

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND
ENERGY CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Torrance Environmental Quality and Energy Conservation Commission convened in a regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 2, 2016 in the West Annex meeting room at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Commissioners Deemer, Endo-Roberts, Martin, Stecker, Wright, and Chairperson DeWitt.

Absent: Commissioner Montgomery.

Also Present: Senior Environmental Quality Officer Jones, Senior Environmental Quality Officer Duncan, and Environmental Quality Officer McCrea.

MOTION: Commissioner Martin moved to grant Commissioner Montgomery an excused absence for the June 2, 2016 Commission meeting. Commissioner Deemer seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 6-0 approval.

3. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Commissioner Endo-Roberts led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. POSTING OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: Commissioner Endo-Roberts, with a second by Commissioner Wright, moved to accept and file the report of the secretary on the posting of the agenda for this meeting; the motion passed on a 6-0 roll call vote.

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Raymond Jay expressed concern that 50-70 foot tall trees in the Marble Estates area have been removed and are being replaced with very small ones. He stated that they are losing the integrity of their neighborhood and asked the Commission to take action to address the problem.

Staff referred him to Judy Emerson in the Public Works Streetscape Division and encouraged him to write down his concern at the Environmental Fair.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MAY 5, 2016

MOTION: Commissioner Martin moved to approve the Commission meeting minutes of May 5, 2016 as presented. Commissioner Endo-Roberts seconded the

motion; the motion passed on a 4-0 roll call vote (absent Commissioner Montgomery and with Commissioners Stecker and Wright abstaining).

7. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

7A. ENVIRONMENTAL FAIR

Environmental Quality Officer McCrea reported that there would be 54 booths this year at the June 4 Environmental Fair. He stated that participants include six electric vehicles, Metro, United States Green Building Council, HERO Program, South Bay Cities Council of Government, Walser's Recycling Center, California Water Service Company, goats, and a donkey. He stated that there would be no public parking at the City Yard but there would be a shuttle bus from the Courthouse.

Senior Environmental Quality Officer Jones distributed T-shirts and stated that Commissioners would have two booths—one where the public can pick what is recyclable and what is not, and the other one where the public can post their ideas for environmental matters for the Commission to work on.

In response to Commissioner Deemer's inquiry, staff stated that the Goldsworthy Desalter would not be open to the public during the Fair.

Jack Walser, Amapola Avenue, stated that he would be providing cell phone and toaster recycling at the Fair.

8. ORAL COMMUNICATION

8A. Commissioner Stecker relayed his observation that in England grocery stores provide boxes for the public to recycle their batteries. He stated that he wrote Deputy Director Cessna about the idea and read her response.

8B. Commissioner Deemer received clarification that the natural gas and biodiesel facility is not on the list of participating vendors for the Environmental Fair.

8C. Chairperson DeWitt stated that there is also a Leadership Torrance event at Madrona Marsh Preserve on June 4.

8D. Following a brief discussion, it was decided that the Commission would meet in July 2016.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: At 7:29 p.m., Commissioner Endo-Roberts moved to adjourn the meeting to July 7, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex meeting room. Commissioner Stecker seconded the motion and, hearing no objection, Chairperson DeWitt so ordered.

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Approved as submitted July 7, 2016 s/ Rebecca Poirier, City Clerk

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Deborah Schaffer
Recording Secretary

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