing an LED streetlights retrofit of all streetlights in El Cerrito currently owned by them. Council will hear a presentation from PG&E on the project at its April 19th meeting.
2. **Comments from the public on non-agenda items** – Resident Nick Arzio announced that he would be leading a cigarette butt clean-up on San Pablo Avenue for Earth Day and asked for volunteers. Sean O'Connor expressed a desire to volunteer on that event, as well as getting a work party going on Potrero Avenue.
3. **Approval of the Minutes** – Motion to adopt the minutes of the Committee meeting on March 8, 2016 (Weinstein /Schaadt/Unanimous).
4. **EQC Member Appointment Process** – Sanders reported that Robert Foster submitted his application to become a member of the EQC. The next step is for the EQC to form an ad-hoc interview committee to interview Mr. Foster and make a recommendation to the EQC. Solari, Milliken, and Schaadt volunteered to be on the interview committee.
5. **EQC Budget and Calendar of Events**
 - Cool California Challenge – Sanders reported that El Cerrito came in 11th of 22 in the Challenge and might receive approximately \$2500 in prize money due to the number of points racked up by participants in El Cerrito. This money should be spent on a sustainability project in the City, and Sanders asked for potential ideas. EQC members asked for more time to consider the options and to discuss this during the May meeting.
 - Earth Day EQC Work Parties – El Cerrito's Earth Day will be held on Saturday April 16. Goudy will be the EQC lead on the work party sponsored by PG&E to remove invasive weeds on their Moeser Lane right of way. Sanders reminded EQC members that they were interested in doing an Earth Day weed pull on the Ohlone Greenway. No one volunteered and the event was deferred to be

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considered as an upcoming Green Team event. Schaadt and Weinstein volunteered to table at the volunteer appreciation lunch.

- Hillside Festival – Weinstein provided an update on planning for this event, which is designed to get people to explore the Hillside Natural Area. He circulated an updated budget (contained in EQC binder) for the event and discussed individual cost items. Motion to disburse \$200 of the current allocation of \$1500 directly to Trail Trekkers to cover incidental expenses. (Weinstein /Schaadt/Unanimous).
- Grey Water Education – Solari and Mackie circulated a brainstorm list, contained in EQC binder, of ideas to promote water conservation and grey water systems in El Cerrito. Members discussed an educational brochure and workshop. Schaadt referred members to a Contra Costa water agency for good samples of conservation and grey water brochures. Solari and Mackie will come back with a more refined list of ideas in May. Miner floated the idea that the City's Building Official could come to provide a presentation on how the Building Department handles various green building permits such as grey water and solar. Sanders will look into inviting the Building Official to an upcoming meeting.
- We Love Our Volunteers Event – No activities were reported.

6. **Elections of Chair and Vice-Chair** – Milliken nominated Goudey to remain as Chair. Motion to reappoint Goudey as Chair (Milliken/ Hargrove/ Unanimous). Mackie nominated Schaadt to remain as Vice-Chair. Motion to reappoint Schaadt as Vice-Chair (Mackie/ Miner/ Unanimous).

7. **Announcements and future agenda items –**

Consideration of Upcoming Agenda Items

- 1 EPP – Mackie - May?
- 2 Grey Water Education – May
- 3 Plastic Bag Ban Initiative – Miner – May
- 4 Trends in Solid Waste Management – August or Sept
- 5 Climate Action – Standing Item?
- 6 Presentations from other environmental stakeholders in the City – TBD
- 7 Rat Poison and AB 708 Consumer Products Content Information- TBD
- 8 Drones in Hillside Natural Area – TBD
- 9 Conversation with Supervisor John Gioia – TBD
- 10 Drive Electric Workshop

8. **Adjournment – 9:00**

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