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**City and County of San Francisco
Commission on the Environment
Policy Committee***

MEETING MINUTES DRAFT

**Monday, June 13, 2022, at 5:00 PM
Remote meeting via web conference**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Commissioners Mike Sullivan (Chair), Elmy Bermejo, and Johanna Wald.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Public comment will be taken before the Committee takes action on any item.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call.

The meeting of the Commission on the Environment Policy Committee was convened at 5:09 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Mike Sullivan, Elmy Bermejo, and Johanna Wald.

2. Review and vote on whether to approve Resolution File 2022-03-COE-PC, Resolution Making Findings to Allow Teleconferenced Meetings Under California Government Code Section 54953(e).

Speaker: Kyle Wehner, Commission Affairs Officer (Explanatory Document: Resolution File 2022-03-COE-PC) (Discussion and Action)

There was no public comment.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Bermejo and a second by Commissioner Wald, the resolution was approved without objection. (Ayes: Commissioners Sullivan, Bermejo, and Wald; Noes: None; Absent: None)

3. Approval of minutes of the April 11, 2022, Commission on the Environment Policy Committee meeting. (Explanatory Document: April 11, 2022, Draft Minutes) (Discussion and Action)

Public Comment: David Pilpel expressed concerns related to the form of the draft minutes.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Wald and a second by Commissioner Bermejo, the draft minutes were approved without objection. (Ayes: Commissioners Sullivan, Bermejo, and Wald; Noes: None; Absent: None)

4. General Public Comment. Members of the public may address the Committee on matters that are within the Committee's jurisdiction and are not on today's agenda.

There was no public comment.

5. **Presentation on Edible Food Recovery Policy and Programs.** Sponsor: Tyrone Jue, Acting Director (Discussion)

Acting Director Jue described legislation concerning edible food recovery and thanked Supervisor Walton, Legislative Aide Natalie Gee, Deputy City Attorney Sarah Crowley, and Department of the Environment staff for their leadership on this issue.

- a. **Presentation on SB 1383, Edible Food Recovery, and Requirements for Edible Food Recovery and Organic Waste Collection Ordinance.** Speaker: Kelly Gaherty, Commercial Zero Waste Assistant Coordinator (Explanatory Documents: Ordinance 220607, Environment, Health Codes – Requirements for Edible Food Recovery and Organic Waste Collection; Legislative Digest, Ordinance 220607, Environment, Health Codes – Requirements for Edible Food Recovery and Organic Waste Collection)

Kelly Gaherty presented on SB 1383, its requirements for edible food recovery, and the Department of the Environment's implementation efforts.

Commissioner Wald asked about the number of local food-generating institutions that are not covered under this ordinance. Kelly said she was not aware of the number of entities that are not covered but noted that the Department continues to collect data from participating institutions. Commissioner Wald asked about the funding sources that support edible food recovery. Kelly discussed the funding sources and volunteer efforts that help support this program. Commissioner Wald asked about the program's quantitative goals. Kelly said the Department hopes to see 7-8 million additional pounds of food collected from Tier 1 generators.

Commissioner Bermejo asked how the Commission can support this effort. Kelly said commissioners can circulate relevant information featured on the Department website, including a list of food recovery resources, which is available in multiple languages.

Commissioner Sullivan asked about challenges staff expect to encounter when implementing these requirements. Kelly identified transportation and storage as primary challenges.

- b. **Presentation on Kitchen Zero SF.** Speaker: Alexa Kielty, Senior Zero Waste Coordinator

Alexa Kielty presented on the impact of Kitchen Zero SF and the Department's work to implement the requirements of SB 1383.

Commissioners Wald and Bermejo commended Department staff on the amount of food that has been recovered to date.

Commissioner Sullivan asked about the barriers Department staff have faced during implementation. Alexa described the need for additional temporary staging and storage areas. Commissioner Sullivan described the role technology can play in distributing recovered food items.

Public Comment: David Pilpel commended Department staff on their efforts to implement this program. David raised questions related to biosolids management, State requirements mandating separation of food waste, and donor liability.

6. **Director's Update.** Speaker: Tyrone Jue, Acting Director (Discussion)

Acting Director Jue provided an update on the budget and discussed items pending before the Board of Supervisors.

Public Comment: David Pilpel reported that a vote on legislation concerning electric vehicle charging stations was postponed for a period of four weeks.

7. **New Business/Future Agenda Items.** Speaker: Charles Sheehan, Chief Policy and Public Affairs Officer (Discussion)

Charles Sheehan discussed upcoming meetings and potential future topics.

There was no public comment.

8. **Adjournment.**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

The next meeting of the Commission on the Environment Policy Committee is scheduled for Monday July 11, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.

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