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## AGENDA

### REGULAR MEETING OF THE Environmental Quality Committee

Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

City Council Chambers  
10890 San Pablo Avenue

**This Meeting Place is Wheelchair Accessible**

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#### 7:00 p.m. CONVENE REGULAR MEETING

1. **ROLL CALL** – Chair Rebecca Milliken; Vice-Chair Neil Tsutsui; Members Howdy Goudey, Daniel Hamilton, Mark Miner, Elizabeth (Beth) Molnar, Alison Moreno, Sean O'Connor, Paloma Pavel, Jeff Sobul, Renee Solari, Ellen Spitalnik, Sheila Tarbet, Gisele Verrier, and Dave Weinstein
2. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC** *(Estimated time: 5 minutes)*  
*Remarks are typically limited to three minutes per person and may be on anything within the subject matter jurisdiction of the body. Remarks on non-agenda items will be heard first, remarks on agenda items will be heard at the time the item is discussed.*
3. **COUNCIL/STAFF LIAISONS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS** *(5 min.)*  
Staff and/or Councilmember Janet Abelson may report Council policies, priorities and significant actions taken by the City Council, and/or on matters of general interest to the EQC.
4. **PRESENTATION ON COYOTES** *(45 min.)*  
Participate in a discussion following a presentation titled “Coyote Citizens: Who they are, and how to get along”. Janet Kessler, a naturalist, will cover a handful of coyote characteristics and will dive deeper into family interactions to give the audience a handle on who these critters really are and address general concerns, including safety concerns for people and pets.
5. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** *(5 min.)*  
Consider a motion adopting the minutes of the EQC meeting on Dec. 10, 2019.
6. **TOOL/TOY LENDING LIBRARY** *(10 min.)*  
Participate in discussion and consider possible action items regarding the development of a tool, toy, or other lending library in the City of El Cerrito.
7. **COLLABORATION WITH YOUNG PEOPLE IN EL CERRITO** *(10 min.)*  
Participate in discussion and consider possible action items regarding the development of a program to engage young people on environmental issues.
8. **EQC BUDGET AND CALENDAR OF EVENTS** *(20 min.)*  
Hear updates, participate in discussion, and consider possible action items regarding planning, logistics, and expenditures for the EQC calendar of events, including:

- Educational Events, Films, and Workshops
  - Green Team Cleanups:
    - Jan. 18, Mar. 8, Apr. 18, Jun. 6, Aug. 16, Oct. 23
  - Electric Vehicle 101 Workshop – January 29 at 6:30pm
    - Register at <http://elcerritoev101.eventbrite.com>
  - BayRen Energy Efficiency Workshop (March 31, 6pm-8pm)
  - Earth Day 2020 – 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (April 18)
  - 7th Annual Hillside Festival – May 1 – 3
  - 4<sup>th</sup> of July
  - Film Event 2020
  - SunShares 2019 Debrief / SunShares 2020 (Aug – Nov)
- Elections (April)

**9. CLIMATE ACTION PLAN IMPLEMENTATION (5 min.)**

Hear updates, participate in discussion and consider possible action items regarding implementation of the Climate Action Plan.

- MCE Deep Green Initiative - “20K by 2020”
- MCE Clean Energy & California Public Utilities Commission Updates
- Implementation and Financing Options

**10. COLLABORATION WITH THE URBAN FOREST COMMITTEE (5 min.)**

Hear updates, participate in discussion and consider possible action items regarding collaborating with the City’s Urban Forest Committee.

**11. PLASTIC POLLUTION PREVENTION IMPLEMENTATION**

*(5 min.)* Hear updates, participate in discussion, and consider possible action items regarding implementation of the EQC’s Plastic Pollution Prevention efforts.

- Update on Development of Expanded Foodware Ordinance

**12. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (5 min.)**

Hear committee member announcements and suggestions for future EQC agenda items. Potentially engage in discussion and make decisions regarding logistics of EQC consideration of items including:

- Urban Greening Plan Implementation
- City Purchased Vehicles
- Climate Adaptation, Severe Weather Events, and Emergency Preparedness
- Wildfire Preparedness and Potential Efforts around Smoke/Air Pollution
- Community Member Suggestions (e.g. Meatless Green Mondays, Leaf Blowers)
- Real Property Transfer Tax Rebates for Energy Efficiency – Education
- PG&E Emergency Power Shutoffs
- EQC Skills/Resource List

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

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