

CITY COUNCIL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING  
Hayward City Hall – Conference Room 1C  
777 B Street, Hayward, CA 94541-5007

May 8, 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 Al Mendall.

**ROLL CALL:**

**Members**

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

Staff:

- Alex Ameri, Director of Utilities & Environmental Services
- Jan Lee, Water Resources Manager
- Erik Pearson, Environmental Services Manager
- Alicia Sargiotto, Management Analyst
- Mary Thomas, Management Analyst
- Jennifer Yee, Sustainability Technician
- Tori Johnson, Senior Secretary (Recorder)

Others:

- Jillian Buckholz, Director of Sustainability, CSUEB
- Ernest Pacheco, Hayward Resident

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**1. Approval of Minutes of Council Sustainability Meeting on March 13, 2017.**

The Committee approved the minutes of the Council Sustainability Committee meeting of March 13, 2017.

**2. Update on Water Supply Availability and Water Conservation**

Director Ameri introduced the report, noting that staff seeks two recommendations from the Committee to take necessary actions to the City Council for consideration. Water Resources Manager Jan Lee, presented the report. Ms. Lee highlighted the key

provisions of the State's Long-term Conservation Framework and recommended to the Committee two water shortage actions for consideration.

Council Member Zermeño suggested adding language to encourage customers to refrain from buying bottled water and encourage the use of reusable water bottles as part of the City's water efficiency measures.

Council Member Márquez agreed, and further suggested creating a policy which would make the use of reusable water bottles at City events a requirement as a means to reduce the use of bottled water. Ms. Márquez requested that staff address the recreational use of water in the Nonessential Water Use Ordinance, as kids enjoy such play during the summer months. She emphasized that the limitations should still allow kids to have fun, but will also reduce water waste.

Director Ameri confirmed that the City does have a policy to restrict the use of bottled water at City events, but acknowledged that enforcement is difficult due to the convenience of bottled water.

Council Member Márquez suggested that, if the changes to the Ordinance are adopted, staff publicize the new provisions via bill inserts, social media, YouTube, the large electronic message board on highway 92, and other outlets to inform Hayward Residents and water customers of the changes and need to continue to conserve water.

Council Member Mendall asked staff to include the table found in the PowerPoint presentation, summarizing the recommended changes to the City Ordinance, in the staff report that is brought to City Council.

It was moved by Council Member Zermeño, seconded by Council Member Márquez, and carried unanimously, to recommend to Council adoption of a resolution to rescind the Stage I Water Shortage Declaration and to amend the Nonessential Water Use Prohibition Ordinance.

### **3. East Bay Community Energy**

Environmental Services Manager, Erik Pearson presented the report. He stated that on May 2, 2017, the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors voted 4:1 to join MCE, noting that there were already five cities within the County that were already in MCE. Mr. Pearson noted that a key reason cited was that the jurisdictions in Contra Costa County joining MCE would have a significant share of the votes compared to the share they would have in East Bay Community Energy (EBCE).

Chair Mendall commented that although Contra Costa County decided not to join, EBCE is already large enough to be viable, and noted that currently EBCE is the largest Community Choice Energy (CCE) Program in California.

Council Member Márquez suggested that the City's Economic Development team reach out to EBCE, in response to their need to secure a permanent office space.

Discussion ensued among Committee members and City staff regarding financing, the difference between a General Law City and Charter City, changes to the timeline of customer roll-out, PG&E's involvement and collaboration, and residential customers who have already have solar installed.

The Committee accepted the report.

#### **4. Update on the Recycled Water Storage and Distribution Project**

Water Resources Manager Jan Lee provided a brief overview and discussed a few key elements of the project.

Committee members and City staff discussed the efforts between the City and Russel City Energy Center, LLC (RCEC) to develop a recycled water supply agreement whereby RCEC would supply tertiary-treated recycled water to the City. The Committee also discussed, an alternate option should an agreement not be reached with RCEC.

Jillian Buckholz, Director of Sustainability, CSUEB asked staff why CSUEB isn't being considered as a recycled water customer. Staff responded that the distance from the Water Pollution Control Facility is too great to consider CSUEB for phase I of the project, but noted that future plans may include the University.

Ernie Pacheco urged staff to strongly consider pursuing a City owned recycled water facility instead of working with RCEC in this regards.

No Committee action was taken.

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

Council Member Márquez asked if Lead Testing in Schools could occur during the summer while the schools were closed for summer break. Director Ameri responded that lead testing must take place during the school year when water usage is normal. However, staff is ready to assist with lead testing between now and the end of the school year and is waiting for the Hayward Unified School District to identify a contact for each school.

The Committee discussed the item of Bike Sharing and asked staff to provide an annual update on the item, potentially in September.

Environmental Services Manager Erik Pearson noted that an update on the PACE program would be added to July and that the Pioneers for Sustainable Communities would be postponed from July to September.

Chair Mendall questioned why the Downtown Specific Plan was on the unscheduled events, and requested that staff focus the report on sustainability aspects, should the item return to the Committee.

Council Member Márquez suggested that staff and the Committee grow the partnerships with both Chabot College and HUSD.

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

Erik Pearson announced that the Annual Clean Up Event is on Saturday, May 13, 2017, at Weeks Park.

Ernie Pacheco announced that the Sierra Club is seeking to get individual school districts to implement climate literacy programs in California high schools, and to pass a resolution to ensure that all high school students to know the fundamentals of climate change. Mr. Pacheco sought the Committee's support.

The Committee suggested that staff draft a letter which the Committee could review and potentially lend its support.

ADJOURNMENT: 6:00 p.m.

Attendance	Present 05/08/17 Meeting	MEETINGS		
		Present to Date This Fiscal Year	Excused to Date This Fiscal Year	Absent to Date This Fiscal Year
Elisa Márquez	✓	5	0	0
Al Mendall*	✓	6	0	0
Francisco Zermeño	✓	6	0	0

✓ = Present    O = absent    X = excused

\* Chair