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APPROVED MINUTES

Summary of Board of Directors
Climate Protection Committee Meeting
Thursday, February 20, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

Climate Protection Committee (Committee) Chairperson, Teresa Barrett, called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

Present: Chairperson Teresa Barrett; Vice Chair John Gioia; and Directors Scott Haggerty, Davina Hurt, Katie Rice, and Mark Ross.

Absent: Directors David Hudson, Liz Kniss, Brad Wagenknecht, and Shirlee Zane.

Also Present: Board Chairperson Rod Sinks.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS, PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54954.3

No requests received.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 2, 2019

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

None.

Committee Action

Director Haggerty made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Gioia, to **approve** the Minutes of December 2, 2019; and the motion carried by the following vote of the Committee:

AYES: Barrett, Gioia, Haggerty, Hurt, Rice, Ross, Sinks.
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Hudson, Kniss, Wagenknecht, Zane.

4. CLIMATE CHANGE AND FOOD – AN OVERVIEW

Abby Young, Climate Protection Program Manager, introduced Geraldina Grunbaum, Senior Environmental Planner, who gave the staff presentation *Climate Change and Food – An Overview*, including: climate change and food; climate change affects food production and climate change; greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from food production and consumption; food choice affects GHG emissions; and Air District efforts to reduce food GHG emissions.

Public Comments

Public comments were given by Anthony Myint, Zero Foodprint; and Jed Holtzman, 350 Bay Area.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed the correlation between the demand for cheese pizza and GHG emissions.

Committee Action

None; receive and file.

5. FOOD WASTE REDUCTION IN ALAMEDA COUNTY

Ms. Young introduced Cassie Bartholomew, Program Manager at StopWaste, who gave the presentation *Food Waste Reduction in Alameda County*, including: StopWaste organics priorities in 2018; the food cycle; the problem and opportunity; stopping food waste at home; Stop Food Waste campaign; baseline research from September 2016; along with milk and dairy, vegetables, and fruit were the most likely to be thrown out, due to spoiling; date labels are by far the most common reason parents throw out food; parents who compost or use a green bin are more likely to prevent food waste than are those who use the garbage bin for food scraps; when parents learned more about the issue, their likelihood of preventing food waste grew; Stop Food Waste campaign tactics; website; food-saving tools; prevention and food scrap composting tips; videos; advertising and social media; community outreach; Senate Bill 1383 (Edible Food Recovery Program) in action; and creating solutions: donation guide for Alameda County businesses.

Public Comments

Public comments were given by Jed Holtzman, 350 Bay Area.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed whether StopWaste has considered expanding to multi-county jurisdiction, rather than solely Alameda County, and why this would be difficult; food waste that can be generated from buying food in bulk to reduce single-meal plastic containers; whether StopWaste has a gardening program; impacts on air quality due to emissions from food packaging and flatware manufacturing; the lack of composting receptacles in grocery stores; how confusing messaging can yield undesired results, and the need for more succinct, obvious messaging that will convince the biggest group of people to implement best food waste reduction practices; whether regulation or changing people's behavior will result in significant reductions in climate change; the status of legislation regarding food date labeling standards; Extra Food, a food recovery organization in Marin

County; gleaning participation from grocery stores; and tradeoffs of excess produce delivery companies, who reduce food waste but use gas-powered vehicles for delivery.

Committee Action

None; receive and file.

6. REGIONAL FOOD AND CLIMATE EVENT

Wayne Kino, Deputy Air Pollution Control Officer of Operations, introduced Lisa Fasano, Communications Officer, who gave the staff presentation *Regional Food and Climate Event*.

Public Comments

Public comments were given by Jed Holtzman, 350 Bay Area.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed the target audience of the event; outreach methods; the suggestion of requesting input from the Committee and the Board of Directors' new Ad Hoc Committee on Equity and Environmental Justice; the suggestion of hosting a public fair to precede this event to generate the public's interest in the Regional Food & Climate event; whether the Air District is interested in providing funding for natural gas-to-induction cooking conversions; cities' bans on natural gas in commercial kitchens; and the request for regular updates on the planning of this event.

Committee Actions

None; receive and file.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS

No requests received.

8. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS / OTHER BUSINESS

None.

9. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

At the meeting, it was announced that the next meeting would be held on Thursday, April 16, 2020, at 375 Beale Street, San Francisco, CA 94105 at 9:30 a.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

/s/ Marcy Hiratzka
Marcy Hiratzka
Clerk of the Boards