

CITY COUNCIL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING  
Hayward City Hall – Conference Room 2A  
777 B Street, Hayward, CA 94541-5007

November 13, 2017  
4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

**MEETING MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Chair Mendall.

**ROLL CALL:**

**Members**

- Al Mendall, City Council Member/CSC Chair
- Elisa Márquez, City Council Member
- Francisco Zermeño, City Council Member

Staff:

- Maria A. Hurtado, Assistant City Manager
- Alex Ameri, Director of Utilities & Environmental Services
- Jan Lee, Water Resources Manager
- Erik Pearson, Environmental Services Manager
- Corinne Ferreyra, Senior Management Analyst
- Ciaran Gallagher, CivicSpark AmeriCorps Fellow
- Linda Grand, CivicSpark AmeriCorps Fellow
- Carol Lee, Administrative Secretary (Recorder)

Others:

- Jillian Buckholz, Director of Sustainability, California State University East Bay (CSUEB)
- Tom Kelly, Kyoto USA

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Tom Kelly urged the Committee to consider designating 100% renewable energy as the default option for Hayward for East Bay Community Energy.

**1. Approval of Minutes of Council Sustainability Meeting on September 11, 2017.**

It was moved by Council Member Zermeño, seconded by Council Member Márquez, and carried unanimously, to approve the minutes of the Council Sustainability Committee meeting of September 11, 2017.

**2. Water Loss Audit – Senate Bill 555 Compliance**

Senior Management Analyst Corinne Ferreyra provided an overview of Senate Bill 555 related to the water loss audit and reported the City's fulfillment of all requirements.

The Committee and staff discussed the different types of water loss, the frequency of reporting required by the new legislation, and the City's historically small percentage of unaccounted water. Discussions regarding the Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) project ensued. Staff addressed the Committee's concerns regarding customer feedback, noting that water consumption has increased city-wide, and provided several potential contributing factors.

Chair Mendall expressed concern over the fiscal impacts of water loss, and expressed his hope that the AMI project will reduce the amount of such unaccounted for water and minimize water loss due to leaks and breaks.

### **3. Recycled Water Supply Options**

Director Ameri provided a brief overview of the report and introduced Water Resources Manager Jan Lee, who presented the item.

Discussion ensued regarding both near-term options for recycled water supply, including the ongoing discussions with Russell City Energy Center (RCEC), the purchase price of treated water potentially provided by RCEC, the location of the proposed City facility, and the permitting requirements for both options.

It was moved by Council Member Zermeño, seconded by Council Member Márquez, and carried unanimously, for staff to ask City Council to consider authorizing a professional services contract for the final design of a City-owned recycled water treatment facility at a subsequent meeting, and in parallel continue to work with RCEC to finalize a water supply agreement.

### **4. Construction, Repair, Reconstruction, Destruction or Abandonment of Wells: Introduction of Ordinance Updating Section 5-4.10 of the Hayward Municipal Code**

Water Resources Manager Jan Lee presented the report.

The Committee and staff discussed the number of wells within the City limits, the types of wells used in Hayward, and Council's authority to act on any amendments by the Board of Supervisors of Alameda County.

Director Ameri confirmed that Council has the discretion to amend, rescind, or reject any amendments made by the Board of Supervisors of Alameda County.

It was moved by Council Member Zermeño, seconded by Council Member Márquez, and carried unanimously, to have staff move forward with asking the City Council to consider adoption of the revised ordinance at a future meeting.

## **5. East Bay Community Energy – Possible Purchase of Local Renewable Energy for City Facilities**

Environmental Services Manager Erik Pearson provided a brief overview of the report and sought the Committee's direction regarding Hayward's participation in the premium rate program for East Bay Community Energy.

The Committee was in favor of the proposal. Council Member Márquez expressed her desire for the City to set the example for other cities and special districts.

Council Member Zermeño felt that the proposal was mutually beneficial for the City and EBCE.

It was moved by Council Member Márquez, seconded by Council Member Zermeño, and carried unanimously, for staff to obtain more detailed cost information from EBCE and then present EBCE's proposal to City Council.

## **6. Proposed CSC 2017 Agenda Planning Calendar**

Environmental Services Manager Erik Pearson introduced the item and provided an overview of the suggested agenda topics.

The Committee and staff discussed future items, including lead testing in schools, Advanced Meter Infrastructure customer portal, "car-less" Sundays, a vehicle idle ban, long-term water conservation, and addressing concerns regarding plastic waste generated from single-use straws and utensils.

Jillian Buckholz cautioned the Committee against completely banning straws, noting that straws may be considered a public accommodation according to the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Staff affirmed her input and stated that they will look into a "straws on demand" policy, similar to one recently passed by the City of Alameda. Staff also noted that the issue is already scheduled for the Committee's review at its March 2018 meeting.

## **COMMITTEE MEMBER/STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REFERRALS:**

Director Ameri provided a brief update regarding lead testing in the Hayward Unified School District and recent legislation regarding potable reuse by Assemblymember Quirk. Director Ameri also shared that he recently accompanied the Mayor to a visit to Primus Power, a Hayward-based provider of long-duration energy storage systems. He

noted that Primus energy storage systems could potentially replace diesel back-up generators with 100% renewable energy.

ADJOURNMENT: 5:59 p.m.

Attendance	Present 11/13/17 Meeting	MEETINGS		
		Present to Date This Fiscal Year	Excused to Date This Fiscal Year	Absent to Date This Fiscal Year
Elisa Márquez	✓	3	0	0
Al Mendall*	✓	3	0	0
Francisco Zermeño	✓	3	0	0

✓ = Present    0 = absent    X = excused

\* Chair