

Natural Resources Commission Minutes
November 30, 2015

Present: Mark Braly, Matt Holland, John Johnston, Anya McCann (Alt),
Michelle Millet, Alan Pryor, Steven Westhoff

Absent: Kristin Burford

Staff: Mitch Sears, Sustainability Manager

Council Liaison: Rochelle Swanson

1. **Approval of Agenda** - Approved unanimously
2. **Approval of Minutes**- October 26, 2015 minutes, with minor correction, approved unanimously.
3. **Commission and Staff Announcements** – None.
4. **Council Liaison Comments** – None.
5. **Public Communications** – None
6. **Consent Calendar – City Storm Water Ordinance Amendments** – On a motion by Pryor, seconded by Braly, consent calendar approved unanimously.
7. **Integrated Waste Management Plan (IWMP) Implementation Status Report.** Staff summarized current activity related to implementation of the IWMP. The Commission discussed various activities underway (e.g. anti-contamination ordinance, single use carryout bag ordinance, etc.) and planned (e.g. greenwaste containerization, expansion of commercial food scrap program, etc.).
8. **Nishi/Gateway Project - Project Review.** The Commission discussed its previous review of the project environmental report and the adopted guiding principles for innovation centers. Commissioners discussed the consistency of the project with the City’s climate goals and the roll this type of project plays in achieving those and other City goals. Following discussion the Commission made the following findings:
 - (1) The Nishi/Gateway project Sustainability Implementation Plan (SIP) is an aspirational document and commitments need to be reflected as enforceable obligations in the Development Agreement.
 - (2) Project is generally consistent with Guiding Principles and CAAP, except for:
 - a. Buildings should be ZNE at the time of construction (all building envelope energy use should be met from on-site generation)
 - b. The City should take advantage of this and other projects to create the local offset program envisioned in project mitigation measures.

On a motion by Pryor, seconded by Westhoff, the Commission voted to forward its findings to the City Council. (7-0)
9. **Hazardous Materials Report.** The Hazardous Materials Subcommittee summarized its report. The Commission discussed the sites that are currently active. Following discussion the Commission asked staff to clarify the NRC’s role going forward. Staff will research and provide an update at the next NRC meeting.
10. **Water Conservation Program.** Staff provided an update on water production for the month of October 2015: 23% reduction in October; 27% overall year-to-date.

11. Subcommittee Updates

- a) **Energy – Subcommittee to meet with** PG&E and City staff on energy efficiency efforts.
- b) **Water** – To meet with water conservation staff.
- c) **Hazardous Materials** – (1) Studying possible ban of neonicotinoids; subcommittee will coordinate with City IPM Manager. (2) Continuing exploration of dedicated weed abatement crew.
- d) **Solid Waste** – Report covered in Item 7.

12. Long Range Calendar/Future Agenda Items. 2016 long-range calendar review scheduled for January meeting.

13. Adjourn: 9:25 p.m.