

ACTION MINUTES - COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION
Regular Meeting of May 3, 2007

Roll Call: Burchard, Clear, Harris, Kibbey, Kim, MacKusick and Wilson.
Chair: Kibbey. Secretary: Al-Hadithy. Clerical Aide: Murphy.

Public Comment:

No. of public attendees: 7

Steen Jensen: Member of Zero Waste Commission, Plastic Bag Recycling

Tania Levy: City Staff. Secretary to Zero Waste Commission. Provided background on the Compostable Bag Ordinance in San Francisco and the proposed ordinance in City of Berkeley.

Robert Chu: Advocate clean air through a fuel reformulation.

Carol Sutton: City Resident. Would like the city to review conditions of Pac Steel use permits.

Asa Dodsworth: Member of Zero Waste Commission, Plastic Bag Recycling.

Timothy James: California Grocers Associate, detailed the effects of Compostable Bag Ordinance (Assembly Bill 2449) on recycling program in San Francisco.

Eric Marshall: UC Berkeley College of Natural Resources, Observing

ACTIONS:

- **SUBJECT: April Minutes Review/Adoption**

Action: Motioned, Seconded, no vote (MacKusick/Burchard) to adopt meeting minutes of April 5, 2007 with amendments (public comments are to be limited to: name, subject matter, and stance on the subject. Remove reference to Kim/Clear discussions). Motion fails.

Announcements:

- Secretary announced that Pacific Steel has been removed from May 8th Council agenda pending the release of Health Risk Assessment, which will evaluate significant health effects.
- Secretary announced that attorneys have reviewed the Wood Smoke item and given comments. Will work with Clear to review.

- **SUBJECT: Other Actions**

Action:

- a. Chair requires that Discussion/Action items not related to the Workplan be submitted at least two weeks before the meeting to enable Secretary to reach all stakeholders.
- b. Zero Waste and Community Environmental Advisory Commissions discussed Council referral on Plastic Bag Ban. Chair created subcommittee composed of MacKusick, Wilson and Burchard. Subcommittee to brainstorm ideas for the compostable bag program proposed for the City of Berkeley. CEAC Chair recommends Levy communicate with Zero Waste Chair to create a Joint Subcommittee (Subsequent evaluation of the Commissioner's Manual requires the CEAC to use the liaison system rather than joint subcommittee) to prepare information for discussion at June meetings. Staff to notice the Subcommittee meeting. CEAC/Zero Waste may also attend each other's meetings on Plastic Bag Ban discussion.
- c. Clear has concerns on scientific data presented on bags and will work with Secretary to improve the handout.

- d. Harris requests a budget analysis and breakdown of how the Stormwater Assessment Tax is spent.
- e. Chair recommends that members of CEAC submit items from the Workplan to discuss at June meeting. Copies of the updated workplan will be submitted to CEAC.
- f. Kim provided a proposal from Workplan: consider a citywide policy to motorists to turn off engines (stop idling) at intersections that have long waits. Requires signage at some intersections and education. Chair advised this be brought back in June and added to other proposals relevant to Measure G.
- g. CEAC requests a special meeting with City Planners to obtain copies of Pacific Steel's missing use permits and address the issues surrounding them. Written questions from the commission/public are to be submitted to Secretary by end of next week.