

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

January 8, 2018
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

Present:

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

Absent:

- Francisco Zermeño, City Council Member

Staff:

- Maria Hurtado, Assistant City Manager
- Alex Ameri, Director of Utilities & Environmental Services
- Jan Lee, Water Resources Manager
- Erik Pearson, Environmental Services Manager
- Michelle Tran, Development Review Specialist
- Ciaran Gallagher, CivicSpark AmeriCorps Fellow
- Carol Lee, Sustainability Specialist (Recorder)

Others:

- Shova Ale Magar, Waste Management of Alameda County (WMAC)
- Daisy Romero, Waste Management of Alameda County (WMAC)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

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

It was moved by Council Member Márquez, seconded by Chair Mendall, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the Council Sustainability Committee meeting of November 13, 2017.

2. East Bay Energy Watch Paper: “Navigating the Changing Landscape of Energy Efficiency Programs in the East Bay”

Environmental Services Manager Erik Pearson provided an overview of five regional energy programs and shared a paper prepared by East Bay Energy Watch (EBEW).

The Committee and staff discussed the various energy programs and the seven scenarios presented in the EBEW paper. There was discussion regarding the likelihood that East Bay Community Energy would implement energy efficiency programs, and the timeline for planning the framework for such programs.

The Committee was in favor of scenario #7, in which EBEW splits into two partnerships that oversees the two respective counties. Chair Mendall was also in favor of consolidating programs with overlapping services. Council Member Márquez agreed, but felt strongly that services should not be eliminated as a result of it.

3. Lead Testing in Schools

Water Resources Manager Jan Lee presented the report. Ms. Lee updated the Committee on the City’s efforts in sampling and testing the drinking water at Hayward schools. She stated that four schools had already been tested and two additional locations are scheduled to be sampled and tested in January. She also reported that in addition to the City’s decision last year to test all schools, staff is currently preparing a comprehensive plan for lead testing at schools.

The Committee was in support of staff preparing a comprehensive plan and efforts. Chair Mendall requested that sampling and test results be reported to the Committee at a future meeting. Jan Lee confirmed that staff will include the findings in the annual water quality report, which will be brought before the Committee at a later date.

4. Review of 2017 Mountain Tunnel Shutdown and Regional Reliability Efforts

Water Resources Manager Jan Lee provided an overview of the 2017 Mountain Tunnel shutdown, and shared San Francisco Public Utilities Commission’s preliminary findings.

The Committee and staff discussed the overall assessment of the Mountain Tunnel, future repairs, and regional reliability efforts.

Chair Mendall acknowledged the importance of cooperative efforts to ensuring regional water supply reliability, but expressed concerns regarding efforts involving use of the Regional Intertie that could negatively affect Hayward’s water quality and operations.

Staff acknowledged the Committee's concerns and direction to make sure the City's interests are protected.

5. Semi-Annual Update on City's Waste Reduction and Recycling Programs

Solid Waste Program Manager Jeff Krump presented the report. Mr. Krump highlighted the fall compost giveaway event, which in response to the Committee's request to host the event at a new location, was successfully hosted at Tennyson High School.

Discussion ensued regarding Waste Management of Alameda County's (WMAC) failure to meet the Franchise Recovery Rate in 2017 and WMAC's efforts to move toward the contracted goal.

Chair Mendall expressed his concerns over WMAC's shortcomings as they pertain to some services outlined in the Franchise Agreement. Council Member Márquez expressed her concern over the issue of illegal dumping, and encouraged staff to continue to consider new ways to promote the bulky item collection service and focus efforts on hot spots for abandoned debris.

6. City of Hayward Comment Letter – Prohibiting Wasteful Water Use Practices

This was an informational report.

The Committee expressed support for the City's comment letter to the State Water Resources Control Board related to prohibiting wasteful water use practices. There were no additional comments.

7. Proposed CSC 2018 Agenda Planning Calendar

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

The Committee requested that staff prepare to discuss Plastic Straws and Utensils in March as scheduled.

Discussion ensued regarding the AMI project. Council Member Márquez expressed her desire for staff to provide an update at the March meeting. Chair Mendall asked staff to periodically update the City Council regarding the meter replacement project, so they can respond to concerns posted on Nextdoor and other social media outlets.

COMMITTEE MEMBER/STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REFERRALS:

Director Ameri shared with the Committee CWEA's January 2018 E-Bulletin, *Clean Water*, which featured a four-page article on the City's Green Power Production. *Evolution of Green Power Production at the Water Pollution Control Facility* was prepared by Suzan England, Senior Utilities Engineer, highlighting the City's leadership and commitment in the areas of environmental protection and sustainability.

The Committee commended staff for promoting the City's sustainability efforts, and expressed their excitement over the City's plans for additional green power.

A link to the [article](https://hayward.legistar.com/MeetingDetail.aspx?ID=583996&GUID=CAABE312-1379-44CD-B205-9C21B813E1EA&Search=&Refresh=1) can be found on the City's website (<https://hayward.legistar.com/MeetingDetail.aspx?ID=583996&GUID=CAABE312-1379-44CD-B205-9C21B813E1EA&Search=&Refresh=1>)

ADJOURNMENT: 5:54 p.m.

Attendance	Present 01/08/18 Meeting	MEETINGS		
		Present to Date This Fiscal Year	Excused to Date This Fiscal Year	Absent to Date This Fiscal Year
Elisa Márquez	✓	4	0	0
Al Mendall*	✓	4	0	0
Francisco Zermeño	X	3	1	0

✓ = Present O = absent X = excused

* Chair