

**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, December 4, 2014 in the West Annex meeting room at Torrance City Hall

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Commissioners Deemer, DeWitt, Martin, Robbins, and Chairperson Gobble.

Absent: Commissioners Chim and Montgomery.

Also Present: Deputy Community Development Director Cessna, Environmental Quality Officer Colclasure, Environmental Quality Officer Bradshaw, and Environmental Quality Officer Oorts.

MOTION: Commissioner Robbins moved to grant Commissioners Chim and Montgomery excused absences for the December 4, 2014 Commission meeting. Commissioner DeWitt seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

3. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Chairperson Gobble led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. POSTING OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Robbins, 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

None.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

6A. MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 6, 2014

MOTION: Commissioner Deemer moved to approve the Environmental Quality and Energy Conservation Commission meeting minutes of November 6, 2014 as presented. Commissioner Martin seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval (Commissioner Robbins abstaining).

7. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

7A. DRIVE ELECTRIC WEEK SEPTEMBER 12-20, 2015

Deputy Director Cessna noted that attachments include the Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Station Project PowerPoint presentation that was shown to City Council on November 18, 2014. She noted that a map showing the six proposed locations of level 2 and DC fast chargers is also included. She reported that a Council item awarding exclusive negotiation with Charge Point is expected to move forward on December 9, 2014.

She noted that the Council concurred with a request that the City participate in Drive Electric Week in September 2015. She stated that it would provide an opportunity to showcase the City's new EV charging stations that should be completely installed by the end of July 2015. She distributed and entered into record Commissioner Montgomery's suggestions for Drive Electric Week and asked Commissioners to brainstorm any additional ideas that could tie the event to the introduction of the new EV charging stations in the City.

Commissioner Robbins pointed out that EV drivers do not pay gas taxes for road upkeep and Commissioner Deemer stated that some states are charging owners by the miles that are driven.

Chairperson Gobble concurred with Commissioner Montgomery's suggestion for EV manufacturers to offer test drives at the end point. He raised the possibility of having a road rally, much like a shotgun golf tournament, that could involve businesses throughout the City. He suggested putting plaques or flags on the EVs so the public would know they are participating in the rally.

Responding to Commissioner Martin's inquiry, Deputy Director Cessna stated that there will be a fee to charge EVs but there is not a reservation system yet. She added that the charge would increase for staying after an EV is fully charged.

In response to Commissioner Deemer's inquiry, Deputy Director Cessna stated that they would try to place EV charging locations next to existing handicapped spaces.

Chairperson Gobble expressed concern that there are few charging stations proposed near multi-family areas, and Deputy Director Cessna explained that the grant requires stations to be near transportation corridors.

Commissioner DeWitt stated that it is important to involve the public and for the rally to have a purpose. He mentioned that some car rental agencies have EVs and might like to be involved.

8. ORAL COMMUNICATION

8A. Deputy Director Cessna stated that the Environmental Services Center is scheduled to give a presentation at the February Commission meeting.

8B. Commissioner Robbins stated that his term ends in January 2015 and that he is not planning to reapply.

8C. Commissioner Martin questioned if there has been a change of status in surrounding areas regarding e-cigarettes and suggested inviting the representative from the American Lung Association to come back and speak at a future Commission meeting.

8D. Chairperson Gobble discussed things he learned on the Metropolitan Water District inspection tour to the Colorado River.

8E. Commissioner DeWitt stated that he attended an ExxonMobil Community Advisory Panel meeting on December 3, 2014. He noted that ExxonMobil is creating more airline fuel that is being used at LAX because gasoline production has decreased.

8F. Commissioners and staff wished each other a happy holiday season.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: At 7:59 p.m., Commissioner Robbins moved to adjourn the meeting to February 5, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex meeting room. Commissioner Martin seconded the motion and, hearing no objection, Chairperson Gobble so ordered.
