

**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 7:02 p.m. on Thursday, November 5, 2015 in the West Annex meeting room at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: None.

Also Present: Deputy Community Development Director Cessna and Senior Environmental Quality Officer Duncan.

3. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Commissioner Montgomery 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; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Chairperson DeWitt explained the policies and procedures of the Environmental Quality and Energy Conservation Commission, including the right to appeal decisions to City Council.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – OCTOBER 1, 2015

Commissioner Montgomery offered a correction as follows: Page 4, 8B: "...and a Food Forum at Pacific Unitarian Church..."

MOTION: Commissioner Martin moved to approve the Commission meeting minutes of October 1, 2015 as amended. Commissioner Endo-Roberts seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

7. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

7A. COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT

Deputy Director Cessna presented the Commission Annual Report for July 2014 through June 2015 and asked Commissioners to provide any corrections or comments. She noted that, upon approval, the Annual Report would be forwarded to City Council in November or early December.

MOTION: Commissioner Endo-Roberts moved to approve the Environmental Quality and Energy Conservation Commission Annual Report for July 2014 through June 2015 as presented and to forward it to City Council. Commissioner Gobble seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

9. NEW BUSINESS AND ORAL COMMUNICATION

9A. Deputy Director Cessna informed the Commission that Green Pride in Torrance awards would be presented at the December 3 meeting.

9B. Deputy Director Cessna stated that City Council is considering items regarding beekeeping as well as the Energy Efficiency Chapters of Climate Action Plans on November 10.

9C. Commissioner Deemer inquired about conservation measures taken at Del Amo Mall and staff advised that Cal Green building code standards were implemented.

9D. Commissioner Gobble stated that because of the drought people have stopped watering the parkways and expressed concern about the dead and dying trees in the City.

9E. Commissioners Gobble and Martin shared information about their recent participation on the Metropolitan Water District inspection tour to the Central Valley. They discussed junior vs. senior water rights, how farmers minimize water usage and maximize food production, low storage in the San Luis Reservoir, importance of surface water, almonds, and drip irrigation.

9F. Commissioner Endo-Roberts stated that she attended the ExxonMobil hearing, City Council meetings, and Assemblyman Hadley's November 4 transit conference. She distributed promotional gift cards for Uber.

9G. Chairperson DeWitt stated that Leadership Torrance is looking for 20-25 candidates for its six-month program and are accepting applications through November.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: At 7:32 p.m., Commissioner Gobble moved to adjourn the meeting to December 3, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex meeting room. Commissioner Wright seconded the motion and, hearing no objection, Chairperson DeWitt so ordered.

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Approved as submitted December 3, 2015 s/ Rebecca Poirier, City Clerk

Deborah Schaffer
Recording Secretary